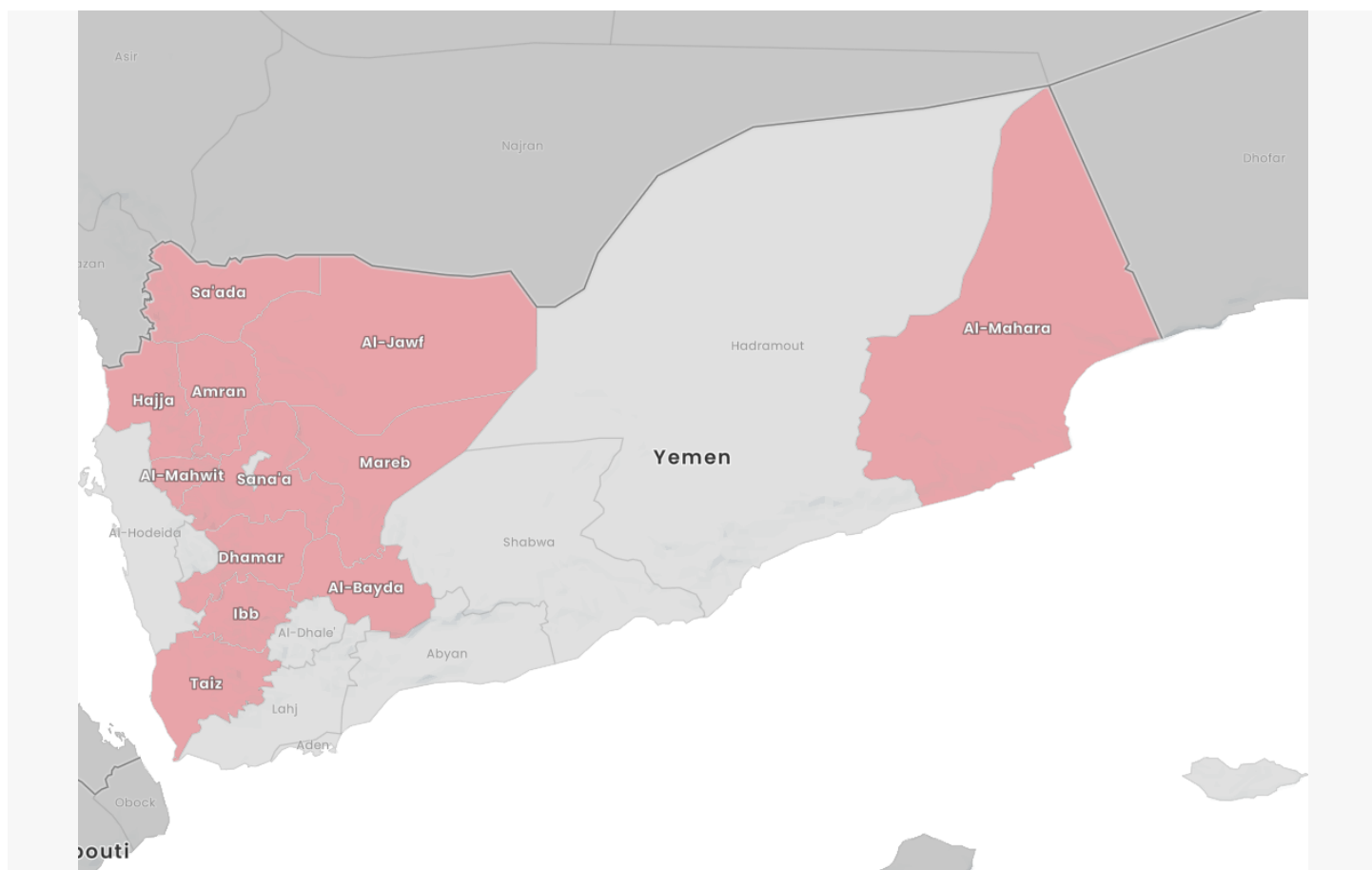




Photo credit: YRCS-Shabwa Governorate-YRCS NFIs distribution in 2023 flood affected areas under DREF response.

