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HIGH-LEVEL PLEDGING EVENT FOR THE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS

IN YEMEN IN 2020

The High-Level Pledging Event for the Humanitarian Crisis in Yemen 2020 was co-hosted by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United Nations on 2 June 2020. Pledges were announced for funding the UN's Yemen Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) 2020, which will address all of the country's emergency needs, including those created by the COVID-19 pandemic.



OBJECTIVES

1. Mitigate the impact of COVID19 and reduce outbreaks of infectious diseases.
2. Help millions of destitute Yemenis overcome hunger.
3. Promote the dignity of displaced families living in emergency and IDP settlements.
4. Reduce the risk of displacement and violence against civilians and facilitate the recovery of people traumatized by the conflict.
5. Preserve the capacity of public sector institutions to deliver life-saving basic services.

Years of Giving to the People of Yemen

Total support provided by
the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Including **16.9**
billion USD



Humanitarian, relief and
development aid



Bilateral government aid and support to
the Central Bank of Yemen



Aid provided to Yemenis living in Saudi Arabia

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



"I thank the Government of Saudi Arabia for co-hosting this pledging event, and for your continued commitment to the humanitarian aid to the people of Yemen. And I thank the many governments and representatives demonstrating their solidarity with the Yemeni people, who have suffered so much, and who now face the additional threat of COVID-19. More than five years of conflict have left Yemenis hanging on by a thread. 24 million people are in need of lifesaving aid in what remains the world's largest humanitarian crisis. This is the first virtual pledging conference for Yemen, but the fourth year in succession that we have called for urgent funding for this emergency... Yemenis desperately need peace. Today is a day to demonstrate solidarity with some of the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world."

HE MR. ANTONIO GUTERRES
UN SECRETARY-GENERAL



"The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia was keen to host this virtual pledging event despite the exceptional circumstances the whole world is going through due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Since the beginning of the (Yemen) crisis in September 2014, Saudi Arabia didn't flinch to provide humanitarian aid, which reached more than USD 16.9 billion, including 453 projects implemented by KSrelief in 12 food, relief and humanitarian sectors. We reaffirm that the Kingdom is keen to support all efforts made by the United Nations to reach a sustainable political solution for the Yemen crisis, in order to alleviate the suffering of the Yemeni people, which in turn supports the humanitarian, economic and development aspects."

**HH PRINCE FAISAL BIN FARHAN
AL SAUD**
SAUDI ARABIA'S MINISTER OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS



"The Kingdom has become one of the world's leading humanitarian donors; according to United Nations data platforms, Saudi Arabia ranks among the top five donor countries for the provision of global humanitarian aid. For the past several decades, Saudi Arabia has been one of the top countries providing assistance to Yemen and its people...we are meeting today amid the conditions the world is facing due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and all the economic, health and political challenges that it has caused. Yemen is facing many difficult humanitarian and health challenges, and the Yemeni people are suffering from multiple crises."

HE DR. ABDULLAH AL RABEEAH
ADVISOR TO THE ROYAL COURT AND
SUPERVISOR GENERAL OF KSRELIEF



"COVID-19 comes on top of the many problems already facing Yemen – economic collapse, destroyed infrastructure, hunger, disease and displacement. Yemenis themselves say things are worse today than at any time in their recent history...the United Nations and our partners have put forward a clear, workable plan. We are currently delivering humanitarian assistance to more than 10 million people across the country every month. That has helped bring Yemen back from the brink of famine, curb the largest recorded cholera outbreak in history and support families fleeing violence. Aid agencies are also racing to contain COVID-19. We are supporting rapid response teams in every single district, importing essential supplies and providing reliable information to help millions of people protect themselves."

MR. MARK LOWCOCK
UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR YEMEN
AND COORDINATOR OF UN HUMANITARIAN
AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY RELIEF
COORDINATOR



The impact of the humanitarian aid delivered to the people of Yemen, thanks to the generous contribution in 2019 of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia through the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Centre (KSrelief), was significant. By the end of March 2020, over USD 430 million, 86% of the grant, was used to reach 11 million people in 22 Yemeni governorates in Yemen. Muhammed Hussein Ali and his family were among the beneficiaries.

