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Shabwah Governorate,
Al-Hanak area of Nisab district

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Yemen Family Care Association, with the support of international donors, is carrying out cash-for-work activities in Shabwah governorate, covering Garban (Bayhan district), Al-Hanak (Nisab district) and Al-Shula (Jardan district). The activity is part of a WASH and humanitarian food assistance project in six districts of the governorate, funded by German Humanitarian Assistance (AA) in partnership with Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe (DKH). Its aim is to help in reducing the food gap for the poorest communities in the targeted districts, as well as to strengthen community cohesion and improve community assets by involving beneficiaries in cash-for-work activities.

The interventions included protecting agricultural lands, improving their production, and preserving community assets. A diversion barrier was constructed in Garban area, which diverts the water stream from the valley to agricultural lands through water channels that were previously built by the local authority in Bayhan district. A diversion barrier was constructed in Fiq village and the protection of agricultural lands in Al-Roog

village in Al-Shula area of Jardan district. Moreover, in Nisab district of Al-Hanak area, the activity was about protecting a community asset, which is a community well that was rehabilitated with an integrated solar energy system by YFCA in 2022, and this protection aims to prevent the entry of water from the valley which is nearby well to the solar energy farm near the well, as well as protecting agricultural lands behind the well.



The activity benefited 250 households, and many success stories were shared. One of the most notable stories was that of Saleh Abdullah Salem Nasser, a 47-year-old married man with five children aged between nine and seventeen. Al-hanak, the area of Nisab district where he and his family reside, is one of the poorest areas and its inhabitants rely on agriculture and livestock rearing as their primary source of income. The intervention had a remarkable effect

on the community, especially on people like Saleh who have struggled with poverty, lack of job opportunities and poor living conditions. His family's only source of sustenance was livestock rearing, and his children had to work with him in order to make ends meet. Saleh stated that one of his children, aged three, suffers from severe acute malnutrition due to the family's limited access to nutritious food. Moreover, Saleh's children are unable to attend school due to financial constraints.



Saleh Nasser mentioned

“We only eat chicken and meat few days a year. Most of the time we have just bread and tea. We are lucky if we get rice, and for fruits and vegetables we cannot afford them throughout the year.”

After Saleh's family was selected among one of the beneficiaries of the cash-for-work activity, Saleh participated for four months in the work within the interventions of this activity in building the gabions around Al-Hanak well in the same area and district where he has been living. As a result of his commitment to work and keenness, Saleh received cash assistance at the end of each month during the period from November/2022 to February/2023, where Saleh benefited from this cash assistance and finally he can provide for his family with healthy and nutritious food. As Saleh expressed his happiness saying with tears of happiness in his eyes, "I am now able to provide healthy food for my home, especially for my little daughter, who was suffering from severe acute malnutrition, and now her condition has improved and she is fine." Besides, through

this cash assistance, the children were able to return to school after they had almost dropped out.

In addition, Saleh benefited a lot from this activity in building his capabilities, and gaining several skills and work experience. Also, this activity helped him get rid of the bad psychological state that he had been suffering from for a while and he said, "Work has brought me life, energy, and the desire to work continuously. I have learned many new things, such as how gabions are built and how they are arranged and connected." "I wish the activity would continue for a period of six months or a year more, so we would have benefited more, and we would have eliminated all our obstacles, such as providing food and school supplies for children, as well as paying off debts". Saleh mentioned sadly.

Meanwhile, Saheh and his community were immensely grateful for the work opportunity given to them, expressing their sincere words of appreciation to YFCA and the donors.



“We thank you all from the bottom of our hearts for your efforts that have brought hope and positive change into our lives.”

Saleh added.