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Operation Update Report

Yemen/ MENA: Floods

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DREF n° MDRYE009	GLIDE n° FF-2020-000123-YEM
Operation update n° 1; 14 December 2020	Timeframe covered by this update: May – November 2020
Operation start date: 6 May 2020	Operation timeframe: 8 months / 31 January 2021 <i>2-month extension included (from 30 November 2020)</i>
Funding requirements (CHF): 433,455	DREF amount allocated: CHF 433,455
N° of people being assisted: up to 18,200 people (approximately 2,600 HHs, increased by 100 additional HHs to original target of 2,500 HHs).	
Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners currently actively involved in the operation: Partner national societies including Danish Red Cross, German Red Cross, Norwegian Red Cross, Qatari Red Crescent, and the International Committee of the Red Cross.	
Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation: OCHA, UN agencies, local NGOs.	

Summary of major revisions made to emergency plan of action:

The DREF operation is extended by two months until 31 January 2021. All activities were completed at time of reporting except for the final delivery and inspection of non-food items procured for replenishment. With the final approval at global Committee of Contracts (COC) for the procurement provided in the last week of November, selected suppliers were immediately informed and are in the process of preparing the items for delivery, to be followed by quality inspection and final issuance of the goods received note (GRN). YRCS uses this opportunity to conduct a lessons learnt workshop and further sensitize branch staff to the DREF tool.

The timeframe extension for this operation takes into consideration the need to ensure YRCS remain prepared to respond to future disasters, recognizing the impact on COVID-19 has had on logistics. As with other operations extended exceptionally in 2020, this extension should not be viewed as precedent for future or other operations.

A. SITUATION ANALYSIS

Description of the disaster

Since April, Yemen experienced heavy rains which caused flash floods in different governorates of the country requiring immediate assistance. On 21 April, a tropical storm hit the southern coast of Yemen with highest impact in Lahj, Aden, Taiz, Ad Dali', Abyan and Hadramawt, affecting at least 150,000 people across 13 governorates, including 64,000 internally displaced people. The floods destroyed roads, bridges, and blocked access to affected areas, which resulted in temporary disruption to humanitarian activities.

The situation was further compounded by the first case of COVID-19 reported on 10 April in the country, and the flood-affected areas had witnessed increased conflict and displacement in the last three months. The floods lasted up until the end of August 2020.

Summary of current response

Since the onset of the floods, YRCS activated its emergency protocol for coordination with those branches in the most affected areas, mobilizing over 20 staff and 80 volunteers in activities including rapid assessment, First Aid, evacuation, ambulance service, and psychosocial support. With the DREF being approved, YRCS mobilized its prepositioned stocks to the governorates in need and promptly distributed NFI kits that included blankets, hygiene kits and jerry cans, to the affected populations.



Figure 1. Distributions of non-food items including blankets and hygiene kits to the affected community. Photo: YRCS

Overview of Host National Society

Yemen Red Crescent Society (YRCS) has a nationwide presence in Yemen, with 22 branches in the different governorates across the country. Health humanitarian services are a priority for YRCS including primary health care, community based health and public health in emergencies. With more than 5,000 volunteers throughout the territory, YRCS has the capacity to reach most of the territory and engage in first response actions related to the humanitarian crisis and other situations such as this outbreak.

Overview of Red Cross Red Crescent Movement

Given the ongoing conflict in the country since 2014, there is a limited but solid presence of Movement partners in Yemen. IFRC has a legal status and been present since 2003. Key areas of support from IFRC is in Disaster Management, Health, Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) and National Society Development (NSD). The IFRC country office has a multidisciplinary team of 14 members including programmes (DM, Health/WASH and Organizational Development) and support services.

The ICRC has HQ agreement with the authorities in Yemen and has presence in country since 1962. Currently Yemen is one of the ICRC's top 10 operations globally, and is engaged across different governorates, especially those in the frontline, and with focus on humanitarian interventions in health, Restoring Family Links, Economic Security, Water and Habitat, protection and dead body management.

Danish Red Cross, German Red Cross, Norwegian Red Cross and Qatar Red Crescent are present in Yemen and support YRCS bilaterally. They are specialized in health but also emergency response and contribute to the Movement emergency operation with specific resources, such as household items and shelter.

Overview of non-RCRC actors' actions in country

In coordination with OCHA, the Camp Management and Camp Coordination (CCCM) Cluster worked with the authorities to assess needs and mobilize an immediate response at IDP sites. The Shelter/Non-Food Items (NFIs), WASH, Health and Protection and Food Security and Agriculture (FSAC) clusters, are working to respond to immediate needs in all the areas affected. Partners cleared some damaged roads and conducted dewatering operations in power stations and mobilized resources to scale up the response.

YRCS is active member of the Shelter/NFIs/CCCM cluster in Yemen.

Needs analysis and scenario planning

Please refer to the original DREF plan of action for details on the needs analysis and scenario planning, available [here](#).

B. OPERATIONAL STRATEGY

Proposed strategy

Overall Operational objective:

The overall objective of this operation is to meet the immediate needs of 2,500 households (17,500 people) affected by the impact of heavy rain and floods in 3 Governorates Hajja, Lahj and Aden through the distribution of Household items which will be replenished through this DREF operation.

Please refer to the original DREF plan of action for details on the intervention strategy, available [here](#).