Appeal: MDRYE012	Total DREF Allocation: CHF 535,562	Crisis Category: Orange	Hazard: Flood
Glide Number: FL-2023-000072-YEM	People Affected: 308,000 people	People Targeted: 24,500 people	
Event Onset: Sudden	Operation Start Date: 2023-05-28	New Operational End Date: 2023-12-31	Total Operating Timeframe: 7 months
Additional Allocation Requested: -		Targeted Areas: Ibb, Al-Bayda, Taiz, Al-Jawf, Hajja, Al-Hodeida, Dhamar, Shabwa, Sa'ada, Sana'a, Mareb, Al-Mahwit, Amran	

Description of the Event



Red highlighted areas are those affected by recent floods in Yemen.

What happened, where and when?

The annual rainy season in Yemen usually begins in early April and continues until the end of September. Yemen recently witnessed heavier than usual rains of varying intensity and accompanied by lightning and thunders, which began earlier than usual this year in March 2023 and continued until end of September 2023.

Since the beginning of the rainy season, many governorates have reported heavy rains and floods across Yemen, national society and Yemen shelter cluster reports indicates that number of affected governorates were increased towards end of September 2023 and the floods have affected 21 out of 22 governorates of Yemen including Ad Dali, Aden, Al-Baydaa, Al-Hodideh, Al-Jawf, Al-Mahrah, Al-Mahwait, Amran, Dhamar, Hadramout, Hajjah, Ibb, Lahj, Marib, Raymah, Sada'ah, Sana'a city, Sana'a Governorate, Shabwah, Sacotra and Taiz governorate. The Yemen shelter/NFIs cluster reports indicate that floods have affected around 44,000 (308,000 individuals), out of which 30,000 HHs (210,000) were those in need of assistance across Yemen.



Photo credit: YRCS-Hadramout Governorate-YRCS NFIs distribution in 2023 flood affected areas under DREF response.



Photo credit: YRCS-Marib Governorate-YRCS NFIs distribution in 2023 flood affected areas under DREF response.

Scope and Scale

In 2023, different types of natural disasters have taken place including landslides, and heavy rainfall, this year's rainy season started early in March 2023 in Yemen resulting in heavy flooding.

The rain and floods in Yemen continued till September 2023 and according to Yemen National Shelter/NFIs cluster the number of households reported affected was 44,000 (308,000 individuals) and those assessed and verified reached 33,000 HHs (231,000 people). Out of the total reported 30,000 HHs required assistance, and the number of governorates affected reached 21 out of a total of 22 governorates in Yemen, and 111 districts were affected by the floods across the country. YRCS reports also indicate that the number of HHs affected reached up to 38,800 (271,600 individuals).

According to Yemen Red Crescent Society reports and data from the Branches, the heavy rains and floods resulted in the loss of livelihoods, shelter, infrastructure, lives, injuries, evictions, and destruction of infrastructure including roads and bridges, land/fields and properties in the affected areas, 59 IDPs sites, were massively affected by the floods and also as a result of floods, lightning and thunder, and rockslide 183 people were injured and 248 people have lost their lives.

Moreover, this year's rainy season has witnessed a novel pattern of heightened thunderstorm occurrences, a trend also linked to climate change. In Hajjah alone, approximately 54 civilians have tragically died from lightning strikes this season.

The flash floods are compounding the crises faced by households across Yemen. Natural disasters and environmental hazards represent a significant threat to the lives, livelihoods, and well-being of many communities across Yemen, often contributing to displacement and increased vulnerability. Additional pressure is placed on already strained infrastructure and essential services.

Summary of Changes

Are you changing the timeframe of the operation	Yes
Are you changing the operational strategy	No
Are you changing the target population of the operation	No
Are you changing the geographical location	No
Are you making changes to the budget	No
Is this a request for a second allocation	No
Has the forecasted event materialize?	No

Please explain the summary of changes and justification:

Most of the activities under the DREF MDRYE012 (Yemen Floods 2023) have been completed and YRCS have to conduct the post distribution monitoring (PDM) and also a lesson learned workshop. As the PDM data collection and data entry is important and it will take some extra time, therefore based on the discussion with YRCS to ensure to conduct quality PDMs and also to have proper lesson learned workshop we are requesting to have a one month no cost extension for the DREF MDRYE012 from 30th November 2023 to 31st Dec 2023.

