

# Operations update



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## Viet Nam: Floods and typhoons

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**Period covered by this Operations Update:** 21 October – 13 November 2009

**Appeal target (current):** CHF 5,571,176 (USD 5.47 million or EUR 3.67 million)

**Appeal coverage:** The appeal is 58 per cent covered to date, and 69 per cent covered with pledges in the pipeline. Funds are urgently needed to enable Viet Nam Red Cross to continue providing immediate humanitarian assistance to those affected by this disaster.

[<view the attached financial report<sup>1</sup>, or contact details >](#)

### Appeal history:

- The revised emergency appeal was launched 19 October 2009 for CHF 5,571,176 (USD 5.47 million or EUR 3.67 million) to assist 60,000 families (approximately 270,000 people) for 12 months.
- This emergency appeal was initially launched on a preliminary basis on 2 October 2009 for CHF 4,939,626 (USD 4.75 million or EUR 3.25 million) to assist 50,000 families (approximately 210,000 people) for 12 months.
- Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF): CHF 314,064 (USD 324,167 or EUR 214,633) was allocated from the Federation's DREF to support the national society in initial emergency response.

### Summary:

The Viet Nam Red Cross (VNRC) continues its operations in response to the floods and typhoons with the support of the International Federation and partner national societies. However, parallel to this operation, the VNRC has been operational in the field in response to Typhoon Mirinae since 1 November. Red Cross staff have been on alert and have participated in the evacuation of people in high-risk areas, led by local government prior to the time the typhoon made landfall.



In Phu Yen province, Typhoon Mirinae ploughed through the area, raising water levels in two dams that overflowed, flooding all surrounding areas and isolating communities. In this picture, two community members carry a traditional bamboo boat as a precaution as flood waters submerge roads and swell waterways. (Photo: VNRC)

On Monday, 2 November, Typhoon Mirinae struck nine provinces in central Viet Nam. Mirinae is the 11<sup>th</sup> typhoon to strike Viet Nam this year, ravaging the provinces of Binh Dinh, Phu Yen, Khanh Hoa, Ninh Thuan,

<sup>1</sup> Attached financial report shows contributions processed until 18 November 2009.

Dac Lac, Quang Nam, Quang Ngai, Kon Tum and Gia Lai. Of these, Binh Dinh and Phu Yen are the most affected. Government estimates of losses caused by Mirinae stands at VND 5 thousand billion (CHF 281.6 million or USD 278 million). Most of the provinces affected by this recent typhoon were already struck by Typhoon Ketsana more than a month ago, posing a setback in gains already made in relief and recovery.

On 5 November, VNRC distributed cash and household kits to those affected by Mirinae in Phu Yen, Khanh Hoa and Binh Dinh. This was followed by the deployment of three joint needs assessment teams comprising members of different international organizations deployed from Hanoi on 7 November to Phu Yen, Khanh Hoa and Binh Dinh to gauge needs and damage caused by Mirinae. More detailed information on these assessments will be provided when these teams report back to national headquarters, and clarify the steps to be taken in discussion with the disaster management working group (DMWG). VNRC and French Red Cross are also assessing needs in Binh Dinh and Phu Yen provinces in coordination with the joint needs assessment teams.

The floods and typhoon operation continues in the wake of Mirinae with close coordination among VNRC, International Federation and partner national societies. The main role of the Federation continues in coordination spearheaded by the operations manager.

The distribution of 10,000 household kits has been made in ten provinces, while a further 6,600 will be made in those affected by Mirinae. Details on these distributions are forthcoming. The latter will commence in January 2010. Following discussions with VNRC, the distribution of rice which was scheduled to take place in December has been re-scheduled to mid-January. Other distribution of rice has been made by French Red Cross, together with household kits and tarpaulin sheets in the Gia Lai and Kon Tum provinces. Spanish Red Cross is also in the process of procuring rice for distribution next month. The Federation logistics/procurement delegate is assisting several of the partners in procurement of these items.

In support of livelihood rehabilitation and support under this appeal, American Red Cross is in the process of arranging the distribution of cash. Also in support of livelihood recovery, German Red Cross and Netherlands Red Cross are working on drafting a proposal to ECHO for funding.

On 10 November, training for VNRC chapter representatives on the guidelines for the selection of beneficiaries and in food distribution was carried out in Da Nang. The International Federation is also working with VNRC headquarters in preparing more in-depth customized training materials for practical training in ten provinces. These training modules target VNRC staff at district and commune level who will be supported by field and project officers recruited by the International Federation.

While operational focus continues on relief, longer-term programmes such as shelter, and water and sanitation will begin soon. Support from the Federation Asia Pacific zone office in Kuala Lumpur will be provided during the initial stages with the longer-term view that these programmes will be led by Federation national staff in-country.

To date, support to this appeal has been received from American Red Cross, Australian Red Cross/Australian government, British Red Cross, Canadian Red Cross/Canadian government, Finnish Red Cross, Hong Kong branch of Red Cross Society of China, Japanese Red Cross, Republic of Korea Red Cross, Monaco Red Cross, Netherlands Red Cross/Netherlands government, New Zealand Red Cross/New Zealand government, Norwegian Red Cross/Norwegian government, Swedish Red Cross/Swedish government, and United Arab Emirates Red Crescent. Contributions to this appeal have also been received from the Italian government and USAID. Bilateral contributions have been received from: American Red Cross, French Red Cross, German Red Cross, Singapore Red Cross, Spanish Red Cross and Swiss Red Cross.

