

Now I have a door to protect my family

"We had no door or window... My family lived in a house that was exposed to rain and harsh climate conditions."

Mohammed, 35, is one of the beneficiaries of the cash assistance project (the pilot project of the Yemeni Red Crescent Society) in Amran governorate of Eyal Suriah district. He is a father of three children, the oldest of whom is nine years old. He helps his father to work to provide for their daily sustenance. Mohammed works with his son Murad for a wage below 2 dollars and most days, Mohammed does not find work so he returns to his family empty-handed.

Mohammed describes the place in which he lives as very cold in winter, with the hardest suffering during the rainy seasons. As a result of this his house and furniture were damaged and his children exposed to diseases, so Mohammed takes them to the neighbors to shelter them..



Mohammed working on repairing the roof of the house - Eyal Sareeh District

Mohammed was unable to provide a suitable home for his family due to the high cost of rent, as the country is witnessing a sharp increase in housing costs, high prices, lack of job opportunities and means of living. Thousands of Yemeni families have exhausted their financial resources and have been forced to send their children to work, and cases of children dropping out of school are constantly increasing.

Cash assistance restores hope to Mohammed's family

While he working on repairing his house, Mohammed says, "I am very happy with this aid, which enabled me to buy construction tools to repair the roof of the house, and buy two doors, a window, and a water tank. I benefited from the last payment to buy solar energy for my family, which has not known light for eight years, and to pay tuition fees for my son Murad."

Unconditional cash transfers provide a wider margin of freedom and flexibility in meeting the needs of the population the assistance enables the beneficiaries to define their priorities and take care of their families based on their decisions and preferences, as well as supporting the fulfillment of many needs such as food, paying house rent, paying education and health care costs, etc.



Murad helps his father repair the roof of the house – Eyal Sareeh District / Amran

As a result of these simple amounts, it was possible to restore hope to many families to return their children to school and buy their daily basic needs. The assistance represents hope for preserving human dignity, security, and independence in determining recovery, as it benefited 500 families from the most in vulnerable families in Amran Governorate, Ayal Sureh District, with the support of the International Committee of the Red Cross, the British Red Cross and Danish Red Cross. The project constituted three rounds of cash assistance targeting a total of 500 HHs with cash for basic needs (122,000 Yemeni Riyals per round per beneficiary) and was implemented by the Yemeni Red Crescent Society.



Mohammed installs the tank after receiving the second batch of cash assistance