Please note that, this will be a no cost extension, only the timeframe of the operation will be extended from 30th November 2023 to 31st Dec 2023 and there will be no impact on the budget and activities etc. they will remain the same.

Current National Society Actions

<p>Water, Sanitation And Hygiene</p>	<p>YRCS has distributed 9,135 Hygiene kits in 9,135 floods affected HHs including Hygiene supplies and buckets etc. in the 20 targeted flood-affected governorates including Ad Dali, Aden, Al-Baydaa, Al-Hodideh, Al-Jawf, Al-Mahrah, Al-Mahwait, Amran, Dhamar, Hadramout, Hajjah, Ibb, Lahj, Marib, Raymah, Sada'ah, Sana'a city, Sana'a Governorate, Shabwah and Taiz governorate.</p> <p>In addition, in areas targeted under DREF, YRCS has conducted Hygiene promotion campaigns and distributed IEC material. YRCS-trained volunteers have conducted hygiene promotion sessions at the time of distribution to educate people on use of the hygiene items, personal hygiene, safe water chain, food hygiene, and safe excreta disposal to reduce public health risks in the targeted population. Also set of IEC materials (3 posters each) containing key hygiene messages related to the importance of hand washing, hand washing at critical times, safe water chain and food hygiene were distributed in the targeted HHs. Overall, 2,610 HHs were reached through hygiene promotion campaigns.</p>
<p>Activation Of Contingency Plans</p>	<p>YRCS has activated its contingency plan to respond immediately to urgent and high-priority needs by mobilizing the pre-positioned stocks including NFIs, Hygiene kits, food parcels, and emergency shelter kits, and mobilized the trained volunteers who have conducted rapid needs assessment in affected areas.</p>
<p>Assessment</p>	<p>YRCS has conducted a rapid assessment in the flood-affected areas in collaboration with local authorities and relevant clusters (Shelter/NFIS, CCCM) to understand the urgent needs and the impact of the floods, based on which the YRCS response to the floods in affected areas was designed and implemented by the national society. Also, have carried out the verification of the population affected by the floods and the list of population provided by the local authorities and relevant clusters.</p>
<p>Coordination</p>	<p>Since the start of the disaster and throughout the response, YRCS has been coordinating with RCRC movement partners in Yemen including IFRC, ICRC, GRC, DRC, NRC, QRCS, also with UNOCHA, shelter/NFI cluster, CCCM cluster, RRM partners operating in the affected areas, local authorities e.g. Civil defense and metrology department, SCMCHA in the north of Yemen and IDPs executive unit in the south of Yemen and have executed the emergency response in coordination with the stakeholders engaged in the emergency response.</p>
<p>National Society EOC</p>	<p>Since the start of the rainy season, YRCS Emergency Operation Center (EOC) has been monitoring the situation, weather forecasts, and alerts from the Branches and has coordinated regularly with the Yemen Metrology Department to get information on the weather forecasts and early warnings. The EOC officer in the YRCS HQ in Sana'a has been regularly sharing the alerts with the disaster management team of YRCS, YRCS management, IFRC, ICRC and PNSs, also with the Yemen metrology department and Yemen shelter/NFIs cluster as per their request.</p>
<p>National Society Readiness</p>	<p>Mobilized the prepositioned items and deployed them to the warehouses in the Branches at high risk, activated the emergency response SOPs, and mobilized the</p>

	trained volunteers and staff.
Shelter, Housing And Settlements	YRCS has distributed 9,135 NFI kits in 9,135 floods affected HHs including Blankets, Mattresses, Kitchen sets in the 20 targeted flood-affected governorates including Ad Dali, Aden, Al-Baydaa, Al-Hodideh, Al-Jawf, Al-Mahrah, Al-Mahwait, Amran, Dhamar, Hadramout, Hajjah, Ibb, Lahj, Marib, Raymah, Sada'ah, Sana'a city, Sana'a Governorate, Shabwah and Taiz governorate.