On behalf of Viet Nam Red Cross, the International Federation would like to thank all partners and donors for their quick and generous response to this appeal.

## The situation

On 29 September, Typhoon Ketsana struck central Viet Nam with wind gusts of up to 160 km/hour. The typhoon swept through 12 provinces including Binh Dinh, Da Nang, Dak Lak, Gia Lai, Kon Tum, Lam Dong, Phu Yen, Quang Binh, Quang Nam, Quang Ngai, Quang Tri and Thua Thien Hue. It caused wide-spread destruction, with the provinces of Quang Nam and Quang Ngai the hardest struck, resulting in the evacuation of 103,123 households (some 356,790 people).



Damage in Tay Hoa commune, Phu Yen province: Extensive clean-up activities and restoring of utilities and infrastructure continue. (Photo: VNRC)

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Torrential rain in Phu Yen on 2-3 November caused spillover from two hydroelectric dams, which swept across the province. On 3 November itself, thousands of families living along the Ba River and other high-risk areas were evacuated. Rescue activities were also carried out by the government in Phu Yen, using two helicopters and eight canoes. However, according to authorities in Phu Yen, bad weather hindered these activities, leaving many people in a critical situation. By the afternoon of 4

November, the districts of Tuy An, Dong Xuan, Tay Hoa, Phu Hoa, Dong Hoa and Tuy Hoa City were submerged. It is estimated dozens of communes have been isolated by floodwaters while thousands of homes have been swamped, affecting thousands of families.

Heavy rains brought on by Mirinae have also flooded houses in Nha Trang province's Ninh Hoa, Van Ninh and Dien Khanh districts. Flooding has also spread in the provinces of Ninh Thuan and Quang Ngai.

Government efforts at search and rescue have utilized military personnel, vehicles and equipment to carry out these activities. In Binh Dinh province, intensive rescue activities have been carried out since 4 November with the deployment of five government helicopters to facilitate evacuation and rescue of isolated community members. The continuous rain and fast-flowing water currents have made other forms of rescue practically impossible.

The Binh Dinh Red Cross chapter indicates 22,115 families have lost their food supply while 511 others have lost their houses, and are presently living in temporary shelters erected from fragments of their destroyed homes. To date, the VNRC reports, in total, up to 123 deaths, 145 people injured and one person reported missing. Overall, as many as 14,410 households (approximately 264,674 people) have been evacuated. An estimated 4.5 million people are affected in the seven provinces of Quang Ngai, Binh Dinh, Phu Yen, Thanh Hoa, Ninh Thuan, Dac Lac and Gia Lai.

Damage to homes includes 2,362 houses destroyed, 48,455 others severely damaged and a further 58,096 flooded. Public facilities also sustained damage including 842 school classrooms, 24 health centres, and 184 offices in public buildings. Railway services from North to South were suspended until 7 November, delaying an estimated seven thousand passengers for several days.

In terms of agriculture, losses have been significant: 19,272 hectares of rice fields flooded, 32,079 hectares of fruit orchards damaged and up to 158 small-scale water management structures also ruined. The latter destruction augurs badly for farmers as this will mean a break in the irrigation systems needed for farmland rehabilitation unless immediate repairs are made. Loss of livestock is estimated at almost half a million poultry and 40,000 head of cattle, causing a significant setback in the efforts to reduce poverty among poor families.

The ministry of health has mobilized assistance for Binh Dinh and Phu Yen through corporate entities to provide medical equipment, emergency health services, 50,000 water purification tablets and 100 life-vests. The central government has also pledged VND 225 billion ((CHF 12.9 million or USD 12.5 million)) from the central budget emergency reserve, and released 10,000 tonnes of rice from national reserves to support households affected by Mirinae. These include VND 70 billion (CHF 4 million or USD 3.9 million) cash and 3,000 tonnes of rice to Binh

Dinh, VND 100 billion (CHF 5.7 million or USD 5.62 million) cash and 4,000 tonnes of rice to Phu Yen, VND 20 billion (CHF 1.14 million or USD 1.12 million) cash and 1,000 tonnes of rice to Khanh Hoa; and VND 30 billion (CHF 1.7 million or USD 1.68 million) cash and 2,000 tonnes of rice to Gia Lai. Also, VND 5 billion (CHF 285,100 or USD 281,072) was pledged to Ninh Thuan province.

Three joint needs assessment teams including staff of CARE, UNICEF, Oxfam and Save the Children were deployed from Hanoi on 7 November to Phu Yen, Khanh Hoa and Binh Dinh on damage by Mirinae. More detailed information on these assessments will be provided when these teams report back to national headquarters, and clarify the steps to be taken in discussion with the disaster management working group (DMWG). VNRC and French Red Cross are also assessing needs in Binh Dinh and Phu Yen provinces in coordination with the joint needs assessment teams.

