

SITUATION OVERVIEW

The second half of July and the first week of August were characterized by intense heavy rains and widespread flooding across Yemen. Much of the country is still experiencing the impact of the heavy rains and devastating floods that left thousands of displaced families affected and dozens of civilian casualties and property destroyed.

Thirty-two thousand or more households were affected across the country—the majority in displacement sites and settlements—with their shelters, livelihoods, and water sources damaged.

Sustained heavy rainfall is expected to continue until 20 August, according to the agrometeorological early warning issued on 7 August by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, threatening the already battered parts of Yemen, causing further displacement and loss of livelihoods. Nearly 20,000 people are expected to be affected by floods in the lowlands of Al Hodeidah, Al Mahwit, Hadramawt, Hajjah, Lahj, Raymah, Sa'dah, Sana'a, Shabwah and Ta'iz governorates.

FLOOD-AFFECTED GOVERNORATES (AUGUST 2022)



Some 35,000 households were affected across 85 districts in 16 governorates between 28 July and 10 August. Source: OCHA

HUMANITARIAN IMPACT AND NEEDS

An estimated 35,000 households—mostly in displacement sites and settlements—were affected across 85 districts in 16 governorates between 28 July and 10 August, according to initial reports from authorities and partners. Humanitarian partners have verified 13,000 affected households. According to authorities, at least 77 people, including children, were killed—37 in Al Bayda, Amran, Dhamar, and Sana'a governorates, and Sana'a City; 27 in Abs District and 11 in Al Mahabishah and Ash Shahil districts, all in Hajjah Governorate; and 2 in Ma'rib Governorate, with 7 injured by a landslide in Ash Shahil District of Hajjah Governorate. Extensive damage to shelters and private property was reported in Al Jawf, Hajjah, Ma'rib, and Sana'a governorates.

Over the reporting period, Ad Dali', Al Jawf, Al Hodeidah, Hajjah, Ma'rib, and Sana'a governorates were hit hard by rains and floods. In Ma'rib Governorate, according to the Executive Unit for Internally Displaced People, 197 displacement sites were impacted by flooding, with reports of thousands of shelters sustaining some kind of damage, including in Al Jufianah, the largest displacement site, which hosts 11,000 households. Authorities reported some 13,550 households were affected, while 2,577 shelters were destroyed and 10,972 sustained partial damage. Most of the shelter damage was concentrated in Ma'rib City and Ma'rib Al Wadi districts, which saw 94 per cent of reported damage. In Ad Dali' Governorate, according to initial reports from authorities, Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM), Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM), and Red Crescent partners, heavy rains and floods hit Al Husha, Damt, and Qa'tabah districts between 4 and 10 August, affecting some 400 households across several displacement sites, including those from the *Muhamasheen* marginalized community in Al Husha District. Affected families reportedly need emergency shelter kits, non-food items, food assistance, and water, sanitation, and hygiene support.

Hajjah Governorate was also hit hard by rains and floods. According to the Supreme Council for the Management and Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (SCMCHA), an estimated 15,000 households were reported to be affected or are residing in affected hosting sites across the governorate, with Abs District worst affected. Partners commenced verification of the affected households on 4 August, after facing access challenges. So far, some 6,000 households have been verified, while assessments are ongoing

In Al Jawf, Al Hazm township in Al Hazm District was most affected, with several buildings collapsing and the greater part of the town being flooded. SCMCHA reported more than 4,200 households across 12 districts, including 1,600 families in

Al Hazm District, were affected. CCCM Cluster partners verified nearly 1,000 households affected across 28 displacement sites in 9 out of 12 districts. An additional 300 households were affected by floods in Sa'dah Governorate on 26 July, with their shelters and household items damaged.

Strong winds and heavy rains damaged shelters in displacement sites in Al Hodeidah Governorate on 2 and 9 August. According to CCCM Cluster partners, about 395 shelters across 25 displacement sites in Al Khukhah, At Tuhayta, and Hays districts of Al Hodeidah Governorate were damaged. Initial reports indicated that affected people need emergency shelter kits and partners are coordinating for a response.

The old city of Sana'a was largely flooded, with about 15 buildings reported collapsed and several damaged. According to partners, some 900 households from displacement sites in Al Bayda, Amran, Dhamar, and Sana'a governorates, and Sana'a City were affected. In addition, more than 60 households in seven districts of Al Mahwit Governorate were also affected by floods on 28 July. In Ibb Governorate, according to humanitarian partners, some 22 displaced households in Maslahat Alturqat site in Jiblah District were affected by floods, with their shelters damaged. In Shabwah Governorate, some 110 displaced households were affected in three districts. Aid agencies are conducting rapid needs assessments to determine the number of people affected and identify the most urgent needs. In areas where partners have conducted initial needs assessments, the immediate needs include shelters, plastic sheets, food, household items, and hygiene kits.

HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE AND GAPS

Aid organizations acted quickly to provide immediate relief to affected families. Assessments are ongoing in many affected areas, while humanitarian partners, including national and international NGOs, UN agencies, and Red Crescent partners, continue to respond to the immediate needs of affected and displaced people.

Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM) partners have assisted 2,789 flood-affected and displaced people across the affected governorates. Nearly 3,500 households were provided with shelter assistance, while Food Security and Agriculture Cluster partners have supported more than 4,000 households. Basic hygiene kits were also distributed in the affected areas.

In Ma'rib Governorate, on 1 August, more than 700 hygiene kits and almost 1,500 jerry cans were provided to over 5,000 displaced people. In Hajjah Governorate, humanitarian partners are conducting assessments to verify the number of affected people and needs and coordinate a response. Red Crescent partners have provided food baskets and non-food item kits to 1,500 of the most vulnerable displaced households in Abs on 2 August. The Shelter and Non-Food Item (NFI) Cluster have distributed 200 NFI and 50 shelter kits.

Since the beginning of August, the RRM Cluster has identified 733 households affected in the Al Hazm District, of whom 343 households met the RRM criteria and received RRM kits. RRM partners are planning to provide multi-purpose cash assistance to 343 households in the coming days. The Yemen Red Crescent distributed 250 Shelter kits, WASH partners are planning to distribute 3,000 hygiene kits to flood-affected people in Al Hazm City and displacement sites in Al Hazm District. In Sa'dah, partners have mobilized 200 emergency shelter kits and 200 NFIs for distribution.

Food assistance distribution, targeting 4,280 affected families in Al Bayda, Amran, Dhamar, and Sana'a governorates, and Sana'a City is underway. Hygiene kits and chlorination tablets were provided to 7,000 households, including those affected by floods. In addition, over 600 families were assisted with non-food item packages, another 550 families were provided with emergency shelter kits and nearly 480 households were supported with RRM kits.

In Ad Dali' and Al Hodeidah governorates, through the inter-cluster working group, OCHA is coordinating assessments to identify the immediate needs of the affected people and respond as needed. RRM and NFI kits were provided to some of the affected people in both locations. In Dhamar Governorate, humanitarian partners in the area are assessing the situation and coordinating for a response. In Al Mahwit Governorate, sub-national clusters are coordinating for a rapid need assessment and with Yemen Red Crescent for a response.

OCHA and sub-national clusters are coordinating with partners to mobilize a response given floods continue to pose a serious threat to displaced people in Abs District. Humanitarian partners continue working with the local authorities to respond to the affected people's needs. On 4 August, a joint UN-SCMCHA mission visited Al Hazm District in Al Jawf Governorate to have a shared understanding of the impact of the floods and coordinate a robust response as needed. A severe lack of humanitarian funding is affecting aid agencies' ability to quickly mobilize resources and respond to growing needs.

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