

## SITUATION OVERVIEW

On 20 October, a depression formed over the Southwest Arabian Sea east-southeast of Socotra in Yemen. According to the international meteorological sources, the storm intensified into an “*Extremely Severe Cyclonic Storm*” by the evening of Sunday, 22 October, before reducing to a “*Very Severe Cyclonic Storm*” on 23 October as it moved northwest towards Al Maharah Governorate of Yemen.

The eye of the cyclonic storm “Tej” made landfall on the eastern Yemeni coast overnight between 23 and 24 October, and moved towards the eastern regions of Hadramawt Governorate. As a result, Socotra and Al Maharah experienced heavy rainfalls and torrential showers, leading to multiple blocked roads in several areas.

The cyclone’s severity gradually faded with a drop in wind speed, weakening the intensity of the tropical cyclone into a “*Depression*.” The remainder of the storm moved towards the northeast regions of Hadramawt Governorate before it faded in the evening of 24 October.

## HUMANITARIAN IMPACT AND NEEDS

Partners are conducting “as-is” field observations, which are reported below. (*Figures may change given that field observations are ongoing*).

### Socotra Island

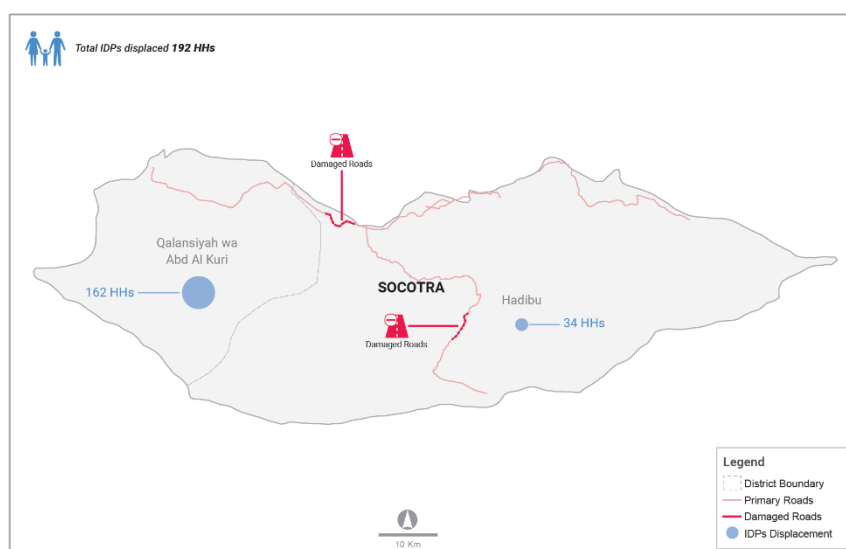
According to the emergency operations room in Socotra, over 500 houses were either fully or partially damaged, resulting in loss of personal assets for some households (HHs). According to local partners, 192 HHs were displaced, including 30 HHs in Nawjed area of Hadibu District, and 162 HHs in Qalansiyah wa Abd Al Kuri District, in which some of the displaced individuals are residing in schools or with their relatives.

Damage from the Cyclone has resulted in road cuts in the southern part of the island. The main roads connecting the southern island to Socotra’s centre are affected, and access is limited to these areas. Information remains limited at this time, and efforts are underway by the local authorities to reach the southern areas of the island.

The General Health Office (GHO) reported two individuals with minor injuries; no deaths have been reported.

The seaport and airport in Socotra were not affected.

Priority needs among the affected households in Socotra include rapid response mechanism (RRM), emergency cash, food, non-food items (NFI), and shelter.