This information is updated regularly by the VNRC and the central committee for flood and storm control (CCFSC). Government estimates of losses caused by Mirinae stands at VND 5 thousand billion (CHF 281.6 million or USD 278 million). Most of the provinces affected by this recent typhoon were already struck by Typhoon Ketsana more than a month ago, exacerbating their present situation and posing a setback in gains already made in relief and recovery.

## Coordination and partnerships

Coordination meetings to help ensure support for VNRC is made in a smooth holistic manner are held weekly on Tuesdays and chaired by the International Federation. It is anticipated that VNRC will take over the lead role beginning next week. There are also plans for a wider coordination meeting at the VNRC headquarters once a month.

VNRC, the Federation and partner national societies have agreed to follow current distribution guidelines used by French Red Cross in the field, such as in beneficiary criteria, the organization of community/village meetings, and other related issues.

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

### Overview

The Viet Nam Red Cross (VNRC) continues its operations in response to the floods and typhoons with the support of the International Federation and partner national societies. Distributions continue in the field. To date, French Red Cross has begun the distribution of rice and non-food items in Gia Lai and Kon Tum provinces, while Spanish Red Cross is in the process of procuring rice and will begin distribution in the next month. American Red Cross is also in the process of arranging the distribution of cash, while German Red Cross and Netherlands Red Cross is working on drafting a proposal to ECHO for support of the rehabilitation of livelihoods.

Parallel to the floods and typhoon operation, the VNRC has been operational in the field in response to Mirinae since the afternoon of 1 November. Red Cross staff have been at the ready and participated in evacuation led by local government prior to the time the typhoon made landfall.



Relief distribution in Phu Yen province: pressing needs include rice and household kits. (Photo: VNRC)

The provincial committee for flood and storm control (PCFSC) which leads preparedness and response activities at field level has put the Phu Yen Red Cross chapter in charge of Tay Hoa district. The Red Cross chapter representative was in the district on 1-4 November to make arrangements for an emergency plan which includes evacuation and emergency response before and after the disaster, as well as visit the flood areas. As a result of a long-term branch development project supported by the Norwegian Red Cross, Phu Yen Red Cross chapter was able to mobilize well-trained volunteers in preparedness and response activities. At this time of reporting, an

estimated 100 Red Cross staff and volunteers were involved in preparedness and response activity such as trimming trees, and helping community members to strengthen their houses before the typhoon, as well as clean up after the disaster struck.



While some communities in Phu Yen province could be reached by boat or by wading through flood waters, some communities needing rescue and evacuation could only be aided by air. (Photos: VNRC Phu Yen chapter)



VNRC staff and volunteers on the field brought assistance to the affected communities as soon as they could access these areas. In the provinces of Binh Dinh, Phu Yen, Khanh Hoa and Ninh Thuan which were severely affected, 800 household kits (including cooking utensils, mosquito nets, blankets, water buckets and water containers) were distributed to the most affected families, and VND 350 million (CHF 19,845 or USD 19,565) were allocated to the four provinces to be distributed directly in cash or to procure food and water for distribution. Nevertheless, the needs in this area hit by two strong typhoons in a single month are becoming more urgent every day and require a timely and appropriate response.

The Phu Yen Red Cross chapter with support of its volunteers provided immediate relief goods in form of instant noodles to 200 households in the isolated area of Hoa Binh 2 commune, Tay Hoa district. With support of the VNRC headquarters, the chapter will also provide cash assistance to households who have lost family members as a result of this typhoon. Up to VND 2 million (CHF 113 or USD 111) is provided per family member lost. The chapter has also assisted 2,470 families through distribution of emergency relief kits containing instant noodles and drinking water. Also, 400 boxes of instant noodles were procured and distributed to 400 affected families in Tay Hoa and Song Cau districts.

From Khanh Hoa, another province also hit severely by Mirinae, the Red Cross chapter shared a summary of the damages in the districts worst hit (*see table*). The chapter distributed 100 household kits to an equal number of households, and VND 50 million

(CHF 2,835 or USD 2,795) to 1,000 affected households overall. The chapter also led the distribution of a further VND 100 million (CHF 5,754 or USD 5,672) in cash and kind together with domestic donors to affected households. To date, the Red Cross Khanh Hoa chapter itself has received almost VND 78 million (CHF 4,488 or USD 4,424) in cash for distribution to those affected by Mirinae.

A VNRC headquarters response team led by a vice president visited Phu Yen and Binh Dinh provinces on 4 November, and to arrange the distribution of cash assistance in Van Ninh district, Phu Yen province on 5 November.

Immediate response to Mirinae from the VNRC headquarters is mentioned in the below table:

<i>Province</i>	<i>Cash (in VND million)</i>	<i>Household kits</i>	<i>Starting date of distribution</i>
Binh Dinh	100	200	6 November
Phu Yen	150	400	5 November
Khanh Hoa	50	100	6 November
Ninh Thuan	50	100	9 November
<b>Total</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>800</b>	

Binh Dinh Red Cross staff and volunteers helped evacuate up to 12,980 people from flood-prone areas to safer ground, and provided them 250,000 boxes of instant noodles and 5,000 bottles of drinking water. The Binh Dinh chapter staff and volunteers also helped in environmental cleaning activities after the floods.

