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Cambodia: Floods 2011

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Summary: Heavy rains and overflow of the Mekong river since the second week of August has affected 16 provinces out of 24 in Cambodia. At present, rain and flooding continues.

From 13 August to 25 September 2011, Cambodian Red Cross, as the auxiliary to the Royal Government of Cambodia, and as a leading humanitarian organization in the country, has taken efforts in responding to the needs of the most vulnerable people affected by these severe weather events in ten provinces. The national society continues to extend its assistance to other provinces.



Kampong Thom Red Cross branch director and colleagues work very hard in order to conduct the damage assessment and relief distribution to the most affected people by flood in Prasath Sambo and Sandan districts. *CRC-KTM Branch*

[<click to view a map of the affected areas>](#) or for [<contact information>](#)

The situation

Heavy rains and the overflow of Mekong river as a result of these rains, has brought floods to Cambodia since the second week of August 2011. The Mekong river spilling over has caused serious flooding to all provinces along its banks, while heavy rainfall has flooded flat and mountainous areas. According to the Royal Government of Cambodia, the flooding has affected 16 provinces of a total 24 municipalities/provinces nationwide.

The flood waters still stand, while the rain continues to fall. According to government hydrology department forecasts that the water level and rain still stay until end of September 2011.



Kampong Thom province is presently the area most affected by these floods. (Photo: *CRC-KTM Branch*)

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

With its own considerable funding and resources, Cambodian Red Cross mobilized assistance to the most vulnerable people who are worst-affected by these floods in ten provinces. The Cambodian Red Cross leadership, management, staff, youth, and volunteers from national headquarters level through to its network at the community level are working around the clock in order to ensure appropriate response and assistance are made available to those who most need it. Presently, the Kampong Thom province is the most affected area. All relevant authorities are working in very close coordination and cooperation to response to the situation.



The CRC national headquarters team providing relief assistance to elderly community members affected by floods in Kampong Thom province. (Photo: CRC-KTM Branch)

The Federation country office continues to exchange information with the National Society and remains at the ready to further assist as needed.

Cambodian Red Cross continues to support those branches which request assistance until such time that the floodwaters recede and the situation reverts to normal.

The National Society, for the time being, has not launched a call for international support, and is now responding using its own resources. The IFRC Cambodia country office is at hand to coordinate and support the call for international assistance if required.

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Table 1: Areas affected/damaged by floods										
From: 13 August to 25 September 2011									Figure as of 25/09/2011	
#	Name of the province	# Affected area			# of family affected	# of people affected	# of people dead	# of people injured	House damaged	
		District	Commune	Village					Collapsed	flooded
1	Kampong Thom (KTM)	8	47	263	14,678	47,749	18	1	14	847
2	Preah Vihear (PVH)	3	7	8	148	592	1	-	-	160
3	Battambang (BTB)	4	12	28	37	123	-	-	-	37
4	Stung Treng (ST)	5	21	71	2,431	10,210	2	-	-	104
5	Kratie (KT)	5	33	138		8,871	37,258	-	-	53
6	Kampong Chhnang (KCG)	3	11	38	669	2,995	-	-	-	669
7	Seam Reap (SR)	2	4	8	414	1,738	-	-	-	414
8	Prey Veng (PVG)	1			5	22	1	-	5	
9	Kandal (KD)	1	2		14		2	-	12	
10	Kampong Cham (KGC)	8			5,000			-		
	Total	40	137	554	23,396	72,300	37,282	1	31	2,284

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Table 2: Flood emergency response and relief distribution							
From: 13 August to 25 September 2011						Figure as of 25/09/201	
#	Province	District	Branch response		NHQ Response		
			Assessment	# families assisted	Assessment	# families assisted	Houses being rebuilt
1	Kampong Thom (KTM)	Prasath Sambo	Damage assessment			1,013	
		Sandan	Damage assessment			805	
2	Preah Vihear (PVH)			107			
3	Battambang (BTB)		water and sanitation	37			
4	Stung Treng (ST)			134		1,454	
5	Kratie (KT)			20		2,846	5
6	Kampong Chhnang (KCG)			34		669	
7	Seam Reap (SR)			414			
8	Prey Veng (PVG)		Water Sanitation		Provided 415 ceramic water filters	415	
9	Kandal (KD)			10			
10	Kampong Cham (KGC)			1,038			
Total				1,794		7,202	5

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