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VIETNAM: TYPHOON DAMREY

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In Brief

Appeal No. 05EA019; Operations Update no. 1; Period covered: 5 – 11 October 2005; Appeal coverage: 29.3%; ([click here to go directly to the attached Contributions List, also available on the website](#)).

Appeal history:

- Emergency appeal launched on 5 October 2005 for CHF 813,678 (USD 628,813 OR EUR 522,597) to assist 25,000 beneficiaries (5,000 families) for a period of 12 months.
- Disaster Relief Emergency Funds (DREF) allocated: CHF 200,000

Outstanding needs: CHF 575,018 (USD 444,372 or EUR 369,311)

Related Emergency or Annual Appeals: [South East Asia Annual Appeal \(05AA057\)](#), [Vietnam Annual Appeal \(05AA056\)](#)

Operational Summary:

A week after the launch of the emergency appeal for Typhoon Damrey, the nation is reeling from the effects of the eighth massive storm to hit Vietnam this year. The majority of the affected people have been living below the poverty line, causing serious concern for the country's long-term development plans.

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Background

On 27 September 2005, Typhoon Damrey slammed into Vietnam, lashing coastal provinces extending from Quang Ninh into Da Nang. The next day, heavy rains and wind triggered mudslides and flooding in the northern provinces of Yen Bai, Lao Cai and Phu Tho. Hundreds of thousands of people were left homeless with their houses submerged under floods, while many lost their means of income and subsistence as rice fields, ponds and poultry farms were left damaged in the aftermath of the storm.

The Federation released CHF 200,000 from its Disaster Response Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the response of the Vietnam Red Cross (VNRC) and on 5 October 2005, an emergency appeal was launched to support some 25,000 people for a period of one year.

Operational developments

On 6 and 7 October 2005, seven days after typhoon Damrey ravaged Vietnam's coast, thousands more people were forced to flee their homes as over 44,000 houses were submerged by dangerous floods in central Vietnam's mountainous Quang Binh, Quang Tri and Thua Thien-Hue provinces. Rushing waters washed away 21,515 ha of rice and destroyed thousands more of hectares of vegetable farms, killing herds and destroying fishing ponds.

Quang Tri was hardest hit by the eighth massive storm to strike the country this year, particularly in the province's districts of Vinh Linh, Cam Lo and Gio Linh. In the storm's aftermath, rural communities comprised of subsistence farmers are facing difficulty in obtaining food, and with many of the wells contaminated, they now lack access to water. According to the Asian Development Bank (ADB), the central region of Vietnam, where these three affected provinces are located, is one of the poorest in the country. These central provinces are home to 22 million people, including 11 indigenous ethnic minority groups. According to the latest information from ADB, despite the nation's growing economy, a more focused targeting of support for the poor is becoming increasingly necessary.

The loss of crops and farm animals to the recent barrage of floods, combined with the threats posed by avian influenza, is having a devastating effect on a country where some 80 per cent of the population depend on agriculture for income and subsistence. According to Vietnam's Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, currently 17.2 per cent of all households live below the poverty line, with 90 per cent of the country's poor residing in rural areas. It is precisely these areas in Vietnam's northwest, northeast, northern central and coastal central regions, and in the west central highlands – home to some 2.8 million poor households – which, after weathering six previous storms, were struck by Typhoon Damrey and the most recent storm. Natural disasters pose a constant threat to the country's efforts to reduce poverty. Although efforts are being made by the government and international organizations to introduce poverty reduction projects in these vulnerable areas, large-scale and sudden-onset natural disasters such as floods or Typhoon Damrey can undermine any progress made through these projects.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Responding to the needs in Quang Binh, Quang Tri and Thua Thien-Hue provinces, the Vietnam Red Cross (VNRC) headquarters released 750 household kits from its warehouse: Quang Tri receiving 300 kits, Quang Binh receiving 300 kits and Thua Thien-Hue receiving 150 kits. The household kits are packaged in a lidded plastic bucket containing: 1 mosquito net; 2 blankets; 1 pot; 1 frying pan; 1 small stove; and 3 bars of soap. The national society has released cash and relief items totaling VND 345 million (CHF 28,080 or USD 21,700) to assist affected families in the central provinces. Having only just returned from responding to Damrey, relief teams from VNRC's headquarters headed to the central provinces on 12 October to distribute relief items.