IFRC Network Actions Related To The Current Event

Secretariat	As part of the preparedness for the disaster/Floods IFRC Delegation in Yemen supported YRCS in Contingency planning, and transportation of items to the Branches, also provided BDRT training to emergency response teams in 8 governorates including Sana'a Alamanah, Sana'a Governorate, Hodeidah, Hajjah, Ibb, Hadramout, Mareb, and Al Dale. IFRC supported and still providing the required support to YRCS in cluster coordination, and provided/providing technical support to YRCS in designing and planning the emergency response activities and resource mobilization. In addition, IFRC has supported YRCS in internal coordination, DREF application and process, preparing situation updates, designing post-distribution monitoring tools, conducting monitoring visits, and carrying out CEA activities, also in procurement and delivery of the NFIs and hygiene kits to the relevant branches.
Participating National Societies	PNSs support for the current 2023 floods: DRC: DRC have provided support to YRCS under the 2023 floods response with 1200 NFIs and Hygiene kits for 1200 HHs which includes the same package (Blankets, mattress, kitchen sets, Hygiene kits and buckets). GRC is supporting YRCS to procure 3000 NFIs, out of which 1700 will be used for the floods response in areas where there are gaps and remaining for the cyclone Tej response.

ICRC Actions Related To The Current Event

ICRC have supported YRCS and provided 2000 NFIs kits, 2000 Hygiene kits, 2000 Food parcels and 2000 plastic sheets in north and also for south of Yemen, 1000 NFIs kits, 1000 Hygiene kits, 1000 plastic sheets and 1500 food parcels.

Other Actors Actions Related To The Current Event

Government has requested international assistance	No
National authorities	The Yemen MET Department, have been issuing regular forecasts and alerts with the Civil defense department and also with CCCM cluster and with YRCS. National Civil Defense, in both north and south of the country have been actively engaged during the flooding and have been evacuating affected people from flood affected areas, and also conducted search and rescue operations in affected areas.
UN or other actors	According to the Yemen Shelter/NFIs cluster report for Flood mitigation and response Update, September 2023, 12,000 HHs were provided assistance by the partners in Yemen including essential household items.
Are there major coordination mechanism in place?	

- HCT (Humanitarian Country Team), IFRC and YRCS are part of HCT as an observer.
- Shelter cluster SAG (Strategic Advisory Group), YRCS is part of Yemen shelter/NFIs cluster SAG.
- National shelter cluster member as well as in the hubs level.
- National Protection cluster member as well as in the hubs level.
- National CCCM cluster member as well as in the hubs level.
- National Health cluster member as well as in the hubs level.
- National Food cluster member as well as in the hubs level.
- National WASH cluster member.
- CWG Member (Cash working group).
- Flood emergency cell.
- YRCS is Co-chair for the flood's response for Yemen under the national shelter/NFI cluster for Yemen.

Needs (Gaps) Identified



Water, Sanitation And Hygiene

The needs and gaps for the Hygiene items remain similar to the below shelter section.



Shelter Housing And Settlements

According to Yemen shelter/NFIs cluster Flood Mitigation and Response Update as of end of September 2023, out of 30,000 HHs those who were affected by the floods and were in need of humanitarian assistance, around 12,000 HHs were provided assistance which are around 41% of the HHs those who were in need of assistance.

Sites that experience flooding more frequently than once a year or annually require Flood mitigation measures to protect them from flooding which is not possible without good funding and resources.

Any identified gaps/limitations in the assessment

Conducting needs assessments in the north of Yemen in areas controlled by AAH remains one of the major challenge for the humanitarian actors which limits most of the humanitarian actors to rely on the secondary data.

Operational Strategy

Overall objective of the operation

This Operation aims to ensure replenishment of YRCS stocks from May 2023 and an effective, timely, and coordinated response to meet the immediate needs of 3,500 HHs that will reduce the impact of the floods on the communities in Hajja, Mareb, Al-Hodeida, Al bayda, Al jawf, Sana'a, Amran, Saada, Ibb, Taiz, Dhamar, Shabwa and Al Mahwit governorates.

Operation strategy rationale

To address the immediate needs of the flood-affected populations, this DREF will support the replenishment and Distribution/response of NFI kits including mattresses, blankets, kitchen sets, hygiene kits, and plastic buckets to reach 3,500 HHs.

