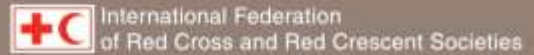


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Emergency appeal

Viet Nam: Floods



Appeal n° MDRVN014

30,775 people to be assisted

Appeal launched 17 November 2016

Glide n° [TC-2016-000111-VNM](#)

144,866 Swiss francs DREF allocated

Appeal ends 31 July 2017 (9 months)

1,405,215 Swiss francs current Appeal budget

This Emergency Appeal seeks **1.4 million Swiss francs** to enable the **International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent (IFRC)** to support the **Viet Nam Red Cross (VNRC)** to deliver assistance and support to **30,775 people for nine months**, with a focus on **water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH); shelter (including household non-food items); disaster risk reduction and National Society capacity building**. The planned response reflects the current situation and information available at this time of the evolving operation, and will be adjusted based on further developments and more detailed assessments. Details are available in the [Emergency Plan of Action \(EPoA\)](#)

The disaster and the Red Cross Red Crescent response to date

13-15 October 2016: A tropical depression and the Northeast monsoon trigger flooding in five of Viet Nam's central provinces.

16-17 October: VNRC dispatches relief items and cash worth VND 1.97 billion (85,000 Swiss francs) and deploys an assessment team to Ha Tinh and Quang Binh provinces.

18 October: 34 people are confirmed dead, 31 injured, 133,022 houses collapsed, uprooted or flooded, 2,899 hectares of rice fields are flooded and 7,661 livestock swept away.

20 October: Typhoon Sarika weakens into a tropical depression and makes landfall.

27 October: 67,466 Swiss francs is released from the IFRC's [Disaster Relief Emergency Fund \(DREF\)](#)

30 October-1 November: Another tropical storm brings further heavy rains and flooding to affected areas, claiming 15 lives and causing additional and extensive damage to infrastructure and agriculture.

15 November: A DREF top-up of 77,400 Swiss francs is approved.

17 November: The IFRC issues Emergency Appeal for 1.4 million Swiss francs to assist 30,775 people for nine months.



*Ha Tinh provincial chapter provided emergency relief items to people in affected areas in Phuong Dien, Huong Khe in October 2016
Photo credit: Ha Tinh provincial Red Cross chapter*

The operational strategy

Situation

A tropical depression and the Northeast monsoon brought heavy rainfall to five of Viet Nam's Central provinces (Nghe An, Ha Tinh, Quang Binh, Quang Tri and Thua Thien Hue) during mid-October 2016, with an average rainfall of 200-500mm recorded between 13 and 15 October. The rapid flow of rivers separated by mountains resulted in flooding in some areas, and thousands of families were isolated by the floods or evacuated. Furthermore as a result of the Ho Ho Hydropower Plant releasing water at the highest volume of 1,800m³ per second¹, a large area was submerged in deep water. The total loss and damage is estimated at VND 2.5 trillion² (approximately 107 million Swiss francs).

Another tropical storm brought about another spell of heavy rain between 30 October and 1 November which inundated thousands of houses and aggravated the humanitarian situation of many people affected by the first flood.

Needs assessment

People in the affected areas have inadequate access to basic hygiene, have limited access to safe water and nutritional food, potentially exposing them to health risks. A continued presence of basic health services during the emergency phase will provide much needed for of emerging diseases and prevent any epidemic outbreak. The majority of people in affected areas use water from wells and bore holes for domestic consumption and drinking purposes.

During the typhoon season, people have limited access to clean water due to their lack of water storage capacity. The common coping mechanism is to collect water from their neighbours who have larger water containers, or from other villages, or buy water transported from elsewhere. Furthermore, the existing latrines are in poor conditions and many household toilets have been washed away. The affected families are either sharing toilets or practicing open defecation.

At least 227 houses were destroyed and many damaged as a result of flood water. Some affected people had to seek shelter from their neighbours or move to temporary shelters and some used whatever the materials left to pitch a temporary shelter and continued to stay in the same place.

Although the number of people died or missing during the recent flood events is low, the affected communities (particularly children and families who have no means to evacuate to safer ground) who reside in flood-prone areas continue to be at-risk of future disasters.

