SITUATION OVERVIEW

Torrential rains and flooding which started in mid-April continued across the country. Flooding has damaged roads, bridges and the electricity grid, and contaminated water supplies, cutting access to basic services for thousands of people. In Sana’a, flooding caused widespread disruption to services as the city was inundated by floodwaters. In Aden, power cuts have continued since the floods of 21 April. There is heightened risk of diseases such as malaria and cholera. Already, more than 110,000 cases of suspected cholera have been recorded across 290 of Yemen’s 333 districts since January this year, with growing fears that the number of cases will spiral. More heavy rains and thunderstorms are expected in the east and parts of the western coast, as well as in desert areas in Marib, Al Jawf, and Shabwah governorates.

HUMANITARIAN IMPACT AND NEEDS

An estimated 21,240 families (148,680 people) have been affected by flooding in 13 governorates since mid-April. Conditions are hardest for thousands of families already displaced who have lost shelter, food rations and household supplies. In Marib Governorate, torrential rains affected 6,286 families including 7 fatalities while 250 people were injured. The rains also caused houses to collapse, and damaged infrastructure making some roads impassable in Raymah Governorate and Marib City and surrounding areas. In Sana’a and northern governorates, at least 9,146 families were affected, with Sana’a City and most parts of Sana’a governorate particularly badly hit by flooding. Over 5,130 families have been affected in Hajjah Governorate alone, and partners have reported severe damage to shelters at sites for internally displaced persons (IDPs) as a result urgent needs for WASH interventions and food assistance are required. An estimated 4,764 households have been affected in IDP sites in southern governorates, including 1,812 families in Aden, 1,037 in Abyan, 917 in Taizz and 770 in Lahj governorates. In Aden City, the worst affected areas are Crater and Mualla.

HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

Despite limited financial resources to mount a robust flood response and to sustain ongoing operations, humanitarian partners have continued scaling up the response to flood-affected communities across the country. They are providing life-saving assistance, including food, WASH, health, nutrition, shelter and non-food items as well as protection services.
### CLUSTER RESPONSE

#### Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

Overall, WASH partners reached **5,768 families** with assistance. In **Aden**, partners continue to desludge and dewater in all 25 IDP sites hosting nearly 2,000 displaced families, and to distribute hygiene kits. Local communities living in Mualla, Crater, Khor Maksar, Mansourah and Bureiqah districts also benefitted from dewatering operations, which were conducted in nine neighbourhoods. Dewatering was conducted in Hai Al Saadah, Al-Shabbat Reme, Kaputa, Omar Almukhtar, Beer Fadl, Hai Al-Safar, Al Dakka, Hujif, Al Arish, Hai Al Salam and Alarish/Main Power Transformer. Hygiene kits were distributed to 450 local resident families in Mualla and Crater on 23 April. Partners are providing water trucking and installing three water tanks (2,000 litre capacity) for 200 families in Crater. On 27 April, an international partner provided a one-off water trucking intervention for 34 newly displaced families at Rawdat Al Tawila School, including distributing hygiene kits, latrine cleaning materials and provided a water tank (1,000 litre capacity). At Hamza School in Mualla, water trucking and hygiene kits were provided to 50 newly displaced families. Plans are under consideration for waste management and cleaning water swamps around the City. In **Lahj**, desludging and hygiene kit distributions started on 27 April in 7 IDP sites hosting nearly 1,210 people, with dewatering operations also completed in Al Rebat and Saber. In **Abyan**, the response continues at 11 IDP sites hosting 933 families, including desludging and/or dewatering; providing water tanks, latrines, and sanitation pit covers; and work to reconnect to the main networks. In **Taizz**, a partner is providing water to affected sites in Shamayatayn and Ma'afer districts. In **Sana’a City**, a partner provided Cash for WASH assistance to 72 families in As Sabeen, Ma’in, and Al Wehdah. Another distributed hygiene kits to 60 affected families currently hosted in Al Mua‘ayd and Hamra‘ Alib schools as well as chlorinating water trucking in the Al Kafji area and Al Sabeen districts. Another 80 hygiene kits, plus chlorine tablets and jerry cans were provided to families in Al Sabeen while a partner undertook a cleaning campaign in affected areas. In **Sana’a Governorate**, a partner reached 679 flood-affected families with water trucking in Sanhan District. In **Marib Governorate**, WASH support continued in two IDP sites in Marib City and Sirawah Districts.

