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## Viet Nam: Typhoon Demrey

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This bulletin is being issued for information only, and reflects the current situation and details available at this time. The Vietnam Red Cross Society (VNRC), with the support of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), is currently mobilizing its response through its own resources. Based on the ongoing needs assessment, VNRC, with the support of IFRC, will determine whether external assistance is required.

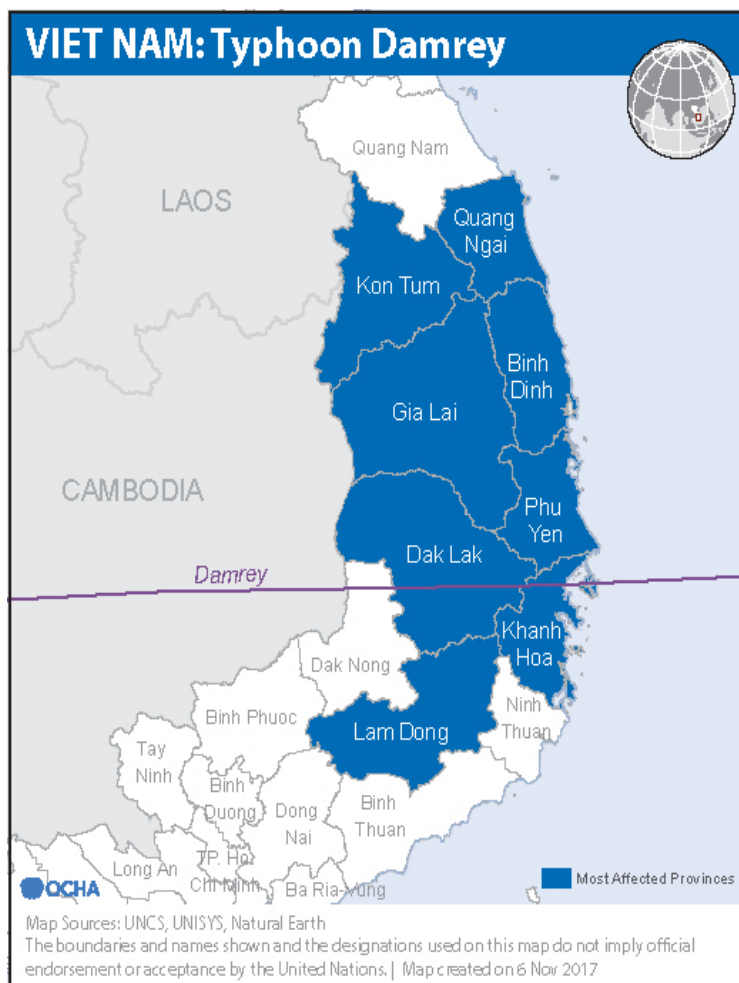
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## The situation

Typhoon Damrey made landfall in early Saturday morning, 4 November 2017, with winds of up to 135km/h on Vietnam, and has wreaked havoc in the central and south-central coast of Việt Nam before entering Cambodia. According to the latest information from National Steering Committee for Natural Disaster Prevention and Control (NCDPC), as of today, 69 people died and 30 people missing. The typhoon has destroyed nearly 1,500 houses and around 120,000 houses are partially damaged. More than 36,000 people in the coastal Can Gio district of Ho Chi Min city were evacuated. Up to 1,300 transport and fishing boats were damaged and sunk. The storm submerged 5,296 hectares of paddy and nearly 15,000 hectares of vegetables and fruits.

The hardest hit regions include the south-central provinces of Khánh Hoà, Phú Yên, and Bình Định, the Central Highlands provinces of Đắk Lắk, Gia Lai, Đắk Nông and Lâm Đồng, and the central provinces of Quảng Nam and Quảng Ngãi.

All of Phú Yên Province and Khánh Hoà Province except for Nha Trang City; and all of Bình Định Province other than Tam Quan District suffered from total blackouts. Parts of Đắk Lắk, Kon Tum, Đắk Nông and Quảng Ngãi provinces shared the same



Map of affected provinces by typhoon Damrey. Source: UNCS, UNISYS

fate. Dozens of flights have been cancelled. The typhoon has also interrupted the railway transportation from North to South.

