

Operations update



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Viet Nam: Typhoon Lekima

Emergency appeal n° MDRVN002
GLIDE n° TC-2007-00178-VNM
Operations update n° 4
4 March 2008

Period covered by this Ops Update: 8 December 2007 – 29 February 2008;

Appeal target (current): CHF 3,231,507 (USD 2.7 million or EUR 1.9 million)

[<click here to view the attached Revised Emergency Appeal Budget>](#)¹

Appeal coverage: 72%; [<click here to go directly to the updated donor response report, or here to link to contact details >](#)

Appeal history:

- Preliminary appeal launched on 10 October for CHF 3,231,507 (USD 2.7 million or EUR 1.9 million) for 12 months to assist 193,000 beneficiaries.
- Appeal launched on 17 October as above with minor adjustments to the operation.
- **Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF):** CHF 200,000 (USD 170,000 or EUR 120,000).

Summary: The distribution of rice and household kits was completed during January 2008. The appeal goals for food and non-food items have been met, and funding support has covered many of the immediate relief supply needs.

The Viet Nam Red Cross (VNRC) will now focus on construction and reconstruction of houses. Identification of the needs in each province and how to best provide housing support is ongoing between the VNRC headquarters and Federation country office. The appeal seeks to assist 1,000 families in rebuilding their destroyed houses. Donations from the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Viet Nam and the USAID have helped to begin materializing this goal.

Thanks to support from the American, British, German, Japanese, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, and Swedish government and national societies, USAID, Intel Foundation, the Irish government and private donors, Royal Norwegian Embassy in Viet Nam and the Merck Company Foundation, about 72 per cent of the appeal budget is covered. More funding, however, is sought to further support those affected, who have not only suffered from a spell of cold weather for more than a month but have also had their new rice crops destroyed by the cold and had their livelihoods badly affected.

The situation

Typhoon Lekima and floods caused by torrential rains last autumn affected millions of people and left thousands without homes. The Viet Nam Red Cross (VNRC), supported by several local partners as well as the Red Cross Red Crescent and various non-Movement partners, responded by delivering food and non-food items to those affected. Rice, instant noodles, water buckets and containers, mosquito nets, blankets, and cooking utensils were provided to those most in need.

The VNRC will continue to support the people through reconstruction of homes as funding for this component is almost secured.

¹ Budget figures provided up to end January 2008 as figures for February 2008 are currently under process

Support in the form of food, clothes, household and kitchen items, and cash from different sources have helped to lift the gloom of the population affected. Thanks to local and international support, food has been provided for at least two months, and families have received basic items valuable for daily living. Through local donations, parents have been able to buy new textbooks for their children. Reports from 14 of the chapters showed that about 150,446 people in these provinces received relief items in cash or kind through the VNRC.

However, the lengthy spell of cold weather has caused far-reaching effects to life in many parts of the country including areas affected by last year's typhoon. Several hundred thousand hectares of young rice and rice crops have been destroyed as a result of the cold in 16 provinces including the typhoon-hit provinces of Thanh Hoa and Nghe An. According to local media, livestock has also been affected where about 12,000 cows and buffalos in the Northern and Northern Central provinces have died, many in typhoon-affected locations.

To respond to new arising needs, the VNRC and its chapters have provided warm clothes, blankets, salt, plastic tents, livelihood support and cash to the most affected, particularly populations in remote and mountainous areas. Total distribution is valued at about VND 6.2 billion (USD 390,000) in kind and cash. The immediate response from the Hochiminh City Red Cross chapter was featured on national television.

The response of local authorities and Red Cross to restart livelihoods and rice crops for farmers affected by the cold and typhoon will be an uphill struggle.