On 9 November, VNRC national headquarters decided to release an additional 3,000 household kits from its warehouse in Hanoi to the three most affected provinces of Binh Dinh, Phu Yen and Khanh Hoa, to assist families deemed most vulnerable, following assessments done during the field visit.

<i>Province</i>	<i>Household kits</i>	<i>Starting date of distribution</i>
Binh Dinh	600	Currently being planned
Phu Yen	2,000	
Khanh Hoa	400	
	3,000	

A prominent degree of visibility was given to Red Cross work through VNRC emergency action being broadcast on national television on 7 and 8 November.

The final report on the joint field visit by VNRC, the Federation regional disaster response team (RDRT) member and the Federation country office volunteer was submitted 28 October and covers field visits to the Quang Nam, Quang Ngai, Quang Tri, Quang Binh, Nghe An, Thanh Hoa and Ha Tinh provinces over ten days. The provinces of Quang Nam, Quang Ngai and Quang Tri were indicated as worst-hit by Ketsana and subsequent flooding. Many communities still lack basic amenities and roads are still inaccessible. In Nghe An, Ha Tinh, Quang Binh and Thanh Hoa, signs of local Red Cross activity are visible: through relief supplies from the VNRC headquarters, local Red Cross chapters have distributed relief to the affected communes. However, existing flood waters are fast-flowing with strong currents in certain areas, and still pose a threat to community members in the area.

Coordination among the VNRC, International Federation and partners in the field continues.

### **Progress towards objectives**

The progress of this operation by VNRC has been closely supported by the Federation country office in Hanoi, primarily in terms of coordination, spearheaded by the operations manager. On a different note, but one which has repercussions on the operation, the position of head of country office or country representative has been made vacant due to unforeseen circumstances. Support is forthcoming from the Federation Southeast Asia regional office in Bangkok while recruitment of a new country representative is being carried out; however, the day-to-day role of acting head of country office has fallen to the disaster management programme manager to facilitate the smooth progression of ongoing programmes.

In terms of the emergency operations, there are also plans to garner further technical support in shelter, water and sanitation, and procurement on an in-country basis.

On 10 November, training for VNRC chapter representatives on the guidelines for the selection of beneficiaries and in food distribution was carried out in Da Nang. Together with VNRC headquarters, the preparation for more in-depth customized training materials to facilitate practical training in ten provinces for Red Cross staff at district and commune level is presently being made. This is done with the longer-term perspective of recruiting national Federation field and project officers to increase support for VNRC in its own recruitment of field personnel.

While operational focus continues on relief, longer-term programmes such as shelter and water and sanitation will begin soon. Support from the Federation Asia Pacific zone office in Kuala Lumpur will be provided during the initial stages with the longer-term view that these programmes will be led by Federation national staff in-country.

### Relief distributions (food)

**Objective:** Provision of 10kg of rice per person for 50,000 families (210,000 people) for one month in Quang Nam, Quang Ngai, Kon Tum, Thua Thien Hue, Da Nang, Dak Lak, and Quang Tri by end-February 2010<sup>1</sup>.

Expected results	Activities planned
210,000 people (50,000 families) who have lost basic income and crops during the floods have received food assistance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training on needs assessment, selection of beneficiaries, relief distribution.</li> <li>• Identification of beneficiaries through criteria agreed upon between the national society and the local communities.</li> <li>• Procurement of rice following International Federation procurement standards.</li> <li>• Organization of transport to the distribution points.</li> <li>• Organization of the various distributions by the local chapters concerned.</li> <li>• Distribution of rice with a proper recording system.</li> <li>• Monitoring, evaluation and reporting.</li> </ul>

Presently, procurement of 2,100 tonnes of rice according to Federation procurement standards is being carried out. While distribution was initially planned to begin in December, this has been deferred to mid-January 2010 after further discussion with VNRC. The ten recipient provinces of Thanh Hoa, Nghe An, Ha Tinh, Quang Binh, Thua Thien Hue, Da Nang, Quang Nam, Quang Tri, Dak Lac and Gia Lai remain as planned.

Following the provinces' request to the central government for a total 24,000 tonnes of rice, the government has pledged the release of 10,000 tonnes of rice which is currently being distributed in part.

Spanish Red Cross is also presently in the process of procuring rice with the possible assistance of the Federation, and aims to begin distribution mid-December in the provinces of Da Nang (1,000 families) and Quang Nam (7,000 families).

Under the joint proposal to ECHO by German Red Cross and Netherlands Red Cross for support of livelihood rehabilitation, rice is also a component. More information on the development of this proposal is expected in the coming week.

### Non-food items

**Objective:** By end of January 2010, 10,000 families (40,000 people) in the affected areas in the 12 provinces of Quang Nam, Quang Ngai, Kon Tum, Thua Thien Hue, Da Nang, Dak Lak, Quang Tri, Quang Binh, Binh Dinh, Gia Lai, Lam Dong and Phu Yen will receive one basic household kit composed of: cooking and kitchen utensils, one mosquito net, two blankets, one 10-litre water bucket and one 40-litre water plastic container. The provision of these items aims to meet the immediate needs of the affected families to enable them to return to everyday life as quickly as possible.

