SITUATION OVERVIEW

Heavy rains hit southern parts of Yemen on 24 and 25 March, affecting Lahj, Aden, Abyan, Taizz, Al Dale’e, Al Mahrah and Hadramaut governorates badly. In Aden, torrential rains flooded houses and roads in Crater and Al Mualla districts. In Hadramaut, houses, roads bridges, water networks, and crops were destroyed and livestock drowned in Al Sawm, Hajr, Mayfa and Brom districts. Sites for internally displaced people (IDPs) were worst affected where rains destroyed shelters and property and led to stagnant water. Initial findings suggest that at least 4,625 families have been affected in 60 IDP sites. In close collaboration with OCHA and the Executive Unit for IDPs (ExU), the Camp Management and Camp Coordination (CCCM) Cluster is coordinating the response at IDP sites working with the Shelter/Non-Food Items (NFIs), the Food Security and Agriculture (FSAC), the Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) and the Protection clusters.

HUMANITARIAN NEEDS

The priority needs observed during rapid assessments conducted by CCCM, Shelter and WASH cluster partners on 25 and 26 March are for food, dewatering/desludging, tents, NFIs and plastic sheeting.

In Aden Governorate, the CCCM and Shelter clusters, together with ACTED and the ExU conducted assessments at some of the affected areas which include 14 IDP sites and collective centres. The affected areas include Al Kood Al Othmani, Beer Ahmed, Alshorta, Al Sawama’a, an IDP site near the sewage area, Al Saudi Institute, Ammar Bin Yasser School, Beer Fadel, Hosh Al-Jain, Al Sadakh, Gawala’a, Lila Khalil, Hosh Derhim, Kobagan. Eight of these areas are located in Dar Saad District, in the north of the governorate. A total of 1,189 families need food and 701 families need NFIs – 68 of the shelters were destroyed and 505 shelters were damaged.

In Hadramaut, heavy rains and strong winds hit Al Abr District in the centre of the governorate, destroying tents, food and NFI supplies. The ExU reported that in Wadi’yah, Al Gharran and Al Abr City, food supplies belonging to 162 families, 160 beds, 155 tents, 130 tanks and water tarpaulins and five solar panels were also destroyed. Cold weather is exacerbating the situation and children are particularly vulnerable. In the Hadramaut Valley, one person was reportedly drowned in torrential rains in the Wadi Sar area, in Al Qaten District. In Sahil, rains damaged shelters at IDPs sites in Buwaish, Samo’n and Ibn Sina where the quality of the shelters was poor and destroyed NFIs. A local NGO, Benevolence Coalition for Humanitarian Relief (BCHR), reported that 35 families need food and NFIs at the Buwaish site in Al Mukalla and that 12 tents are needed. Sites were also damaged in Harsheyat and Ash Sheir districts and at other sites in Al Mukalla District. At the Maryama and Madoda sites in Seiyun, 54 families need food, NFIs, shelter, hygiene kits and mosquito nets, according to the ExU. In rural areas of Al Sawm District, bridges and farms were damaged and livestock drowned. Similarly, in Hajar District, crops belonging to an estimated 500 families were damaged and 150 houses need repairing. In Brom and Mayfa districts, BCHR found that sanitation systems and water pipes for 1,250 households had been destroyed. Supplies of drinking water, food baskets, houses and agricultural land were also damaged in the rains.

In Al Mahrah, 76 IDPs need shelter and 220 need food at the Rahhid IDP site in Al Masila District. According to local authorities, up to 2,000 families from local communities were temporarily displaced to schools on 25 March.
In **Lahj**, NRC and IOM are assessing desludging needs in Tuban and will respond accordingly. According to NRC, DRC and the ExU, 1,623 families need food and NFIs in 9 IDPs sites (at Al Meshqafah, Mahwa Al Qahruba, Al Anad, Tur Al Bahah, Al Sharayer, Al Garad, Rabat and Saber), while 545 families need shelter assistance. The site at Al Meshqafah was particularly badly damaged by stagnant water.

In **Al Dale’e**, 15 IDPs sites were damaged by the rains – 210 families require food assistance, 201 need NFIs and 54 lost their shelters, according to the CCCM partner, ACTED, and the ExU.

In **Southern Taizz**, the CCCM and the ExU reported 323 families need NFIs across the three IDP/collective sites in Al Ma’afer and Ash Shamayatin districts (Al Naqea, Al Malekah and Al Nasr school). According to IOM, 300 families lost their food baskets and 130 lost their shelters. NRC is also evaluating additional needs in other locations in Al Ma’afer.