#### Shelter /NFI

Shelter/NFI partners have reached **3,673 families** since flooding began. In **Aden**, a partner continued to distribute non-food items (NFI) kits and tents to IDPs sites and local communities, including to families in schools in Crater and Al Mualla, and distributed 170 tents to Al Sha'b 1 & 2, Al Qate’e’a and Ammar bin Yasser sites. Up to 650 NFI kits to IDP sites in Al Mualla and Khor Maksar will be delivered this week and 50 NFI kits and 40 Emergency Shelter Kits (ESKs) will be delivered to the Police Station and Technical Institute sites. Another 500 kits will be distributed from 3 to 7 May in Crater (in Al Katsee’a, Al Tawilah, Al Kosaf and Al Sha’ab) and Mualla (in Al Sheik Eshak and Alkalifie). Provision of rental subsidies to affected populations and assessments for cash for NFIs are planned next week for IDPs in the Al Faresi area, including three rounds of Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance in Al Sha’ab and Beer Ahmed sites. In **Lahj**, 65 families received NFI kits, while another 940 families received plastic sheets starting on 27 April to repair rain-damaged shelters in Al Rebat, Saber and Al Jarad sites. In **Abyan**, Shelter/NFI assessments are ongoing in Zingibar and Khanfir districts and families affected will be included in regular shelter/NFI assistance planned for delivery to Abyan sites with funding from the Yemen Humanitarian Fund. In **Taizz**, distribution started on 30 April for ESKs, plastic sheets and NFI kits to the Al Shemayateen and Al Maafar sites, and there is capacity to cover up to 1,036 families. In the same area, 25 families at Al Fajr Al Jaded and Al Noman schools were provided with new shelters and 38 families at the Al Qahfa Alhamra site in Al Shemayateen District received NFI support. The CCCM Cluster reported that 683 displaced families in 14 sites in Dimnat Khadir, Al Taizz‘yiah, Sharab Al Rawna, Sharab As Salam and Saber Al Mawadim districts were affected and response has been delayed by lack of resources. In **Ibb Governorate**, where rains were less intense, needs will be covered as part of ongoing Qatari Red Crescent activities, which include shelter, NFIs and rental subsidies for IDP sites in Qa‘atabah District. In **Marib**, shelter’ partners provided tents to 379 families and NFI packages to 280 families. Assessments are underway in **Ibb Governorate**.
**Food Security and Agriculture (FSAC)**

Food assistance reached **3,430 families** in flood affected areas. In **Aden**, partners continue to provide food assistance as reported in the flash update of 23 April. In **Lahj**, ICRC completed an assessment of IDP sites in Tuban, Al Hawtah, Tor Al Baha and Radfan and will provide up to 1,800 food baskets next week. In Zingibar and Khanfir districts in **Abyan**, partners conducted assessments and are ready to respond with in-kind food assistance through the voucher modality. Another partner has assisted 250 families affected by heavy rainfalls in Al Mualla with food supplies. In **Taizz**, a partner started food distribution targeting 550 families in sites in Al Ma’afer District (Dekharah Wadi Al Barakani, Rafeqah, Algrafah and Mashraf Hadad, Alhouer and Albearin Camp). Food assessments are underway in affected sites and 800 affected families will be provided with vouchers. In **Al Dhale’e**, food distributions are ongoing to 27 families in 3 sites in Qa’atabah District. In **Marib**, partners provided 2,603 families with food baskets. In **Hadramaut**, where a site was affected in Al Abr district (Mafraq Alabe Camp), partners will distribute food baskets to at least 50 families. Coordination and verification by FSAC partners continues for a food response to flood-affected families in Sadah camp, Usiylan District of Shabwah.

**Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM)**

RRM kits were provided to **45 newly-displaced families**; 20 of these are at Hamza School in Al Mualla District and 25 at the Rawdat Al Saheer in Crater District in **Aden**. In **Ibb Governorate**, RRM kits were distributed 16 kits flood-affected families.

**Protection**

Thirty-six sites have been assessed, including 15 in **Aden**, 14 in **Lahj** and 7 in **Abyan** governorates. The main protection issue reported is the loss of legal documentation. Protection partners are working on replacing damaged documentation. Multi-sectoral needs have been raised among displaced populations, mostly for shelter/NFIs and WASH assistance.

**Health**

A one-day mosquito fogging operation was conducted in **Aden City last week** and a three-day fogging campaign is underway in all districts in **Aden**. Mobile surveillance teams are tracking mosquito breeding hotspots in waterlogged areas. Communication for Development (C4D) community volunteers are supporting the activity and raising awareness in 12 areas of Aden. Community-led fogging operations have been conducted in Tuban and Hawtah in **Lahj**. Awareness raising on diseases such as cholera, dengue and COVID-19 is being conducted through community radio and social media. The same is being conducted in five IDPs sites in **Aden, Lahj and Abyan**.

**Nutrition services**

Nutrition interventions continue in communities and IDP sites affected by the floods. These interventions are undertaken through 29 health facilities in 8 districts in **Aden** and another 8 mobile health and nutrition teams that target IDP sites and difficult-to-reach areas. Mobile health and nutrition teams are also covering areas in other governorates: five in **Abyan**, seven in **Al Dhale’e**, nine in **Taizz** and five in **Lahj**. Several months-worth of nutrition supplies (plumpy nuts, drugs, hygiene kits) are available in southern governorates to cover any needs identified.