



The impact of cyclones Chapala and Megh

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Key messages

- Latest updates from Socotra Island are that no more casualties have been reported, with the total number of people killed by the two cyclones still 26 in all affected areas of Yemen.
- Reports from local NGOs suggest that there are over 6,400 non-displaced affected families in Shabwah and Habramaut, in addition to over 1,500 displaced families.
- The humanitarian response continues to scale up. Additional food, tents and blankets have arrived in Socotra and the UN and its partners continue to distribute food, safe water, non-food items and tents in Hadramaut, Shabwah and Abyan.

Situation Overview

The area of tropical low pressure, making its way to the Arabian Sea, still does not seem to be forming into a tropical storm for the moment.

Latest updates from Socotra Island, suggest that no more casualties have been reported, with the total number of people killed by the two cyclones still 26 in all affected areas of Yemen. Local authorities in Socotra are concluding an assessment on humanitarian needs and infrastructural damages on the island, including houses, which should be ready in the coming days to inform response and recovery efforts. Based on existing information, the priorities continue to be food, fuel, non-food items (NFIs), tents and medical supplies.

Reports from a coalition of local non-governmental organizations (NGOs) highlight continuing needs among the affected population in Shabwah. In the village of Jilaa, 250 houses were damaged, with 212 families subsequently displaced and now staying with friends, relatives and in public buildings in various villages in Rodum district. In Beir Ali, 41 houses were destroyed and over 400 families displaced, the majority of whom are in the districts of Mayfah (292) and Rodum (81). In addition, there are an estimated 1,430 non-displaced affected families in Rodum district, most of whom are in need of tents, mattresses, blankets, cooking materials and food.

In Hadramaut, the coalition of local NGOs reports that there are over 5,000 affected, non-displaced families. This includes 2,324 families in Al Mukalla, 2,200 in Buroum, 326 in Al Hami, 157 in Al Rayda Wa Qusaier

and 53 in Al Dis Sharqiah. They also report 900 displaced families, the majority of whom are in Buroum (736) and Al Mukalla (240). Of these, approximately 150 families are sheltering in schools.

Humanitarian Response

In Socotra, two planes were sent yesterday by the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Centre (KSC), carrying 24 MT of supplies, including 7,000 food parcels, 100 tents and 300 blankets. These were distributed to affected communities in the vicinity of the airport. Efforts are underway to create a pathway that would facilitate the offloading of 700 metric tons (MT) of relief supplies from the United Arab Emirates ship, which has been unable to berth due to damages at the port.

The KSC have announced plans to send an additional three planes with supplies to Socotra Island next week and the UN and its partners are still making arrangements to send two airplanes, one from Djibouti and another from Nairobi, carrying 6.6 MT of medical supplies and 48 MT of NFIs. As a prevention measure for malaria and dengue fever, the Ministry of Health, with support from the UN and other health partners, will distribute 20,000 insecticide treated mosquito nets next week.

WFP and its implementing partners continue to distribute high energy biscuits, targeting some 25,000 people affected by the cyclone in Shabwah and Hadramaut. As of 11 November, 8,309 people had received the high energy biscuits, including 3,259 people in Al Mukalla, 2,250 in Buroum, 2,000 in Rodum and 800 in Ghail Bawazer. An additional 400 food parcels were sent to Al Mukalla yesterday by an international humanitarian organization, with 200 food parcels leaving Aden to Shabwah today. These will feed 600 families (4,200 individuals) for up to two weeks.

On 10 November, UNHCR and its implementing partner distributed 663 NFI kits and 112 tents in Mayfaa Hajir and Buroum of Shabwah, reaching 3,150 people, some of whom are sheltering in collective centres or are staying out in the open. In addition, 840 NFI kits were distributed to 4,431 people in Hadramaut, mostly in Azzan, Jilaa, Al Sabaeen and Al Hafa. KSC have also sent a convoy of trucks carrying 128 MT of relief supplies, mainly tents and blankets to Al Mukalla, Shabwah and Al Maharah.

IOM continued to provide daily water trucking in Shabwah and Abyan to 1,257 families (8,800 individuals) in Mayfaa and 32 families (224 individuals) in Zinjibar. UNICEF trucks carrying over 27 MT of hygiene kits are expected to arrive in Hadramaut today for distribution by national partners.

The 17 UNHCR, IOM, and UNICEF trucks transporting over 53 MT of NFIs and hygiene kits from Aden to Al Mukalla are still held up in the vicinity of Ahwar and Shoqrah in Abyan. The roads are currently impassable and the transporters are working to transfer the goods to smaller vehicles in order to access alternative routes to Al Mukalla. The eight UNHCR and WHO trucks in Sana'a are yet to receive security clearance from the local authorities in Sana'a to be able to depart with almost 200 MT of NFIs and medical supplies.

The next Flash Update will be issued on Monday, 16 November 2015.



WFP distribution of high energy biscuits

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