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Disasters, Conflicts and Migration		
Natural Disasters	Yes / No	Comments / Details
Drought	Yes	1969 – 2,020,000 affected
Earthquakes	Yes	December 1982 – 401,500 affected (1,507 fatalities); November 1991 – 40,039 affected (10 fatalities)
Epidemics	Yes	September 2000 – 468 people affected (32 fatalities)
Extreme Temperatures	No	-
Flooding	Yes	June 1996 – 238,210 people affected (338 fatalities); October 2008 – 25,064 affected (90 fatalities); January 2007 – 2,000 affected (36 fatalities)
Insect Infestation	No	-
Mudslides	Yes	1 event, 65 fatalities, affected population 11.
Volcanic Eruptions	Yes	1 event, 6 fatalities, affected population: 15.
High Waves / Surges	No	-
Wildfires	No	-
High Winds	Yes	2 events, 30 fatalities, affected population: n/a
Other Comments	n/a	
Man-Made Issues		
Civil Strife	Yes	1994 - 7,000 fatalities
International Conflict	No	-
Internally Displaced Persons	Yes	April 2013 – 350,000 internally displaced persons
Refugees Present	Yes	262,700
Landmines / UXO Present	No	-
Other Comments	n/a	

For more detailed database on disasters by country, please see the Centre for Research on Epidemiology of Disasters:

[Website of Emdat - Disaster Database](#)

Calamities and Seasonal Affects

Seasonal Affects on Transport

Transport	Comments	From (month) to (month)
Primary Road Transport	There are no major seasonal affects on primary road transportation	January to December
Secondary Road Transport	Secondary roads maybe affected by flash flooding in the rainy season.	March to April
Rail Transport	There is no Rail Network in Yemen	-
Air Transport	There are no major seasonal affects	-
Waterway Transport	South coast sea ports maybe affected by monsoon season.	October to May

Seasonal Affects on Storage and Handling (economic, social, climate...)		
Activity	Comments	From <month> to <month>
Storage	There are no major seasonal affects on storage operations / facilities in Yemen	-
Handling	There are no major seasonal affects on cargo handling operations in Yemen	-
Other	n/a	n/a

Capacity and Contacts for In-Country Emergency Response

Government

National Disaster Response Structure

As a result of the disasters that have plagued Yemen over the last three decades, the strengthening and the establishment of a disaster management body is receiving greater attention from the Government of Yemen (GoY). To this end the Government took many significant steps such as:

- Enactment of the Decree No. 24 on Civil Defense (CD) on April 1997, which supports an effective disaster management. Articles under this decree outline Civil Defense procedures and the composition of the 'Supreme Council of Civil Defense' (SCCD), which is established under the chairmanship of the Minister of Interior. The temporary powers of the Civil Defense are furthermore outlined in the Decree.
- In 1997 the Council of Ministers issued decree No. 52 on forming a committee to prepare a possible approach to tackle Disaster Management.
- Following the above-mentioned decree the Minister of Planning and Development issued Decree No 123 of 7 October 1997 with the aim of forming a committee to prepare a proposal to establish an 'institute for managing natural disasters'.
- On the Government's side, Civil Defense at the Ministry of Interior is the principle government organization in charge of disaster response in the country, with the participation of other relevant parts of the government including:
 - Supreme Council for Civil Defense (SCCD)
 - Ministry of Defense
 - Ministry of Public Works & Roads
 - Ministry of Public Health & Population
 - Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation
 - Ministry of Water and Environment
 - Ministry of Information
 - Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation
 - Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor
 - GARWAP Water Authority
 - Ministry of Local Administration
 - General Authority for Survey and Land Registration
 - Civil Defense Councils/Committees at the Governorate level

Military and Civil Defense Assets

Currently military and civil defense assets are not used in relief operations due to security sensitivities; consequently there are no established humanitarian civil military coordination mechanisms in place.

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Humanitarian Community

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