## Al Maharah Governorate

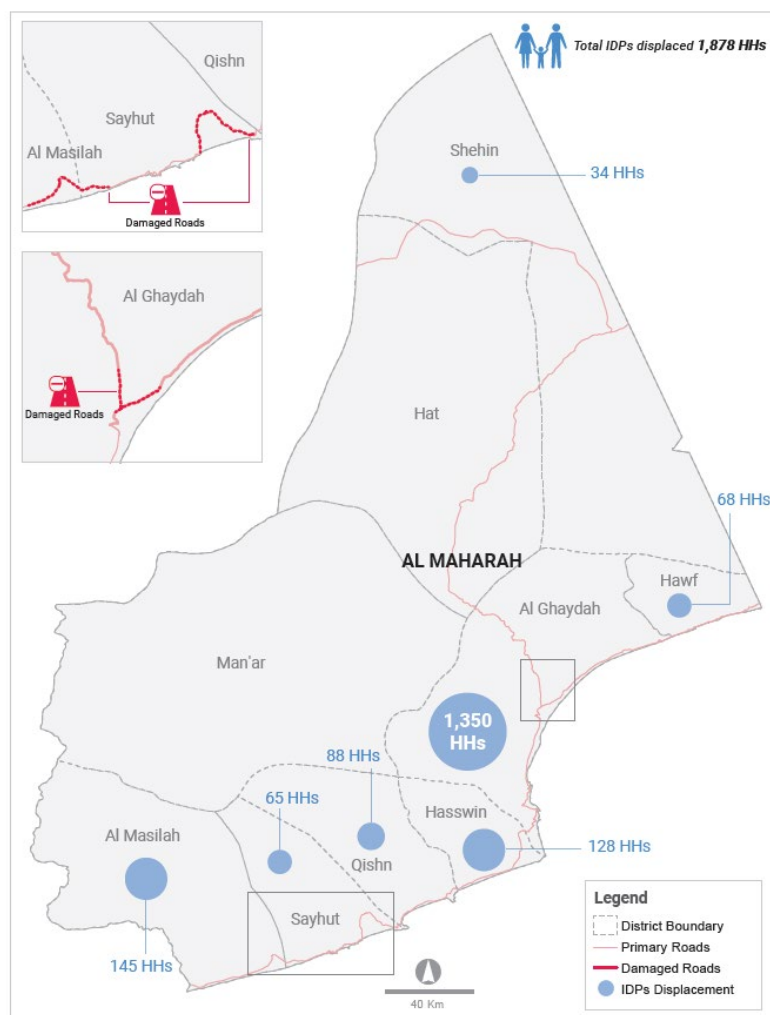
Flooding was reported in Al Ghaydah, Hasswin, Qishn, Sayhut, Al Masilah, Hawf and Shehin districts, with the sea water reaching high levels. Electricity was reportedly cut off in most districts, and telecommunications were disconnected. Electricity is still cut in some areas, and telecommunications is back in Al Ghayda.

The GHO is reporting a lack of sufficient quantities of fuel, medicines, and medical supplies and a shortage of ambulances to cover Hawf, Al-Ghaydah, Shehin, and Hasswin districts. There is a lack of response from some operating rooms, which is placing pressure on the operating room in Al-Ghaydah district. In Hasswin, two health facilities were partially damaged and one health centre was flooded and is out of service.

According to the GHO, two female fatalities have been reported in Hasswin District and 27 were injured in Al Ghaydah District. According to reports from YRCS, there are more than 150 injuries in Al Ghaydah and Hasswin districts.

According to the Executive Unit, over 1,700 displaced families are displaced. Initial figures provided by local authorities and local partners indicate displacement in the following districts among 53 shelter centres: 1,350 HHs in Al Ghaydah, 145 HHs in Al Masilah, 65 HHs in Sayhut, 88 HHs in Qishn, 128 HHs in Hasswin, 68 HHs in Hawf, and 34 HHs in Shehin. The majority of those displaced in Al Ghaydah and Hasswin are staying in schools across the two districts.

Partners are undertaking assessments to verify impact, including of reported damages of properties across the governorate.