Expected results	Activities planned
The immediate needs of non-food items for 10,000 affected families are met to enable them to return to everyday life as quickly as possible.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training on needs assessment, selection of beneficiaries, relief distribution.</li> <li>• Identification of beneficiaries using criteria agreed between the national society and the local communities.</li> <li>• Procurement of items for the basic household kits following International Federation procurement standards.</li> <li>• Training of beneficiaries on using relief items.</li> <li>• Organization of the transport and distribution system for the basic household kits by each of the local chapters concerned.</li> <li>• Distribution of basic household kits with a proper recording system.</li> <li>• Monitoring, evaluation and reporting.</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> Subject to available funding

The 10,000 household kits have already been distributed by VNRC in the provinces affected by Typhoon Ketsana and subsequent flooding. Distribution of 6,600 household kits in provinces struck by Mirinae is expected to begin in January 2010.

French Red Cross has also distributed 800 household kits and 1,000 tarpaulin sheets in Gia Lai province, and 600 household kits and 900 tarpaulin sheets in Kon Tum province. Also, American Red Cross is presently working on facilitating cash distribution in the coming month under the livelihoods support component.

In response to Typhoon Mirinae, the requisition of 6,600 household kits is being made for distribution to the provinces of Binh Dinh (2,100 kits), Phu Yen (3,500 kits), and Khanh Hoa (1,000 kits). Support for these household kits is being provided by USAID funding.

<b>Water and sanitation</b>	
<b>Objective:</b> By end of September 2010, support will have been provided to up to 7,500 families (31,500 people) with no or limited available means to restore or rehabilitate their water and sanitation facilities. The provision of appropriate hardware will be linked to relevant hygiene promotion campaigns and awareness-raising.	
<b>Expected results</b>	<b>Activities planned</b>
<p>7,500 families (31,500 people) will be provided with appropriate clean water facilities.</p> <p>15,000 people will be trained on how to treat the water at home during emergency periods.</p> <p>A water treatment unit will provide clean water for up to 5,000 people per day</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identification of beneficiaries with destroyed/damaged water and sanitation facilities, through community participation.</li> <li>• Hygiene promotion activities focusing on personal hygiene, sanitation and safe water for targeted populations.</li> <li>• Provision of potable drinking water from the national society's water treatment unit.</li> <li>• Procurement of needed materials/equipment following International Federation standards.</li> <li>• Provision of water collection containers (in household kits).</li> <li>• Provision of household water treatment equipment through the distribution of water purification tablets.</li> <li>• Production and dissemination of hygiene promotion materials on malaria, dengue and influenza.</li> <li>• Training of Red Cross staff and volunteers on monitoring and evaluation following the agreed model and standards.</li> <li>• Training of Red Cross staff and volunteers on hygiene promotion and proper hygiene practices.</li> <li>• Training beneficiary families on how to treat water during emergency periods.</li> <li>• Monitoring, evaluation and reporting.</li> </ul>

The VNRC water treatment unit continues to operate on a small scale by province level staff.

Local Red Cross chapters have been giving guidance to affected communities in water treatment where water purification tablets have been distributed together with household kits. In this, it was also observed that clear proper guidance on the use of these water purification tablets was necessary.

The procurement of the 7,500 water storage tanks, each of a 500-litre capacity, is ongoing, taking into account the need for warehousing space for these tanks once procured. Water and sanitation technical delegates at from regional and zone level are providing support for the operation through the identification of appropriate hardware.

Through the VNRC/International Federation joint assessment field visit, it was observed that most community water sources were contaminated and proper water storage facilities, sadly lacking. Some communes had taken steps to clean wells and install pumps, keeping these wells covered to avoid contamination. It was also

observed that the 40-litre water containers and buckets distributed by VNRC/International Federation as part of the household kits were very much in use.

Observations related to the use and feedback regarding the 500-litre water tanks distributed as part of the 2008 flood response, were mixed. Overall in Nghe An, Quang Binh, Ha Tinh and Thanh Hoa where selected beneficiaries received the 500-litre water tanks previously, there were positive results in beneficiary usage and feedback. However, some of these communes in Nghe An and Quang Binh reported not using the tanks due to the lack of knowledge and understanding of how to install these tanks and insufficient guidance from VNRC. This is a point that will be considered in the provision and distribution of water collection and storage equipment to ensure that clear and user-friendly guidance and support is given on the installation and use of items.

Much has been undertaken by the Vietnamese governmental department of health in terms of hygiene at commune and district levels. This includes the distribution of water purification powder, the treatment of wells and environmental cleaning. The department of health has also carried out fogging in certain areas to curb the spread of mosquito-borne diseases. Health promotion exercises have also been carried out to raise the awareness of communities to health risks in the wake of disaster.

The water treatment unit is still operated by VNRC provincial staff and providing potable water.

