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## Viet Nam: Typhoon Mirinae

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The Viet Nam Red Cross volunteers from Phu Yen Chapter distributing food items to the people of Phu Yen province after Typhoon Mirinae caused considerable damage. Phu Yen and Binh Dinh are the two most affected provinces. Photo: Viet Nam Red Cross.

## The Situation

Mirinae, the 11<sup>th</sup> typhoon to hit Viet Nam this year, caused considerable damages to nine provinces in the centre of Viet Nam on 2 November: Binh Dinh, Phu Yen, Khanh Hoa, Ninh Thuan, Dac Lac, Quang Nam, Quang Ngai, Kom Tun and Gia Lai. Of the nine, Binh Dinh and Phu Yen are the most affected.

According to latest data from the Viet Nam government, 109 people have died, over 80 are injured, 23 are missing and 264,674 have been evacuated.

The data also reports that 1,035 houses have been destroyed, 14,352 have been severely damaged and 92,750 are flooded. A total of 116 schools have been damaged and 1,056 rice fields are flooded.

These data is updated daily by the Viet Nam Red Cross (VNRC) and the Central Committee for Flood and Storm Control (CCFSC). The global situation might evolve significantly in the coming days. Moreover, as most of these provinces had already been affected by typhoon Ketsana, the needs are now considerable among the local population.



The Viet Nam Red Cross Phu Yen Chapter distributing food items to the people of Phu Yen following the onslaught of Typhoon Mirinae. Photo: Viet Nam Red Cross.

In Phu Yen, torrential rain started on the night between 2 and 3 November, and two hydroelectric lakes released water on 3 November, submerging the province. On the afternoon of 4 November, the districts of Tuy An, Dong Xuan, Tay Hoa, Phu Hoa, Dong Hoa and Tuy Hoa City were under water. Many communes have been isolated. Dozens of thousands of houses have been flooded, and thousands of people were isolated because of flooding.

On 3 November, an emergency evacuation was ordered for thousands of families living along Ba River and high-risk areas. Two helicopters from Ho Chi Minh City and eight canoes have been sent to carry out rescue activity in Phu Yen. The government's top priority is to save the lives of the people being isolated during the flood, and provide food to people in evacuation areas. According to the head of Phu Yen province, while many people were in critical situation, helicopters could not access the area due to bad weather.

Heavy rains flooded hundreds of houses in districts of Ninh Hoa, Van Ninh, Dien Khanh of Nha Trang province.

Intensive rescue activity has been undertaken to Binh Dinh province. On 4 November at 6am, helicopters were operational to rescue isolated people. Rain continued and water from upstream rivers made the rescue impossible except by helicopters.

Other provinces such as Ninh Thuan and Quang Ngai were also flooded.

The VNRC staff and volunteers in the field provided assistance to the population as soon as they could access the affected areas. In the severely affected provinces of Binh Dinh, Phu Yen, Khanh Hoa and Ninh Thuan, 800 household kits (cooking utensils, mosquito nets, blankets, water buckets and water containers) have been distributed to the most affected families, and VND 350,000,000 (CHF 19,959 or USD 19,635) were allocated to the four provinces to be distributed directly in cash or to buy and distribute food and water. Nevertheless, the

needs in this area hit by two strong typhoons (Ketsana and Mirinae) within one month are becoming more important and require an appropriate response.

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

VNRC has been operational in the field since the afternoon of 1 November. Red Cross staff have been on duty in the field and participated in the evacuation, led by the local government before the landfall of the typhoon. Assigned by the Provincial Committee for Flood and Storm Control (PCFSC), a local government body which leads preparedness and response activities in field level, the Phu Yen Red Cross chapter is in charge of response in Tay Hoa district. A Red Cross chapter leader has been in the district from 1 to 4 November to discuss with the district on the response plan, including evacuation and emergency response before and after the disaster, as well as to make field visit to the flooding areas.

