



Sitrep 23: WASH in Earthquake Response, Morocco

Reporting Period: 16/12/2023 Through 29/12/2023

Location: Morocco; Marrakech, Al Houz, Chichaoua and Taroudant

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1. Preamble / Context:

The earthquake has disrupted access and quality with regards to the water supply, sanitation and hygiene situation in the affected communities. The affected populations are displaced in tents and temporary shelters adjacent to their communities or relocated to larger camp sites further down the mountains. The Government has so far been very active in the overall response, including on shelter, distribution of needed items and WASH related activities. There has been international WASH actors with some provisional coordination. However, no official cluster has been established. From the start of the operations, the WASH teams have been active in the three main affected districts namely Al Houz, Chichaoua and Tarroudant. This is in addition to distribution of hygiene items being carried out recently in Marrakech.

2. Main tasks / activities during the reporting period:

A. Chichaoua district

Summary of activities and achievements during the reporting period:

Hardware:

- The gap witnessed during the reporting period due to lack of HP and Sanitation Engineer has resulted in limited activities during this period. This gap will be overcome with the arrival of new delegates who are expected by the end of next week.
- **Ighzran and Imi Nighzar.**
 - o 3 quotations have been received for the purchase of 15 wooden modules (LR21) in **Ighzran and Imi Nighzar.**
- **Igherman**
 - o The WaSH Officer was accompanied to **check the infiltration of external water into the latrine pits recently installed.** It was found that all the pits are percolating well, except for the 2 pits where problems have already been reported. And that could be due to the use of adjacent water point for washing clothes, a matter that is placed under surveillance and follow up.

Software:

- Introduction to **Hygiene Promotion training was carried out for 11 volunteers** who will become new Hygiene Promoters. Another training course was on Hygiene **Promotion as a Trainer** who will be able to train other volunteers.

Activities planned for the next week:

Hardware:

- The Comparative Bid Analysis (CBA) **will be held** for the choice of the supplier of the 15 wooden modules **Ighzran** and **Imi Nighzar**.
- New delegates are expected to arrive to continue the activities.

Software:

Anzefi

- Purchasing communal waste bins

B. Taroudant district

Summary of activities and achievements during the reporting period.

Hardware activities were completed in the following villages and communities:

Ayt Josef

- A coordinated focused community meeting was carried out with community mapping **to** identify where additional latrines under new funding could be best placed.

Tirzat

- Installation of first 2 latrines and 2 showers in the village
- Installation of 3 water points for each location adjacent to latrines and showers. 6 Daily workers and a supervising plumber were mobilized and worked on the installation of approximately 250m of 20mm pipe and connections to water points

Tiznirin

- Having worked as a WASH team to organize a community **meeting and mapping discussion** which resulted in community members all agreeing to share the limited latrines in a way that each area got one of the four new latrines that are planned within the forthcoming procurement.
- A meeting of community leaders and MRCs leadership resulted in a common understanding and permission was granted to build the 3 latrines and 3 showers that were delivered this week. The contractor will install these as of next Saturday.

Takoucht

- Installation of 2 new latrines and 2 new showers for newly terraced areas that people have started moving in.
- Installation of a water pipe along 55 mts. with 40mm diameter.

Software activities (Including HP activities):

Ayt Josef

- Coordinated with the Hardware Team a Focus Group Discussion with 84 women and men on participatory mapping on where the community would like the new latrines and showers to be located.
- Community transit walk exercise for observations and obtained communication channel with community to arrange date for HP activities especially once latrines are constructed to deal with open defecation and solid waste management.

Tirzat

- Coordinated with the Hardware Team a Focus Group Discussion with 16 women, 14 men and 7 children on participatory mapping on where the community would like the new latrines and showers to be located.
- Community transit walk exercise for observations and scheduled a meeting with the women for a best hygiene practice.
- Focus Group on best hygiene practices with 25 women and 6 children. Another date will be communicated with the community to arrange date of HP activities especially once latrines are constructed to deal with open defecation and solid waste management.

Tiznirin

- Coordinated with the Hardware Team to effectively achieve community consensus, a Focus Group Discussion with 17 men and talked with 15 women on participatory mapping on where the community would like the new latrines and showers to be located. The community were in agreement.
- Community transit walk exercise for observations and scheduled a meeting with the women for a best hygiene practice.
- Focus Group on best hygiene practices with 32 women and 16 children. Another date will be communicated with the school to arrange a HP activity with the school and a date of HP activities with community especially once latrines are constructed to deal with open defecation and solid waste management.

HP Capacity Building

- A day planning Hygiene Promotion activities schedule for the different villages with 7 HP volunteers. A plan for the next 2 weeks was made, a list of requirements for new HP boxes was made, Team Leader selected, communication and reporting channels established.

Activities planned for the next week:

Hardware activities:

General:

- Based on LR24, a new contract was formulated with a supplier in Agadir which enables the production of 20 modules planned to be distributed as follows:
 - **Tiznerin:** 2 showers and 6 toilets (out of which 2 for people with disabilities)

- **Tirzat:** 2 showers and 2 toilets (out of which 1 for people with disabilities)
- **Ayt Josef:** 4 showers and 4 toilets (out of which 2 for people with disabilities)

Ayt Josef

- Mobilize daily workers to dig pits for new latrines and showers
- Bring water to new locations and build new water points

Tiznirin

- The installation of 3 new latrines and 3 showers was delayed last week.
- Commence installing water points and connecting these to water source.

Tirzat

- Final inspection of latrines
- Commissioning water points and water network

Takoucht

- Construct water point for new latrine and shower location

Ayt Yahia

- Various small hardware issues need to be addressed such locks, covers and solar panels on latrine roof etc...

