Completed Construction of Rainwater Reservoir with capacity of 2000 m³, in Al-Jarha, Hydan district, Saada Governorate
Residents await Rain Season to Fill the Reservoir and Solve Water Problem in Their Town
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About NFDHR:
The National Foundation for Development and Humanitarian Response (NFDHR) is a local non for profit and non-governmental organization that was established in June 2012 to enhance the community participation in service provision, advocate and monitor policies, encourage women and youth participation at local and national levels, and build resilience of societies affected by natural crises or armed conflicts.

Our Vision:
A peaceful and stable Yemen, in which all people have equal access to basic needs and rights.
Construction of Three Rainwater Harvesting Tanks and Water Barrier

Implemented by NFDHR and Funded by YHF, three large rainwater harvesting tanks are constructed in Haydan District, Saada Governorate.

The construction project included two tanks in Madhbaa and Al-Jarrah, each with a capacity of 2000 cubic meters, and a third tank in Al-Haila and Al-Wadi with a capacity of 1000 cubic meters; in addition to building a sand filter to purify water in each tank, as well as extending water supply pipe network from the tanks to 11 distribution points, including 8 in Haydan, and 3 in Al-Haila and Al-Wadi.

The two reservoirs of Madabaa and Al-Jarha will benefit 10,812 beneficiaries in Haydan, as well as Haidan Rural Hospital, while Al-Haila and Wadi reservoir will benefit about 1,500 beneficiaries.

It is worth mentioning that NFDHR recently completed the construction of a water barrier in the Al-Mashhad area, Haidan District.
NFDHR teams continue distributing food assistance to displaced and poor families for February cycle in Ma’rib and Al-Hudayda, targeting 7,963 families in Al-Jarrah district in Al-Hudayda Governorate, and 5,720 families in the districts of Rahba, Serwah, Majzar and Mahliya in Marib Governorate, through the distribution of in-kind food commodities provided by the World Food Program (WFP).

NFDHR is currently distributing life-saving food assistance in 36 districts in 7 governorates as part of Emergency Food Assistance project.
NFDHR held end of project workshop for Emergency and Integrated Life-Saving Interventions in Water, Environmental Sanitation and Shelter implemented in the districts of Haidan and Ketaf Al-Buqaa, funded by YHF.

The workshop was attended by 30 participants from executive offices of relevant projects, branch of the Supreme Council for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in the governorate, local councils and community committees in Haydan and Ketaf Al-Buqa, partners and beneficiaries.

A workshop paper was presented by NFDHR branch Director in Saada, Eng. Khalid Al-Laith, on the tasks and responsibilities of implemented projects partners and the role of community committees and local councils in operating, maintaining, managing and sustaining these projects.

The activities of the project included establishing two rainwater harvesting tanks in Haydan, each with a storage capacity of 2,000 cubic meters, and a third tank in Al-Hela and Al-Wadi, with a storage capacity of 1,000 cubic meters (with sand filters, pipe networks and distribution points). The activities also included the construction of a water barrier in Al-Mashhad area with a storage capacity of 14000 cubic meters, in addition to the construction of Haidan slaughterhouse, conducting two cleaning campaigns in Haydan, and supporting 2,670 displaced families with non-food shelter bags. The project benefited 28956 beneficiaries (10812 in WASH sector and 18144 in Shelter sector)
Office Director of UNHCR in Saada Reviews NFDHR Interventions in IDPs Sites in Sahar

Office Director of UNHCR in Saada Governorate and UNHCR Protection Officer reviewed NFDHR interventions in IDPs sites in Sahar District, Saada Governorate.

The office director and the protection officer visited the IDP collective site in Qamal in Al-Talh area and listened to detailed explanation from director of NFDHR office in Saada governorate and CCCM project coordinator about the activities carried out by NFDHR in 5 locations in the districts of Al-Safra and Sahar, which are inhabited by 1910 families.

In the visit, the community committees explained to the Office Director and Protection Officer the essential needs of the displaced in the Qamal site. NFDHR worked to support the displaced in the camps, through installing 225 tents and 45 toilets with cesspit in addition to establishing 3 water distribution points in Sahar district.

Roofs of 52 damaged homes were repaired by displaced families in As-Safra district within the activities of Camp Management Support Project funded by YHF.
NFDHR Achievements in 2020

Total Number of Beneficiaries
1,481,759

- Girls: 309,575
- Boys: 297,933
- Women: 178,706
- Men: 171,697

Number of Projects: 11
NFDHR celebrates graduating 140 IDPs finishing livelihood skills training program

National Foundation for Development and Humanitarian Response (NFDHR) celebrated the graduation of 140 IDPs finishing a training program on capacity building in livelihood skills, in Saada governorate.