The operation will focus on the following activities:

1. Replenishment of costs for the distribution, transportation etc. carried out by YRCS in May 2023 in the aftermath of the floods.
2. Replenishment of Shelter-related household items (HHIs): YRCS is focusing on the replenishment of immediate household items distributed in May 2023 to 590 most affected households by the floods including:
 - Replenishment of 2,360 blankets (4 per household)
 - Replenishment of 2,360 mattresses (4 per household)

- Replenishment of 590 kitchen sets (1 per household).

3. Replenishment of WASH-related household items: Also, in addition to the shelter items YRCS is focusing on the replenishment of 590 hygiene kits and 1,180 Plastic buckets (2 per household) distributed to the most affected households during May 2023. In addition, under the response, YRCS focused on meeting the immediate lifesaving needs of the affected population who were affected during the recent floods in April-May 2023 and have not yet received any humanitarian assistance till now.

1. Procurement and Distribution of Shelter-related household items (HHIs): YRCS is focusing on the distribution of the following immediate household items to meet the immediate needs of the 2,910 flood-affected HHs.

- Procurement and distribution of 11,640 blankets (4 per household)
- Procurement and distribution of 11,640 mattresses (4 per household)
- Replenishment of 2,910 kitchen sets (1 per household).

2. Procurement and Distribution of WASH-related household items: Also, in addition to the shelter items YRCS is focusing on the procurement and distribution of 2,910 Hygiene kits and 5,820 plastic buckets to meet the immediate WASH needs of 2,910 floods affected HHs.

Continue and conduct assessments in the flood-affected areas where assessments are not yet done.

Update on this section:

Shelter Housing And Settlements:

1-Replenishment of Shelter-related household items (HHIs):

YRCS has completed the procurement and replenishment of household items for 590 HHs as follow, and they were delivered to the YRCS warehouse in Sana'a HQ.

- Procurement/Replenishment of 2,360 blankets (4 per household)
- Procurement/Replenishment of 2,360 mattresses (4 per household)
- Procurement/Replenishment of 590 kitchen sets (1 per household).

In addition, under the response, YRCS has completed the below activities

2a-Procurement of Shelter-related household items (HHIs): YRCS has completed the procurement of 2910 household items to meet the immediate needs of the 2,910 flood-affected HHs.

- Procurement of 11,640 blankets (4 per household)
- Procurement of 11,640 mattresses (4 per household)
- Procurement of 2,910 kitchen sets (1 per household).

2b- Distribution of Shelter-related household items (HHIs): YRCS has completed the distribution of the following immediate household items to meet the immediate needs of the 2,610 flood-affected HHs in Sanaa Capital & Sana'a Governorate, Al Bayda, Al Jawf, Shabwah, Mareb, Hajjah and Dhamar governorates.

- Distribution of 10,440 blankets (4 per household)
- Distribution of 10,440 mattresses (4 per household)
- Distribution of 2,610 kitchen sets (1 per household).

The distribution of 300 HH items (1200 blankets, 1200 Mattresses, and 300 kitchen sets) is in progress in lbb governorate and will be completed before the end of November 2023.

3- Post distribution monitoring survey- This will be done only for the HHs targeted under response pillar (2,910 HHs) in the no - extension period.

Water, Sanitation And Hygiene:

1-Replenishment of WASH-related household items: Also, in addition to the shelter items YRCS has completed the replenishment of 590 hygiene kits and 1,180 Plastic buckets (2 per household) and they were delivered to YRCS warehouse in Sana'a HQ.

2a-Procurement of WASH-related household items: YRCS has completed the procurement of 2,910 Hygiene kits and 5,820 plastic buckets to meet the immediate WASH needs of 2,910 floods-affected HHs.

2b-Distribution of WASH-related household items: YRCS has completed the distribution of 2,610 Hygiene kits and 5,220 plastic buckets to meet the immediate WASH needs of 2,610 floods-affected HHs in Sanaa Capital & Sana'a Governorate, Al Bayda, Al Jawf, Shabwah, Mareb, Hajjah and Dhamar governorates.

The distribution of 300 hygiene kits is in progress in lbb governorate and will be completed before end of November 2023.

Targeting Strategy

Who will be targeted through this operation?

Under the replenishment, it will target the NFIs and Hygiene kits distributed in May 2023 in flood-affected most vulnerable populations.

