

## MEDIENMITTEILUNG

### **Save the Children calls for investigation after staff member dies in detention in Yemen**

*Zurich/Sana'a, 26 October* – Save the Children said on Thursday it is devastated to confirm the death of a staff member who died in detention in Yemen and is calling for an immediate independent investigation.

Safety and Security Director Hisham Al-Hakimi was detained on 9 September while off duty. Despite repeated attempts by his family, legal representation and Save the Children's teams, no one was able to see or speak with him throughout the entire period of his detention.

No charges or legal proceedings were filed by authorities or reason given for his detention in Sana'a. In the circumstances, Save the Children will be suspending operations in northern Yemen with immediate effect.

Hisham, aged 44 and a husband and father of four, was a dedicated member of the Save the Children family since 2006. Hisham's commitment to Save the Children's mission in Yemen will be forever remembered. Save the Children sends its deepest condolences to the grieving family, friends, and colleagues.

Save the Children has been working in Yemen since 1963, implementing programs in education, child protection, health and nutrition, water and sanitation, and emergency response across most of the country.

**Bei Interviewanfragen wenden Sie sich bitte an den untenstehenden Kontakt.**

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#### **Save the Children Schweiz**

Jedes Kind verdient eine Zukunft – ob in der Schweiz oder auf der ganzen Welt. Mit dieser Überzeugung unterstützt der Verein Save the Children Schweiz seit 2006 kompromisslos und unermüdlich die am stärksten benachteiligten Kinder. In der Schweiz verwurzelt, ist Save the Children seit 1919 die weltweit führende Kinderrechtsorganisation. Dank unserer lokalen Verankerung in 120 Ländern kennen wir die Situation vor Ort, passen unsere Projekte entsprechend an und können im Notfall unverzüglich helfen. Wir verändern nachhaltig und positiv das Leben von Kindern, besonders in Krisen, auf der Flucht oder in Slums. In der Schweiz setzen wir uns seit 2015 für geflüchtete Kinder ein und verfügen über grosse Expertise im Bereich Asyl und Migration.