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The situation

Heavy rains on Monday 20 February created havoc in Ma'bar city, Dhamar governorate, 100 km south of Sana'a in Yemen. The downpour caused flash flooding which swept away houses and trapped villagers. Three deaths were confirmed, two men and one child, due to the flooding. The population of Ma'bar region is approximately 24,700 people. Two hundred and sixty five people trapped by flood waters were immediately evacuated by airlift by the government and Yemen Red Crescent staff and volunteers. The preliminary assessment report relayed by the national society assessment team showed that the flood destroyed more than 13 houses and caused partial damage for more than 47 others, and swept away livestock (goats, sheep and chicken). A vast area of fertile farming land was submerged in flood water. Damage was reported on one mosque and the hospital was flooded.

Four hundred and twenty five people (marginalized groups who do not have social network) are using a school as a temporary shelter due to unavailability of other options for sheltering. The Yemen Red Crescent staff reported that damage was reported in the surrounding areas and the numbers of people without shelter are expected to increase. Extra water tanks were installed on the roof of the school to provide water. There are also several other areas which are still isolated and flooded or covered with mud.

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People in the Ma'bar region depend heavily on the underground water and water supply network has been badly affected. The percentage of pollution in the water is 20 %. Local authorities are in contact with Yemen Red Crescent and are requesting that the National Society provide clean water to the evacuees. Food is in short supply and, especially for those who are staying at the school, who are in need of ready cooked food since they do not have cooking utensils and fuel. 1900 evacuees preferred to stay with relatives, who will also need food assistance.

The rainy season has just started and will continue at least for the next three/four months. The area is still at risk and prone to larger scale flooding over the coming days and during the season due to continuous heavy rains on the plateau of Jahran and its surrounding highlands.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action taken so far

Volunteers and staff of the national intervention team of Yemen Red Crescent mainly from Dhamar and Sanna branches were deployed to the affected area to conduct the assessment and to provide rescue,. They have also been distributing relief supplies, mainly food items, 300 blankets and mattresses which were released from the national society emergency stock.

Damage and needs assessments are continuing, in coordination with the authorities, so as to determine the additional assistance needed. The National Society set up an operations room at the Headquarters of the Dhamar branch to monitor the situation and run the operation. The Red Crescent Society of the United Arab Emirates, in collaboration with the Yemen Red Crescent, is going to distribute relief assistance for 250 families including 700 mattresses and 700 blankets. Several local and international NGOs are in contact with Yemen Red Crescent and are offering their assistance. The Regional Delegation in Amman is in constant contact with the Country Delegation in Yemen and has set up an operation room to monitor the situation and to provide support. The regional Disaster Management officer is on stand-by to travel to Yemen to support the operation if requested by the delegation and the National Society. So far the Yemen Red Crescent staff and volunteers and the delegation are coping with the situation.

The needs

Basic relief items needed:

Shelter for two hundred families consisting of 100 Tents, 1000 blankets, 1000 mattresses, and 200 kitchen utensil sets.

Relief food items: daily nutritional needs according to Sphere standards including rice, milk, sugar, Fuol (beans), cooking oil for 1000 persons (200 families). It is recommended to provide food items and supplies for 15 days.

Some medical supplies and essential drugs are also badly needed in case of water borne diseases and common colds among evacuees.

Coordination

There is a good coordination and cooperation with Unicef and WFP, Oxfam , Islamic Relief and other national and international NGOs. The local authorities called for a coordination meeting between the International NGO,s and UN agencies to assess the situation and the meeting was attended by Yemen Red Crescent representative.

Budget outline

Food items	CHF 20,000
Non food items	CHF 20,000
Medical supplies	CHF 10000
Hygiene supplies	CHF 5000
Operation support	CHF 5,000
PSR	CHF 3900
Total	CHF 63,900

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