Coordination and partnerships

VNRC HQ remains the main focal contact for operations. On the ground level, the chapters continue to cooperate with local authorities in identifying beneficiaries and distributing relief goods. Distribution of food and non-food items has been timely in locations where cooperation between the Red Cross chapters and local authorities is strong. The Federation country office continues to support the VNRC headquarters with guidelines to select beneficiaries and reconstruct new homes under housing support.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Overview

The relief efforts in the 14 provinces affected, particularly the five worst hit locations, have been moving along steadily. The following is a summary of the operation since the [last operations update](#):

- 7,000 families in the five provinces of Thua Thien Hue, Quang Nam, Quang Ngai, Binh Dinh and Phu Yen received rice support in January from the appeal.
- 13,100 families in the provinces of Ninh Binh, Thanh Hoa and Quang Binh benefited from rice support by ECHO through French and Spanish national societies.
- 1,350 families in the five provinces mentioned above received household kits during January 2008.
- About 5,000 household kits were distributed to people most in need in the Quang Binh province by the French Red Cross.
- VNRC headquarters has started the selection of provinces receiving housing support in consultation with the Federation country office.
- Procurement of 1,350 household kits to replenish the VNRC stocks was completed in January 2008.
- 10,000 pre-positioned contingency household kits were procured in January by the French Red Cross and distribution is in the pipeline.

A more proactive approach in local fundraising through flyers containing a summary of the emergency appeal, and visits by the Federation country office to foreign missions in Hanoi resulted in contributions from the Norwegian Embassy and Merck Company Foundation from the business community.

Furthermore, the Federation office's timely response to the needs on the ground has helped to secure a second-round donation from USAID. Altogether, the contributions have enabled the national society to cover almost all the needs for housing support as set by the appeal's goal.

Relief Item Distribution Status (through Federation appeal) – as of 31 January 2008

Province	Distributed		Next plan
	Food: rice Families covered	Household kits Families covered	Housing support Families covered
Quang Binh	0	600	
Ha Tinh	900	1,400	
Nghe An	2,000	2,400	
Thanh Hoa	2,000	1,600	
Ninh Binh	700	800	
Son La	700	500	
Hoa Binh	700	300	
Quang Tri	1,000	700	
Thua Thien Hue	3,500	1,050	
Da Nang	1,000	700	
Quang Nam	4,400	780	
Quang Ngai	3,900	1,200	
Binh Dinh	3,600	800	
Phu Yen	3,600	620	
Total	28,000	13,450	1,000
<i>Food: Each family received 30 kilogrammes of rice</i>			
<i>Non-food: Each household kit consists of one mosquito net, two blankets, one 40-litre water container, one 10-litre water container, one water bucket, and one cooking utensil</i>			
<i>Reconstruction of new houses: Selection of target families is ongoing</i>			

Relief distribution: food items

Objective: Provision of emergency supplementary food comprising instant noodles, drinking water and a 30 kg ration of rice per family for approximately 140,000 people (some 28,000 families) for one month in the worst affected areas. Support in terms of both cash and rice will also be supplied by local authorities and other organizations.

Progress:

Distribution of an additional 210 tonnes of rice to 7,000 families in the five provinces of Thua Thien Hue, Quang Nam, Quang Ngai, Binh Dinh and Phu Yen was completed by the end of January. A total of 28,000 families have benefited from rice distributions under the appeal. As such, the appeal goal has been met in this area.

However, given the compounding effects of typhoon Lekima and the subsequent series of floods, the national society is expanding its objective to provide 5,820 tonnes of rice to 194,000 families (excluding rice provided during the emergency phase from local mobilization).

The bilateral support of the government of Luxembourg to the VNRC and the ECHO funding through the French and Spanish national societies has enabled the VNRC to realize this ambition. Rice from the government of Luxembourg reached 2,700 families. The French Red Cross distributed 700 tonnes of rice to about 9,500 families in the Quang Binh province, while the Spanish Red Cross delivered 506 tonnes of rice to 3,600 families in the Thanh Hoa and Ninh Binh provinces.

To date, about 43,800 families have benefited from rice support, excluding support from local mobilization. The second distribution of 506 tonnes of rice from the Spanish Red Cross is to be completed by end of February, while the French Red Cross is considering providing more rice in April.

A lengthy spell of cold weather, the worst since 1989, lashing the Northern and Northern Central provinces for more than a month has exacerbated the predicament of the typhoon- and flood-affected who derive their incomes mainly from crop production and husbandry. According to the ministry of agriculture and rural development

(MARD), about 125,000 hectares of rice seedlings were destroyed during the severe weather. The failure of the rice crop is most severe in the five provinces north of the country, including the two typhoon-affected provinces of Thanh Hoa and Nghe An. Local governments and inhabitants expressed concern of a lack of rice seedlings for re-planting. A food shortage among the vulnerable people is likely in the months to come.

