

Advocacy Paper: Addressing the Climate Emergency - Immediate Needs in Yemen



Family in a makeshift shelter experiencing additional flooding shocks in Abs district, Hajjah Governorate. ©Ali Hodaish RADF



42,000
Families Affected



7,889
NFI kits distributed



1,658 Emergency
Shelter kits distributed



1,121 Shelter Repair
kits/ materials
distributed



\$25M
FUNDING GAP¹
(US\$ million)

Situation Overview:

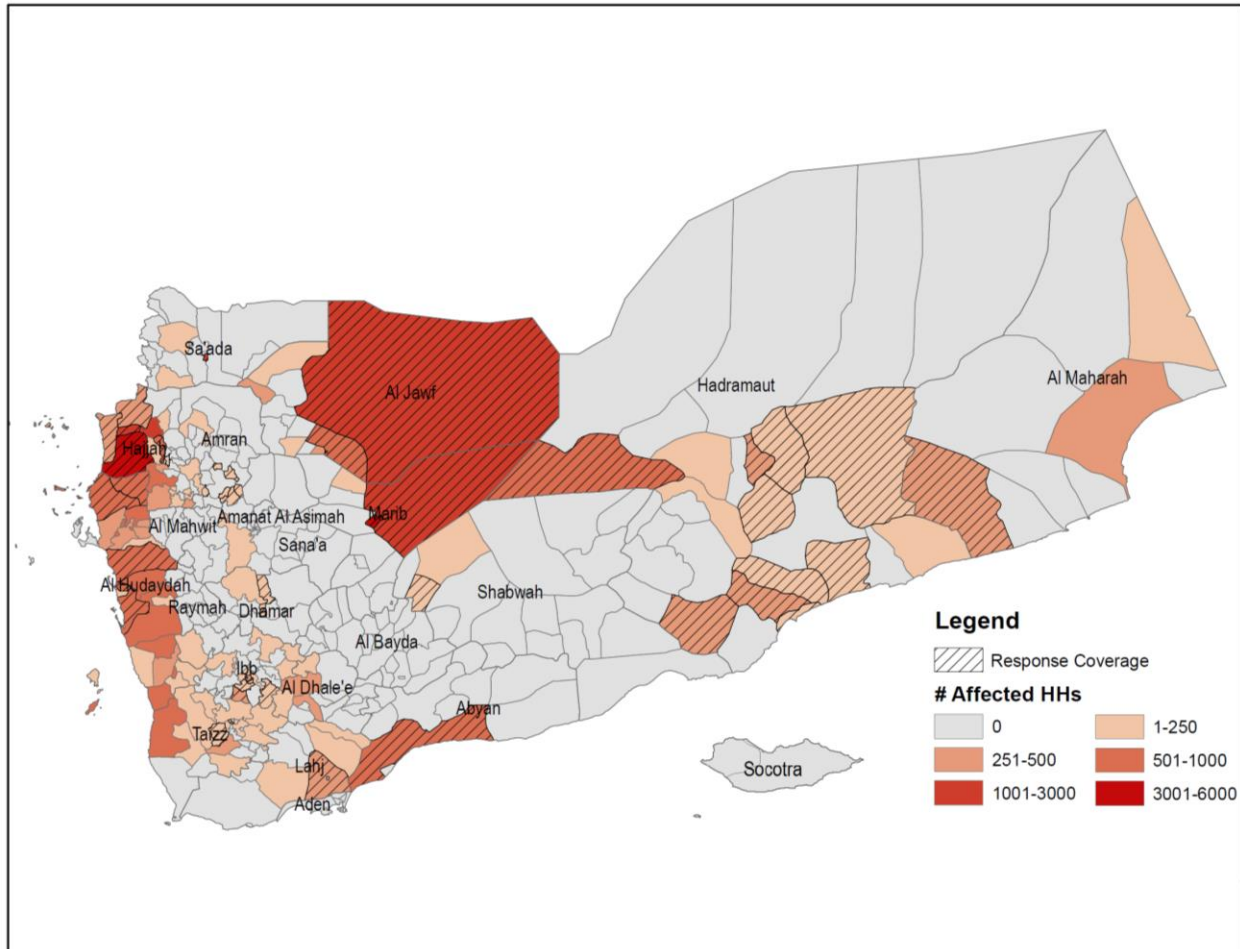
Yemen is facing a severe climate emergency, marked by catastrophic flooding that has caused widespread devastation, particularly in IDP sites and surrounding communities in Hajjah, Sa'adah, Taizz, Ibb, Al Hudaydah, Marib, Amran, Al Dhale'e, Al Jawf, Abyan, and Lahj Governorates. The flooding over the past three weeks has tragically resulted in numerous deaths and severely impacted more than 294,000² people, destroying homes, farms, and livestock and devastating livelihoods. The situation is dire, and immediate action is needed to provide lifesaving assistance to affected communities through emergency shelters and Non-Food Items (NFIs)³. The movement of landmines, road damage or blockages, and the vast number of