<b>Livelihood support</b>	
<b>Objective:</b> By end of January 2010, 5,000 families (21,000 people) in the areas worst affected, who have lost their homes and/or crops and other means of income, have a viable source of income.	
<b>Expected results</b>	<b>Activities planned</b>
5,000 households (21,000 people) have improved means of livelihood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct household and livelihood needs and capacity assessments.</li> <li>• Scope the capacity of VNRC and the International Federation to deliver a variety of livelihood initiatives such as cash grants, cash-for-work and other recovery initiatives for vulnerable families to reinforce economic and social security.</li> <li>• Develop beneficiary targeting strategy and registration system with communities to deliver intended assistance.</li> <li>• Provide support to the most vulnerable groups for restoration and alternative livelihood options.</li> <li>• Distribute resources according to plans emanating from livelihoods assessments linked to shelter assistance.</li> <li>• Monitor and evaluate the activities and provide reporting on distribution.</li> </ul>

As mentioned previously, American Red Cross is working together with the International Federation and will provide bilateral support to VNRC for livelihoods rehabilitation through cash distribution. This support covers the entire livelihood component proposed under the Federation appeal and will cover up to 6,900 families (34,500 beneficiaries) badly affected by the typhoon. This cash distribution will begin in December 2009.

The joint proposal to ECHO by German Red Cross and Netherlands Red Cross is primarily for support of a livelihood programme linked to the response to Ketsana, and will cover components such as rice, seeds and fertilizer distribution. More information on the progress of the proposal will be given as and when available.

## Shelter

**Objective:** By end of September 2010, 1,000 families (4,200 people) in the areas worst affected, will be supported to re-construct their homes with access to water and sanitation facilities.

Expected results	Activities planned
1,000 families / households (4,200 people) are supported to repair their house structures and the installation of appropriate water and sanitation facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deployment of trained local VNRC staff and volunteers to carry out beneficiary selection, including dissemination of self help programme.</li> <li>• Identification of villages and beneficiary selection for VNRC assistance.</li> <li>• Public notification of assistance to beneficiaries to ensure community acceptance.</li> <li>• Procurement following International Federation standards and distribution of locally appropriate shelter materials and tools .</li> <li>• Training beneficiaries on safe and resilient construction and appropriate sanitation.</li> <li>• Reconstruction of new houses providing a 'core unit' or provision of resources and technical assistance.</li> <li>• Monitoring and evaluation and reporting of the rehabilitation of damaged houses.</li> </ul>

As earlier mentioned, the implementation of the shelter component depends on the availability of funding. Technical support from the Asia Pacific zone office in Kuala Lumpur for the shelter component is also under discussion.

## Disaster risk reduction

**Objective:** By end-June 2010, up to 30,000 youth and school children will be equipped with knowledge and materials to better prepare them in the event of typhoons and floods.

Expected results	Activities planned
<p>Up to 30,000 children at primary and secondary schools are trained in disaster risk reduction measures by June 2010.</p> <p>Up to by 1,000 school teachers are trained in disaster risk reduction measures.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Selection of schools worst affected by Typhoon Ketsana and subsequent floods.</li> <li>• Printing of training and promotional materials on disaster risk reduction.</li> <li>• Training of VNRC volunteers in DRR.</li> <li>• Provision of training and materials on disaster risk reduction to teachers.</li> <li>• Provision of disaster risk reduction training and materials to children by teachers.</li> <li>• Sharing of experiences of typhoon Ketsana by children and youth with their peers.</li> <li>• Monitoring, evaluation and reporting of activities.</li> </ul>
Up to 9,000 life-vest school bags <sup>2</sup> for children who go to school on a daily basis by crossing rivers/streams and flood-prone areas by June 2010.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identification of beneficiaries.</li> <li>• Procurement of 9,000 life-vest school bags following International Federation standards.</li> <li>• Distribution of the life-vest school bags.</li> <li>• Demonstration and teaching of children on how to use the life-vest school bags.</li> <li>• Monitoring, evaluation and reporting of activities.</li> </ul>

To date, there are no further developments reported under this objective.

<sup>2</sup> These life-vest school bags convert into life-jackets should a child carrying one e.g. fall into deep water on the way to school. These life-vest school bags will be procured following proper standards and procedures to ensure their quality and suitability prior to procurement.

## Institutional capacity building

**Objective:** The operation will contribute to the ongoing organizational development and capacity building of VNRC in a manner which leaves behind a stronger set of skills and capacities at headquarters and branch levels.

Expected results	Activities planned
By the end of the operation, VNRC staff and volunteers are provided with relevant on-the-job training skills to carry out assessments, programme implementation, and monitoring and evaluation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Briefing and coaching of VNRC volunteers, staff and branches on needs assessments, implementation, monitoring and reporting skills.</li> <li>• Organization of coaching and mentoring of specific volunteers and staff in project management and human resource development skills.</li> <li>• Carrying out of evaluation and documenting lessons and recommendations for further strengthening internal VNRC systems and procedures to strengthen future operations.</li> </ul>
Systems and procedures will have been strengthened to enhance efficient financial resource mobilization, procurement, reporting, and communications leading to public appreciation of VNRC.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Existing finance systems will be enhanced to enable efficient recording of rapidly scaled up donations and reporting back to local and international donors.</li> <li>• Procedures for procurement of relief items will be strengthened.</li> <li>• Communications capacity will be scaled up through coaching and mentoring of VNRC counterparts to increase visibility, understanding, and support to VNRC's role.</li> </ul>

In terms of human resources, the recruitment of several national Federation staff such as field officers and project officers is also in progress and will likely be open for application in the coming week.