The training program lasted for two months, and was implemented in cooperation with the Technical Education and Vocational Training Office in Saada Governorate, aiming to train the displaced in the fields of construction, electricity, plumbing, carpentry, agriculture, painting and sewing, to equip them with the skills needed for joining the labor market and to improve their living standard as well as to become self-sufficient in earning their living.

The training program, which is part of the activities of the Camp Management Support Project, implemented by NFDHR with funding from the Yemen Humanitarian Fund (YHF), included theoretical lectures and extensive practical work in the targeted fields by certified trainers in vocational training institutes.

The graduates were honored with tool bags equipped with all work requirements in the specified fields.
Board of Water User Associations Electoral Meeting held within the Project of Enhancing Food Availability in Hadramout

NFDHR held the first meeting to elect the Administrative Board of Water User Associations in Mashta area, Tarim district, east of Hadramout.

The election of the board falls within the project of Enhancing Food Availability through Increased Agricultural Production for Subsistence Farmers; implemented by (FAO) in partnership with NFDHR and funded by the State of Kuwait.

The project targets 1,700 vulnerable and poor families from Eideed and Mashta areas, with the aim of enhancing food security for the targeted families through cash-for-work activities.

Three water user associations are scheduled to be elected in the Wadi Mashta and Eideed in Hadramout.

The associations will immediately commence work to develop water resources and protect them from depletion and pollution, in addition to developing the infrastructure for optimal storage of water, raising awareness, building the capacities of the local community, activating the role of women in society and enhancing their capabilities.

The meeting was attended by Sabri Ba-Rufid, Head of Associations at the Ministry of Social Affairs Office and Labor in Wadi and Sahara, Muhammad Ba-shuaib, Head of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor Office in Tarim district, Warda Rabee, coordinator of NFDHR in Hadramout, Hadi Saheb, member of the local council, Sheikh of Mashta area, and members of the General Assembly.
Sustainable Development Goals
Success Story

Rainwater Harvesting Tanks Nourish Hydan Hospital and Improve Medical Services
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Low levels of groundwater in Hydan town, Saada Governorate, forced residents and health service providers to look for alternatives to provide water, either from springs, streams adjacent to the area, or by paying a lot of money for water trucking. In fact, Hydan Rural Hospital allocates large budget to ensure the hospital’s daily need of water, especially when there is no rain. In the dry season, water levels decrease in the surface wells, forcing residents to buy water trucked from distant places, since they heavily depend on these wells.

Water becomes serious concern for the hospital as Dr. Ali Askar (hospital director) clarifies that approximately 700,000 YRs are paid per month to ensure the availability of water around the clock in all hospital facilities.

Dr. Askar says: “Water budget is a huge burden on the hospital, given the volume of consumption that reaches about 230,000 liters per month in order to perform the services, receive the ill and provide them with free medical services around the clock.”

The rural hospital serves Hydan district and the surrounding districts (Saqayn and Al-Dahir).

The demand has recently increased due to the free health services provided and the opening of new departments such as Minor Surgery Unit. With the support of Yemen Humanitarian Fund, National Foundation for Development and Humanitarian Response implemented a project to establish two rainwater harvesting tanks in the areas of Al-Madhaba and Al-Jarah, west of Hydan, with storage capacity 2000 cubic meters each, and transporting water through a pipe network to the hospital and to distribution points reaching part of the town after being purified by sand filters.

Once the newly constructed water tanks are filled with water, Hydan Hospital will access free and non-stop water after the rain season.

Hospital director says, “When water is available from rainwater harvesting tanks, the money allocated for purchasing water will be allocated to improving and developing medical services provided to citizens inside the hospital as well as opening new departments such as dental department. There will be also chance to contract with new employees or technicians needed by the hospital, and their salaries will be paid with ease.”

Thus, supply of water to Hydan rural hospital will no longer be a problem that troubles the hospital’s staff.
Success Story

Hydan New Slaughterhouse Improve Environment
“Sanitation in the slaughterhouse was very poor ... the view was really terrible ... there was nothing called hygiene in the place ... sheep and cows were slaughtered on dirt ground that turned into large swamp of blood with flies densely gathering all over the place.”