As a result of the long-term branch development project supported by the Norwegian Red Cross, the Phu Yen Red Cross chapter have been able to mobilize well-trained volunteers in preparedness and response activities. At the time of reporting, an estimated 100 Red Cross staff and volunteers have been involved in preparedness activities such as trimming trees to prevent them from falling during disasters as well as helping villagers to strengthen houses before the typhoon. During the disaster response, these Red Cross volunteers have immediately been mobilized to remove debris from the most affected areas.

The Phu Yen Red Cross chapter, with the support of the volunteers, has provided immediate relief goods in the form of instant noodles to 200 households in the isolated area of Hoa Binh commune, Tay Hoa district. With the support of the VNRC headquarters, the chapter will provide cash assistance to the affected families who have lost their family members as a result of the disaster.

Khanh Hoa Red Cross chapter shared the summary of damage in the worst-hit districts in the provinces ([click here](#) to see table). More information will come.

A VNRC headquarters response team led by a vice president was heading for Phu Yen and Binh Dinh provinces on 4 November, and planned to distribute cash assistance in Van Ninh district, Phu Yen province on 5 November.

The immediate response from the VNRC headquarters is as follows:

Province	Cash (in VND million)	Household kits	Date of distribution
Binh Dinh	100	200	5 November
Phu Yen	150	400	5 November
Khanh Hoa	50	100	5 November
Ninh Thuan	50	100	5 November

A clearer picture on the situation will be presented upon availability of report from the VNRC headquarters and the field.

The French Red Cross team was already in Binh Dinh province when Typhoon Mirinae took landfall, and was able to provide a rapid response in collaboration with the VNRC by distributing rice to affected communities.