There is a high human cost to living in crisis. Ongoing violence and natural disasters can undermine the basic pillars of physical and psychological well-being: health, hope, peace of mind, and even the existence of life itself. When people lose their livelihoods, are forced to leave their homes, or suffer from other traumatic situations, they can become desperate and lose all hope for the future. Without a helping hand from others, people living in conditions of ongoing hunger, illness and lack of basic necessities often sink into despair. With help, they can find hope. Below is the story of one such family.

Muhammed Hussein Ali is the married father of four children. He does not know his exact age, but is likely in his mid-forties.

Muhammed lost his home and fled to the Abyan governorate. He shared some of his experiences. "I spent my days," he said, "looking for any available work, maybe packing some dry corn stalks, or carrying things in exchange for small amounts of money – only earning 2,000 YER (USD 7.9) at the most."

Most of the time, Muhammed was only able to provide a small amount of bread and some tea as a main meal for his family; only occasionally could he manage to obtain enough food to provide more.

Qamar Saleh al-abd Salem, Muhammed's 35-year-old wife, talked about their plight. "Weeks would pass without having any food to cook to eat with the bread." When tea was available, they would moisten the bread with it; if there was no tea, they would eat their bread with hot chile to try to reduce their hunger by adding the spice.

Then, Muhammed was able to become a beneficiary in a program, funded by KSrelief and implemented by the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). For three months, he received support with the amount of 25,000 YER (USD 99.8) from FAO for three months. This assistance was part of a larger program called "Emergency Agricultural Livelihood Support to the Most Vulnerable Households in Yemen", funded by KSrelief in six Yemeni governorates: Hajjah, Emran, Taiz, Lahj, Abyan, and Al-Dhala'a.

The project aims to improve food availability and access to 70,000 households through three types of intervention, including poultry production, cash support, and improving agricultural and livestock production. Thanks to the program, Muhammed Hussein now has chickens, which produce enough eggs to feed his family and provide extra income by selling the surplus. "Our food was bread and tea, and now we have chickens," Muhammed exclaimed. "We sell their eggs to buy vegetables and food".

His family's food supply has improved significantly, and he has regained his optimism for a better future. He now hopes to raise cattle and once again own a home in which to shelter his family from the sun and rain. "I used to have a house," Muhammed explained, "But the violence damaged it, forcing us to leave our village. One of my children was wounded and suffered serious burns. Because we were unable to obtain plastic surgery treatment for his mutilated face, my son dropped out of school."

Muhammed's family members go to bed every night during the rainy season fearful of being swept away by raging torrents of water, since where they are living now is not protected from the elements. At any time, everything they own could be soaked and ruined, including their food supplies. In addition, during this season, the mosquito population increases significantly, putting everyone at risk for insect-borne diseases.

Despite the ongoing hardships, since receiving support from the KSrelief/FAO chicken-breeding project, the family's situation has greatly improved. Thanks to a helping hand, Muhammed and Qamar can look to the future with renewed hope for themselves and their children.

KSA'S ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO YEMEN HRP TO DATE

2017 >>> USD 289,643,084 **2019** >>> USD 1,254,047,647
2018 >>> USD 1,316,683,558 **2020** >>> USD 500,000,000

KSA'S PLEDGE AT THE 2020 PLEDGING EVENT FOR YEMEN HRP USD 500 MILLION

to support the Yemen Humanitarian Response Plan 2020 and the COVID-19 Response Plan in Yemen

200
million USD

will be allocated to KSrelief in accordance with its mechanisms and in coordination with national, international and local humanitarian organizations.

30
million USD

will be used to fund the third phase of the MASAM Landmine Clearance Project, bringing the total amount spent for all three phases to USD 100 million.

300
million USD

of which shall be allocated to United Nations agencies and organizations in accordance with KSrelief's mechanisms.

INTERNATIONAL PLEDGES AT THE 2020 PLEDGING EVENT FOR YEMEN HRP

USD **1.35** billion

from **31** Countries

TOP 10 DONORS

Saudi Arabia  **500 M**

Japan  **41.20 M**

United States  **225 M**

Sweden  **30.84 M**

United Kingdom  **196.56 M**

Canada  **29.03 M**

Germany  **137.97 M**

Korea  **18.50 M**

European Commission  **78.21 M**

Norway  **17.78 M**

OTHER COUNTRIES ANNOUNCING FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS AT THE 2020 PLEDGING EVENT FOR YEMEN HRP

Netherlands



Italy



Russia



Luxembourg



Iceland



Slovenia



Greece



Switzerland



Belgium



Denmark



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