

Adela narrates her story in Al Mazraq Camp through poetry

I am the displaced girl Oh people who will hear me
To whom I cry and complain when I left my village
To where I can go when my eyes are full of tears
My house is destroyed and I lost the peacefulness
My family is dispersal and now everyone is away
Also my relatives are far and all of them suffer
In the tents, I fled and sadness will kill me
The terror controls my soul and my brother was shoot
And you observe my situation without home or school
Finally I thank God and I appreciate everyone
Who helped me In this difficult time

This is the song that Adela was singing with her friends in Save the Children Child friendly space tent CFS in Al Mazraq camp #1 . The lyric words illustrate Adela and the other displaced Children situation as a result of the conflicts in the north of Yemen.

Adela Ahmed , 13 years old, a displaced girl who fled with her mother and 12 brothers and sisters from Headan area few month ago after her house was destroyed and most of their sheep were killed. Adela makes poems her tool to express her feelings and suffering in the difficult situation she lives.

Every day, she goes to Save the Children CFS to enjoy time with the new friends she meets in the camp. “I wrote the poem in papers and I disturbed it to my friends to memorize and then we put a melody to it and now we sing it together and among our families.” Adela explained. “Whenever, I sing it among my family or neighbors in the camp, they cry and pray to Allah that the situation becomes better and return home soon.” She added.

Adela is in grade eight and she is looking for any chance to continue her study. “I don’t want to miss my study in this year and I hope to find a school near to the camp.” Adela expressed, “but I am happy that I come to the CFS to participate in some activities such as drawing, playing with my friends...etc.” she added.

SC has raised awareness of the importance of children’s activities and has started to mobilize the Ministry of Education to allow displaced children to join the local schools.

For that, the displaced people in the camp start to get back to their regular life in which many children registered in schools, while children who are under age of school go to the CFS to participate in SC activities.

However children like Adela and her friends hope to go back to their regular life in their villages and go to their schools in their neighborhood.

SC makes Adela song as a message to children, adult in the community through a demo was shown in the SC 90th anniversary of Save the Children Sweden and the 20th anniversary of Child Right Convention CRC in Sana'a, Yemen.



Adela carries notebook to write her song to her friends in the Save the Children CFS Al Mazraq camp.