

Yemen: Flash Floods Update Cluster Sitrep 1: 7 August 2016

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5,501 HHs
Affected

7 Governorates
Affected

1,386 HHs
Assisted

1,403 HHs
Targeted

Situation Overview

Heavy rains have swept across several governorates since late July till date which have led to severe flooding and landslides. Houses have been destroyed and families displaced.

Damages Caused by the Recent Flash Floods:



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HAJJAH:

- In Abs district, Al Amal identified at least 2,140 households in need of NFIs and/or shelter assistance: 946 HHs are in need of both NFIs and Emergency Shelters (ES) and 1,194 HHs are in need of NFIs only who are either hosted by relatives/friends or living in temporary shelters.
- Joint UN mission comprised of UNHCR, OCHA, WFP and UNICEF visited three villages in Abs district to access damages and meet humanitarian actors in the area.

AL HUDAYDAH:

- On August 6, the Executive Unit (ExU) reported that the floods has affected Al Qanawis district.

AMRAN:

- The floods mainly hit three districts of Amran, Jabal Iyal Yazid and Iyal Surayh. Several houses were reportedly destroyed and tens of families have been displaced.
- 55 families from the Muhamasheen community have been displaced in Raydah district and hosted at nearby school.
- In Amran district, at least 21 houses have been damaged (13 totally destroyed and 8 partially damaged).

AMANAT AL ASIMAH:

- In Bani Al Harith district, Yemen Red Crescent Society (YRCS) reported that at least 195 households in Bani Hawat area have been affected by the recent flash floods. The families are in need for NFIs, food, clothes and water tanks.

MARIB:

- In Sirwah district, Marib Dam Foundation (MDF) reported that about 1,500 households have been displaced in Dhanah valley areas due to the recent floods. MDF found that the emergency shelters which had been provided by UNHCR in April 2016 as well as the makeshift shelters have been destroyed and the livestock drowned. There is an urgent need for emergency shelter, mosquito nets and NFIs.

SA'ADA:

- On August 3, local authorities reported that the governorate has been affected by floods but no specific information on affected areas and number of victims has been received.

AL JAWF:

- On August 5, Sama Al Yemen reported that floods have affected ten districts. The needs assessment conducted by Sama Al Yemen revealed that 1,572 households are in need of NFIs and ES. The affected households are mostly Bedouins and Muhamasheen community who are in an urgent need of shelter, NFIs and food. Other damages including wells and agricultural fields were also reported.
- In Bart Al Anan, IOM reported that at least seven houses were destroyed in Al Rohob village and 50 individuals were displaced to other neighboring villages. Also, agricultural equipment, lands, water pumps, and wells were damaged. The preliminary assessment done by WHO shows that there are massive damages to houses and wells in two villages due to the recent floods.

Response & Coordination

HAJJAH:

- Oxfam has distributed shelter items to 1,100 households in Abs district. UNHCR is planning to assist 239 HHs with ES and 239 HHs with NFIs and Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) will assist 124 HH with NFIs in Abs district. Other agencies including Save the Children and International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) expressed their interests in providing NFIs but further details are yet to be confirmed.
- The ExU is planning to assess damages in Aslem, Hayran, Khayran Al Muharraq and Mustaba districts. UNHCR and partner Al Amal will continue a Shelter/NFIs focused needs assessment in Abs district and share the report with all relevant parties.

AMRAN:

- In Amran district, YRCS distributed NFIs to 18 households who are sheltered in Al-Tabeeb School on August 1 and to 21 households in Al Janat area on August 5. On August 6, YRCS and DRC along with ExU have conducted needs assessment in Al Janat area and Amran city through which additional 52 families were identified in need of NFIs and UNHCR and YRCS are planning to distribute NFIs on August 7.
- A joint assessment team led by ExU and participated by CARE, WFP, YRC, DRC, IR, NFDHR and NRC was formed to undertake assessments in the affected areas in the governorate.

AL HUDAYDAH:

- UNHCR and Al Amal have started a needs assessment in Al Qanawis district on August 7.

AMANAT AL ASIMAH:

- YRCS distributed NFIs to 195 households in Bani Al Harith district.
- UNHCR and ADRA are planning to distribute 1,000 NFIs and 40 ES this week to those affected by floods in Amanat Al Asimah and Sana'a.

MARIB:

- MDF has completed a needs assessment in the areas of Alsawabain, Alrawadhah, Dhanah valley in Sirwah district on August 6 to assess the overall situation of the affected families and identify major needs.

SA'ADA:

- UNHCR is on standby to release NFIs and ES to response to immediate needs in Sa'ada.

Challenges

- Overall, the cluster remains only 7% funded till date which impacts the cluster capacity to respond.
- There is no contingency stock of relief items at this stage for unforeseen emergencies.
- UNHCR, the lead agency for the Shelter / NFI / CCCM Cluster is currently facing some restrictions on movements which might hinder timely response.

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