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	Venue of the story	Shabwah Governorate, Nisab district - Ataq district -Jardan districts
	Sector	WASH

COMMUNITY-LED TOTAL SANITATION (CLTS)



The project of “WASH and humanitarian food assistance for IDPs, host communities, returnees and marginalized groups in six districts of Shabwah Governorate, Yemen, funded by German Humanitarian Assistance (DKH). YFCA intervenes CLTS activity in 4 districts (Ataq, Nisab, Markha Al-Sufla & Jordan) in Shabwah Governorate. This activity is designed to eradicate open defecation (OP) status.

Before CLTS Intervention

Al-Shabakha village in Ataq district is a place where the sanitation system is culturally neglected. Most of the people there used to defecate in the open. Many diseases were spread around the area out of this practice. Mabrook

and his family are one of the families who are affected by diseases such as fever, diarrhea and vomiting, which were difficult to him to deal with these diseases. His tone showed his suffering when he said:

“ I have six sons, most of them have got affected by these illnesses, which cost 20,000 Yemeni Riyals for each one for their treatment ”



YFCA team has conducted CLTS awareness sessions to solve the problem of the open defecation which has taken a long way to convince the community to change their behaviors. In fact, the change could be seen through selecting the targeted areas and

then conducting awareness sessions and delivering messages on how it could affect the whole society. Moreover, the team used different methods during the sessions to ensure that the awareness messages have got clearly delivered to the community

During CLTS Intervention



After the awareness sessions, the targeted community realized that they were committing harmful behaviors. Mabrook as well started to modulate his previous

behaviors and decided to quit this habit. He felt sorry about what he has already done, so he started to dig his own cesspit which was uncovered.

Mabrook said

“ I will cover my pit, and I will encourage my family and the community members to do that as soon as possible, ”



After CLTS Intervention

Now, Mabrook has finished digging his cesspit and covered it well. Also, He encourages his relatives and neighbors to do that. "I'm proud of being one of those who has dug their own cesspits, and I hope we could come to an end for this issue that led to many epidemics and diseases spread in our village," he said.



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