



## Nouria and Nima

Cash assistance is considered one of the most effective way of addressing the variety of needs of affected people, as it promotes the freedom to choose and determine their own needs in terms of food, drinking water, health care, school fees, and improving housing and shelter.

23.4 million people inside Yemen are in dire need of humanitarian protection (according to INGOs) and suffer from poverty, difficult economic conditions, and lack of job opportunities.

A pilot cash transfer project was designed and implemented by YRCS in Amran governorate of Eyal suriah district.

Nima is a sixty-year-old widow and the only breadwinner for her seventy-five-year-old mother. They live together in a simple house. Nima serves her mother and fulfills her requests, despite her old age as well.

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**"My daughters are now living better than their lives with me".**

Nima's daughters got married at an early age after her husband's death to ease the heavy burden on her, as she was without a breadwinner and old.

Nima suffers a lot to provide food, as she goes to look for leftover wheat grains and then re-purifies and grinds them again to prepare bread to eat with some coffee as a basic meal throughout the day for her and her mother... Nima also travels far to bring water.

Nima suffered a lot, and her suffering was exacerbated by the harsh conditions of the war, from which no one was spared. It was not easy for Nima to live in dignity with her mother.

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"I got used to this life since the death of my husband... But my old age and the age of my mother made me helpless... This cash assistance enabled me to treat my mother, manage our needs of food and drink, and buy sheep to benefit from."

The cash assistance contributed to providing Nima's needs in terms of foodstuffs, medicine, blankets, a gas cylinder, and the purchase of sheep to raise and benefit from. Nima hopes to live the rest of her days in peace and hopes that the country's conditions will improve

**"My son is deaf mute, but he feels me and goes out to work to help me"**



Nouriya, 40 years old, lives with her seven children and her husband, who suffers from chronic diseases that made him unable to work, which forced Nouriya to work with her children to provide for the needs of her family. Her eldest son, 17 years old, does not have the ability to speak or hear since birth. He helps support his family and was unable to attend school due to the lack of specialized schools for the deaf and mute and the difficulty of enrolling and integrating them into public schools.

Nouria has always dreamed of providing a safe home for her family and a livelihood that generates a small income for her. Nouria says, "I was happy with this assistance (the first payment), and I immediately went to buy three sheep to help me provide a simple income for my family.

With the second and third assistance, I was able to buy construction tools to repair the house in which I live and to buy doors to protect me and my children".



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Nouria hopes to develop her project (sheep breeding) and hopes that life will return to its previous state and that her children will have a better future away from war and conflict.

Nouria and Nima received unconditional cash assistance in three installments, which enabled each family to provide their needs, help their children, and define their priorities. Providing money to people affected by conflict and the most vulnerable groups is an effective and transparent method in humanitarian aid to ensure freedom, dignity, and independence to decide how to benefit from cash assistance.

The International Committee of the Red Cross, the British Red Cross, and the Danish Red Cross, supported the pilot cash assistance project of YRCS targeting a total of 500 HHs with three rounds of cash for basic needs (multi-purpose cash).