

February Monthly Donations Summary:**Table 1: Stage 2 Monthly Summary**

Month	A Donations	B Stage 1 Surplus	C Transfer to Yemen	D Transfer Fee	E Surplus A – (C + D)	F Balance
December	\$790	\$828.80	\$600	\$14	\$176	\$1,004.80
January	\$460	-	\$300	\$7	\$153	\$1,157.80
February	\$370	-	\$300	\$7	\$70	\$1220.8
March		-	\$500	\$7		

Updates:

- Marsilya (our contact in Yemen) has confirmed receipt of February donations on February 25th. We apologize for the delay! Marsilya had health issues that prevented her from receiving & delivering the donations earlier last month.
 - Marsilya has been the backbone of the work that we do and we wouldn't have been able to accomplish anything without her help. However, we recognize that we might have put too much weight on her lately, and our plan going forward is to try to have more contacts in Yemen to relieve the workload from Marsilya and deliver donations faster.
 - Marsilya sends her apologies for not being able to provide updates on the families this month, but she intends to do so when she feels better in the upcoming weeks.
- We mentioned in our previous emails that we intended to use some of the surplus to support a group of women in need in the City of Lahij in Yemen through paying for sewing classes and potentially aiding them with small businesses' start-up costs. Unfortunately, we have encountered many obstacles and at the moment we are unable to start the project. The instructor that we were looking to have teaching the sewing course is unwell and can no longer help. Furthermore, we are unable to find other instructors in the same area. Given that we have tried to pursue this project for a while and it hasn't yet materialized, we have decided to shift our attention to other projects with the donations surplus.
- A new case that was brought to our attention by Marsilya is a family of a single mother and her 3 children. They are all currently living with the children's grandmother who unfortunately has been diagnosed with cancer. The medical expenses have overwhelmed the family's financials and consequently, they have been unable to pay the school fees for the children. We were told that one of the 3 children has stopped going to school out of embarrassment due to overdue school fees.
 - Marsilya had 47,200 rials surplus from the Baqi family case which we have asked her to keep aside until we identify a new family. We have asked her to use that surplus in addition to \$200 CAD to donate to this family to satisfy the following needs:
 - Purchase mattresses and blankets
 - Pay school fees for the 3 children for the current school year
 - Pay school transportation fees for the children
- To avoid paying Western Union transfer fees twice this month, we have sent \$500 to Yemen on March 1st:
 - \$300 in advance for monthly allowances of March donations
 - \$200 for the additional family as noted above