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# SHELTER DREAM OF SURVIVAL



As the winter descended upon the shelter, the five sisters all huddled together under the one tattered blanket, shivering in their desperate and weakness. Starving and being cold threatened their lives. Yet among them, the youngest sister held onto a dream of survival despite it all!



Faraj, belonging to marginalized groups, is a 47-year-old married man. His life was full of joy and laughter, with his five children. He had all he needed in life – a home, a job as a shepherd, tending and raising sheep – until the conflict broke out. In a desperate bid to keep his children safe from the ravages of the conflict, Faraj had to flee to AL-kshishat IDPs' Hosting Site in Marib Alwadi District of Marib Gov, in search for refuge and security for his terrified little ones. The cries of his children reverberated in his ears, prompting him to make the difficult journey. Faraj, who had just been displaced, found himself in an overcrowded and uncomfortable shelter with a family of 25, 5 of whom were disabled. His family's desperate need for mattresses and blankets made it even more difficult since five of his sisters had to share one blanket to stay warm.



**“As you can see, we're freezing in this crowded, poor shelter,”**

Faraj said in deep grief.



The winter was particularly hard on them, as they were exposed to the bad weather and hunger, leading to an increase in illnesses such as flus, coughs, infections, and other diseases caused by cold. To add to the toll, the family had no access to mattresses, blankets, kitchen utensils, bucket of water, solar energy lamp or a stove to help them. This lack of basic necessities was an immense emotional burden on the family, as they were unable to get the help they so desperately needed.



Faraj and his family were struggling to get by, living in difficult conditions with little hope for improvement. Fortunately, they were soon provided with non-food items (NFIs) such as mattresses, blankets, bed-sheets, pillows, dishes and integrated kitchenware by Yemen Family Care Association (YFCA), funded by Yemen Humanitarian Fund (YHF).

Overwhelmed with gratitude, Faraj said, "thank you YFCA, you have just saved another family and mitigated our suffering as IDPs". With this support, Faraj and his big family were slowly getting back on their feet and rebuilding their lives.