Damage has been reported on main roads due to flooding. Road cuts are reported along the “international road” (heading to Oman and Saudi Arabia) between Al Maharah and Hadramawt governorates within Sayhut and Hasswin districts, and on the main road in Al Ghaydah district towards Hawf district. Some partners have reported that they are unable to access locations due to flooding and road cuts. RRM efforts have been hindered by the inaccessibility of the affected areas as a result of transportation obstacles and communication disruptions.

Priority needs among the affected households include road clearance and the provision of shelter, non-food items (NFIs), RRM, food, and WASH, including water desludging.

## HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

OCHA has mobilized a response and is coordinating with partners and clusters. Although humanitarian partners' presence is relatively limited, discussions are ongoing on how to best support and enhance local partner capacity in both governorates.

Local authorities in Al Maharah and Socotra have started water desludging and opening roads since Tuesday afternoon.

Ahead of the cyclone making landfall on Yemen, authorities activated their emergency operations rooms in Al Maharah, Hadramawt and Socotra governorates. As precautionary measures, schools were suspended in both governorates since 22 October and as of 24 October in Hadramawt. In Al Maharah, authorities called on citizens in coastal areas to temporarily move to the nearby shelter centers designated by the emergency committee in the governorate. In Socotra, 30 families moved inland ahead of the storm. In Hadramawt, initial reports indicate that families have been relocated to safer shelters in Ar Raydah wa Qussay'ar District.

The Overland Transport Regulatory Affairs Authority in Hadramawt Governorate issued a circular on 23 October instructing all enterprises operating heavy, medium, and light land transport to suspend all trips in anticipation of the cyclone.

### Socotra Island

- **NFI:** A partner, BHCN, is planning to distribute NFI kits based on needs.
- **Health:** WHO and UNICEF have basic medical stockpiles at health office warehouses on the island; however, there has been no reported damage at the health facilities.
- **Community messaging:** In collaboration with local authorities, local organizations, community committees, and volunteers, Humanitarian Aid for Development (HAD) increased community awareness about the importance of staying at home and how to act during the cyclone.

### Al Maharah Governorate

Partners are planning to provide assistance, including food and cash assistance, based on verification of needs. Some agencies are currently making arrangements to bring supplies from Hadramawt. Efforts are underway by the Government of Yemen to reach inaccessible households and support their evacuation.

The Yemen Red Crescent Society (YRCS) evacuated over 800 families affected by the storm and will continue to be on standby at the emergency operations centre.

- **Shelter/NFI:** BCHR provided eight HHs with tents in Al Masilah District, started distributing blankets to 300 HHs in Al Ghaydah and Hasswin, commenced NFI distribution in Al Ghaydah, and have 2,000 NFIs and tents available to cover needs in Al Maharah (and Hadramawt, if required). YRCS will distribute 1,000 NFIs, 400 hygiene kits, 600 mosquito nets, and 200 tarpaulins after initial needs assessment. Other partners are on standby.
- **Food:** Ready-made meals were provided by Qatarat Foundation for Development to 495 families displaced inside schools. YRCS will provide 300 food baskets, and BCHR has started distributing food assistance to 100 HHs in Al Ghaydah and Hasswin.
- **WASH:** Qatarat Foundation for Development will provide water trucking for people displaced to schools in Al Ghaydah and water tanks for displaced people in coordination with the Executive Unit.
- **Cash:** SELAH Foundation and other partners are planning to provide cash support for NFIs and rent. DRC is planning to distribute multi-purpose cash assistance (MPCA).
- **Health:** GHO is distributing available medicines to district health offices (DHOs), assisting in the evacuation and first aid of affected people, and following up with medical teams in the districts.
- **RRM:** At present, around 4,000 lifesaving kits have been dispatched to the affected areas to provide immediate assistance. YARD has identified a suitable warehouse for the storage of RRM lifesaving kits. Additionally, the MPCA team is on standby and ready to provide one-time cash assistance to families who will be assisted through the RRM in-kind lifesaving kit.