This is how the director of NFDHR Office in Sa’ada governorate, Engineer Khaled Al-Leith, describes the situation of the central slaughterhouse in Hydan, Sa’ada, before NFDHR intervened to rehabilitate it.

The slaughterhouse consisted of small shops belonging to butchers who used to slaughter sheep on their own way ... the water and sewage network was out of order in the area ... the blood shed from slaughtered animals, the waste covered the ground, and the bad smell all fostered the environment for flies to multiply, transmitting diseases and epidemics to the nearby residents.

National Foundation for Development and Humanitarian Response (NFDHR) has taken the initiative to establish a new slaughterhouse and rehabilitate the sewage network, funded by Yemen Humanitarian Fund (YHF), taking into consideration the technical and hygienic standards of slaughterhouses. The environment has greatly improved after the opening of the new slaughterhouse. Sheep and cows are now slaughtered in a healthy and systematic way after being examined by a veterinarian. Blood and remains are disposed in a safe manner. Afterwards, every butcher moves his carcass to his shop in the town to be sold it to citizens.

Eng. Al-Laith confirms that the new Hydan slaughterhouse generally receives 30-40 heads of sheep and 4-5 heads of cows to be daily slaughtered in exchange for a small fee allocated for cleaning, lighting, supplying water to the slaughterhouse and to cover other operating expenses.

Residents, of Hydan in general and around the slaughterhouse in particular, are extremely satisfied by the construction of the new slaughterhouse. The beneficiaries, about 10,812, have seen fast and positive effects of the new slaughterhouse. The environment, even sanitation and hygiene in the market of Hydan, has improved leading to noticeable improvement in the quality of services provided in the area. The overall situation has become healthier, safer and cleaner.
Success Story

Capacity Building Improves IDPs Lives and Livelihoods
War and displacement doubled the suffering of Fayez Hatroush, as he was forced to flee with his family from Marran, Saada, leaving his belongings behind, to settle in a small tent in an IDPs camp in Al-Khafji area, Sahar district.

Fayez, being responsible for feeding a wife and seven children, describes his suffering: “At the beginning, it was very hard, and its bitterness increased with the passage of time, with lack of work and with our reliance on the aid we received from organizations. I looked around for work to provide the simplest needs of my family”.

He added, “I worked in carrying concrete blocks, as a construction worker, and as a laborer in agriculture for a small daily and non-continuous wage.”

National Foundation for Development and Humanitarian Response targeted the districts of Sahar and Al-Safra with a project to support camp management, funded by the Yemen Humanitarian Fund (YHF).

Fayez Hatroush was selected by the community committees in the camp to join the training program on plumbing as part of this capacity building on livelihood skills, implemented by NFDHR in coordination with the Technical Education and Vocational Training Office in Saada.

Beside Fayez, there were 139 IDPs who received theoretical and practical training in the fields of plumbing, electrical work, carpentry, wall painting, agriculture, construction and sewing.

He also received a technical tool kit with work requirements for the profession of plumbing.

After 60 days of intensive training, Fayez graduated with an accredited certificate and mastery of a new profession. Then he directly joined the labor market.

Fayez expresses his views and feelings about the training: “Those were beautiful days, when we learned in theory everything related to the plumbing profession and practically applied all the tasks. The trainer always encouraged us to learn and benefit, I was keen to attend, participate, interact and ask about the simplest details of the profession. I considered this training to be my only opportunity to change my life and improve my family’s livelihood.

Fayez scored the top among his colleagues.

And immediately after graduation, he began searching for a job. The first job he received was plumbing a number of bathrooms in the area surrounding Al-Khafji camp, and his fame spread afterwards. Within less than two months, Fayez got a contract to carry out plumbing works in one of the nearby houses. The offers are still coming from everywhere that he has to turn down some of them until he completes the work in hand.

Fayez describes how he felt upon receiving the first payment after plumbing a bathroom saying, “I got 15,000 riyals after completing the first task. I could not believe my eyes. My joy was incomparable ... installing a toilet seat and connecting it to the house did not take more than two hours.” Fayez asserts that his average daily income ranges from 5,000 to 10,000 in small tasks and up to 30,000 in home plumbing and irrigation networks.

On February 22, 2021, NFDHR media team visited Fayez to document his story. At that time, he was doing plumbing work for an irrigation network in a small farm. He was very happy with his work and his new profession, and he works with great confidence. The capacity building training helped making a fundamental change in the life of Fayez and his family. Now, he has a profession and a good income through which he can provide all the requirements of his family and enroll his children in school. The family no longer waits for the food aid provided to the displaced.

