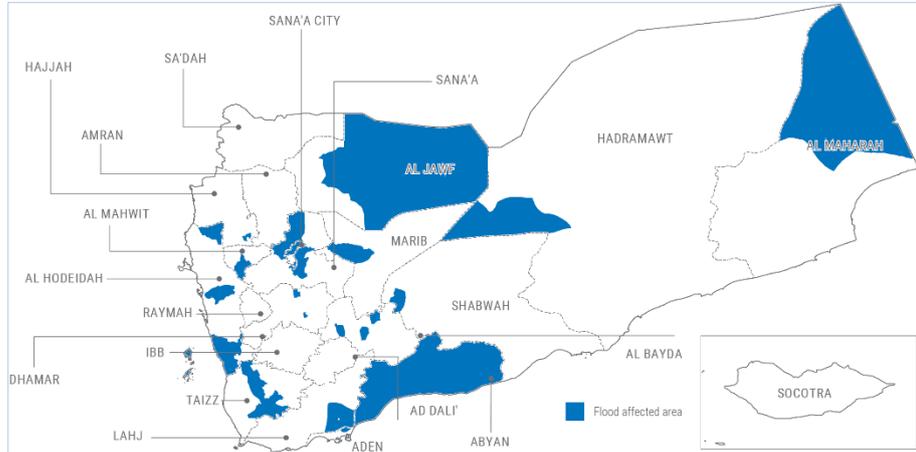


SITUATION OVERVIEW

Starting in late July, and for the second time this year, torrential rains and widespread flooding hit Yemen, damaging infrastructure, destroying homes and shelters and causing deaths and injuries. Local media has reported that a bridge linking the Al Musaymir area of Lahj Governorate with Ta'iz City was damaged, while authorities in Sana'a reported that operations at several Al-Thawra Hospital units were temporarily suspended due to heavy rains. There were also reports of the authorities in Sana'a dispatching teams to rescue four people in two drowning incidents at Shahak dam in At Tyal District and Sayan dam in Sanhan District. Unconfirmed media reports further indicate that two civilians were killed by thunderstorms in Hajjah Governorate and seven girls, aged 8 to 10 years, were killed by flash floods as they were gathering wood in Abyan's Al Mahfad District.



The National Center of Meteorology (NCM) had issued a warning on 25 July of heavy rains and potential flooding in some areas, and the Meteorological Authority in Sana'a issued warnings of heavy rains causing flooding in low-lying areas on 5 August and again on 10 August. On 3 August, the authorities in Sana'a approved the formation of a single-window system, comprised of representatives from the Civil Defence Authority and other local executive authorities, to streamline the emergency response after flooding cut off several major streets in Sana'a City.

HUMANITARIAN IMPACT AND NEEDS

As of 12 August, an estimated **13,596 families** were reportedly impacted by heavy rainfall and associated flooding across the country. The largest impact on displaced families was reported in Hajjah, Ma'rib, Sana'a, and Ta'iz governorates. Floods were also reported in Al Hodeidah, Al Mahwit, Sana'a City, Al Bayda, Al Maharah, Shabwah, Abyan, Ta'iz, Aden, Lahj, Ad Dali', Ibb, Sa'dah, Hadramawt and the Red Sea coast, reportedly causing losses of life and property.

In Ibb Governorate, the main and secondary paved roads, which were overdue for maintenance, have been further damaged by recent heavy rains. Some key roads which have been poorly maintained, including the Ibb-Sana'a road, have sustained damage, affecting civilian movements including by increasing travel time, and adding additional logistical challenges for the movement of humanitarian personnel and supplies. Aid partners have identified a need to consider development interventions to rehabilitate key roads, including the Ibb-Sana'a road.

In Amran Governorate, families living in Al-Mahm IDP site, which is located in a low-lying area, have been severely affected by floods. In coordination with the local authorities, Camp Management and Camp Coordination (CCCM) Cluster partners are assessing a new site location near the market in Raydah City to move the affected families to safety.

Most information on the floods remains preliminary; clusters and aid partners are currently conducting detailed assessments. Available information indicates that urgent needs include shelter, non-food items (NFIs), food assistance, clean water and health assistance. Aid workers reported significant challenges in reaching the affected population as many roads have been blocked by flood water.

HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

Alongside providing initial rapid response, humanitarian partners are conducting assessments in the affected areas to determine the extent of the damage to infrastructure and humanitarian needs. Regional Coordination Teams (RCTs) in collaboration with clusters in the flood-affected areas are also triangulating the numbers of affected people. To facilitate a

swift response and to provide inter-sectoral assistance to affected people, humanitarian partners operationalized a nationwide Flood Preparedness Plan. The plan ensures the continuity of life-saving assistance delivery to affected people and allows for a quick scale-up of the response where necessary. When flooding occurred between mid-April and June this year, partners delivered assistance through the rapid response mechanism (RRM) and met needs for food, shelter and NFIs, health, nutrition, protection, and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) assistance, while Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) Cluster partners helped verify figures and continue working on flood mitigation measures at site level.

In Sana'a Governorate, partners have provided sanitation services to 202 families in four IDP sites (Al-Raqqqa, Al-Sawad, Al-Azraqeen, and Shamlan), clean water to 327 families in five IDP sites (Al-Mayah Street, Al-Raqqqa, Al-Sawad, Al-Azraqeen and Shamlan) and hygiene kits to 76 families in the Al Jamaah IDP site. Additionally, 35 flood-affected families in Sanhan wa Bani Bahlul District have been provided with RRM kits.

In Dhamar Governorate, RRM partners have assisted 52 families in Jahran, Wusab As Safil and Wusab Al Aali districts, while 286 families in the Al-Salam IDP site in Jahran District have been provided with clean water and 108 families in the Al Judud IDP site received sanitation services. Meanwhile, Shelter Cluster partners have provided plastic sheets to families hosted in the Al-Salam and Al-Wahda IDP sites in Jahran District and provided food, NFIs and hygiene kits to affected families in the At Tariah IDP site.

In Al Jawf Governorate, partners provided 110 tents, 110 mattresses and 440 blankets to affected families, while RRM partners have assisted 28 families and are verifying the numbers of affected families to provide further RRM and one-off food assistance. (CCCM) Cluster partners organized awareness sessions in governorate's IDP sites about the flood safety and mitigation measures.

RMM partners have also assisted 310 families in Hadramawt Governorate, while Shelter Cluster partners provided shelter assistance and NFIs to 87 families in the same governorate. Partners have further provided RRM kits to 26 families in Ta'iz Governorate, 28 families in Hajjah Governorate, 37 families in Al Mahwit Governorate, 62 families in Al Hodeidah Governorate, 71 families in Aden Governorate and 339 families in Ad Dali' Governorate. In Sana'a City, RMM partners have assisted 72 families, while other partners have provided NFIs and hygiene kits.

Shelter Cluster partners provided 501 plastic sheets to 391 hosted in two IDP sites in Ma'rib Governorate.

In Al Bayda Governorate, partners have provided sanitation services to 232 families hosted in the Al-Ghathmah, Al-Masjed Al-Kabeer, Housh Al Maflahi and Hadiqah IDP sites, as well as clean water to 184 families hosted in the Housh Al Maflahi and Hadiqah IDP sites.

In Ibb Governorate, CCCM partners assisted 739 families in 15 IDP sites with sandbag mitigation to guard against the flow of water into their shelters.
