


DREF operation update Viet Nam: Floods



DREF operation n° MDRVN016	Glide n° FF-2017-000152-VNM
Date of issue: 23 November 2017	Timeframe covered by this update: 24 October – 20 November 2017
Date of disaster: 9-10 October 2017	
Operation start date: 24 October 2017	Expected timeframe: 3 months (31 January 2017)
Overall operation budget: CHF 236,480	
Number of people affected: 40,000 people	Number of people to be assisted: 16,000 people (4,000 households)
<p>Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners currently actively involved in the operation:</p> <p>The Vietnam Red Cross (VNRC) is working with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) on this operation. At present, no other Movement partner has confirmed bi-lateral support to the National Society.</p>	
<p>Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation:</p> <p>The Department of Natural Disaster Prevention and Control (DNDPC) has monitored the flood and guided preparedness and response activities accordingly. On 12 October, the government body People's Aid Coordinating Committee (PACCOM) called for a coordination meeting with all relevant stakeholders in Viet Nam to appeal for assistance to the people affected. The PACCOM keeps sending update on the losses and damages from most affected provinces to DMWG partners.</p>	

On behalf of the Viet Nam Red Cross, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies would like to thank the Canadian Government for replenishing this Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF).

A. Situation analysis

Description of the disaster

On 8 October 2017, Tropical Depression 23W was categorized as level orange, with high winds up to 40.27 mph. The next day, it tore a destructive path across the northern provinces of Viet Nam before making landfall on 10 October. While it was not a particularly strong storm, and did not achieve typhoon status, it brought heavy rains, land erosion and floods to parts of central and northern Viet Nam.

Prolonged heavy rains and floods also seriously damaged infrastructure, particularly bridges, blocked roads and left many communities isolated. The situation was made worse, when just after the passing of Tropical Depression 23W, Typhoon Khanun passed over the same areas on 16 October. Since then, water has been receding in almost all the rivers in the north of Vietnam but at a slower pace in some of the affected provinces including Thanh Hoa, Nghe An, Ha Tinh, Hoa Binh, Yen Bai and Son La. Among the most affected provinces were Hoa Binh, Yen Bai and Thanh Hoa. As of 16 October, the Government of Viet Nam confirmed that 75 people died, calling these floods the worst in decades.

Table 1. Summary of loss and damage as of 17 Oct 2017

#	Province	Human loss			Impacts on shelter			Crop and Production Damages	
		# of dead	# of missing	# of injured	House collapsed, swept away	Unroofed	Houses inundated	# of rice crop inundated (ha)	# of other crops inundated (ha)
1	Thanh Hoa	16	5	5	59		26,754	120	3,403
2	Nghe An	9			4	28	50	1,955	
3	Ha Tinh			1	2		2,089	1,200	
4	Yen Bai	17	11	9	77		1,705		
5	Hoa Binh	24	10	12	32	45			
6	Son La	6	2	5	50	194	43	552	
7	Quang Tri	1							
8	Ha Noi	2					295		
9	Phu Tho						424		
10	Ha Nam						8,667		
	Total	75	28	38¹	224	267	39,603	3,827	3,403

(According to the National Disaster Prevention and Control Committee and VNRC PDRTs' assessment reports)

Summary of current response

Overview of Host National Society

National Disaster Response Teams (NDRTs) and three Provincial Disaster Response Teams (PDRTs) were activated and deployed to three most affected provinces of Hoa Binh, Thanh Hoa, and Yen Bai to assist the local chapters to evacuate people to safer places before the disaster hit as well as coordinate with local chapters to prepare for emergency response. These teams have also actively been involved in the relief distribution and needs assessments after the disaster.

