

# Update 5: Yemen - Heavy Rainfall and Flash Floods Add to Ongoing Challenges of COVID-19

- Torrential rains and flooding killed at least 16 people in northwestern Yemen in the last 48 hours
- 13 of the victims were swept away by floods in Hodeidah province, while the other three had drowned in the floods in the adjacent province of Hajjah
- Heavy rains also affected the capital Sanaa, causing floods that affected many residential areas
- The flooding damaged power lines in the southern province of Lahj
- Floods also damaged dozens of homes, roads and farms in the Hodeidah's northern districts of Luhayyah, Qanawis and Zuhrah, as well as the Hajjah's southern district of Bani Qa'is
- Yemen's civil war has caused the collapse of half of the country's health system and triggered the spread of epidemics, including Cholera
- Yemen which is also affected by COVID-19 pandemic has so far reported 1,681 cases, 797 recoveries, and 479 deaths
- However, local and international health experts believe that the actual number of COVID-19 patients is five times higher than the official figures
- Supply Wisdom is continuously monitoring the situation and will alert you to any relevant developments
- Please consult The Republic of Yemen Ministry of Public Health & Population (<http://www.moh.gov.ye/>) for the latest information on COVID-19 and Cholera in Yemen

## Source(s)

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## Targets Affected:

### Yemen

## Guidance

### *Actions to consider:*

- It is important for SW Subscribers to determine if procedures for evacuating employees to safe locations are in place, if required
- Determine if all staff and travelers in Yemen are monitoring local weather, government warnings, and updates
- Firms with operations in the region should review their measures to mitigate the risk posed by such natural calamities
- Determine if current Business Continuity Plans of third parties/captive units account for sudden shortage or unavailability of resources in the event of several team members being unable to commute to the workplace due to adverse weather conditions
- It is advised to determine if alternate power supplies and network connections are available to deal with large-scale power outages and network failures (if any)
- SW Subscribers should ensure appropriate Business Continuity Plans and Programs are activated
- Consider implementing more detailed actions related to 'Increase in Positive Cases/Deaths' under the 'COVID-19: Actions to Consider' section below / next page

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# Impact level Definitions

Impact Level	Definitions
Immediate	<b>Certain</b> - Supply Wisdom recommends considering prompt action. Examples of Immediate level alert events may include bankruptcy filings, data breaches, unexpected curfews, strikes, power black-outs, major geo-political events etc.
High	<b>Highly likely to occur in the near term (within 3 months)</b> - Supply Wisdom recommends being in a state of readiness to take quick action. Examples of High level alert events may include withdrawal of rating by ratings agencies, hostile takeover, multiple cyber-attacks, new business policies causing significant hardship etc.
Medium	<b>Likely to occur in the mid-term (within 3 to 6 months)</b> - Supply Wisdom recommends reviewing current mitigation steps and being ready to take proactive actions if and when situation deteriorates further. Examples of Medium level alert events may include unplanned C-level exits, suppliers caught in bribery cases, economy slipping into recession.
Low	<b>Possible in the long-term (after 6 months)</b> - Supply Wisdom recommends taking proactive action if situation does not resolve. Examples of Low level alert events may include lawsuits filed against suppliers, client losses, air pollution alerts issued by country's local authorities, unexpected holidays announced for the location etc.
Informational	The event is pertinent information but does not have a risk element associated with it. Examples of Info level alert events may include launch of new solutions, partnerships signed, industry outlook, positive changes in government policies, announcements regarding launch of software parks/ free trade zones/special economic zones etc.