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## SOUTHERN THAILAND: FLOODS

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### In Brief

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### The Situation

Heavy rains and flash flood since mid November have flooded most of the southern provinces of Thailand. Eight southern provinces, including Yala, Narathiwat, Pattani, Songkhla, Trang, Satun, Nakhon Si Thammarat and Phatthalung, were severely affected by the floods.

According to the Thai Red Cross, at least 25 people were drowned and some 368,500 families were affected by the flash floods. More than 80 per cent of the total areas in some localities were inundated. Over 2,000 schools were damaged and some 1,800 of them are closed temporarily.

As of today, six coastal provinces still have worrisome flood conditions due to high tides (as high as two metres) and strong winds.



The authorities have immediately been engaged in rescue and evacuation of the affected population, removing floodwaters and installing sandbags in several areas, providing basic relief items and shelter for those rendered homeless by the floods.

### Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The Thai Red Cross has been providing relief items to the southern provinces of Thailand since the onset of the heavy flooding. On 20 December 2005, the secretary general and the director of relief and community health bureau of the society as well as representatives of the provincial chapters visited the affected areas in Songkhla and Phatthalung provinces.

Relief items, including 1,000 sets of relief kits, canned food, personal health care items, have been distributed to flood survivors in the affected areas. Six Red Cross flat-bottom boats have been mobilized to evacuate the stranded from the flooded areas in Songkhla and Phatthalung provinces.



Between 13 and 22 December 2005, the Thai Red Cross national headquarters and the provincial chapters have in total provided 26,300 kits of relief items to the affected population in the seven southern provinces (Nakhon Si Thammarat, Phatthalung, Songkhla, Yala, Narathiwat, Trang and Pattani). The relief items consisted of drinking water, salt, canned foods, first aid kits, candles, lighters, plastic bags, household medicines and medicines for foot disease.

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