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China: Floods

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Since the end of June, the floods caused by torrential rains in southern and central China have left 75 people dead, 13 missing, 938,000 evacuated and 39,372 million affected in 12 provinces. An estimated 101,000 houses have collapsed and the direct estimated economic loss is CHF 2.07 billion (CNY 13.02 billion).

Branches and headquarters of the Red Cross Society of China (RCSC) have mobilized relief workers and goods to aid the affected populations. The headquarters of the RCSC is closely monitoring the situation and distributing aid to assist branches in their efforts.



Roads were damaged by the floods in Yizhou Prefecture, Guangxi province. Guangxi branch of the Red Cross Society of China.

The Red Cross Society of China, with the support of the International Federation, is not yet considering launching an international appeal for the flood-related relief efforts at this time, but is monitoring the situation closely.

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The Situation

Torrential rains and floods in southern and central China have left at least 75 people dead, 13 missing, 938,000 evacuated, 39,372 million affected in 12 provinces. Up to 101,000 houses have collapsed and the direct estimated economic loss is CHF 2.07 billion (CNY 13.02 billion) as of 5 July. The downpours have destroyed houses, flooded crops, cut power, damaged roads and caused rivers to overflow.

The 12 provinces affected by the torrential rains and floods including Jiangsu, Zhejiang, Anhui, Jiangxi, Hubei, Hunan, Guangxi, Chongqing, Sichuan, Guizhou, Yunnan and Fujian. Jiangxi, Guangxi and Hunan are the three most affected.

In Jiangxi, the heavy rains since 30 June caused five deaths, 230,000 evacuations, 35,000 collapsed houses, lost power in 200,000 households, damaged approximately 200,000 hectares of farmland, and up to 3 million people affected in 61 counties and 616 townships.

In Guangxi, 3.69 million people in nine cities and 63 prefectures have been affected by the flood, which is the biggest since 1996. Up to 328,400 people were relocated because of the rainstorms, more than 35,000 homes collapsed and 158,780 hectares of crops were damaged. In the tourist city of Guilin, traffic on 38 highways was cut off as the highways were damaged by rain.

In central China's Hunan province, eight people died and 140,000 were forced out of their homes, and an estimated 3.15 million people have been affected by the floods.

In Fujian province, five people died and two are missing.

In Guizhou, 82 roads were broken by landslides triggered by rainstorms since the end of June.

Red Cross Red Crescent action



Red Cross staff and volunteers taking stock of emergency relief supplies to be delivered to survivors of the flooding in Yizhou Prefecture, Guangxi in southwestern China. Relief goods have included disinfectant, towels and clothing. Guangxi branch of Red Cross Society of China.

preparing to distribute CHF 159,000 (CNY 1 million) worth of relief goods including quilts, family packs and medicines.

Guangxi Red Cross is planning to purchase 100 tonnes rice worth approximately CHF 79,500 (CNY 500,000) while allocating other relief goods including quilts, mosquito nets and family packs.

Hunan branch of the RCSC was also sending relief items to the affected areas.

While the branches have reported that money raised from public and corporate donations have helped to cover some of the immediate needs of those affected, it is anticipated that funding will be needed to support the rebuilding of homes and other recovery efforts.

The headquarters of RCSC has allocated water disinfectant for water and the environment, quilts, mosquito nets, family packs and other relief items valued at approximately CHF 206,200 (CNY 1,292,500) to the floods-affected areas including Sichuan, Guizhou, Hubei, Hunan and Guangxi from the disaster preparedness centres in Chengdu, Yunnan, Hubei, Hunan and Guangzhou. A further CHF 39,874 (CNY 250,000) in cash was distributed for emergency relief for the vulnerable people as well.

The RCSC vice president, head of health and relief division, and other top management representatives are traveling to the affected areas to assess the situation and provide additional support. More information from their trip and assessment of the needs will be forthcoming in the following days.

Guizhou branch of RCSC volunteers and staff are

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.