According to the Chief of Office of the National Search and Rescue Committee, Typhoon Damrey was the strongest storm to make landfall in Khánh Hòa Province and the south-central region in the last 20 years. The recorded danger level of Damrey was higher than that of Typhoon Doksuri which pummelled the central region in September this year.



*Hoi An city, Quang Nam is under the water. Photo by VNRC Quang Nam Chapter*

Weather forecasts stated heavy downpours would continue to lash the region for several days, bringing risks of more flash floods and landslides. From Quảng Trị to Bình Định provinces, floodwater levels rose rapidly, submerging and isolating many areas as the region was warned of a historic flood.

The Standing Board of the Vietnam Fatherland Front (VFF) Central Committee on Sunday decided to allocate VNĐ3 billion (CHF132,000) to the hardest hit regions on 5 November. The funds will be used to provide relief aid families of the deceased, missing and injured, and those whose houses collapsed or were swept away. In which, Khánh Hoà Province will receive VNĐ 1 billion (CHF44,000) while Phú Yên, Bình Định, Đắk Lắk and Quảng Ngãi provinces will receive VNĐ 500 million (CHF22,000) each, according to the media report.

**Table 1: Summary of damages and losses as of 5 November 2017<sup>1</sup>.**

#	Damages	Quang Nam	Quang Ngai	Phu Yen	Binh Dinh	Khanh Hoa	Lam Dong	Dak Lak	Dak Nong	Kon Tum	Gia Lai	Total
<b>I</b>	<b>Human loss</b>	-										-
1	Dead	12	4	1	3	27	3	5		1		<b>56</b>
2	Missing		1	1	3	14		13				<b>19</b>
<b>II</b>	<b>Shelter (house)</b>							11				<b>11</b>
1	Collapsed, swept away	2	1	59	125	87	3	119	14		16	<b>1,360</b>
2	Unroofed	54	151		616	97,930	87	1,334	12	24	140	<b>114,855</b>
3	Inundated											
<b>III</b>	<b>Agricultural, Afforestation (ha)</b>											-
1	Rice field destroyed and inundated (ha)		135	69	866	3,826	100	410			25	<b>5,431</b>
2	Other crops		39	26	27	24,320	205	7,959	100		732	<b>33,408</b>
<b>VII</b>	<b>Irrigation system incidents</b>											-
1	Dyke	7										<b>7</b>
2	Culvert	40										<b>40</b>

<sup>1</sup> **Data source:** NCDPC and VNRC Chapters

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Viet Nam Red Cross Society (VNRC) has been monitoring the typhoon development before making landfall in Vietnam. VNRC immediately released emergency aid, including cash assistance (CHF 34,000) and essential goods such as tarpaulins, shelter tool kits and water purification tablets to affected provinces of Khánh Hoà, Bình Định, Phú Yên and Đắk Lắk on 5 November. The VNRC also dispatched two teams to Khánh Hoà and Phú Yên and Bình Định to provide relief assistance to the affected people.

A coordination meeting with in country Red Cross Movement partners was convened by VNRC HQs on 6 November to update the situation, the VNRC response plan as well as to call for support from partners toward the immediate deployment of provincial disaster response team (PDRT) in the five worst affected provinces. From the meeting, VNRC received support from German Red Cross and American Red Cross in deployment of PDRT teams in Quang Binh, Quang Nam and Quang Ngai (where DRR projects are on- going) while IFRC will be supporting the activation of PDRT deployment and needs assessment.

IFRC Community Safety and Resilience Manager from CCST Bangkok office is currently in Hanoi together with the IFRC team, providing necessary support to VNRC in this floods operation. IFRC, together with the VNRC, are attending the coordination meeting with the Disaster Management Working Group of the government and other NGOs in updating the flooding situation, action plan and also discussing a joint needs assessment on 7 November, and more information will be provided later.

The IFRC is supporting VNRC in disseminating updates to Movement partners. The IFRC continues to coordinate closely with VNRC and is ready to process a possible request for support.



*VNRC Binh Dinh Chapter visited and distributed relief and cash to a household whose house was collapsed in Hoai An, Binh Dinh. Photo by VNRC Binh Dinh*



*VNRC Quang Nam Chapter staff and volunteers are evacuating people to higher ground. Photo by VNRC Quang Nam*

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from disaster and crises.



Enable **healthy**  
and **safe** living.



Promote **social inclusion**  
and a culture of  
**non-violence** and **peace**.

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