

SITUATION OVERVIEW



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Rains intensified in recent weeks across the country, leading to a sharp increase in the number of families affected by flash floods and damage to shelter and infrastructure, including water networks. While most western governorates were affected by the heavy rains, Al Hudaydah and Al Mahwit have suffered the most damage – particularly in Az Zaydiyah, Al Hali, Al Khawkhah and Al Qanawis districts in Al Hudaydah and Milhan District in Al Mahwit. IDPs and host communities in these areas saw their shelters, houses, livestock and livelihoods washed away in the floods. Overall, IDP sites have been most impacted, forcing many to seek shelter in public buildings, including schools, or with relatives. In Sana'a Governorate, heavy rains and floods damaged shelters in IDP sites in Hamdan and Bani Hushaysh districts. Several IDP sites in Al Jawf, Al Mahwit, Amran, Dhamar, Ibb, Hajjah, Al Hudaydah and Taizz governorates also suffered damage. Flash floods were reported within the Red Sea Coast area and Taizz Governorate. Partners are carrying out assessments to determine overall needs and targeted response to affected families.

NAMCHA appealed to the humanitarian community for assistance to 1,400 IDPs families affected by the floods and in need of urgent assistance.

In some areas, floodwaters polluted safe drinking water sources and caused significant damage to the water networks resulting in an increased need for water trucking assistance as well as chlorine tablets and water containers. Overflowing wastewater and stagnant water will also increase the risk of waterborne or vector-borne diseases in these areas, including cholera.

Areas prioritized for assistance included: in Al Hudaydah Governorate: Al Qanawis District and all its surrounding villages (11 areas), Az Zaydiyah District and all its surrounding villages (8 areas), Alluheyah District and all IDP sites. In Sana'a Governorate, most urgent needs areas included Dharwan, Alraqahand Al Azraqeen IDP sites in Hamdan District, and Al Etizaz Muhamasheen site in Bani Hushaysh District. In Al Mahwit Governorate, Milhan District was severely affected with several houses collapsed in Mahal Al Ghayl, As Surur village in Bani Wahb sub-district, causing the death of at least three people. In addition, many houses were damaged in the following villages: Ad Dafnah, Al Faqih, Ar Rawdah, Al Qasabah, Al Qarah, Al Mandhar, and Al Masbaqah.

Throughout the Eid Al Adha holiday, partners continued to conduct assessments and to provide emergency humanitarian assistance to flood-affected populations, as outlined below. With more rain forecast for the coming days and school starting in a few weeks, humanitarian partners remain on the alert.

OPERATIONAL UPDATE

AL HUDAYDAH

- On 20 August, WFP will begin distributing food to 7,992 households (HHs) affected by flood in the governorate.
- In Al Hali District, the WASH cluster through the Local Water and Sanitation Corporation (LWSC) discharged all cumulated rainwater from different locations in Hudaydah City (Sana'a street, Almena street, Jolat Alsa'ah, 60 street, 40 street, Alhay Altegari, and Harat Alyemen). LWSC is still working in Alzafaran area. SCI completed NFIs and hygiene kits distribution to 254 families, WFP to cover food needs.
- In Az Zaydiyah District, an estimated 457 families were affected by the floods. Many of them are IDPs who have been already displaced multiple times and are living in sub-standard shelters scattered around the city. Eighty-five households are currently housed in a local school. Water trucking, food and multi-purpose cash assistance (MCPA) distribution will start on 20 August while hygiene, NFI and shelter kits distribution is on-going. The General Health Office (GHO) deployed three ambulances from Al Hudaydah to Az Zaydiah District to ensure the quick transport of patients requiring emergency treatment.
- In Az Zuhra District, NRC distributed 140 RRM kits to affected families. SCI will start a rapid need assessment and then start distributing hygiene kits. Health Cluster reported that ACF would support three additional health facilities with medicines in Az Zuhrah District, in addition to the six HFs which are currently supported by ACF.
- In Al Hawak District, an estimated 180 families are in need. UNICEF through Local Water and Sanitation Corporation is working on discharging cumulated rainwater from Alshohada and Alrabasah area. Once water is dislodged, SCI will conduct a rapid needs assessment, and then carry out an NFI and hygiene kits distribution.
- In Alluheyah District, Islamic Relief started rapid needs assessments. Some 120 families have been verified. CARE will start multi-purpose cash assistance while WFP will cover the food needs. IOM secured shelter kits for distribution next week.
- In Al Qanawis District, an estimated 955 families are in need of assistance. IOM conducted an assessment and started distributing shelter/NFI kits. The distribution is expected to be completed by 20 August. An additional pipeline of 2,000 kits was secured by IOM to respond to needs in Al Hudaydah and Hajjah governorates.
- In Bajil District, CARE finished assessing 252 families affected by flood and is planning to distribute NFIs and cash assistance while WFP will cover food needs. IOM secured shelter kits for distribution next week.
- In Al Khawkhah District, the Executive Unit for IDPs reported that 750 families suffered total shelter damage and 1,869 families suffered partial damage. A rapid needs assessment found damage to the pits of the latrines, most of them being filled up or with the cover slab being washed away or damaged. Partners secured chlorinated water supply, including regular water trucking, and provided food baskets, tents, NFIs, hygiene kits and ESKs.



7,922

Households targeted
for food aid

AL MAHWIT

- In Al Mahwit Governorate, 406 families in Milhan District have been affected by heavy rain and floods. Partners provided affected families multi-purpose cash assistance, tents, NFIs and food.
- Three people died and seven went missing following the collapse of a house in As Surur village in Bani Wahb sub-district. Several houses were damaged due to the failure of dams and water control structures in the villages of Ad Dafnah, Al Faqih, Ar Rawdah, Al Qasabah, Al Qarah, Al Mandhar, and Al Masbaqah.



406

Families in Milhan District
have been affected

SANA'A

- In Hamdan District, partners provided 233 families living in Alraqah IDP site and 163 families in Dharwan IDP site with shelter, food and WASH assistance, including backfilling swamps; dislodging of overflowing cesspits; chlorination of the water network and water trucks; and hygiene promotion activities.
- Partners also provided the same to 70 families living in Al Etizaz Muhamasheen site in Bani Hushaysh District.



466

Families in Hamdan and Bani Hushaysh districts have been affected

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