

RESULTS OF OUR WORK

CLUSTER: FOOD SECURITY & AGRICULTURE

The Need Five years of war in Yemen, now combined with heightened instability and need caused by covid 19, have raised the number of food-insecure people to over twenty million, more than two-thirds of the country's population. The devastation is country-wide and systemic, but sustainable and lasting change comes by empowering people in individual communities. To this end, we continue building relationships with village leaders and local NGOs to rebuild Yemen's food supply and distribution networks.

YEMEN

Project: Food Distribution
Approach: Relief
Donor: World Food Programme



Since the war began in 2015, Vision Hope has been partnering with the World Food Programme (WFP) to provide emergency distribution of food to communities experiencing increased instability. A particular focus is given to internally displaced persons (IDPs) who have had to flee their homes to escape violence and to the host communities in which they live, as the host communities are finding that their own resources are not sufficient to care for this influx of IDPs.

This multi-year project has been providing a monthly food basket to families who have no means of acquiring income, particularly families whose head of household (HH) is a child, woman, or disabled and/or elderly person, as well as IDPs living in camps where there is no food. To help rebuild local economies and food networks, many beneficiaries now receive cash vouchers, which they use to purchase food from local vendors.

In 2020, 94,834 families received monthly support through food baskets and/or cash vouchers, and 3,425 families received one-time support.

Project: Food Security and Agriculture
Approach: Rehabilitation and Development
Donor: BMZ



Partners: Solidarity Social Foundation for Development -- Hajjah Governorate National Foundation for Development and Humanitarian Response -- Hudaydah Governorate

This multi-year project rehabilitates family farms while helping vulnerable households earn an income by developing new agriculture. Vision Hope has been providing villagers in Hudaydah and Hajjah Governorates with livestock, seeds, farming equipment, water filters, and training. In 2020, 184 families each received 10 egg-laying chickens, 314 received a milk-producing female goat, and 30 received beehives; additionally, 800 families received water filters.

Because the war has severely damaged water networks that are needed to sustain farms, this project has also been rebuilding irrigation; in addition to constructing cisterns to collect rain that waters fields, newly installed solar panels mean that farmers no longer need to rely on fuel to pump water.



No Longer Hungry

Hajj Ali, a 75-year-old HH who must provide for his grandchildren and disabled wife, had to flee his home with his family due to heavy fighting in his district of Hudaydah Governorate. He, his wife, and young grandchildren, along with other members of his family, found refuge in a neighboring district, where they lived in a one-room hut that lacked basic amenities, including a toilet. Hajj Ali worked hard in the market to earn an income, but as an elderly person doing manual labor, he struggled to make enough to feed his family and send his grandchildren to school. "Most days, we did not have enough money to buy basic essentials, such as flour, oil, and lentils."

When Vision Hope workers learned of Hajj Ali -- a displaced person and elderly HH -- they immediately registered him to receive monthly food boxes. As soon as the first food box arrived, the children had enough to eat, and the women in the family began using some of the flour and oil they received to make pastries to sell.

The people in the neighborhood love the sanbousas and mudar-bash and daily look forward to when the children come by with the traditional pastries. This enterprise earned enough money to pay for the children to go to school, and Hajj Ali was able to use his income from the market to buy other essentials. No longer hungry, the people in Hajj Ali's family are now thriving and contributing to the life of their host community.