The Viet Nam Red Cross Headquarters immediately released its pre-positioned stock and emergency response funds to provide initial support to the affected provinces. This assistance included cash grants, household items, tarpaulins and water purification tablets. VNRC undertook three relief missions from national headquarters to the three most affected provinces, with the initial support of VND 900 million in cash (CHF 38,270) and in-kind support of VND 57 million (CHF 2,425). Refer to the table below for further details on VNRC actions to date:

Table 2. VNRC initial actions and support to people affected by Flood as of 18 October 2017:

#	Provinces	Cash assistance (million VND)	Water purification tablets (cartons)	Tarpaulins	Household kits ²
1.	Thanh Hoa	300	10	20	2
2.	Nghe An	100			
3.	Hoa Binh	250		20	2
4.	Yen Bai	200		20	102
5.	Son La	50			
	Total	900	10	60	106

¹ This figure includes 6 people injured in Thai Binh Province

² Household kits: each containing two blankets, one mosquito net and cooking utensils, water bucket and water container.

Overview of Red Cross Red Crescent Movement in country

In addition to IFRC, Partner National Societies with presence in the country include American Red Cross, French Red Cross, German Red Cross, Norwegian Red Cross, Italian Red Cross and Swiss Red Cross. They mainly support VNRC in implementing mid to longer-term programmes.

Previously, the German Red Cross funded the placement of three water filtration systems, currently placed in three provinces of Thanh Hoa, Quang Binh and Da Nang. According to the assessment, it was suggested that there was no significant need to deploy the water filtration system this time in Thanh Hoa province as the water receded and water supply resumed quickly.

Overview of non-Red Cross Red Crescent actors in country

On 12 October 2017, the People's Aid Coordinating Committee (PACCOM) officially convened a meeting of the Disaster Management Working Group (DMWG) to collect information and coordinate the assessment and response efforts to avoid overlap.

The Government of Viet Nam sent delegations and instruction to all affected provinces to ensure that environment sanitation and the prevention of epidemic diseases are minimized; monitoring the high-at-risk areas for landslides to timely evacuate people; fixing damaged dyke and reservoir systems; deploying task forces to assist people to harvest their crops; and conducting a need assessment for the livelihood support of seeds, seedlings and animals.

The Government of Viet Nam has mobilized resources to support the local communities through provincial Fatherland Front (part of the government) and Red Cross chapters. To date, the local authorities in Yen Bai province have supported with VND 10 million for households in which people died; injured with VND 2,7 million per person; totally collapsed house with amount of VND 25 million; partly damaged house (that have had to re-allocate to a safer place) with VND 15 million; total donations received in the province is VND 997 million in cash. In the province of Thanh Hoa, authorities have released a local fund with the amount of VND 2 billion. In the province of Hoa Binh, local authorities have focused on search and rescue.

VNRC participated in the central level coordination meetings convened by the Central Committee for Natural Disaster Prevention and Control (CCNDPC) both before and after the floods to update with information on the response at the national level. At the provincial, district and communal levels, VNRC is also taking part in local level meetings.

B. Operational strategy and plan

Overall Objective

This DREF operation aims to meet the immediate needs of 16,000 people (4,000 most vulnerable affected households) through the provision of unconditional cash as well as ensuring they have the tools necessary to keep safe from diseases exacerbated because of flooding, such as dengue.

Proposed strategy

The primary geographical areas of focus under this operation will be Hoa Binh, Yen Bai and Thanh Hoa provinces. This operation is expected to be implemented over three months, and will therefore be completed by end of January 2018.

The key focus of the operation will be cash distribution as well as disease prevention activities. Utilizing existing procedure and practices, VNRC will provide unconditional cash to 4,000 households in 15 worst affected communes in five districts of three provinces of Hoa Binh, Thanh Hoa and Yen Ba. This cash will be used to meet their prioritised household needs.

