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The Situation

Heavy rains that started on 26 April 2005 have provoked floods in the Republic of Yemen, Hodeidah Governorate, al Zuhrah District. According to information received from the Yemen Red Crescent Society Hodeidah branch, the villages of Waslia, Dir al Adhabi, Mahal Dirwish, Byout Ghazatain, and al Halfaia were among the most affected. While there have been no deaths or injuries reported, assessments indicate the following material damage and losses to housing and agricultural or farming infrastructure:

- 70 houses totally demolished.
- 30 houses partly ruined.
- 43 houses damaged (including furniture and other household items lost).
- 3 productive agricultural farms damaged.
- 6 honey production cells damaged.
- 17 cattle dead.
- 3 water wells contaminated.

Drinking water remains available and good, but food items are scarce. There is a threat of water borne diseases, including diarrhoea, cholera, and malaria. Basic relief items needed are tents (100), blankets (600), kitchen utensil sets (105), and food (various items for 105 families).

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Based on field reports received from the Hudeidah branch, on 1 May two trucks delivered the following relief materials to the affected area (to cover the immediate relief needs of 100 families):

- 90 tents.
- 400 blankets.
- 100 kitchen sets.
- 50 kerosene cookers.
- 50 kerosene lamps.
- 50 plastic 20-litre water containers.

Mattresses will also be provided (locally procured in Hudeidah). Six volunteers from the Hudeidah branch and 5 from the national society headquarters have been deployed to the affected area, accompanied by 2 drivers and 3 administrative staff. The flood situation could become more serious in the coming days due to the continuous heavy rains in the highlands, and the national society is actively monitoring the situation. Further updates will be provided shortly.

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