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Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) Allocated: CHF 109,750

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In Brief

This document is being issued for information only. The Federation is not seeking any funding or other assistance from donors for this operation at this time.

The Situation

Although the floods in Vietnam have subsided, thousands of people still remain without homes or livelihoods. Vietnam Red Cross continues to deliver aid to communities and individuals severely hit by the floods in conjunction with other international partners. The national society is also conducting a reconstruction assessment as it appears this area of need will not be covered by any other organisation.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

VNRC:

Responding to the VNRC internal appeal, Vietnamese RC members and volunteers supported affected people in five provinces, 80 delegations went to Binh Dinh to support through Binh Dinh RC chapter.

The DREF funding allowed

- the provision of 73 MT of rice and 1773 households kits, undertaken by the VNRC in five provinces, and
- of 2000 water filters that will be distributed for households in 4 communes of Ninh Thuan and Phu Yen provinces
- basic sanitation awareness training will follow up the distribution.

The South Korea government supported USD 10,000 for provision of further 490 household kits for affected peoples.

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Secretariat in Geneva and regional/country delegations have contacted donor national societies directly in order to secure refunding of the DREF allocations. Swiss RC, New Zealand and Norwegian Red Cross have responded to this with a total of CHF109,750.

Other Action

- OCHA fund of USD 14,500 for Ninh Thuan was approved and materials have been ordered and delivery on going to Ninh Thuan for rehabilitation of water systems. Materials (HDPE pipes, cement, pumps) are also arranged for Binh Dinh and Quang Ngai provinces.
- CRS help with building of houses for local people in Binh Dinh (120), Quang Ngai (203), ongoing.
- Provision of rice 230 tonnes and vegetable seeds in 4 districts in Binh Dinh, Quang Ngai provinces, supported by Care Vietnam, has been completed. Fifty tonnes of maize and vegetable seeds, water filters will be delivered in early January. This project also include training and vulnerable assessment/analysis for long term intervention, hence the duration will be until September (nine months). Additional funds of USD 400,000 from a private donor in American has been confirmed for support to Binh Thuan.
- World Vision supported about VND 75 million for provision of text books and note books to nearly 1000 school children in Nghia Hanh District and VND 55 million for provision of rice seeds and soy been seeds for about 500 affected families (approx. 2300 people) in Phuoc Son District, Quang Nam Province.

For a full description of the National Society profile, see www.ifrc.org

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