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In Hadramaut Governorate there were several acres of farmland damaged by late October floods. The deputy minister of agriculture and irrigation, Ahmed al-Ashlah said " The devastation was huge. Hadramaut is now a food insecure governorate. Food security has been badly affected by the floods. Farmers depended on the produce from their land but now they will have to buy food items,".

At least 80% of farmers were affected, also hundreds of livestock were lost and farmers now have become poor. According to the Agriculture Ministry's office in Seyoun, losses in Hadramaut Valley are estimated at US\$360 million. In coastal districts, losses are estimated at \$25 million, according to the Agriculture Ministry's office in Mukalla, Hadramaut.



Affected districts in Yemen.

In Mukalla district over 250 acres of agricultural land were damaged and in coastal areas, floods swept away almost 7,000 hectares of agricultural land. All of this caused a rise in the prices which is estimated up to 80%.

The UN World Food Programme (WFP) office in Yemen is heading an operation to help 25,000 Yemenis over the next two months. They started distributing food to flood victims on 25 October. During the second week they distributed food baskets to needy families containing sugar, salt, vegetable, oil and high-energy biscuits. Till now they distributed 87 tonnes of food in around Mukalla, Tarim, Qatan and Sah districts.

The UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) said it would be setting up a nutrition programme for children in flood-affected areas of Hadramaut. Naseem Ur-Rehman, chief communications and information officer at UNICEF in Yemen, said UNICEF would conduct a nutrition assessment of affected children. About 12 percent of children are acutely malnourished in Yemen. Children are receiving what they parents or older siblings left. Source: www.irinnews.org

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This is the area which was severely affected by floods. This region has been under a state of emergency since 22 November.

Flooding and landslides triggered by heavy rain pounding southern Brazil for nearly two months have killed at least 84 people and forced more than 54,000 to flee, regional Civil Defense officials confirmed. More than 1.5 million people have been affected by the heavy rains, and eight cities in the state of Santa Catarina remained cut off by water and blocked roads, officials said. The region faces "the worst weather tragedy in history," Santa Catarina Governor Luiz Henrique da Silveira told reporters on Monday, adding that authorities did not know exactly how many people were missing. Civil Defense officials also said the death toll could rise considerably as casualty reports come in from rural areas. The death toll climbed from 67 to 84, and the number of evacuees from 52,000 to more than 54,000. "

Civil Defense officials warned of possible new landslides. More than 160,000 people were without electricity and fresh water supplies were cut to several towns. Torrential rain hitting the Brazilian state of Santa Catarina actually intensified in recent days, officials said, with a month's amount of precipitation dumped in just five hours on 23 November.

The Itajaí valley was one of the most heavily affected part of the state. The most heavily affected towns are Ilhota (population 22,000, 18 dead) and the tourist town of Blumenau (population 297,000, 20 dead) where many German immigrants settled. It is home to an annual Oktoberfest that draws up to one million people. The level of the Itajaí-Açu river that runs through Ilhota swelled 11.5 meters above normal, officials said. Boats were the only means of transport in many areas, and witnesses spoke of the bodies of dozens of drowned cows littering the road near Blumenau. Heavy flooding swept away all bridges around Blumenau.

Heavy rain also damaged one of the lines of the Brazil-Bolivia natural gas line, leaving most of Santa Catarina and the neighboring state of Rio Grande do Sul without gas. Other southern Brazilian states, principally Rio Grande do Sul and Espírito Santo were affected to a lesser extent by flooding and mudslides.



Comments: It is sad to see how bad can be the effects of floods in a society, like Yemen's case. Children eat what they parents left, this is not fair. Children should be the first ones on receiving food and other stuffs. This is how this community react to this situation. I hope things don't get worst.

"Incredible" is the only word I found to describe what is happening in Brazil. I agree with the idea that this is the the worst episode of this region. Suddenly, people were attacked by natural disasters again, they could not even take necessary tools to resist the bad effects of floods.

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