

Focus group discussion

Flood mitigation in AL Hazm District of Al- Jawf

District:	AL Hazm
Area:	Hazm City
Targeted population:	IDPs, returnees and host community ,
How were the participants selected?	Field visit
Total number of participants	14
Discussion Topics	Providing services and maintaining IDPs sites(Water, Education – Health , Transitional Shelter, Shelter maintenance , NFIs , Electricity, Flood Mitigation)
General problems	Food - Shelter - Flooding on displacement sites - Education
What are the main problems facing society?	Floods flow into IDPS sites and the city of Al-Hazm district.
What are the constraints facing society?	The displaced and the community face the problem of floods flowing into the city of Al-Hazm from the western sides, where the ,floods come and sweep away shelter, food land and property. discussing with the beneficiaries about the rest of the restrictions and other needs, they answered, “There are other restrictions in accessing the transitional shelter inAL Mehzam AL Sharkee IDPs site and this problem is due to the landowners , objection to building a transitional shelter built of mud or block walls in order for us to live in the temporary shelter. when the floods, come, the shelter and food are damaged, as the floods continue for more than a week which cause loss of available food and properties.
What are the main causes of these problems and limitations?	Regarding the restrictions on providing transitional shelter, the reasons are due to the landowners not allowing the installation of .any type of transitional shelter The other problem is the lack of main channels to drain rainwater due to the lack of sufficient support from the authorities to dig the main drain for the city of Al-Hazm, which is considered one of the most important sustainable radical solutions for this problem

<p>What is required to overcome it</p>	<p>Consolidating efforts and allocating support to solve the root priority problems, such as digging a main drain for the city of Al-Hazm is better than any temporary interventions , .that disappear within short periods.</p>
<p>Has the community made any attempt to overcome these problems? If yes , what ,was the result and impact? If no impact please specify why?</p> <p>Has the community previously participated in community projects? If yes , please specify the project and impact</p>	<p>The community tried to escalate the problem to government agencies to find appropriate solutions to drain the flood water. As a result of the effects of escalating the problem, the Director of Al-Hazm District sent letters to the Governor and instructions were given to the Public Works Office to quickly intervene with what was available and possible. The Public Works and Roads Office implemented some simple interventions and erected some temporary earthen barriers. Through discussion with the engineer of the Public Works and Roads Office, he presented to us the main problem of the flood flow and determined the appropriate place to mitigate the damage of the floods by eradicating and clearing the trees in the main stream and digging a channel five kilometers long, 12 .meters wide and half a meter deep.</p> <p>Yes, the community participated in similar projects with public works and roads, but their impact was limited due to the lack of sufficient .support from the authorities.</p>
<p>How does the Flood Mitigation Intervention Project help address the problem?</p>	<p>The project seriously and radically helps in alleviating people’s suffering and reaching comprehensive radical solutions for all groups by digging a channel to reduce the flow of torrents in addition to setting up light barriers aroundAL Mehzam AL Sharqee IDPs site to protect the tents of the displace persons in the area.</p>
<p>What other organizations are available in the community?</p>	<p>Several organizations (Yemeni Red Crescent – ADRA Organization - Yemen Al Khair for Relief and Development - Mu zen Foundation) but they did not provide any intervention to mitigate the damage caused .by the floods</p>
<p>Does another organization provide additional support to the community?</p>	<p>Currently there is no additional support</p>
<p>Can other organizations provide additional support?</p>	<p>We don't know</p>

<p>Can the community contribute to the ,project? If yes , in what ways (cash, in-kind (labor?</p>	<p>Yes, the community is fully prepared to provide labor, and there is great willingness to cooperate with the Public Works and Roads Office to facilitate the work and contribute in .cash to support the project</p>
<p>How will the project outputs be maintained after completion?</p>	<p>The project to dig a canal to mitigate flood damage will be undertaken by the local authority, represented by the Public Works and Roads Office, which will follow up on the .project and improve it Regarding the shelters that will be constructed in Al Mehzam AL Sharkee IDPs site they will be maintained by the community ,committee within the displacement site which will be selected , trained and given work tools in order to maintain and strengthen .the shelters</p>
<p>How will the project be maintained after completion?</p>	<p>The project does not need to be run .</p>
<p>What are the current levels of capacity within the community?</p>	<p>Simple but they have the desire to participate .</p>
<p>Are there any age issues to consider?</p>	<p>,The project benefits all segments of society including the elderly, the disabled, people with special needs, women and children. This project will achieve appropriate protection to .mitigate the damage caused by floods</p>
<p>to consider gender issues Are there any?</p>	<p>no issues are there</p>
<p>Are there any other concerns you would like to share today?</p>	<p>nothing</p>
<p>Do you have any recommendations or possible solutions you sheets would like to offer?</p>	<p>Yes, through a field visit to Al Mehzam AL Sharkee IDPs site and sitting with the displaced people themselves and discussing other interventions other than the problem of flooding, including shelter maintenance, everyone reported, at a rate of that the best and most appropriate ,٪٩٣ solution is to intensify efforts and move towards digging a canal to mitigate the damage of floods, and that their other .problem is the loss of food when it rains Al Mehzam AL Sharkee IDPs site ground was examined and it was found that the ground is flat and does not need any excavations inside the camps. There are open spaces that come from the floods .collected through the long rains</p>

	<p>We suggest the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Constructing external earthen barriers to protect the tents and creating earthen barriers in the middle of the camp, and the accumulated water will be drained .immediately - Providing 258 plastic sheets to 129 families to cover food tightly during rain
<p>This space can be used for any additional relevant information based on the observation as well as additional notes implementing regarding the feasibility of .quick impact projects</p>	<p>A focus group discussion was held , all questions were asked and the answers were 'recorded according to the beneficiaries response</p>



Photo during the BNFs discussion



Photo inside the IDP hosting site



The locations photo of the barrier on the site



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