This response targeted IDPs, host communities, returnees, marginalized groups, migrants/refugees affected by the recent floods

or those who are exposed to the hazards such as lack of drainage or living near the water streams. Priority was given to the HHS with persons with specific needs, including HHS with persons with disability, female-headed households, child-headed households, HHS with elderly people who have not received any support.

Explain the selection criteria for the targeted population

The following selection criteria will be used, HHS who meet 2-3 criteria out of the following criteria were prioritized for assistance. IDPs, host communities or refugees/marginalized groups who have lost the majority of their essential household items e.g NFIs including Mattress, blankets, kitchen sets, buckets, jerry cans during recent floods.

IDPs, host communities or refugees/marginalized groups who have lost most of their hygiene items and are vulnerable to disease outbreaks.

IDPs and HCs who have damaged shelters/Homes (Partially or fully damaged)

IDPs, host communities or refugees/marginalized groups living in areas exposed to moderate flooding.

Priority was given to the HHS with persons with specific needs, including HHS with persons with disability, female-headed households, child-headed households, HHS with elderly people who have not received any support.

Also YRCS volunteers explained targeting/selection criteria to the affected communities and how the HHS were selected for the assistance.

Total Targeted Population

Women	5,880	Rural	50%
Girls (under 18)	6,125	Urban	50%
Men	6,027	People with disabilities (estimated)	-
Boys (under 18)	6,468		
Total targeted population	24,500		

Risk and Security Considerations

Please indicate about potential operation risk for this operations and mitigation actions

Risk	Mitigation action
Absence of basic identification documents for some affected populations restricts their access to assistance.	A temporary self-identification mechanism can be promoted where necessary in collaboration with local authorities and relevant clusters.
Currency's inflation and USD exchange rate to local currency affecting the procurement which might lead to change in the target and operational costing.	Currency inflation and market will be monitored. Agreements will be made and Payments will be done in USD currency.
The increase of needs and Shortage of resources of other humanitarian partners due to natural disaster response is not their mandate which divert the pressure to national society..	Donors outreach will be scaled-up to advocate for additional resources to the natural disaster response.
Floods on mined areas drag the landmines to unknown areas which constrain the response.	- Map the areas and report to involved entities-Conduct Mine risk awareness as needed.

Please indicate any security and safety concerns for this operation

Currently, Yemen is neither in a war of full-scale military offensives, nor does it benefit from a formal peace. High levels of violence continue to affect communities and multiple frontlines impact significantly on the civilian population, who are struggling

with the consequences of both conflict and an ever-worsening economic situation.

The political environment of Yemen and security situation somehow changed since April 2022 after assumption of power by the Presidential Leadership Council (PLC) and announcement of the UN-brokered truce. During the 6-month period of the truce (April to October 2022), a decrease in civilian casualties and displacement was observed. Additionally, the truce made it possible to have a steady flow of fuel imports through the Hodeidah port and commercial flights through Sana'a International Airport. Victims of land mines and Explosive Remnants of War (ERW), including unexploded ordnance (UXO) however increased and remain a risk to both conflict and disaster affected population. The truce officially expired in October 2022 and was not renewed officially but unofficially continued as the flights from Sana'a airport continued even after the official expiry of the truce in October 2022. In addition, no further air strikes happened in Sana'a and north of Yemen since April 2022.

Planned Intervention



Secretariat Services

Budget: CHF 4,793

Targeted Persons: 1

Indicators

Title	Target	Actual
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National Society Strengthening

Budget: CHF 13,313

Targeted Persons: 285

Indicators

Title	Target	Actual
# of Volunteers and staff safely deployed for this emergency	285	290
# of accountability tools adopted by the NS	2	3
# of engagement exercises conducted for this operation	2	2
# of lessons learned workshop conducted	1	-

Progress Towards Outcome

National Societies have effective and motivated volunteers who are protected:

Overall, around 290 staff and volunteers were engaged in the YRCS floods emergency response, the staff and volunteers were engaged in the assessment, registration and verification of beneficiaries, distribution of NFIs, communication activities during the response and hygiene promotion campaigns. Through the DREF some of the cost related to volunteer's incentives, communication, transportation etc. was replenished and provided according to YRCS regulations.