Software activities:

Ayt Josef

- Random survey in the community with a WASH questionnaire
- Solid waste management
- Support community set up Hygiene club

Tiznirin

- Children's HP activity
- Menstrual hygiene Focus Group Discussion (FGD)

Tirzat

- Children's HP activity
- Menstrual hygiene FGD

Takoucht

- FGD on best hygiene practices
- Menstrual hygiene FGD
- Checking incinerator use, toilet cleanliness and availability of soap in water point

Ayt Yahia

- Observations, cleanliness of toilets and feedback on toilets
- Menstrual hygiene FGD

C. Al Haouz district

Summary of activities and achievements during the reporting period:

Hardware Activities:

Hardware activities were completed in the following villages and communities:

Ait Zitoun and Idisyar

- 9 combined latrines and showers are being constructed for **Ait Zitoun** and **Idisyar**. Two toilets will be with European design (one to cover the needs of a disabled man and one to cover needs for a disabled boy). There will be **5 toilet/showers in Idisyar and 4 in Ait Zitoun**. The wooden superstructure for the latrines/showers have been delivered on site for all 9 latrines/showers.
- **One of the reservoirs have been repaired**, with a few meters of pipe, to reduce the pressure on the lowerlying waterpoints.

Software activities (Including HP activities):

Ait Zitoun and Idisyar

- 40 Soap distributed in water points: (2 soaps for each water point – 20 water points)
- 5 Big trash cans were distributed for common use as requested by the community for trash collection.
- Talks with the women in both communities about hygiene related matters such as their different hygiene daily tasks, their needs, trash management, water storage in households.
- HP Promotion and training (3 days from 27/12 to 29/12):
- Clean-up of the main river to avoid infestations and diseases.
 - Number of participants from community: 6 per day
 - Number of volunteers from MRC: 3 per day
- Talk with community about trash collection and incineration instead of throwing it in the river

Activities planned for the next week:

Hardware activities:

Ait Zitoun and Idisyar

- 5 concrete slabs to be constructed for the toilets/showers (5 remaining out of 9)
- 4 superstructures to be put in place (the 4 concrete slabs having set for one week)

Iguidi

- Training of daily workers on how to prepare the foundations of the toilets/showers
- Selecting the number of toilets/showers to be constructed as well as choosing the locations for these toilets/showers.
- Start the excavation and foundation for the toilets/showers

Software activities:

Ait Zitoun and Idisyar

- HP Promotion in Ait Zitoun and Idisyar
- Trash cans - distribution of trash cans in points missing

Iguidi

- HP Assessment in Iguidi:
 - Visit to the field Iguidi.
 - Introduction with the community and overview HP general assessment and check of HP materials needed.

3. Personnel

- Currently the WASH team is composed as follows:
 - WASH Coordinator
 - ERU Team Leader
 - Sanitation Engineer & Hygiene Promotor in each of Al HAous & Toradant Districts
 - Finance & Admin officer
 - No Sanitation Engineer or HP are currently available in Chichaoua
- 6 delegates (3 engineers, 2 HP, 1 FinAdminLog) will be arriving in Morocco by the end next week to start the last rotation of 7 weeks, these are seconded by 5 PNSes contributing financially to the ERU operation.

4. Security Situation:

- *Road access in the highest and least accessible villages in the mountain are often narrow gravel one-lane roads. Good vehicles, excellent and safe driving skills are of the utmost importance for safe access to these locations.*

5. Outstanding needs for the ERU operation:

- Offers received for the supply of Dignity Kits are being evaluated pending receipt of samples through IFRC MENA Region

6. Recommendations/Plans for the future:

7. Co-ordination with other agencies, Cluster / NGOs/ Meetings attended/ Visitors to the ERU:

WASH Coordinator representing IFRC has participated with other MRCS officers in the recruitment interview for the appointment of a WASH Officer operating under the MRCS for a period of 6 months in the districts of Marrakesh and Al Haous.

8. Images from the field



Chichaoua Hygiene Promotion



Taroudant – Ayt Josef

Community Engagement and discussion on locating latrines



Taroudant 28/12/23 Hygiene Promotion Volunteers at Ouled Berhil in a capacity building and field visits scheduling meeting



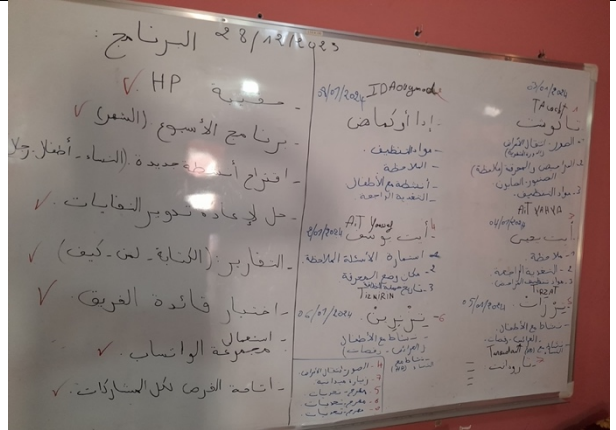
Taroudant – Tirzat – New Latrine and shower for men near the new tent mosque



Taroudant – Tirzat – Plumber making connection in the new water lines connecting to the new water points.



Al Haouz – Idisyar/Ait Zitoun
Hygiene promotion and training: clean up of the main river



Taroudant 28/12/23 Hygiene Promotion
Volunteers at Ouled Berhil in a capacity building
and field visits scheduling meeting



Taroudant –Ayt Youssef 22-12-23 Community
participatory mapping on where to locate new latrines



Taroudant –Tirzat 26-12-23 Community

participatory mapping on where to locate new latrines/showers	