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Information bulletin Thailand: Floods

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Summary: Since late July 2013, Thailand has been facing sporadic flooding, mainly in the north and north-eastern provinces. From late September, seasonal rainfall was further exacerbated by the combined impact of several tropical storms resulting in climatic depressions over Thailand that led to heavy rainfall in many provinces throughout the country. By early October, a total of 45 provinces were affected by floods, out of which 25 provinces are severely affected.

The reported death toll from these floods has risen to 61 people, and more than 3.5 million are affected.

To date, the Thai Red Cross has been active in 22 flood-affected provinces. So far, the National Society has provided 64,000 families with relief assistance which comprises family kits, drinking water, hot meals, search-and-rescue services, and medical assistance.

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The situation

With death toll reaching 61 since 17 September, flooding continues to affect many provinces in Thailand with those most affected in the northeast and central parts of the country. Impact from Tropical Storm Nari could further exacerbate the risk for some 3.5 million Thai residents who have been affected so far by extensive flooding. Authorities have also stepped up efforts to slow the flow of floodwaters towards the capital city, Bangkok on the Chao Phraya river delta, where most of the nation's rivers and rainfall collect.

According to the Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Department, 4,377 villages are flooded in 88 districts of 21 provinces, affecting some 275,765 families for a total of over 800,000 people.

The situation has slightly improved in 17 provinces, mainly in the north including Chiang Mai, Mae Hong Son, Phayao, Lampang and Chumphon. However, further heavy rainfall is expected.

In Prachinburi and Chachengsao located in central Thailand, the flood situation is still very critical, despite water levels dropping about 10 cm per day



Beneficiaries of Thai Red Cross relief kits in Phatum Thani Province.
Photo credit: Thai Red Cross

Prachinburi province has now been struggling with floods for more than a month with many local villages marooned amid high floodwaters. This has also affected neighbouring seaside province, Chachoengsao with run-off floodwater from Prachinburi. Through this area, the main channel of the Bang Pakong river empties into the sea, but presently, high tides have proven a major obstacle to drainage operations. However, while water has reached relatively high levels in this channel, Thai authorities are confident that floodwaters from the Chachoengsao province will not affect Bangkok.

In Sakaeo province, most of areas remain flooded, despite the flood situation slowly improving. The Ministry of Health deployed mobile medical service teams to several areas, reaching about 300,000 households over the past 26 days. About 90,000 people have been treated, mostly for athlete's foot, as well as respiratory infections and other minor injuries. The medical teams also gave psychological counselling to people affected by the deluge.

It is forecast that from 16-22 October, the remnants of Tropical Storm Nari will continue to bring heavy rain over the lower northeast, lower north, east and central provinces of the country, including the Bangkok metropolitan area and its surroundings.



Prachin Buri province in central Thailand is among the provinces worst affected by this year's flood.
Photo: Thai Red Cross

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Thai Red Cross has been providing assistance to the most affected people since late July, working in close collaboration with provincial and national authorities (Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation – DDPM). At least 250,000 people have been reached in 22 affected provinces through the provision of family kits, cooked meals, clean water supply, basic health, and search and rescue services.

By early October, Thai Red Cross had deployed its mobile kitchen unit to Prachinburi province and mobile medical teams, mobile purification Units (DOW), water and sanitation unit, flat bottom boats and inflatable boats to most affected provinces, to ensure basic assistance was provided to those affected, especially people marooned by flood waters.

Working in close collaboration with provincial DDPM/local authorities, Red Cross teams have also been involved in evacuating people to safety.

Distribution of Family Kits

Location (Province)	No. of distributions	Beneficiary Families
Phang Nga	5	3,550
Sakon Nakhon	1	1,000
Chanthaburi	4	4,760
Prachuap Khiri Khan	7	2,335
Tak	2	1,100
Chiang Rai	1	1,000
Sisaket	1	1,000
Surin	3	4,000
Sa Kaeo	4	4,720
Ubon Ratchathani	18	9,240
Ang Thong	1	600
Nakorn Nayok	1	2,000
Chacheungsao	2	4,000
Chainat	1	1,200
Ayutthaya	4	6,000
Prachin Buri	6	10,620
Phichit	1	1,500
Phitsanulok	1	500
Pathum Thani	3	2,200
Phetchaburi	1	100
Nakhon Ratchasima	2	2,100
Nakhon Sawan	1	475
Total	89	64,000
Total distributed kits valued at THB 64 mil (appx. CHF 2 mil)		

Contents of the Family kit

Description	No.	Item count
Rice (5 kgs)	1	bag
Canned Rice (150 gms)	6	cans
Instant Noodles (55 gms)	30	pcs
Fish in Tomato Sauce (155 gms)	6	cans
Pickled Vegetable (140 gms)	6	cans
Fish in Chilli Sauce (155 gms)	6	cans
Chilli Paste (50 gms)	2	pcs
Egg in soya source	2	cans
Instant Beverage (35 gms)*6 pcs	2	packs
Drinking Water 1.5 ltr x 6 bottles	1	packs
Iodine Salt (450 gms)	1	bag
Torch with Battery	1	pc
Candle 2 Pcs	1	pack
Lighter	1	pc
Insect Repellent (40 gms)	1	btt
Household Medicine	1	bag
Anti-Athlete's Foot Cream (30 gm)	1	tube
Garbage Bag (large)	6	pcs
Garbage Bag (small)	6	pcs
Hygiene Kit	1	kit
TRC Charity Relief Kit	1	bag