Relief distribution: non-food items

Objective: By the end of December 2007, 12,000 families in the most severely affected areas will have received one basic household kit comprising cooking and kitchen utensils, one mosquito net, two blankets and one 40-litre plastic water container. The provision of these items aims to meet immediate needs and enable people to begin returning to their everyday lives as quickly as possible.

By the end of January, about 1,350 families in the provinces of Thua Thien Hue, Quang Nam, Quang Ngai, Binh Dinh, and Phu Yen had benefited from the third distribution of household kit support, with a total of 13,450 kits being distributed from the appeal.

Including the donations from government of Luxembourg, Save the Children, international companies, and the French Red Cross (5,000 kits) and the Spanish Red Cross (3,600 kits), as of 31 January 2008, 26,000 household kits have been delivered. This is 58 per cent of the national society's objective to expand the number of beneficiaries of both typhoon Lekima and recent floods by 45,000 families due to the increased vulnerability as a consequence of the wave of floods.

The French Red Cross is planning to distribute an additional 10,000 household kits. Selection of target provinces is ongoing with the VNRC.

The kit items are very much needed by the families whose energy and capacity are exhausted after the typhoon. Given the recent cold, blankets were needed more than ever before.



Relief has been essential in easing the suffering of typhoon-affected people who have lost their belongings especially given the recent cold weather.

Shelter

Objective: By September 2008, 1,000 families with no available means to rebuild their homes will be living in typhoon-resistant houses with appropriate water and sanitation facilities.

This component has begun with the selection of target provinces. Planning has been made by the VNRC headquarters based on the needs assessment submitted by chapters. The Federation country office is supporting the national society in improving the selection process. The process is expected to take longer in order to ensure the families most in need are chosen correctly. Dialogue on how reconstruction of houses is best supported will be ongoing between the national society and Federation country office.

Lesson learned from the Xangsane/Durian operations will be drawn for this component. The Federation country office will also consult on housing support from other national societies and adapt these to the Vietnamese context.

Thanks to contributions from the USAID and the government and people of Norway, 1,000 families who are presently living in temporary shelters made of mud or leaves since the disaster struck will have an opportunity for safer houses. Reconstruction is expected to start in April.

How we work

All International Federation assistance seeks to adhere to the Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in Disaster Relief and is committed to the Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response (Sphere) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

The International Federation's activities are aligned with its Global Agenda, which sets out four broad goals to meet the Federation's mission to "improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity".

Global Agenda Goals:

- 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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MDRVN002 - Vietnam - Typhoon Lekima

Interim Financial Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2007/10-2008/1
Budget Timeframe	2007/10-2008/9
Appeal	MDRVN002
Budget	APPEAL

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

I. Consolidated Response to Appeal

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
A. Budget		3,231,507				3,231,507
B. Opening Balance		0				0
Income						
<u>Cash contributions</u>						
<i>American Red Cross</i>		27,950				27,950
<i>British Red Cross</i>		86,400				86,400
<i>China - Private Donors</i>		31				31
<i>German Red Cross (from German Government)</i>		87,450				87,450
<i>Intel Foundation</i>		6,365				6,365
<i>Irish Government</i>		165,000				165,000
<i>Japanese Red Cross</i>		158,551				158,551
<i>Monaco Red Cross</i>		8,449				8,449
<i>Netherlands Red Cross</i>		66,920				66,920
<i>New Zealand Red Cross</i>		9,980				9,980
<i>Norwegian Government</i>		1,116,670				1,116,670
<i>On Line donations</i>		3,104				3,104
<i>Swedish Red Cross</i>		2,635				2,635
<i>Swedish Red Cross (from Swedish Government)</i>		175,700				175,700
<i>USAID</i>		117,100				117,100
C1. Cash contributions		2,032,305				2,032,305
<u>Outstanding pledges (Revalued)</u>						
<i>Intel Foundation</i>		5,931				5,931
<i>New York Office (from Merck)</i>		54,000				54,000
<i>Norwegian Government</i>		19,209				19,209
<i>USAID</i>		216,000				216,000
C2. Outstanding pledges (Revalued)		295,140				295,140
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C5)		2,327,445				2,327,445
D. Total Funding = B + C		2,327,445				2,327,445
Appeal Coverage		72%				72%