Progress to date in the emergency appeal response

Following the issuing of the emergency appeal, VNRC has continued to respond to the urgent need for food caused by Typhoon Damrey, relying on local resources to distribute rice donated by a local NGO to typhoon-affected areas. At the same time the national society is preparing to initiate emergency relief activities supported through the Federation's appeal. As outlined in the attached logical framework ([see Annex 1](#)), the VNRC is moving forward with procuring food and household kits for distribution to the affected families. Requests for quotations have been issued for rice and household kit items, and bids will be reviewed on Wednesday 19 October. The VNRC, in order to ensure that the operation is efficiently managed has established a four-person "Damrey-Appeal Board" chaired by the society's deputy secretary-general which will work in close cooperation with the Federation staff in Hanoi.

Coordination

The VNRC and the Federation are members of the country's disaster management working group (DMWG). As such, the national society and the Federation will continue to carry out response activities in close cooperation and consultation with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), Oxford Committee for Famine Relief (OXFAM)-Great Britain, the Central Committee for Flood and Storm Control (CCFSC), the ministry of foreign affairs, as well as with other organizations.

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Annex 1

Vietnam: Typhoon Damrey; Appeal no. 05EA019; Logical Framework

Vietnam: Typhoon Damrey

Appeal 05EA019

Timeframe: 5 October 2005 – 5 October 2006

Number of beneficiaries: 5,000 Households (25,000 individuals)

Overall Objective: Contribute to the nutritional, health, physical and economic security of Vietnam's population affected by Typhoon Damrey

Expected result(s)	Activities	Indicators	Assumptions/risks	Progress to date/Comments
1.) 25,000 people have received food assistance for two months in: Nam Dinh, Ninh Binh, Thanh Hoa, Nghe An, Yen Bai, Phu Tho and Ha Tinh provinces.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beneficiary selection process Procure rice according to the Federation's standards Distribute 15 kg rice to 25,000 beneficiaries in: Nam Dinh, Ninh Binh, Thanh Hoa, Nghe An, Yen Bai, Phu Tho and Ha Tinh provinces 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rice procured in accordance with the Federation's standards At least 25,000 people have received the full ration over a two-month period (15 kg of rice per month for two months) <p>Means of Verification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Household visits with selected beneficiaries who received assistance to ensure assistance was appropriate Beneficiary lists 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prices for rice and transport remain stable Access to villages remains unhampered by adverse weather 	
2.) 3,100 households have each received 1 household kit containing: 2 blankets, 1 mosquito net, 1 cooking set and 3 bars of soap.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beneficiary selection process Procure household kits according to the Federation's standards Replenish VNRC's disaster preparedness stock with 1,700 kits Distribute household kits to 1,400 families affected by Typhoon Damrey 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Household kits procured in accordance with the Federation's standards Household kits (2 blankets, 1 mosquito net, 1 cooking set and 3 bars of soap) distributed At least 1,400 households have received household kits within the operation's timeframe VNRC has sufficient household kits in stock to respond to future emergencies <p>Means of Verification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Household visits with selected 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Market prices remain stable and items are available Access to villages remains unhampered by adverse weather 	

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		<p>beneficiaries who received assistance to ensure assistance was appropriate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beneficiary lists • Warehouse inventory lists 		
<p>3) 200 typhoon-affected families are provided with typhoon-resistant permanent housing.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beneficiary selection process • Construct 200 typhoon-resistant homes and accompanying water and sanitation facilities and provide hygiene education for affected families in selected areas by October 2006 • Procure necessary building materials according to the Federation’s standards • Obtain land rights and appropriate authorization for the construction • Provide homes with accompanying wells and water containers for collecting rain water • Health education training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Items and services are procured in accordance with the Federation’s standards • Houses are resistant to winds exceeding 120 km per hour. • Household members have access to clean water and have a clear understanding of how to maintain water sources <p>Means of Verification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet with selected beneficiaries who received assistance to ensure assistance was appropriate • Inspect homes and water systems ensuring that they are “fit for habitability” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Market prices remain stable and items are available according to the appeal budget • Families maintain their willingness to commit to the building of homes 	
<p>4) A livelihood programme for 1,600 typhoon-affected families is developed and implemented according to their needs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet with affected communities to identify their interests, skills and available resources • Support 1,600 households with re-establishing a source of livelihood 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,600 families involved in the livelihood programme 		<p>The Plan of Action for this Objective will be developed and finalized in the coming weeks. The log frame will be updated at that time.</p>

Vietnam - typhoon Damrey

ANNEX 2

APPEAL No. 05EA019

PLEDGES RECEIVED

13/10/2005

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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CASH

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REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				813,678		29.3%
CANADIAN - GOVT		80,000	CAD	88,360	07.10.05	
SWEDISH - GOVT		900,000	SEK	150,300	12.10.05	
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				238,660	CHF	29.3%

KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				0	CHF	0.0%

ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED				0	CHF	