## How we work

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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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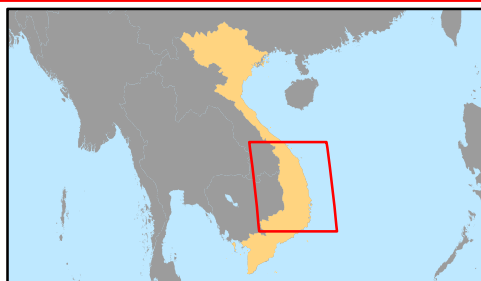
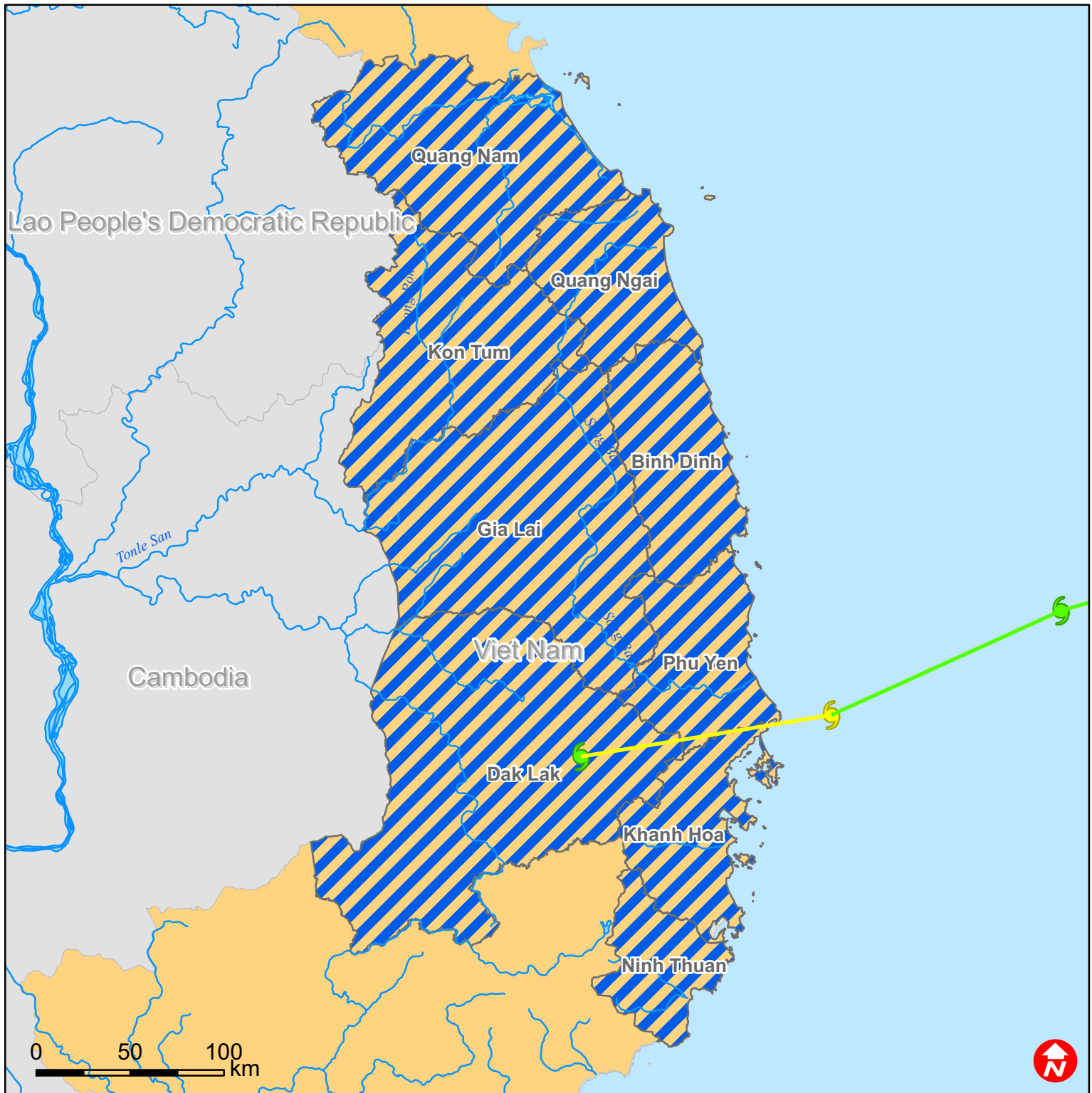
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Summary of damages caused by typhoon Mirinae from 1 to 4 November 2009  
(Updated on 06:00 hours on 4<sup>th</sup> November)

District	Unit	Total	Vạn Ninh	Ninh Hòa	Nha Trang	Diên Khánh	Cam Lâm	Cam Ranh	Khánh Vĩnh	Khánh Sơn
<b>1. Human loss:</b>										
Death	Person	7	1	2		1	3			
Missing	Person	4		2	1		1			
Injured	Person	8	3	2		1				2
<b>2. Houses damages:</b>										
Collapsed/ washed away	House	164	118	35	7	2	2			
Damaged vẹo	House	735	592	120	19	4				
School damage/ Trường học bị hư hỏng, ngập	Room	17	16	1						
Health station damage/ Trạm Y tế, trụ sở UBND xã, các CT khác	Station	14	12	2						
Households evacuated/ Số hộ phải di dời	Household	3.741	1.137	472	40	969	21	414	604	84
Number of people evacuated/ Số nhân khẩu phải di dời	Person	14.674	4.436	1.975	200	3.824	87	1.285	2.530	310
<b>3. Agriculture damage:</b>										
Rice field damaged, flooded	Hectare	763	104	28			250	381		
Sugar cane field damaged/flooded	Hectare	617	80				505	32		
Casava field damaged	Hectare							50		
Cash crop damaged, flooded	Hectare	24		24						
<b>4. Damage on aquaculture:</b>										
Pond erosion	M	120		120						
Pond area flooded, lost	Hectare	112	112							
Boats damaged, sunk	Boat	77	73	1	3					
Fishing caves broken	Cave	2.111	2.100		11					



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