The secretary general of Thai Red Cross, together with staff and volunteers, distributes family kits to those most affected by these floods in Chacheungsao Province.
Photo credit: Thai Red Cross

Thai Red Cross is not seeking international assistance at this time; currently, there are no plans for either a disaster relief emergency fund (DREF) allocation or an emergency appeal. The National Society has utilized contributions from the Japanese Red Cross Society that supported procurement of

20,000 family kits for their buffer stocks as part of the Floods 2011 post-emergency operation to support their relief efforts thus far.

IFRC coordinates regularly with the UN Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) and Thai Red Cross closely monitors the flood situation and response. The Red Cross Red Crescent Movement support in the relief operation thus far includes support when requested and joint field visits to affected areas.

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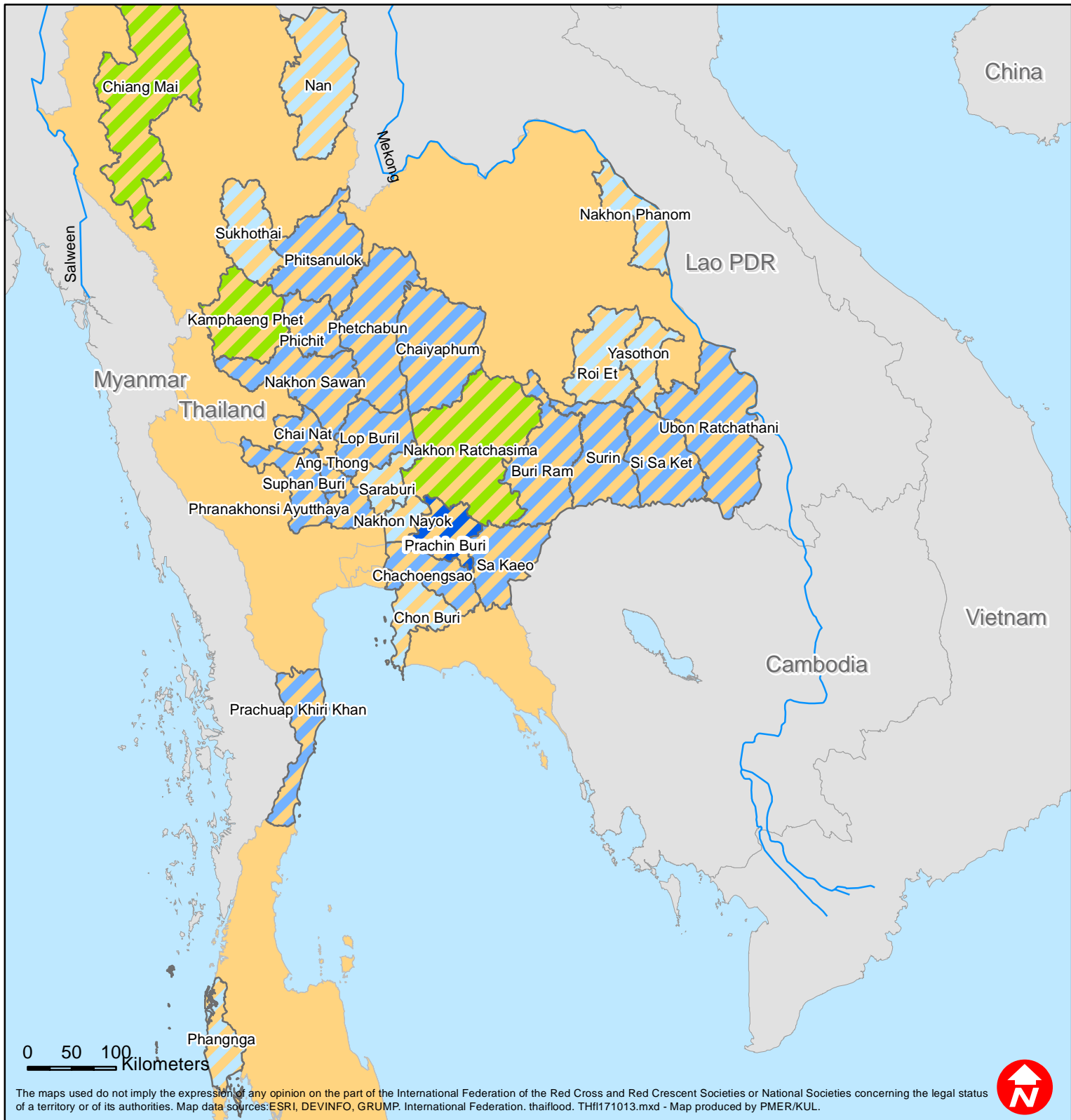


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- Critically affected
- Affected
- Under restoration