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Success Story

Training on Sewing improves Rasha’s Life
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Rasha Mohammad Ali is a Yemeni woman in her forties, who supports a family consisting of her husband (with chronic heart disease), 5 sons and 3 daughters.

Rasha and her family used to live in Haradh, Saada governorate, but war forced them to flee to Qamal camp in the Al-Talh area, Sahar district.

Heading her family, she tried to cope with displacement, which she describes as harsh and tiring because she had to endure many life difficulties.

Fortunately, Rasha was nominated to join a training program on capacity building in livelihood skills (sewing), implemented by the National Foundation for Development and Humanitarian Response, targeting 140 IDPs in 7 professions within the activities of the Camp Management Support Project and the Simple Maintenance of Displaced Community Sites, in the districts of Sahar and Safra, and funded by Yemen Humanitarian Fund (YHF).

When the media team of NFDHR visited Rasha, she was sitting behind her sewing machine in the corner of her tent, and displaying some of her products behind her.

Rasha recalls her first day of training: «I was afraid that I could not learn ... I did not know anything about sewing, not even how to hold the scissors.»

Rasha expresses her gratitude and appreciation to the sewing trainer, Mona Ali Gibran, who was present during the documentation of the story.

The trainer, Mona, expresses her admiration for Rasha’s skills and her ability to develop herself, design and sew dresses and clothes that meet the demand of women and girls in Qamal camp.

The trainer recalls the first day she saw Rasha in the training, saying, «She was afraid that she could not understand anything about sewing and thought that it was a complicated profession.»

She added, «I tried to simplify the matter for her and assure her that sewing is a simple profession and that we all had the same feeling at the beginning; and advised her to focus during theory and practice sessions; and to ask about anything she could not understand.»

Regarding the skills that the displaced women were trained on, the trainer says, «At first, they were taught to take measurements on paper, to measure shoulder width, chest width, chest length and overall body length. They were taught how to correctly hold scissors, cut fabric and use the sewing machine, whether manual or electric, as well as fixing minor problems with the machine.

Rasha is currently working on buying cloth and sewing dresses for the little girls and women in the camp according to their desire.

Rasha confirms that she is «able to make three dresses a day for little girls, and that she sells one dress at a price ranging from 1500-1000 riyals, depending on the type of fabric and design.»
Success Story

Training to Become Electrician illuminated the Path of Ali Issa (IDP)
“We used to have difficulty earning a living... but now, my family's condition has changed for the better and I managed to pay off all my debts”.

This is how Ali Issa, IDP, describes his situation before and after his training in the capacity building program on livelihood skills in the field of electricity, arranged by the National Foundation for Development and Humanitarian Response (NFDHR), and focusing on 7 professions.

The program falls within the activities of the Camp Management Support Project that was implemented in the districts of Sahar and Safra, Saada Governorate; and funded by Yemen Humanitarian Fund (YHF).

After the outbreak of war in 2015, Ali Issa was displaced from Midi (a border district) to Shafar area in Abs district, Hajjah governorate, and then to Al-Safra district, Saada governorate. His journey was really painful. Ali Issa had an exhausting trip along with his five children and his wife. They suffered greatly, and he found it difficult to provide them with essential needs due to the lack of work opportunities and the low daily wages. At times, he joined some construction works, at other times in Qat farms.

When he joined the training program, Issa received theoretical and practical training on electrical work and skills by certified trainers at the Vocational and Technical Training Institute in Saada. This training extended over a period of 60 days. He proudly talks about his story, saying: “Thanks to Allh, today I became an electrician and I can earn living for me and my family.” After graduating from training in December 2020, he received several offers to perform electrical works.

The first task Ali Issa accomplished after the training was performing electrical works for a building of four apartments, and within one month he accomplished other electrical works in a restaurant and a steam bath. He currently has some tasks on the list. Ali Issa confirms: “I received several offers and calls to work in commercial electricity companies with a monthly salary of 120,000 riyals in Saada City.”

He adds: “The average daily income ranges from 8000 to 10,000 riyals in small businesses that require simple wiring or simple maintenance, and for large businesses in buildings and apartments that require complete wiring, the income reaches 20 thousand riyals per day.” Ali Issa feels completely satisfied with his current work and his daily income; he believes that he can improve his income and the standard of living of his family and provide all their needs, since his opportunities for work and earnings are renewed. The future is brighter for him and for his family.
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