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Cambodia: Rainfall and floods

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Operation start date: 24 July 2018	
Host National Society: Cambodian Red Cross	
Number of people affected: 3,578 families (1,662 families evacuated)	Number of people to be assisted: N/A

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The situation

Steung Treng Province, the North-East province of Cambodia has been affected by the hydroelectric dam collapse in Lao People's Democratic Republic on 23 July 2018. A total of two Districts (Siem Pang District and Steung Treng Town) were directly affected by the flash floods, while three more districts (Siem Bok, Sesan, and Thalaborivat) were inundated by the flood water from Siem Pang and Steung Treng Town. In the aftermath of the flood, 1,662 families (5,817 people) from the two districts have been evacuated to a safe area.

The Royal Government of Cambodia had deployed forces of military, police, and other officers, to assist in evacuating the villagers from their affected villages to the temporary safe area which is supplied with all the basic necessities to the evacuees.

The National Committee for Disaster Management (NCDM) and Provincial Committee for Disaster Management (PCDM) have been working jointly with international NGOs, namely Plan International and Caritas to provide relief distribution to 437 evacuated families.

The Humanitarian Response Forum (HRF) in Cambodia (consisting mostly of UN agencies, international organizations, and international non-governmental organizations) has alerted its members about the flood situation and produced the Situation Report No. 1 on 24 July 2018, followed by the call for HRF Emergency meeting on 27 July 2018. [The Situation Report No. 8](#) was published on 1 August 2018.



Director of Steung Treng Red Cross Branch talking with the kids on his mission to the flood village in Siem Pang District. (Photo: Steung Treng Red Cross Branch, CRC, 25 July 2018)

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The Cambodian Red Cross (CRC), as the auxiliary to the Royal Government of Cambodia, has deployed its disaster response team (including staff, volunteers, youths) from Red Cross branch level as well as from the National Headquarters (NHQ) to the affected area and begun the disaster response operation since 24 July 2018. The relief distributions included 2,000 relief kits (rice, canned fish, instant noodles and non-food items) and 500 units of plastic tank (plastic sheet).

Number of people affected

Steung Treng Town: three communes affected (Srash Russey, Presh Bath, and Sammaki). A total of 472 families affected, and 296 families evacuated.

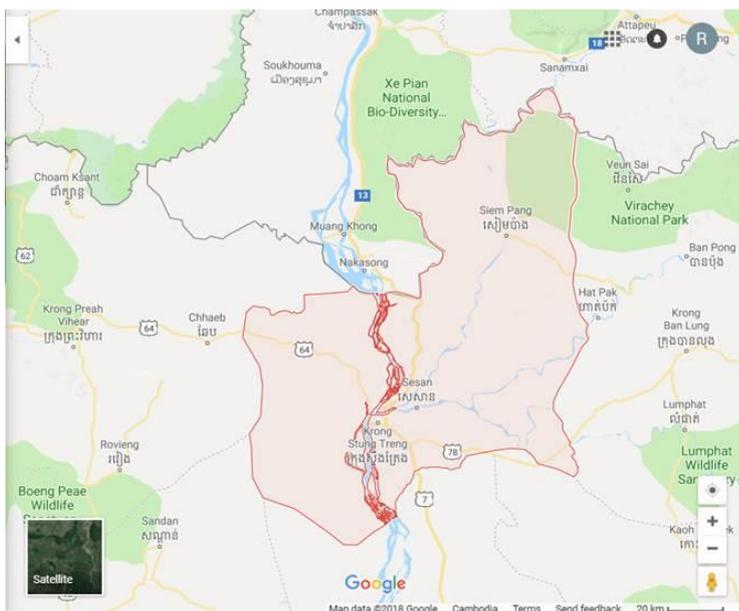
In Siem Pang District: five communes affected (Prek Meas, Sekong, Sre Sambo, Santepheap and Thmar Keo). A total of 3,106 families affected and 1,366 families evacuated.

Besides the flood response in Steung Treng province, CRC provincial branches and NHQ, at the same time, have also carried out intervention in response to flash floods and rainfall in several provinces including: Koh Kong (distributed relief kits to 474 families) and Kampong Cham (distributed relief kits to 1,548 families in Kampong Siem District) distributed on 3 August 2018; Thboung Khmum (distributed relief kits and assisted 1,442 families from three affected communes and 16 villages on 2 August 2018); Kratie; Kampot; Kampong Speu; and Preah Sihanouk.

The CRC is also keeping a close monitoring of the flood situation in the province of Kampong Chhnang, Banteay Mean Chey, Preah Vihear, Kratie, and Prey Veng, and had reserved the emergency stock pile in NHQ warehouse for response to 10,000 families (if needs arise).

The President of the CRC on 31 July 2018 donated USD 50,000 through Laos Embassy in Cambodia to Lao Red Cross for the relief operations to assist those who are in need and affected by the flood caused by the Dam Collapse in Attapeu province.

The IFRC Country Cluster Support Team (CCST) in Bangkok has been monitoring the situation and keeping close communication with the IFRC Cambodia Country Office and the CRC, and ready to assist CRC if the need arises and may require deploying the Regional Disaster Response Team (RDRT) to the ground.



Map shows the location of Steung Treng province, Siem Pang District. (Photo: Google)



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