

# Annual Report 2025



# Message to Our Donors

On behalf of everyone at Waseela Relief Association, thank you for your continued trust and support. Because of you, we are able to keep working with families in Yemen in a way that is thoughtful, consistent, and grounded in dignity.

2025 was a strong year for Waseela. **We supported 19 individuals and their families**, 14 of whom were new cases. Through **\$21,450 in donations**, we provided **6 education scholarships** and supported **13 livelihood projects**, including 8 new initiatives launched this year.

This year also marked growth within Waseela's team. **We welcomed four new volunteers in Canada and Yemen**, building our capacity in fundraising, compliance and graphic design. At the same time, our volunteers on the ground in Aden, Lahij, and Sana'a continued to carry out this work with care and commitment, entirely on a volunteer basis and often under challenging conditions.

Working in Yemen is never simple. Safety concerns remain a constant consideration, and progress is rarely straightforward. Still, through your trust, local knowledge, and steady collaboration, we have been able to continue supporting families in practical and thoughtful ways.

We are deeply grateful for your belief in Waseela and for walking alongside us. Your support allows this work to continue, steadily and where it is most needed. We look forward to continuing this work together in the year ahead.

Thank you for being part of Waseela.

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# Impact Overview

In 2025, Waseela focused its work on longer-term pathways to stability, prioritizing livelihood projects and education over short-term relief. Over the course of the year, **we supported 19 individuals and their families**, both new and continuing cases, with a total of **\$21,450 sent in direct support**.



## Livelihood Projects - \$18,100

13 livelihood projects were supported, enabling individuals to start or continue small, locally grounded businesses such as food stands, sewing and textile work, jewelry-making, livestock rearing, and small retail shops.



## Scholarships & Bursaries - \$3,350

6 scholarships and bursaries supported education-related costs, including school registration, language classes, professional training, and higher education preparation.

## Select Impact Stories



### Manal Ali - Lahij

#### Livelihood Project | Livestock

**Total Support: \$1,400\***

In 2025, Waseela supported Manal's family through a combined livelihood and monthly allowance program. In June, the family received an \$800 project grant to establish a small livestock initiative and purchase an electrical battery, a key household need in Lahij given frequent power outages. With this support, they acquired four sheep and began raising them as a long-term income activity.

Alongside the project, Manal's family received a \$100 monthly allowance committed for six months, helping them manage essential expenses while the livestock project developed.

Over the second half of the year, the project showed steady progress: one sheep became pregnant, and by November the number of sheep has increased from four to six following recent births. Manal and her family continue to care for the livestock, building the project gradually and relying on it as a consistent source of income.

Project support

**\$800**

Monthly allowance

**\$100 × 6 months\***

## Select Impact Stories



### Tareq Abdullatif - Aden

#### Livelihood Project | Food Stand

**Total Support: \$1,850**

In 2025, Waseela supported Tareq in strengthening his small potato-selling livelihood project. Early in the year, he received a \$1,000 project grant that enabled him to purchase essential appliances and materials to improve production and daily operations. To help stabilize the family during the setup phase, Tareq also received a \$100 monthly allowance for six months.

As the project progressed, Waseela approved a small top-up of \$250 to enhance the cart's structure, add an umbrella for shade, and provide a new chair. These upgrades made his workday more manageable and allowed him to securely store the cart at home.

Throughout the six months of support, Tareq operated his stand daily. With the final monthly allowance delivered in September, the project cycle concluded, and Tariq continued maintaining and operating his stand independently.

Project support

**\$1,250**

Monthly allowance

**\$100 × 6 months**

## Select Impact Stories



### Jihad Hasan\* - Sana'a

#### Livelihood Project | Homemade Icecream and Lahoh

**Total Support: \$4,600 \*\***

Jihad's support spanned 2024 and 2025, beginning with immediate relief and transitioning into a livelihood project. In late 2024, Waseela provided a \$1,300 grant to help her start two small income-generating activities: making lahoh bread and homemade ice cream. She also received six months of monthly allowances between 2024 and 2025 to support her family while the projects took shape.

Throughout the year, Jihad worked consistently to grow her customer base, adjusting production based on seasonal demand, lahoh during Ramadan and ice cream during the warmer months. By mid-year, she was able to cover more of her family's day-to-day needs through her earnings and reported reduced reliance on debt for essentials. Volunteers also observed a noticeable increase in her confidence and stability as her work became more established.