C. Detailed Operational Plan



Shelter

People reached: 18,200

Male: 9,282

Female: 8,918

Outcome 1: Communities in disaster and crisis affected areas restore and strengthen their safety, well-being and longer-term recovery through shelter and settlement solutions

Indicators:	Target	Actual
# of households provided with emergency shelter and settlement assistance	2,500	2,600

Output 1.1: Short- term settlement and basic items assistance is provided to affected households

Indicators:	Target	Actual
# of household items provided with settlement and basic items assistance	2,500	2,600

Progress towards outcomes

With the onset of the disaster, YRCS quickly deployed its volunteers to assess the damages and needs of the affected population, and activated the request for assistance from the DREF. With the DREF approved, the National Society quickly released emergency non-food item kits prepositioned at its branches, for distribution to the population identified that required assistance. In July, a request came from Hajja branch who had identified a gap of 100 households affected who still required assistance, and with permission from the DREF management, the operation was adjusted to cover the additional 100 NFI kits with no impact on the overall budget. In total, the items were distributed in the following governorates as follows:

Aden: 600 households
Hajja: 1,000 households
Lahj: 1,000 households

The process for procurement of the replenishment of stocks was led by IFRC and began in July with the tendering process, but has taken several months to complete due to internal processes and requirements to be fulfilled for carrying out a local procurement of this volume, including final approval up to the IFRC Secretariat level by the CoC, compounding an already challenging situation on the ground and the impact of COVID-19 on the logistics pipeline globally. As a result, an extension was requested for when it was clear the final approvals would not be granted in time for the final deliveries and quality inspections to take place, and was granted on 1 December. At the time of writing, all suppliers awarded with the tender are in the process of preparing the items for delivery to the YRCS central warehouse in Sana'a.



Figure 2. With the outbreak of COVID-19 in Yemen since April, volunteers were provided with appropriate PPE while encouraging sanitization, hygiene and physical distancing to protect both staff and volunteers as well as the community members themselves as a part of the relief distribution.

Photo: YRCS

ICRC, who are also present in the affected areas, further supported YRCS to meet the increasing needs of affected households from its stocks as well as the floods continued, complementing locations already covered by the DREF allocation.



Water, sanitation and hygiene

People reached: 18,200

Male: 9,282

Female: 8,918

Outcome 1: Immediate reduction in risk of waterborne and water related diseases in targeted communities

Indicators:	Target	Actual
# households provided with hygiene items that meet agreed standards according to specific operational and programmatic context	2,500	2,600

Output 1.1: Hygiene-related goods (NFIs) which meet Sphere standards and training on how to use those goods is provided to the target population

Indicators:	Target	Actual
# of households provided with a set of essential hygiene items	2,500	2,600

Progress towards outcomes

The hygiene kits and jerry cans provided to affected households are a part of the overall non-food items kit distributed by YRCS. Please refer to shelter section for more detailed information on the distribution and replenishment of these items.

Strengthen National Society

Outcome 1: National Society capacity building and organizational development objectives are facilitated to ensure that National Societies have the necessary legal, ethical and financial foundations, systems and structures, competences and capacities to plan and perform

Indicators:	Target	Actual
# of volunteers safely deployed for this emergency	80	80

Output 1.1: National Societies have effective and motivated volunteers who are protected

Indicators:	Target	Actual
# of volunteers equipped with PPEs for this response operation	80	80

Progress towards outcomes

All volunteers mobilized were provided with the relevant and appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) in the response to this operation.

As a part of their support to the wider response to the floods, ICRC also covered the costs of the volunteers mobilized and fuel expended in the overall relief operation of the YRCS. As such, the allocation from DREF was not required, and the unspent balance will be returned to the DREF at the end of the operating timeframe.

D. Financial Report

Please find the financial report here.

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INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT

MDRYE009 - Yemen - Floods

Operating Timeframe: 05 May 2020 to 30 Nov 2020

Selected Parameters			
Reporting Timeframe	2020/05-2020/10	Operation	MDRYE009
Budget Timeframe	2020/05-2020/11	Budget	APPROVED

Prepared on 09/Dec/2020

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

I. Summary

Opening Balance	0
Funds & Other Income	433,455
DREF Allocations	433,455
Expenditure	0
Closing Balance	433,455

II. Expenditure by area of focus / strategies for implementation

Description	Budget	Expenditure	Variance
AOF1 - Disaster risk reduction			0
AOF2 - Shelter	316,838		316,838
AOF3 - Livelihoods and basic needs			0
AOF4 - Health			0
AOF5 - Water, sanitation and hygiene	74,018		74,018
AOF6 - Protection, Gender & Inclusion			0
AOF7 - Migration			0
Area of focus Total	390,855		390,855
SFI1 - Strengthen National Societies	20,235		20,235
SFI2 - Effective international disaster management			0
SFI3 - Influence others as leading strategic partners	6,390		6,390
SFI4 - Ensure a strong IFRC	15,975		15,975
Strategy for implementation Total	42,600		42,600
Grand Total	433,455		433,455

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III. Expenditure by budget category & group

Description	Budget	Expenditure	Variance
Relief items, Construction, Supplies	325,000		325,000
Clothing & Textiles	200,000		200,000
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	42,500		42,500
Medical & First Aid	10,000		10,000
Utensils & Tools	72,500		72,500
Logistics, Transport & Storage	21,000		21,000
Distribution & Monitoring	15,000		15,000
Transport & Vehicles Costs	6,000		6,000
Personnel	50,000		50,000
International Staff	15,000		15,000
National Society Staff	15,000		15,000
Volunteers	20,000		20,000
Workshops & Training	3,000		3,000
Workshops & Training	3,000		3,000
General Expenditure	8,000		8,000
Travel	5,000		5,000
Communications	3,000		3,000
Indirect Costs	26,455		26,455
Programme & Services Support Recover	26,455		26,455
Grand Total	433,455		433,455



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Reference documents



Click here for:

- [Previous Appeals and updates](#)
- Emergency Plan of Action (EPoA)

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Save lives,
protect livelihoods,
and strengthen recovery
from disaster and crises.



Enable **healthy**
and **safe** living.



Promote social inclusion
and a culture of
non-violence and **peace.**