

## News from Tjihza – updated Feb 2015



In August 2014 Exodus' Simon Clifford visited Tjihza, where he tried out the newly built hammam which several Exodus groups over the years had helped fund and build.

A few months after these photos were taken, over the weekend of 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> November 2014, Tjihza suffered devastating damage from violent storms not seen in decades leaving much of the village in ruins. Thankfully, the hamman remained standing, and became a temporary shelter for several local families.



Exodus' immediate response was to transfer enough funds to enable our local operator to travel out to this remote area with emergency supplies of food, tarpaulins and bedding.

We also set up an emergency appeal online, contacting as many people as we could who have visited Tjihza to let them know what had happened. Their response was incredible and by early December the amount donated had reached almost £9,000.



Some of these funds are already on their way to Morocco to kick start the rebuilding process. Twenty one of the poorest village families have been identified by the local authorities for assistance in rebuilding their homes, and at roughly £500 a family we are nearly at our target for this phase of the operation.

Thanks to all of you who have donated so far. If anyone is interested in continuing to help and you have any leftover dirhams, please send them to Kay Palmer at Exodus, or click here

<http://mydonate.bt.com/events/helpfortijhza/215457> to donate via our Charity partner, Baraka.