Capacity building in the guidelines for selection of beneficiaries and food distribution was carried out in Da Nang for VNRC chapter representatives on 10 November. Participants were primarily chapter members from Thanh Hoa, Nghe An, Ha Tinh, Quang Binh, Thua Thien Hue, Da Nang, Quang Nam, Quang Tri, Dak Lac and Gia Lai provinces, all of which have been selected for the distribution of rice under this emergency appeal.

The International Federation is also working together with VNRC headquarters to tailor materials for practical training sessions in beneficiary selection and rice distribution in these ten provinces for Red Cross staff at district and commune level.

Other capacity building initiatives in areas such as logistics and procurement will be developed as the operation progresses, and areas for suitable capacity building are identified. Tools such as checklists and kits for quick effective use in operations are also being developed.

While operational focus continues on relief, longer-term programmes such as shelter and water and sanitation will begin soon. The staff recruitment is among the initial steps taken to secure national staff dedicated to supervising these programmes over the long term. Support from the Federation Asia Pacific zone office in Kuala Lumpur will be provided during the initial stages with the longer-term view that these programmes will be led by Federation national staff in-country.

## Logistics

At present, the local procurement of rice for distribution in December has been rescheduled. With recent distributions by French Red Cross and the planned distribution by Spanish Red Cross in December as well as current distributions by other national and international organizations in the field, the VNRC and the Federation has decided to position its rice distribution further into the operation such as before Tet, where there is the likelihood of household food supplies running low and the onset of a lean period. This change in timing also allows VNRC to ensure compliance with proper Federation procurement standards and procedures as well as observe and take advantage of rice prices that are expected to stabilize over the next month or so.

In the acquisition of household kits, there is presently a supplier selected for the provision of 10,000 household kits. This bid is currently pending approval; some technical details are also being clarified. Also the preparation of a request for quotation for the additional 6,600 household kits supported by USAID in response to the strike by Mirinae is in the pipeline. (see *non-food items*)

The logistics/procurement delegate is presently working closely with VNRC counterparts in the procurement of rice and household kits, and water storage tanks. The delegate continues to work in support of partner national societies in the procurement of goods for this operation, where required.

## Communications – advocacy and public information

The VNRC continues to be supported by the Asia Pacific zone office in Kuala Lumpur and the Southeast Asia regional office in Bangkok to ensure it retains international visibility for the work of its volunteers as well as its prominent position in terms of nationally coordinated disaster response. Updated news stories and reports will continue to be available on the Federation [website](#).

Viet Nam will also participate in the regional production of a video on disasters in the Asia Pacific zone entitled “Early recovery after four disasters.” Budget allocations have also been made for external communications support including production and distribution of media items.

The International Federation also helps support VNRC through regular reporting and operation updates on the Federation [website](#).

## How we work

**All International Federation assistance seeks to adhere to the [Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations \(NGOs\) in Disaster Relief](#) and is committed to the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.**

The International Federation’s activities are aligned with its Global Agenda, which sets out four broad goals to meet the Federation’s mission to “improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity”.

### Global Agenda Goals:

- Reduce the numbers of deaths, injuries and impact from disasters.
- Reduce the number of deaths, illnesses and impact from diseases and public health emergencies.
- Increase local community, civil society and Red Cross Red Crescent capacity to address the most urgent situations of vulnerability.
- Reduce intolerance, discrimination and social exclusion and promote respect for diversity and human dignity.

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MDRVN006 - Vietnam - Floods and typhoon

Interim Financial Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2009/10-2009/10
Budget Timeframe	2009/10-2010/9
Appeal	MDRVN006
Budget	APPEAL

