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DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA: FLOODS

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The Situation

According to the latest reports issued by the Flood Damage Rehabilitation Committee (FDRC), flooding triggered by late July's rain in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) damaged 26,197 houses and has left 39,851 people homeless. Many sections of North Pyongan, South Pyongan, Jagang, North Hwanghae, South Hwanghae, Kangwon and Ryanggang provinces were subjected to severe downpours. Heavy rains have continued to fall throughout the affected area and are expected to continue into September.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The DPRK Red Cross and the Federation participated in a joint field assessment conducted during the first week of August to Eunsan and Pukchang counties. Flooding on 24 to 25 July in Eunsan county left 230 families homeless, damaged 300 houses and killed four people while flooding in Pukchang county in the same period left 400 families homeless and killed 20 people.

In the second week of August, the DPRK Red Cross and the Federation distributed the following relief items to flood affected families in Eunsan and Pukchang counties:

PROVINCE	COUNTY	NO. OF BENEFITED FAMILIES	NO. OF BENEFICIARIES	KITCHEN SETS	BLANKETS PCS	WATER PURIFICATION TABLET	WATER JERRICANS
SOUTH PHYONGAN	EUNSAN	120	520	120	520	31200	120
	PUKCHANG	230	940	230	940	28200	230
TOTAL		350	1460	350	1460	59400	350

Additionally, plastic sheeting will be distributed by the DPRK Red Cross and the Federation to flood affected families in the third week of August.

The DPRK Red Cross and Federation's ongoing community based disaster preparedness activities which teach mitigation skills that reduce damages caused by disasters such as floods to communities and DPRK Red Cross branches are producing positive impact. Activities such as reinforcing river banks in particular lessened the amount of flood related damage.

The FDRC is currently addressing the flood situation in Ryanggang province.

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