

Rapidly Responding to Flood Devastation in the Republic of Yemen

In October 2008, people living in the provinces of Hadramout and Al-Mahara experienced one of the worst floods to hit the Republic of Yemen in more than a decade. Dozens of people were killed, and some 25,000 were displaced from their homes.

The impact on agricultural land and people's livelihoods has been devastating. More than half a million Yemenis suffered significant loss of property or income. Livestock losses exceeded 36,000 head (camels, goats, and cows), and some 60,000 beehives producing the renowned Hadramout honey were reportedly destroyed.

Almost 13,000 acres of agricultural land were significantly damaged by soil erosion, and some 500,000 palm trees were reportedly uprooted.

Less than four months after a rapid assessment of the impact of the flood, the Board approved additional financing of \$35 million to support the rehabilitation of key infrastructure facilities in the disaster-affected areas of Hadramout and Al-Mahara, to restore access to roads, and to strengthen local capacity in disaster preparedness, mitigation, and response.