In Thanh Hoa province, it is crucial to strategize around vector-borne disease prevention such as dengue and other health issues related to floods. VNRC will advocate disease prevention through a number of key activities:

- 1) Conduct training with communities on Zika, Dengue Toolkit and/or Epidemic Control for Volunteers
- 2) Conduct community mapping for mosquito breeding sites and conduct community disease prevention activities;
- 3) Monitor community activities on Dengue and other health related issues related to floods;
- 4) Print and distribute IEC materials with focus on disease prevention for Dengue, and water borne diseases

A kick-off meeting and beneficiary selection training was organized in all three provinces to ensure everyone involved is aware of the beneficiary selection criteria, the selection process and the objectives of the operation. This orientation will help mitigate risks associated with cash distribution. Red Cross volunteers and PDRTs in Hoa Binh, Yen Bai and Thanh Hoa provinces will support and be involved in the process as needed. In addition, vector-borne diseases communication and training will be provided to VNRC volunteers in targeted districts. This training will enable them to communicate with beneficiaries and communities in Thanh Hoa province for the preparation and prevention from dengue or other mosquitos related diseases.

Human resources

VNRC provincial chapters are leading the operation and, at the field level, community representatives and Red Cross volunteers have been involved to support the beneficiary selection process and distribution for cash as well as the prevention of vector-borne diseases. The IFRC Country Cluster Support Team in Bangkok and IFRC staff in Vietnam are also supporting VNRC while an RDRT will be deployed for supporting cash distribution process conducted by the VNRC.

Logistics and supply chain

Logistics activities aim to effectively manage the supply chain, including procurement, fleet, storage and transport to distribution sites in accordance with the operation's requirements and aligned to IFRC's logistics standards, processes and procedures.

In this project, the main supply chain and logistics is to deliver support through Cash transferring program according to IFRC CTP Standard Operating Procedures. Moreover, the Red Rose software in CTP will also be applied as pilot for management of beneficiaries and cash distributions data.

For any other logistical challenges faced in this operation the IFRC Operational Logistics, Procurement and Supply Chain Management (OLPSCM) department in Kuala Lumpur will extend technical support to the National Society and to the IFRC Country Cluster support team in Bangkok as required.

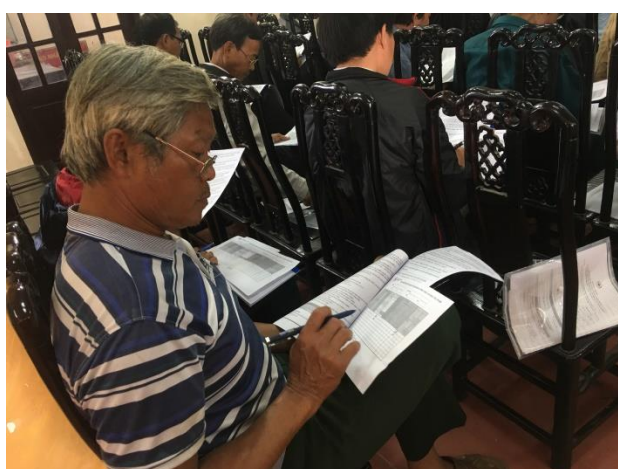
Communications

During the initial stage of the operation, the IFRC team in Viet Nam, the Country Cluster Support Team in Bangkok and Asia Pacific Region Office have supported in enhancing VNRC's visibility in disaster response, through stories on VNRC web site, social media as well as external media channels.

The Thanh Hoa, Yen Bai and Hoa Binh provincial chapters are very active in engaging provincial media in the project activities.

Community engagement and accountability

This operation provides information on the beneficiary selection criteria and process through different ways – posters, local media agencies and training. In addition, communities and school children of three provinces will have more information on how to protect themselves and their families from mosquito-borne diseases through involvement in community activities at outdoor markets and in schools.



Training on beneficiary selection in Thach Thanh, Thanh Hoa province (Photo by VNRC)



Training on beneficiary selection in Da Bac Hoa Binh province (Photo by VNRC)

Planning, monitoring, evaluation & reporting (PMER)

Monitoring and reporting templates have been developed by VNRC, and VNRC staff in provincial level have been trained in PMER. No budget was allocated under this operation for a lessons learned workshop. This will be discussed with VNRC in coming days, and how best the IFRC can support a comprehensive lesson learned workshop to capture all disaster response operations in Viet Nam in the last few months and coming months (including the Typhoon Damrey response) to ensure that valuable and tangible recommendations are identified and taken forward for future operations.