IFRC produces high-quality research and evaluation that informs advocacy, resource mobilization and programming:

YRCS PMER team from HQ and branches have paid visit to the distribution sites, also have ensured to have complaint and feedback desks and boxes during the distribution to ensure the quality and accountability to the affected population and to have their feedback and inputs to YRCS response. The lesson learned workshop is planned and will be conducted during the no cost extension period.



Shelter Housing And Settlements

Budget: CHF 400,626

Targeted Persons: 24,500

Indicators

Title	Target	Actual
% of HHs who report that the assistance provided to them was timely, relevant, and met their relevant immediate needs	80	-
# of household items provided for settlement assistance	3,500	3,200

Progress Towards Outcome

1-Replenishment of Shelter-related household items (HHIs):

YRCS has completed the procurement and replenishment of household items for 590 HHs as following, and they were delivered to YRCS warehouse in Sana'a HQ.

- Procurement/Replenishment of 2,360 blankets (4 per household)
- Procurement/Replenishment of 2,360 mattresses (4 per household)
- Procurement/Replenishment of 590 kitchen sets (1 per household).

In addition to this under the response YRCS has completed the below activities

2a-Procurement of Shelter-related household items (HHIs): YRCS has completed the procurement of 2910 household items to meet the immediate needs of the 2,910 flood-affected HHs.

- Procurement of 11,640 blankets (4 per household)
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- Procurement of 2,910 kitchen sets (1 per household).

2b- Distribution of Shelter-related household items (HHIs): YRCS has completed the distribution of following immediate household items to meet the immediate needs of the 2,610 flood-affected HHs in Sanaa Capital & Sana'a Governorate, Al Bayda, Al Jawf, Shabwah, Mareb, Hajjah and Dhamar governorates.

- Distribution of 10,440 blankets (4 per household)
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- Distribution of 2,610 kitchen sets (1 per household).

The distribution of 300 HH items (1200 blankets, 1200 Mattresses, and 300 kitchen sets) is in progress in lbb governorate and will be completed before the end of November 2023.

3- Post-distribution monitoring survey- This will be done only for the HHs targeted under response pillar (2,910 HHs) in the no-cost extension period.



Water, Sanitation And Hygiene

Budget: CHF 116,831

Targeted Persons: 24,500

Indicators

Title	Target	Actual
% of HHs who report that the assistance provided to them was timely, relevant, and met their relevant immediate needs	80	-

# of households provided with a set of essential hygiene items and NFIs	3,500	3,200
# of HHs reached through Hygiene promotion sessions by YRCS volunteers.	2,910	2,610

Progress Towards Outcome

1-Replenishment of WASH-related household items: Also, in addition to the shelter items YRCS has completed the replenishment of 590 hygiene kits and 1,180 Plastic buckets (2 per household), and they were delivered to the YRCS warehouse in Sana'a HQ.

2a-Procurement of WASH-related household items: YRCS has completed the procurement of 2,910 Hygiene kits and 5,820 plastic buckets to meet the immediate WASH needs of 2,910 flood-affected HHs.

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The distribution of 300 hygiene kits is in progress in Ibb governorate and will be completed before the end of November 2023.

3- Hygiene promotion sessions: YRCS trained volunteers have conducted hygiene promotion sessions at the time of distribution to educate people on the use of the hygiene items, personal hygiene, safe water chain, food hygiene, and safe excreta disposal with the aim to reduce public health risks in the targeted population. Also set of IEC materials (3 posters each) containing key hygiene messages related to the importance of hand washing, hand washing at critical times, safe water chain, and food hygiene were distributed in the targeted HHs. Overall, 2,610 HHs were reached through hygiene promotion campaigns.

4- Post-distribution monitoring survey- This will be done only for the HHs targeted under the response pillar (2,910 HHs) in the no-cost extension period.

About Support Services

How many staff and volunteers will be involved in this operation. Briefly describe their role.

290 national society staff and volunteers (12 staff and 278 volunteers) were engaged in the flood response.

Also IFRC DRM and WASH coordinator from Yemen Delegation provided support to national society in coordination at national level, planning and implementation of the activities under emergency operations.

IFRC Sr. Logistic officer and Logistic assistant provided support to the national society to carry out the procurement of NFIs/relief items, also to transport these NFIs/relief items to the Branches.

