

March 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	\$310	-	\$500	\$7	-\$197	\$1023.80

* Pledge cycle for stage 2 started in December 2020. Table shows carryover from December.

Updates**Monthly Allowances:**

- Marsilya (our contact in Yemen) confirmed receipt of March donations on March 11th, 2021. She confirmed delivery of the donations to the three families.
- One of the three families we are currently supporting is the Hubabah family.
 - **Background:** The Hubabah family consists of Mr. and Mrs Hubabah and their 6 children (ages ranging 6-16 years old). One of the kids suffers from a heart condition. Mr. Hubabah doesn't have a steady source of income; to support his family, he collects and sells bottles and containers.
 - **Update and Video:**
 - Using the monthly allowance, the family was able to purchase food rations this month.
 - The family approved that we share a video with you which shows the current conditions they are living in. In the video, Samer (a volunteer who occasionally assists Marsilya) asks Mr. Hubabah some questions regarding his family's situation.
 - To watch the video, click [here](#).
We apologize for the background music. The video was already edited as such when we received it and before we added the subtitles.

One-Time Donation:

- Last month we shared with you a case that was brought to our attention of a family of a single mother and her 3 children.
 - **Background:** They are all currently living with the children's grandmother who unfortunately has been diagnosed with cancer. The medical expenses have overwhelmed the family financially and consequently, they have been unable to pay the school fees for the children. One of the three children has stopped going to school out of embarrassment due to overdue school fees.
 - **The Support Provided:**
 - 47,200 rials (equivalent of ~ \$60 CAD) remained from one of the previous one-time cases we supported. This in addition to a donation of \$200 CAD was sent to support the family. The donation allocation is noted in table 2. Marsilya has forwarded us receipts for all items. The total allocated to the family is (209,100 rials)

Table 2: One-Time Donation Breakdown

Purchase/Expense	Cost (Yemeni rials)	Description
Blankets	8,000	2 blankets purchased
Mattresses	63,000	4 mattresses purchased
School fees	100,000	Payment for the 3 children for a year
School transportation fees	30,000	Payment for the 3 children for a month
Total	201,000	

- Remaining amount is 8,100 rials which will be carried over to future donations.

Proposed One-Time Donation Case #1:

- A 10-year-old girl who is living in poverty. Marsilya got to know the young girl through her NGO work in Lahij. The girl is neglected and lives in a home that lacks basic necessities. Although the identity of her father is known, and he is able to support her if he chooses to, he has denied being her biological father and doesn't currently support her financially. The girl's mother begs on the streets and leaves the girl either on the street or with her aunt.
- Our team discussed supporting the girl by pre-paying the school cafeteria for her lunches, however, we are unable to do that until the school year starts and she regularly attends. The team is concerned that if the allowance is given directly to the girl's mother, it might not be used to help the girl. We will revisit this proposal when schools in Yemen resume.
- For the time being, we will send the girl \$50 CAD to buy her basic necessities. If you have any objections to this donation disbursement, please let us know.

Proposed One-Time Donation Case #2:

- The team will send another one-time donation of \$175 CAD to the family of the single mother and her 3 children, described in the One-Time Donation section above. This is the same family we sent a one-time donation to last month to pay for the children's school fees and some of their basic needs.
- This donation will help the family pay off the debt they currently have with their local grocery store. As usual, if you have any concerns or objections, please let us know.

Other Proposed Disbursements:

- Few families in need in Sana'a who need support with a startup- capital to fund small businesses. We are currently following up for additional info and we will share updates in our next email.
- In our previous emails, we noted that pursuing the sewing project initiative faced many obstacles and we had to shift our attention to finding other cases to support. There currently appears to be some promising leads that may allow us to pursue this project again! We are currently following up with Marsilya for additional info and will share updates in the next email.

Stage 2 Conclusion:

The pledges for stage 2 will conclude in May. What's next?

- Prior to concluding stage 2, we will make sure all donations have been disbursed to worthy cases.
- In May, we will send a survey to gather your comments, concerns and insights.
- We are currently working on completing the requirements to register as an official charity in Canada. In our May email update we will let you know where we stand in the application process and what's our plan moving forward. We will also share the new pledge forms for those who are interested in continuing to support this initiative.