II. Balance of Funds

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance		0				0
C. Income		2,327,445				2,327,445
E. Expenditure		-781,685				-781,685
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)		1,545,760				1,545,760

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III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation		
A		B					A - B	
BUDGET (C)		3,231,507					3,231,507	
Supplies								
Construction Materials	1,850,000						1,850,000	
Clothing & textiles			115,211			115,211	-115,211	
Food	372,960		365,483			365,483	7,477	
Utensils & Tools	355,200		151,443			151,443	203,757	
Total Supplies	2,578,160		632,137			632,137	1,946,023	
Transport & Storage								
Storage	15,000		7,135			7,135	7,865	
Distribution & Monitoring	62,463		10,321			10,321	52,142	
Transport & Vehicle Costs	50,000		1,172			1,172	48,828	
Total Transport & Storage	127,463		18,628			18,628	108,835	
Personnel								
International Staff Payroll Benefits	15,000		7,117			7,117	7,883	
Regionally Deployed Staff	15,000						15,000	
National Staff	16,409		4,673			4,673	11,736	
National Society Staff	23,700		2,483			2,483	21,217	
Consultants	20,000						20,000	
Total Personnel	90,109		14,273			14,273	75,836	
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	27,521						27,521	
Total Workshops & Training	27,521						27,521	
General Expenditure								
Travel	75,113		1,737			1,737	73,376	
Information & Public Relation	25,000		2,838			2,838	22,162	
Office Costs	30,703		544			544	30,159	
Communications	15,000		882			882	14,118	
Professional Fees	25,000		188			188	24,812	
Financial Charges	27,390		26,737			26,737	653	
Other General Expenses			195			195	-195	
Total General Expenditure	198,206		33,122			33,122	165,084	
Programme Support								
Program Support	210,048		50,810			50,810	159,238	
Total Programme Support	210,048		50,810			50,810	159,238	
Operational Provisions								
Operational Provisions			32,715			32,715	-32,715	
Total Operational Provisions			32,715			32,715	-32,715	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	3,231,507		781,685			781,685	2,449,822	
VARIANCE (C - D)			2,449,822			2,449,822		

Donor response to MDRVN002 - Vietnam - Typhoon Lekima

TIMEFRAME: 08 Oct 07 to 10 Oct 08

LOCATION: Vietnam

TOTAL AMOUNT SOUGHT:	3,231,507
TOTAL RECEIVED TO DATE:	2,371,329
APPEAL COVERAGE TO DATE:	73%

Updated on: 04 Mar 2008

	Currency	Amount	Health & Care CHF	Disaster Management CHF	Humanitarian Values CHF	Organisational Development CHF	Coordination & Implementation CHF	Total CHF
BUDGET				3,231,507				3,231,507
FUNDING								
Opening Balance								
Income								
Cash contributions (received and pledged)								
American Red Cross	USD	25,000		27,950				27,950
British Red Cross	GBP	36,000		86,400				86,400
China - Private Donors	CNY	200		31				31
German Red Cross (from German Government)	EUR	53,000		87,450				87,450
Intel Foundation	USD	10,984		12,132				12,132
Irish Government	EUR	100,000		165,000				165,000
Japanese Red Cross	USD	136,800		158,551				158,551
Monaco Red Cross	EUR	5,050		8,449				8,449
Netherlands Red Cross	EUR	71,130		116,728				116,728
New York Office (from Merck)	USD	50,000		54,000				54,000
New Zealand Red Cross	CHF	9,980		9,980				9,980
Norwegian Government	NOK	5,500,000		1,136,119				1,136,119
On Line donations	CHF	3,104		3,104				3,104
Swedish Red Cross	SEK	15,000		2,635				2,635
Swedish Red Cross (from Swedish Government)	SEK	1,000,000		175,700				175,700
USAID	USD	300,000		327,100				327,100
Total Cash contributions				2,371,329				2,371,329
Total Income				2,371,329				2,371,329
TOTAL FUNDING			0	2,371,329	0	0	0	2,371,329
COVERAGE				73%				73%