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## REPUBLIC OF KOREA: FLOODS

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### In Brief

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### The Situation

Torrential rains that commenced 14 July have resulted in serious floods in a number of provinces in the Republic of Korea, particularly affecting the eastern province of Gangwon. The government has issued the second-highest natural crisis warning in Gangwon province and flood warnings for Nakdong and Geumho rivers in Geyongsang province. To date, more than 520 mm of rain has fallen in Gangwon province, while Yangpeong in Kyonggi province and Seoul received 416 mm and 370 mm of rainfall, respectively.

According to official reports issued by the National Emergency Management Agency on Tuesday 18 July, 29 people have been killed and 32 are missing in flooding and landslides, with thousands of families forced to leave their homes because of floods. In Gangwon province, a series of landslides and floods left 11 people dead and 21 missing. In that region alone, the inundation of 1,316 houses and 1,270 hectares of farmland have made 2,378 people homeless.

According to the National Emergency Management Agency, Jeolla and southern Kyeongsang provinces will receive 50 to 150 mm of rain between 18-19 July.

### Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Under the coordination and liaison of the Republic of Korea National Red Cross (KNRC) national head office in Seoul, KNRC local chapters provided 11,545 relief item sets to disaster affected areas. As of Tuesday 18 July, the KNRC had dispatched seven mobile kitchens and 500 staff/volunteers to provide meals to 14,759 people affected by the floods. The KNRC also deployed 14 vehicles to investigate damage and deliver relief items in Gangwon province, where much of the damage occurred.

A total of 3,393 KNRC volunteers and staff members assisted 13,156 beneficiaries. To date, a total of KRW 728,355,000 (approximately CHF 961,000) has been expended on relief activities. The Republic of Korea National Red Cross is working in close cooperation with the government and other organizations to meet the needs of the flood victims in a timely and effective manner.

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- *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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