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

## I. Consolidated Response to Appeal

	Goal 1: Disaster Management	Goal 2: Health and Care	Goal 3: Capacity Building	Goal 4: Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
<b>A. Budget</b>	<b>5,571,176</b>					<b>5,571,176</b>
<b>B. Opening Balance</b>	<b>361,287</b>					<b>361,287</b>
<b>Income</b>						
<b><u>Cash contributions</u></b>						
<i>American Red Cross</i>	360,490					360,490
<i>British Red Cross</i>	121,971					121,971
<i>Canadian Red Cross</i>	97,257					97,257
<i>Canadian Red Cross (from Canadian Government)</i>	48,058					48,058
<i>Finnish Red Cross</i>	75,919					75,919
<i>Italian Govt Bilateral Emergency Fund</i>	303,951					303,951
<i>Japanese Red Cross</i>	163,000					163,000
<i>Korea Republic Red Cross</i>	61,500					61,500
<i>Netherlands Red Cross (from Netherlands Government)</i>	151,676					151,676
<i>New Zealand Red Cross (from New Zealand Government)</i>	152,020					152,020
<i>On Line donations</i>	613					613
<i>United Arab Emirates Red Crescent</i>	10,168					10,168
<i>VERF/WHO Voluntary Emergency Relief</i>	1,500					1,500
<b>C1. Cash contributions</b>	<b>1,548,124</b>					<b>1,548,124</b>
<b><u>Outstanding pledges (Revalued)</u></b>						
<i>Australian Red Cross (from Australian Government)</i>	370,576					370,576
<i>Canadian Red Cross (from Canadian Government)</i>	141,258					141,258
<i>China RC, Hong Kong branch</i>	39,626					39,626
<i>Monaco Red Cross</i>	30,216					30,216
<i>On Line donations</i>	613					613
<i>Sweden Red Cross (from Swedish Government)</i>	261,715					261,715
<i>USAID</i>	102,365					102,365
<b>C2. Outstanding pledges (Revalued)</b>	<b>946,369</b>					<b>946,369</b>
<b><u>Inkind Personnel</u></b>						
<i>Sweden Red Cross</i>	3,227					3,227
<b>C4. Inkind Personnel</b>	<b>3,227</b>					<b>3,227</b>
<b><u>Other Income</u></b>						
<i>Voluntary Income</i>	-314,064					-314,064
<b>C5. Other Income</b>	<b>-314,064</b>					<b>-314,064</b>
<b>C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C5)</b>	<b>2,183,656</b>					<b>2,183,656</b>
<b>D. Total Funding = B + C</b>	<b>2,544,943</b>					<b>2,544,943</b>
<b>Appeal Coverage</b>	<b>46%</b>					<b>46%</b>

## II. Balance of Funds

	Goal 1: Disaster Management	Goal 2: Health and Care	Goal 3: Capacity Building	Goal 4: Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
<b>B. Opening Balance</b>	<b>361,287</b>					<b>361,287</b>
<b>C. Income</b>	<b>2,183,656</b>					<b>2,183,656</b>
<b>E. Expenditure</b>	<b>-88,167</b>					<b>-88,167</b>
<b>F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)</b>	<b>2,456,775</b>					<b>2,456,775</b>

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### III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Goal 1: Disaster Management	Goal 2: Health and Care	Goal 3: Capacity Building	Goal 4: Principles and Values	Coordination		
A		B					A - B	
<b>BUDGET (C)</b>		<b>5,571,176</b>					<b>5,571,176</b>	
<b>Supplies</b>								
Clothing & textiles	1,400,000							1,400,000
Food	1,278,000							1,278,000
Seeds,Plants	275,000							275,000
Water & Sanitation	802,000	225				225		801,775
Utensils & Tools	250,000							250,000
Other Supplies & Services	102,000							102,000
<b>Total Supplies</b>	<b>4,107,000</b>	<b>225</b>				<b>225</b>		<b>4,106,775</b>
<b>Land, vehicles &amp; equipment</b>								
Computers & Telecom	8,000	1,570				1,570		6,430
Office/Household Furniture & Equipm.		1,022				1,022		-1,022
Others Machinery & Equipment	5,500							5,500
<b>Total Land, vehicles &amp; equipment</b>	<b>13,500</b>	<b>2,592</b>				<b>2,592</b>		<b>10,908</b>
<b>Transport &amp; Storage</b>								
Storage	9,000							9,000
Distribution & Monitoring	44,000	628				628		43,372
Transport & Vehicle Costs	55,000	1,702				1,702		53,298
<b>Total Transport &amp; Storage</b>	<b>108,000</b>	<b>2,330</b>				<b>2,330</b>		<b>105,670</b>
<b>Personnel</b>								
International Staff	33,600	19,188				19,188		14,412
Regionally Deployed Staff	216,000							216,000
National Staff	42,000	6,002				6,002		35,998
National Society Staff	55,000	1,493				1,493		53,507
Consultants	25,000							25,000
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>371,600</b>	<b>26,683</b>				<b>26,683</b>		<b>344,917</b>
<b>Workshops &amp; Training</b>								
Workshops & Training	399,140							399,140
<b>Total Workshops &amp; Training</b>	<b>399,140</b>							<b>399,140</b>
<b>General Expenditure</b>								
Travel	80,000	4,123				4,123		75,877
Information & Public Relation	50,000	2,029				2,029		47,971
Office Costs	50,000	11,332				11,332		38,668
Communications	12,000	69				69		11,931
Financial Charges	6,550	2				2		6,548
Other General Expenses	11,260	7				7		11,253
<b>Total General Expenditure</b>	<b>209,810</b>	<b>17,562</b>				<b>17,562</b>		<b>192,248</b>
<b>Programme Support</b>								
Program Support	362,126	5,531				5,531		356,596
<b>Total Programme Support</b>	<b>362,126</b>	<b>5,531</b>				<b>5,531</b>		<b>356,596</b>
<b>Operational Provisions</b>								
Operational Provisions		33,244				33,244		-33,244
<b>Total Operational Provisions</b>		<b>33,244</b>				<b>33,244</b>		<b>-33,244</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)</b>	<b>5,571,176</b>	<b>88,167</b>				<b>88,167</b>		<b>5,483,009</b>
<b>VARIANCE (C - D)</b>		<b>5,483,009</b>				<b>5,483,009</b>		