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# CHILD SOLDIERS

## REHABILITATION PROGRAM

On 9 September 2017, KSrelief implemented the Child Soldiers Rehabilitation Program, a qualitative humanitarian project to help former child soldiers and other children affected by the ongoing conflict in Yemen to reenter society and return to school. The program provides psychological and social services to help children recover from the trauma they have experienced. Seminars for parents to raise awareness about the dangers of child recruitment, and how to create safe, healthy home environments for their children.

### NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES

**480**  
direct

**11040**  
indirect

### THE PROGRAM'S ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

#### RECREATIONAL OUTINGS

for children, including educational field trips, creative outlets and sports activities to enhance psychological and social rehabilitation.

#### SEMINARS FOR PARENTS

of former child soldiers on the damaging effects of child recruitment. Topics include social and psychological rehabilitation, children's rights, international laws criminalizing the use of children in armed conflict, trauma resulting from recruitment, and the physical and emotional scars suffered by child soldiers. These seminars are an important component of the program since family members are key to the success of the children's rehabilitation process.



**JANUARY  
2019**



When Supervisor General of KSrelief, Dr. Abdullah Al Rabeeah, met with Virginia Gamba, the UN Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict, she stated that, "Across the world, in many countries and situations, rehabilitation attempts have been made to help former child soldiers. Some of the programs are not very good; they are very short and very basic. The difference in the KSrelief program is that it is for a longer term, and is more comprehensive in character than programs in other parts of the world. I think that, in terms of what we have seen globally, this is one of the better programs, and must be refined to fit a global model."

**JUNE  
2019**



KSrelief participated in sessions with experts from the International Coalition for the Rehabilitation of Child Soldiers in New York, which focused on ways to improve outcomes in child soldier rehabilitation programs in targeted cities.

# ORPHANS

## IN >>> YEMEN

KSrelief has offered a number of humanitarian projects focused on improving the lives of orphans and their families in Yemen. In 2018, KSrelief implemented its "My Skills My Livelihood" project to improve the livelihoods of breadwinners in families with orphans. In 2019, the "You are not Alone" project provided protection and support to these families. Now, in 2020, KSrelief has implemented its "Seed of Safety" project, which provides enhanced levels of services and support for this vulnerable group.



### MY SKILLS MY LIVELIHOOD

This project offers vocational and job skills workshops for families of orphans which have lost their breadwinners. By providing practical training and professional tools, the project teaches income-earning skills to help families support themselves by starting their own home businesses or gaining employment in the local job market.

Zainab Omar and Huda Ahmed were trainees in a sewing workshop. "We did not know how to use a sewing machine before," they said. "We are so happy we learned sewing skills and how to use the machines. This workshop will give us new skills we can use to help us to rely on ourselves and earn money to support ourselves and our families."

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|------------------|--------|----------|
| NUMBER           | 250    | 1500     |
| OF BENEFICIARIES | direct | indirect |

### YOU ARE NOT ALONE

The goal of this project is to provide protection for crisis-affected orphans and their families who have lost their breadwinners. The program provided integrated care for the families through assistance with housing, education, health care, psychological services and food aid.

Services and support provided through this project included: food baskets, Mother's Day celebrations, air conditioners, children's recreational activities, creation of child-friendly spaces, and the distribution of Eid "kiswa" (gifts) for the children. KSrelief team also visited beneficiary families to evaluate their living conditions and determine any additional needs.

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| NUMBER           | 420    | 2520     |
| OF BENEFICIARIES | direct | indirect |

### SEED OF SAFETY

This 2020 project provides the following for orphans and their families: vocational and life skills courses, housing and shelter aid for IDP families, educational support and school attendance monitoring, recreational activities, periodic healthcare services, monthly food assistance, and logistical help for families to launch small, income-generating projects.

This project also promotes protective health measures in conjunction with the spread of the COVID-19 virus to protect the safety of orphans and their families. Services include instructions for effective handwashing and training in maintaining personal and household hygiene.

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| NUMBER           | 600     | 100     |
| OF BENEFICIARIES | orphans | pgrents |



# VOLUNTEER MEDICAL CAMPAIGNS FOR CHILDREN IN YEMEN



Since volunteerism is seen as one of the main pillars of humanitarian work, KSrelief has been keen to incorporate volunteering in its mission by enabling Saudi volunteers and providing them with the opportunity to participate in relief missions abroad. KSrelief's volunteers support vulnerable and crisis-affected communities worldwide, and also contribute to fulfilling the Kingdom's Vision 2030 goal of promoting volunteerism in Saudi Arabia.

In 2019, KSrelief began a series of specialized volunteer medical campaigns, sending medical teams to provide patients with advanced medical care in countries where such care might not be available to all. In Yemen, KSrelief has carried out several volunteer medical campaigns, eight of which provided urgent treatment for vulnerable children free of charge; these campaigns have saved lives and alleviated suffering by providing hope and support to children and their families.

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Medical  
Campaigns

in 2019  
2020



Pediatric  
urology



Combatting  
blindness



Specialized  
surgeries



Open-heart surgeries and  
cardiac catheterizations

Beneficiaries



800

Yemeni children







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