Contact information

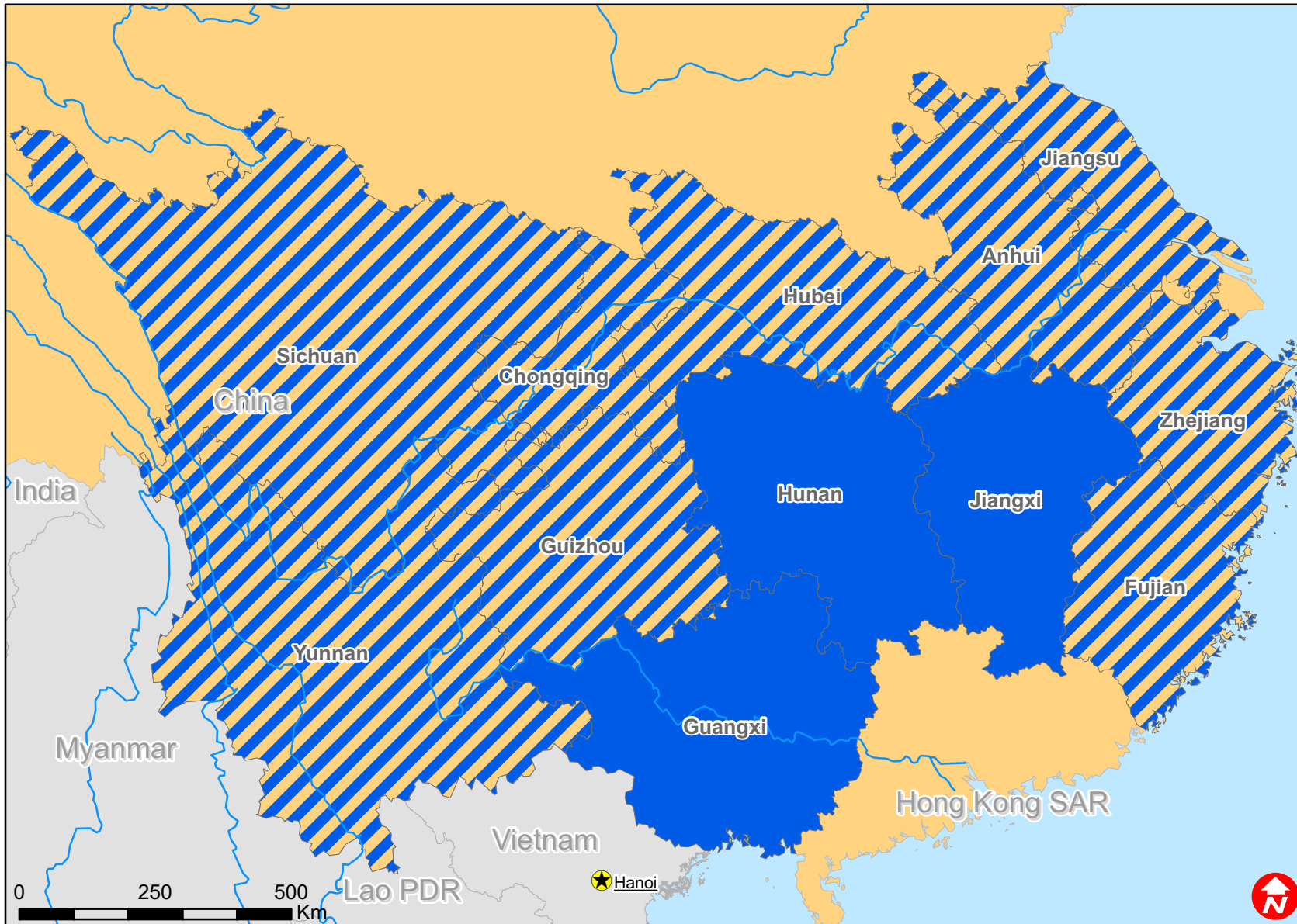
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-  Affected provinces
-  Most affected provinces

From the end of June, the southern and central China has been hit by torrential rains and floods, 12 provinces. In the floods, 75 people were killed, 13 missing, 938,000 reallocated, 39 million affected till July 5.