The situation

Several provinces in the center, central highlands and south of Vietnam have been impacted by floods following torrential rain over a number of days. The worst affected provinces are Kien Giang followed by Lam Dong. Other provinces affected include Gia Lai, Dak Lak, Dak Nong, Kon Tum, Dong Nai, Binh Thuan and Binh Phuoc. Re

According to a report issued by the National Steering Committee for Natural Disaster Prevention and Control (NCDPC), as of 10 August 2019, 10 deaths have been reported while four people injured and over 1,985 people evacuated. In total 12,141 houses are affected by the floods. In addition, households have lost livestock, gardens and other assets.

Flooding of the Cam Ly river in Lam Dong peaked on the evening of 8 August 2019 at 834.25m, exceeding all previous records by 0.28m. While the river level dropped slightly to 830.41m on the following day, it remains at dangerous levels. Flooding of the Dong Nai river at peaked on 9 August 2019 at 114.10m.

These floods come on the heels of Tropical Storm Wipha which brought heavy rains to the north of Vietnam on 3 August 2019, causing nine deaths and damaging 284 houses in Thanh Hoa and Lang Son provinces.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Vietnam Red Cross (VNRC) is coordinating closely with the Steering Committees for Natural Disaster Prevention and Control (NCDPC) at the national and provincial levels to monitor the situation and is deploying teams to support with damage and needs assessments in affected provinces. In addition, VNRC mobilizes disaster relief
funds to distribute cash assistance of CHF 130 per household to the most affected households in four provinces; Lam Dong, Kien Giang, Dak Lak and Dak Nong province with a total cash assistance value of approximately CHF 8,500. In addition, VNRC is mobilizing 300 household kits and water purification powder from their warehouse in Da Nang which will be distributed in three provinces. VNRC is also in the process of mobilizing a further 3,000 household kits from the National Society’s central warehouse in Hanoi for prepositioning in the Da Nang warehouse, the representative office in Ho Chi Minh City as well as the Lao Cai warehouse.

VNRC is in close coordination with IFRC Country Cluster Support Team in Bangkok and the IFRC Asia Pacific Regional Office in Kuala Lumpur on monitoring the situation and is planning to seek external funding to provide support to the affected population.

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