Project support

**\$1,300**

Monthly allowance

**\$300 × 6 months**

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\*A pseudonym has been used at the beneficiary's request.

\*\*Amount includes \$1,500 for Immediate Relief support provided in 2024.

## Select Impact Stories



Fatima



Mariam

### **Mariam, Kefah, and Fatima Yaser - Aden**

#### Education | Scholarships & Bursaries

##### **Total Support: \$1,150**

In 2025, Waseela supported three sisters in Aden, Mariam, Kefah, and Fatima, as they worked to continue their education.

Beginning in April, the sisters received four months of monthly education support to help cover transportation and English classes. Mariam received \$100 per month to support university transportation and coursework-related expenses. Fatima and Kefah each received \$50 per month to continue their English studies and prepare for upcoming university programs.

In June, Waseela also provided a \$350 education bursary for Kefah to register at a local private school. This support ensured she could continue her education despite prolonged public-school strikes linked to the ongoing political situation, allowing her to successfully register for Grade 9.

## Select Impact Stories



Manader

### **Manader and Fayza Abdalbaki - Aden**

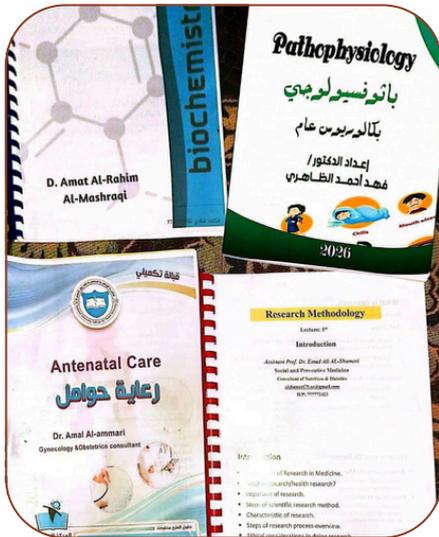
#### Education | Scholarships & Bursaries

**Total Support: \$850**

In 2025, Waseela supported Manader and Fayza Abdalbaki in strengthening their education and skills through a combination of monthly bursaries and targeted training support.

Fayza received a monthly education bursary that allowed her to continue her English studies and enroll in university preparation classes. Alongside this, Waseela provided a skills-training bursary for her sister, Manader, covering the full cost of registration for a cosmetics training course as well as the required materials.

## Select Impact Stories



### Farah\* - Sana'a

#### Education | Scholarships & Bursaries

**Total Support: \$1,450** (ongoing)

Farah is a midwifery student in Sana'a from a family of seven. She has long hoped to work in healthcare, but financial constraints and prolonged salary disruptions in her household made continuing her education difficult.

With donor support, Farah was previously able to complete a three-year diploma in midwifery. After graduating, she learned that employment in local hospitals now requires a bachelor's degree, meaning she needed to pursue an additional two years of study to continue on this path.

In 2025, Waseela committed to supporting Farah as she began this next phase of her education. Support includes an \$850 school bursary to cover registration for one academic year of midwifery studies, along with required school supplies. In addition, Farah receives a monthly bursary of \$100 to help cover transportation and basic living expenses while she attends classes.

Farah continues to attend her first-year courses and is progressing well in her studies. Waseela has also committed to covering Farah's second-year registration fees and continuing the monthly bursary through the completion of her studies, subject to continued attendance and satisfactory academic progress.

