

YEMEN: FLOODS

16 March 1998

Information Bulletin N° 01

The Disaster

Torrential rains in the last few days in Yemen caused severe damage to property in the Tihama Valley in Al Hodeida Governorate. 15 villages were destroyed in Al-Zahra District and 7 villages in Al-Luhyah district, representing a total of 799 dwellings, according to the Official Commission dealing with the floods. Two villages are still isolated and inaccessible to rescue teams.

Red Cross/Red Crescent Action

The Yemen Red Crescent Society (YRCS) has distributed the following supplies from its emergency stocks to the most needy: 120 family tents, 120 cooking sets, 700 blankets, 25 kgs of rice and 10 kgs of sugar to 20 families. The Government of Yemen disbursed Yemeni Rials 1,000.-- and 30 kgs of wheat flour to affected families. No other agency is involved in the relief effort.

Needs

The YRCS has appealed to the Federation for the following items:

- 500 family tents
- 3,000 blankets
- Family rations for 1000 families (average 7 persons per family) for 2 months
- Clothing
- Malaria prophylaxis and anti-diarrhoea treatment
- Cash assistance of USD 5,000.-- for running costs.

The Federation will allocate US\$ 5,000 from its Disaster Relief Emergency Fund to cover the running costs. It requests National Societies to contribute to covering the other items by cash contributions or donations in kind. For further details, please contact Antoine Laham, Desk Officer, Middle East and North Africa Department, tel. no. 022/730.44.85 or Natel no. 079/217.33.16.

Ann Naef
Acting Head
Appeals & Reports Service

Jean Ayoub
Acting Director
Middle East and North Africa
Department