If there is procurement, will it be done by National Society or IFRC?

This operation includes both replenishment and response/distribution. The logistic and procurement services in the current operation will be managed under IFRC procedures in close coordination with YRCS to ensure standards, timeliness, relevance, transparency, and accountability; where appropriate, with a strong joint monitoring mechanism of YRCS and the IFRC. The procurement of goods in this plan of action will be done in accordance with the IFRC standard procurement procedures. Technical support will be provided by the regional office as appropriate. IFRC is in final stages of signing the framework agreements for the NFIs and also for transportation.

Technical approvals for files exceeding CHF 50000 and medical procurement to be sought/received from IFRC through the support of IFRC MENA, Supply Chain Management Unit (IFRC GHS&SCM MENA) in Beirut prior placing any orders. Any additional logistics support can be made available by the IFRC GHS&SCM MENA, as per need.

Warehousing: Warehousing plays a significant role in this operation. The National Society will use its national and regional/Hubs warehouses to store items then dispatch to the branches' warehouses in advance of distribution, also in areas where YRCS has enough warehousing/storage capacities at the branch level the relief items will be stored directly in Branch level warehouses. However, in some locations, due to the distance from the branch warehouse, additional temporary warehousing may be sourced and rented to meet operational needs.

Update on this section:

IFRC Yemen Delegation logistics and DRM team in collaboration with YRCS logistics and DM team and IFRC MENA logistics team

have provided support in procurement of NFIs for 3500 HHs as per IFRC procurement regulations and also supported in transportation of these NFIs to relevant Branches.

How will this operation be monitored?

The IFRC team in Yemen delegation will continue providing YRCS with necessary monitoring and reporting support for this operation. For IFRC staff considering the ICRC security regulations Fields visits on short notices are conductible only in Sana'a for the time being, so monitoring visits will be paid to distribution planned in Sana'a and in other governorates where possible and situation allows post distribution visits will be paid to consult with beneficiaries to have their feedback on the YRCS assistance provided to these beneficiaries. YRCS DM officers in HQ and branches will pay visits to the distribution sites, also where possible YRCS PMER team will pay monitoring visits to the distribution sites and post distribution visits to consult with beneficiaries to have their feedback on the YRCS assistance provided to these beneficiaries. Where possible post distribution monitoring (PDM) surveys will be conducted. Operation Updates will be issued in case of modification of objectives, timeframe, or budget as per DREF guidelines. A participatory lesson learned workshop will be conducted at the end of the operation to review the implementation and best practices followed by YRCS in its work with the communities affected. A report will be produced for learning and improving future operations. The Regional Health, Disaster Climate and Crisis unit and Programme and Quality Assurance department will be involved in the technical aspects of the response and formulation of the reports and Ops updates.

Update on this section:

YRCS PMER team from HQ and branches have paid visits to the distribution sites, and also have ensured to have complaint and feedback desks and boxes during the distribution to ensure the quality and accountability to the affected population and to have their feedback and inputs to YRCS response. The lesson learned workshop and PDMs are planned and will be conducted during the no-cost extension period.

Please briefly explain the National Societies communication strategy for this operation

To increase the visibility of Yemen Red Crescent actions on the ground, response staff and volunteers will ensure visibility of YRCS, by wearing YRCS vests at distribution/ activities sites, as well as including visibility material/Logos etc. on distribution materials including Hygiene kits, kitchen sets etc. When and where possible, the YRCS communication focal points in branches and volunteers will take photos and videos of their activities which will be published on YRCS and IFRC social media platforms including Facebook and twitter in collaboration and under the guidance of YRCS HQ communication team.

Update on this section:

To increase the visibility of Yemen Red Crescent actions in the field, several aspects were considered, i. Volunteers and staff who were engaged in the assessment and distributions, were wearing waists and jackets with YRCS logos, ii. YRCS and IFRC logos were printed on all the boxes of NFI and Hygiene kits, iii. YRCS logos and details were included to the banners on distribution sites. In addition to this YRCS communication focal points in the branches were engaged on capturing the distribution activities in the field and have captured pictures and videos of the distribution activities. Also, some distribution activities and pictures were posted on YRCS Facebook pages.

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