# Financial Overview

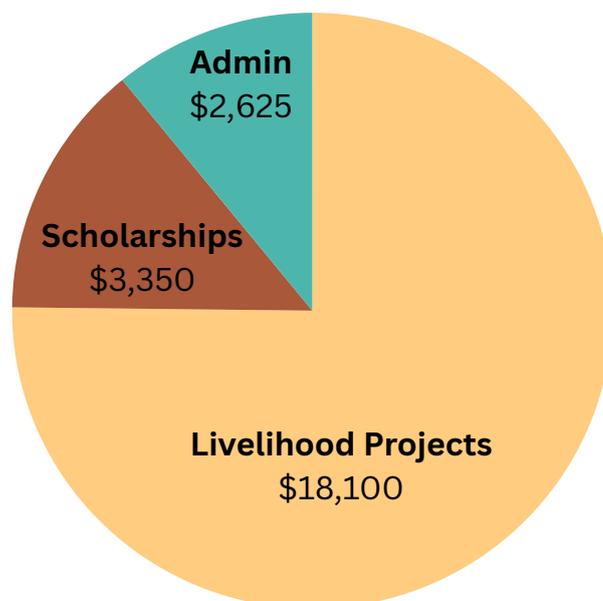
Total Funds Received

**\$33,535**

Total Expenditures

**\$24,075**

## Expenditure Breakdown



## 2025 Financial Summary

Month	Beginning Balance (1)	Received		Disbursed		Ending Balance
		Donations	Income-generating Projects (2)	Scholarships and Bursaries	Admin Fees (3)	
Jan	\$10,855.15	\$6,528.46	\$1,750.00	\$100.00	\$79.47	\$15,454.14
Feb	\$15,454.14	\$2,164.25	\$1,300.00	\$100.00	\$65.29	\$16,153.10
Mar	\$16,153.10	\$12,922.95	\$800.00	\$100.00	\$524.05	\$27,652.00
Apr	\$27,652.00	\$3,687.99	\$6,900.00	\$400.00	\$488.04	\$23,551.95
May	\$23,551.95	\$502.60	\$1,250.00	\$300.00	\$142.80	\$22,361.75
Jun	\$22,361.75	\$473.58	\$1,700.00	\$550.00	\$167.32	\$20,418.01
Jul	\$20,418.01	\$404.54	\$1,350.00	\$900.00	\$120.98	\$18,451.57
Aug	\$18,451.57	\$478.40	\$1,300.00	\$500.00	\$77.35	\$17,052.62
Sept	\$17,052.62	\$755.09	\$700.00	\$100.00	\$124.90	\$16,882.81
Oct	\$16,882.81	\$592.49	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$63.56	\$17,011.74
Nov	\$17,011.74	\$617.80	\$550.00	\$300.00	\$505.27	\$16,274.27
Dec	\$16,274.27	\$4,407.93	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$267.15	\$20,315.05
Total (2025)		\$33,536.08	\$18,100.00	\$3,350.00	\$2,626.18	\$20,315.05

(1) Beginning Balance includes carryover from 2024, including donations received through Benevity in December 2024.

(2) Income-generating project support includes project setup costs, monthly allowances, and immediate relief where necessary to help families focus on their new projects during the early phases.

(3) Admin fees include Donorbox processing fees, transfer fees, and volunteer fees to cover their transportation and administrative expenses.

Carryover funds (i.e. beginning and ending balances) include both ongoing commitments and amounts intentionally reserved for future projects. Maintaining a carryover allows Waseela to select new cases with a confirmed budget already in place, ensuring that support can be delivered reliably once a case is approved.

# Looking Ahead

As Waseela looks ahead, our focus remains on delivering well-designed, intentional and impactful programs that Yemeni families can rely on. The priorities below reflect what we have learned through our work in 2025 and where we believe careful investment will strengthen impact over the next years.

## **Strengthening education and livelihoods**

We will continue focusing on livelihood and scholarship programs, with a stronger emphasis on education. This includes support for university studies, vocational and skills-based training, and one-year English language scholarships for high school graduates. Our focus is on helping people build practical skills and more sustainable sources of income over time.

## **Improving program quality and delivery**

As our work grows, we will continue strengthening the internal systems that support good program delivery. This includes improving guidance, documentation, and oversight, so that our programs are designed carefully and support is provided consistently.

## **Planning responsibly in changing contexts**

Due to ongoing security concerns, Waseela will pause new operations in Sana'a while continuing to support existing cases. Recent challenges, including increased risks to local volunteers and reports of arrests of NGO staff, make it difficult for a small, volunteer-led organization to operate safely. Pausing new cases allows us to focus our limited capacity on meeting current commitments. If and when conditions allow, Waseela intends to resume operations in Sana'a.

## **Building long-term capacity**

We will continue strengthening our organizational capacity to support families well. In 2026, we plan to hire our first staff member in Yemen to help ensure programs are delivered consistently, efficiently, and with appropriate local support.

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