¹ Funding gap of the Shelter Cluster Flood Preparedness and Emergency Response Plan.

² Yemen Shelter Cluster Flood Tracking Matrix.

³ Price points: \$510 for an emergency shelter kit, \$340 for a non-food items kit, \$100 for a renewal energy kit, and \$140 for a shelter repair kit.

affected communities spread across remote areas are slowing down needs assessments and posing significant challenges to aid delivery.



Map of Communities Affected by Flooding and Response Coverage

Shelter Response:

- Immediate assistance was provided to 67,500 people across the Hajjah, Al Hudaydah, Sa'ada, Ibb, Marib, Amran, Abyan, Lahj and Al Jawf Governorates. This support includes the distribution of 7,889 NFI kits, 1,658 emergency shelter kits, and 1,121 Shelter Repair kits/ materials.
- Further distributions are planned in the affected areas as needs assessments continue to identify the specific requirements of the impacted communities.
- The current resources of the Shelter Cluster Common Pipeline and its partners are limited. They can only reach 20,000 people with NFIs⁴, leaving more than 108,000 people without shelter assistance.

⁴ The available resources include 2,904 Non-Food Item kits, 4,143 emergency shelter kits, and 1,655 shelter repair kits/plastic sheets.

Why Your Help is Crucial:

With only 15.7% of the required funding received by Shelter Cluster partners this year⁵ and the current stock level across the country, the cluster will be unable to respond to new needs expected to be identified during ongoing assessments and anticipated flooding in the coming weeks. Moreover, without further support, many families will remain vulnerable, lacking not only a roof over their heads but also essential household items necessary for daily living. These families are at risk of prolonged exposure to harsh weather conditions, which can lead to further health complications and increased vulnerability.

How We Work:

As the Shelter Cluster, we work under UNHCR's leadership alongside the CCCM and Protection Clusters to ensure a comprehensive emergency response across Yemen. This tri-cluster approach enables a coordinated and holistic response to the crisis, addressing emergency shelter and essential Non-Food Items, proper site management, and the protection of vulnerable populations. Our collective efforts involve collaboration with various humanitarian actors, effective resource mobilization, and robust advocacy for increased funding. By working together, we ensure that the most vulnerable populations receive timely and effective assistance. Highlighting the critical funding gaps and the immediate need for support is essential to securing the necessary resources to continue this lifesaving work and restore dignity to those affected by the floods. This call is for:

- **Immediate Relief:** Your donations will provide essential supplies such as emergency shelter to those in urgent need and enable replenishment of Non-Food Items.
- **Mid-term Solutions:** Contributions will also be directed toward flood mitigation measures that will support reducing the impact of flooding on affected communities, enhancing disaster preparedness, and mitigating future climate impacts.
- **Post-emergency:** Your support will enable rehabilitating and rebuilding of homes that have been damaged or destroyed. This includes providing materials and technical assistance to ensure that new structures are more resilient to future disasters.

How You Can Help:

- **Donate:** Every contribution, no matter how small, makes a significant difference. Your generosity can save lives and restore hope to affected communities. Donations can be channeled through your current partnerships with the Shelter Cluster partners.
- **Spread the Word:** Raise awareness about the current crisis in Yemen by sharing this call for help with your networks.

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⁵ Financial Tracking System – <https://fts.unocha.org/plans/1193/summary>.