C. Detailed Operational Plan

Livelihoods; Nutrition; Food security

Outcome 1: The immediate household needs of the target population are met.	Outputs		% of achievement
	Output 1.1 Multipurpose cash grant assistance is provided to 4,000 most affected households		0%
Activities	Is implementation on time?		% progress (estimate)
	Yes (x)	No (x)	
Planning, development of instruction materials, beneficiary communication tools (such as poster, hotlines), and provided instruction to provinces	x		100%
Beneficiary meeting and selection training	x		100%
Beneficiaries selection and verification	x		100%
Cash distribution to beneficiaries		x	0%
Beneficiary satisfaction survey	x		0%

Progress towards outcomes

Three kick-off meetings and beneficiary selection and targeting trainings were organized in Yen Bai, Thanh Hoa and Hoa Binh provinces respectively on 9 November, 11-12 November and 17 November. The meetings were attended by 178 participants (153 male and 25 female) including those from the Provincial Red Cross chapters, Communal Government, District and Commune Red Cross branches, Local Social Associations at communal level and Chiefs of Villages.



Kick-off meeting and training on beneficiary selection in Van Chan, Yen Bai province (Photo: VNRC)



Training on beneficiary selection in Da Bac, Hoa Binh province (Photo: VNRC)

In addition, village meetings have been organized in Hoa Binh, Yen Bai and Thanh Hoa provinces on from 13-17 November 2017. After the meetings, the process of beneficiary selection in three provinces started. By 20 November, all three provinces completed the beneficiary selection and targeting process, with 4,089 households identified and

verified ready for cash distribution in coming days. The number of families being reached has increased from 4,000 (target) to 4,089 households' due to large number of one-person families. Cash distribution are planned for 27-30 November in all three provinces.

A total of 280 posters on beneficiary selection guidelines have been printed and distributed to three provinces. Among of those, 60 posters were distributed in communes and 220 in villages.

Health

Outcome 2: The immediate risks to the health of affected populations are reduced.	Outputs		% of achievement
	Output 2.1. Target population is provided with community-based disease prevention, epidemic preparedness and health promotion measures		0%
Activities	Is implementation on time?		% progress (estimate)
	Yes (x)	No (x)	
Identify/recruit volunteers for disease prevention activities	x		100%
Conduct ToT on ECV and/or ZDC Toolkit		x	0%
Print and distribute IEC materials on disease prevention	x		50%
Conduct mapping activities with community on mosquito breeding sites		x	0%
Conduct disease prevention activities in the community		x	0%
Conduct regular review of disease statistics and trends		x	0%
Conduct lessons learnt workshop (integrated into the final review workshop of the DREF)	x		0%

Progress towards outcomes

During the reporting period, VNRC has developed and disseminated guidelines for activity implementation to provincial chapter of Thanh Hoa including selection of target districts and communes as well as selection and recruitment of volunteers and school teachers. In the meantime, reproduction of disease prevention IEC materials is undergoing at the provincial level to be ready for the training of 50 identified volunteers which will take place next week 27-29 November. There is some delay in this intervention as local branches have shifted their focus to receiving and distributing relief items as well as assisting affected people with their immediate needs.

Thanh Hoa Provincial Chapter has been regularly coordinating with the provincial health department and the provincial centre of disease prevention to update relevant disease prevention activities and its trends to be able to update district and commune level where the chapter has floods response interventions. It is observed that good collaboration and cooperation between the provincial chapter and the provincial health department since the floods happened. Thanh Hoa Chapter will continue to engage the provincial level as well as district and commune level health centres to be part of the training and mapping activities in the communities and schools. Some school teachers have been selected as volunteers and after the training, which will take place next week, teachers will commence awareness campaigns in their schools using printed IEC materials.

Reference documents

Click here for:

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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.

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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**.