In **Al Mukha**, CCCM partner, Generation Without Qat, conducted a rapid assessment of five affected IDPs sites (Al Shaheed Hamoud, Al Swais, Al Qahera, Old Neyaba, Al Shadely). A total of 223 families were affected by flooding and 181 families need NFIs, 166 lost their shelters and 78 lost food rations).

In **Abyan**, Abyan Youth Foundation reported that 602 families in five IDPs sites in Khanfir District (Al Wadi, Halmah, Musemeer, Gool Alsadah and Al Noabah) have lost food and NFI items.

### Flood-affected families by governorate and needs

![Graph showing the number of families in need of new NFIs, shelter, and emergency food parcels by governorate.](image)

**Damage caused by the rain in an IDP site in Al Ma’afer, Taizz. © IOM.**

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ACCESS

No access constraints have been reported by humanitarian partners to date. However, the main road connecting Taizz City to the Al Huban area through Al Misrakh was damaged. The road remained closed as of 29 March; however, partners can use an alternative road through Samea. The Governor of Taizz has reportedly assigned a committee to assess the damage to the road.

CLUSTER RESPONSE

Food Security and Agriculture (FSAC): KSrelief reported that it has up to 1,786 food baskets available to cover needs in Aden and Lahj, final numbers are awaiting verification. WFP cash programmes will cover affected sites in Aden. In Hadramaut, BCHR will distribute 250 food baskets in Al Wadi’ah, Al Abr and 65 food baskets in rural areas of Al Sawm, while local NGO, CSSW, will assist 100 families in Mukalla and Ash Shehr sites. Another local NGO, Seelah, will distribute food to 100 families in Masilah, Al Mahrah. Field Medical Foundation will cover food needs on the Red Sea coast as part of the food distribution around Al Mukha, while Oxfam has already distributed cash-for-food to cover the month of April in Ma’afar IDP sites. In Al Dale’e, FSAC is working with ADRA to assess and verify needs and to respond.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH): In Aden, UNICEF, through Taybah Foundation, is desludging water from IDP sites in the Sha’ab, Dar Sa’ad, Bureiqah and Bir Fadhel areas. In parallel, CARE is desludging septic tanks at the Ammar Bin Yasser site in Dar Saad. In addition, NRC distributed 100 hygiene kits and concluded a WASH assessment for affected local communities in Al Mualla District, where a minor rehabilitation of the water system is planned. In all districts of Aden City, the Local Water and Sanitation Corporation is desludging water where needed, and UNOPS has provided four trucks from the Urban Unit to support the operation. On 26 March, the water situation was assessed as having generally improved across the governorate. In Hadramaut, the WASH Cluster is starting registration for a hygiene kit distribution for 235 IDPs families in Al Abr. In Lahj, NRC and IOM concluded an assessment of desludging needs in Tuban District and will respond. NRC started desludging stagnant water from refuse pits in the Mshqafa site, which were severely damaged. Response is ongoing at the Al Garad, Al Rebat and As Saber sites, where IOM will distribute 966 basic hygiene kits on 30 March. WASH needs are being covered by IOM, INTERSOS and NRC in the four sites of Ma’afar district in Taizz.

CCCM/Shelter/NFIs: In Aden, KSrelief is distributing shelter and NFIs to 460 families. UNHCR, will cover any unmet needs through a partner. IOM will target 58 families with NFIs, shelter kits and plastic sheets in southern Taizz through DEEM. Overall, IOM made a total of 900 Emergency Shelter Kits (ESKs) available for distribution also in Aden, to be adjusted when final needs figures are confirmed by ACTED. In Lahj, Al Tawasol Foundation provided NFI kits to 300 families. In addition, the local NGO, NMO, is currently assessing shelter and NFI needs in Abyan, where UNHCR is prepared to support with up to 418 NFI kits. In Al Mukha, local NGOs Al Hikma and Tawasol are ready to provide NFI and shelter distributions to 270 families. Finally, in Al Dhale’e, IOM through its partner Diversity, distributed ESKs to 292 families and NFIs for 205 families between 25 and 27 March.

Protection: Through ongoing protection monitoring activities, Protection Cluster partners identified IDPs and members of the host community in Aden, Lahj, Al Dhale’e, Abyan, Hadramaut, and on the west coast who are facing protection risks as a result of the floods. Protection partners will support identified individuals as part of the protection response and risk mitigation measures. In Aden, NRC will provide Emergency Cash Assistance to 50 identified households including, IDP and host community families in Al Mualla where shelters and homes of half the 50 families were destroyed.