Beneficiary selection

VNRC will ensure that interventions are aligned with its own as well as the IFRC minimum standard commitments to gender and diversity in emergency programming, for example by targeting women-headed households, pregnant or lactating women, men and boys made vulnerable by the disaster, families that have not received any or sufficient assistance from the government or other organizations, those belonging to the socially vulnerable households and those who lack relevant resources to cope with basic humanitarian needs on their own. These groups will be considered according to level of impact.

Coordination and partnerships

The Movement partners with presence in Viet Nam (ICRC and the Red Cross Societies of Australia, France, Germany, Italy, Norway, Switzerland and the United States) were updated on VNRC preparedness and response actions through regular updates shared by IFRC on behalf of VNRC. In response, the German Red Cross supported needs assessment and the deployment of a water treatment unit to Quang Binh province. A Movement coordination meeting was chaired by VNRC Vice President and Secretary General on 7 November to share further updates.

Overall objective

This operation aims to assist 30,775 people affected by the floods with appropriate immediate and medium-term assistance in a timely, effective, and efficient manner, as well as assist them to recover from the impact of the disaster and increase their resilience to future shocks.

¹ Reported on 14 October 2016 between 1830h and 2230h.

² Reported by the National Committee of Disaster Prevention.

The planned interventions will target the three worst affected provinces of Ha Tinh, Quang Binh and Quang Tri in the central region of the country with a focus on water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH); shelter (including household non-food items); disaster risk reduction and National Society capacity building.

Some of the presenting needs, particularly those related to health and WASH, will be addressed by VNRC (through domestic fundraising), and by government or other humanitarian agencies.

Proposed sectors of intervention

	Water, sanitation and hygiene
Outcome 1: The access to clean water and safe water storage of the affected families are strengthened	
Output 1.1: Up to 3,650 families are provided with options to treat their water sources	
Activities planned: • Provide Aquatabs and orientation to 3,450 families • Provide 20-litre ceramic filters to 200 families (one per family)	
Output 1.2: Up to 2,100 families are provided with water containers to ensure proper water storage	
Activities planned: • Conduct beneficiary targeting training for staff and volunteers • Procure and distribute 2,100 1.5-litre water containers to 2,100 families (one per family)	
Output 1.3: Up to 12,000 people in the affected communities are sensitized and equipped with knowledge on good hygiene practices	
Activities planned: • Produce Information Education Communication (IEC) materials (banners and posters) • Organize hygiene promotion sessions in the affected communities	

	Shelter (including Household non-food items)
Outcome 2: The immediate shelter and settlement needs of the population affected by the flood are met	
Output 2.1: Essential household items are provided to 2,100 families	
Activities planned: • Distribute 2,100 household kits	
Output 2.2: Emergency shelter assistance is provided to the target population	
Activities planned: • Distribute 600 shelter kits and orientation on the use and awareness on safe shelter awareness	
Output 2.3: The settlement needs of 227 families affected by the flood are met	
Activities planned: • Carry out in-depth needs assessment • Adapt VNRC's guidelines on flood/typhoon resilient houses • Community meeting to discuss house design and construction materials • Provide Participatory Approach for Safe Shelter Awareness (PASSA) training to 50 staff • Construction of shelters, orientation on building back safer and appropriate monitoring	



Disaster risk reduction

Outcome 3: Communities' resilience to disasters is strengthened

Output 3.1: Up to 10,000 school-going children are provided with life vests and float bags

Activities planned:

- Conduct in-depth needs assessment
- Procure and distribute 10,000 life vests and float bags alongside awareness on their use

Output 3.2: School-going children are provided with awareness on safer shelter

Activities planned:

- Carry out PASSA for Youth activities in schools targeted with life vests and float bags

Output 3.3: 60 families are equipped with boats to enable them and their neighbours to evacuate from flood areas

Activities planned:

- Conduct in-depth needs assessment
- Community meeting to discuss boat design
- Provide training to the target families on operating and maintenance of the boats
- Procure and distribute 60 boats

Output 3.4: 150 people from community disaster response team are equipped with knowledge and skills on disaster preparedness and response

Activities planned:

- Organize training on Community Action for Disaster Response in Emergency (CADRE) for 150 disaster response team members



National Society capacity building

Outcome 4: National Society and local government capacity on disaster preparedness and response is improved

Output 4.1: 100 staff from VNRC and local government are equipped with knowledge and skills on safe school

Activities planned:

- Organize training of trainers on safe school for 100 VNRC staff and local government of provinces, districts, and communes

In addition to the sectors above, the operation will be underpinned by a commitment to **quality programming** that involves:

- Continuous and detailed assessments and analysis to inform the design and ongoing implementation of the programme
- Ongoing process of adjustment based on these assessments
- The establishment of mechanisms to facilitate two-way communication with, and ensure transparency and accountability to, disaster-affected people
- Management and delivery of the programme will be informed by appropriate monitoring and evaluation.

The detail plan of action under quality programming is as follows:

Quality programming (areas common to all sectors)

Outcome 5: Continuous assessments, analysis and community feedback are used to inform the design and implementation of the operation

Output 5.1: Additional assistance is considered where appropriate and incorporated into the plan

Activities planned:

- Deploy Provincial Disaster Response Team (PDRT) for needs assessment in affected provinces

- Ensure adjustment to initial plans are informed by continuous assessment of needs and community feedback
- Deployment of Regional Disaster Response Team (RDRT) for Shelter and WASH
- Communication support to VNRC for enhancing the National Society's response actions

Output 5.2: Mechanisms are in place to facilitate two-way communication with and ensure accountability to disaster-affected people

Activities planned:

- Provide appropriate information, including on the scope of operation and targeting criteria, to affected people to ensure transparency
- Establish a two-way communications channel through which affected people can deliver feedback on programme activities and quality of assistance provided or report any complaints
- Respond to feedback/complaints received as and when required

Output 5.3: Management and delivery of the operation is informed by an appropriate monitoring and evaluation system

Activities planned:

- Develop and utilize an appropriate system for monitoring of the operation
- Conduct final evaluation and lesson learned workshop

Programme support services

To ensure effective and efficient technical coordination, the following programme support functions will be put in place: **human resources, logistics and supply chain; communication; security; planning, monitoring, evaluation, and reporting (PMER); partnerships and resource development; finance and administration; legal and risk management.** More details are in the [Emergency Plan of Action](#).

Budget

See attached [IFRC Secretariat budget \(Annex 1\)](#) for details.

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Budget

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Budget Group	Appeal Budget CHF
Shelter - Relief	501,104
Clothing & Textiles	69,536
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	329,912
Other Supplies & Services	145,695
Total RELIEF ITEMS, CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLIES	1,046,247
Storage, Warehousing	2,737
Distribution & Monitoring	2,208
Total LOGISTICS, TRANSPORT AND STORAGE	4,945
Regional staff	41,838
National Staff	2,766
National Society Staff	47,099
Total PERSONNEL	91,703
Consultants	11,000
Total CONSULTANTS & PROFESSIONAL FEES	11,000
Workshops & Training	67,108
Total WORKSHOP & TRAINING	67,108
Travel	57,152
Information & Public Relations	32,009
Communications	5,673
Financial Charges	596
Shared Office and Services Costs	3,018
Total GENERAL EXPENDITURES	98,448
Programme and Services Support	
Recovery	85,764
Total INDIRECT COSTS	85,764
TOTAL BUDGET	1,405,215

Reference documents



Click here for:

[Emergency Plan of Action](#)

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How we work

All IFRC assistance seeks to adhere to the **Code of Conduct** for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO's) in Disaster Relief and the **Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Humanitarian Response (Sphere)** in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable. The IFRC's vision is to inspire, **encourage, facilitate and promote at all times all forms of humanitarian activities** by National Societies, with a view to **preventing and alleviating human suffering**, and thereby contributing to the maintenance and promotion of human dignity and peace in the world.

The IFRC's work is guided by Strategy 2020 which puts forward three strategic aims:



Save lives.
protect livelihoods,
and strengthen recovery
from disaster and crises.



Enable **healthy**
and **safe** living.



Promote social inclusion
and a culture of
non-violence and **peace**.