

OPERATIONS UPDATE



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VIET NAM: TYPHOON XANGSANE

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In Brief

Operations Update no. 01; Period covered: 13 to 30 October 2006;
Appeal target: CHF 1,673,693 (USD 801,177 or EUR 629,490)
Appeal coverage: 33%; Outstanding needs: CHF 1,121,723
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Appeal history:

- The preliminary Emergency Appeal launched on 5 October 2006 to seek CHF 1,010,944 (USD 811,479 or EUR 637,584) in cash, kind or services to assist 61,000 beneficiaries for 12 months
- The revised Emergency Appeal launched on 13 October 2006 revises the appeal budget to CHF 1,673,693 (USD 801,177 or EUR 629,490)
- CHF 100,000 has been released from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency fund (DREF) to assist the Viet Nam Red Cross (VNRC) to start operations. Unearmarked funds will be needed to repay DREF.

Summary: This operations update reports on actions taken so far by the Viet Nam Red Cross (VNRC) in support of those affected by typhoon Xangsane. The VNRC, with support from the Federation, launched an Emergency Appeal on 5 October 2006 to support survivors of the typhoon, and carried out a quick needs assessment in typhoon-hit provinces. VNRC addressed the immediate needs of those affected with food and basic necessities and aims to support long-term recovery by improving livelihoods and building typhoon-resilient houses for families that have had their homes destroyed or severely damaged. VNRC also aims to further strengthen capacities at community level in areas relating to operation implementation and management, and to provide better quality service to the population in need. The response from the Swedish Red Cross and USAID will help the national society focus on addressing immediate support through the distribution of rice, household kits and contribution towards the rebuilding of houses in order to help the people in this prone-disaster of the central part of the country.

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The Situation

Typhoon Damrey slammed into Viet Nam on 1 October 2006. The storm, packed by heavy rains and strong winds of 212 km/hour swept through 12 provinces of the central part of the country: Kon Tum, Phu Yen, Binh Dinh, Quang Ngai, Quang Nam, Da Nang, Thua Thien Hue, Quang Binh, Quang Tri, Nghe An, Ha Tinh. The storm caused widespread devastation and power outage. Approximately 1.3 million people are reported to be affected.

The Federation released CHF 100,000 from its Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to assist the Viet Nam Red Cross (VNRC) to start relief operations. A preliminary emergency appeal has launched on 5 October and a revised emergency appeal to reflect operational realities was launched on 13 October seeking CHF 1,673,693 to assist 60,400 beneficiaries for 12 months. So far, the appeal coverage is 33 percent including contributions from US Agency for International Development (USAID) and Swedish Red Cross.

The central government called for domestic and international contributions to help those affected. VND 161 billion (CHF 12.5 million) was released from the central government to help recovery and rehabilitation; 1,500 metric tonnes (MT) of rice from the national stock for food security was released.

Operational developments

According to the central committee for flood and storm control (CCFSC) and Viet Nam Red Cross (VNRC) officials, 71 people died (31 by typhoon and 38 by flood, with two still listed as missing), and 525 were hurt. A rapid evacuation of 202,600 people by the government the day before the typhoon probably reduced casualties significantly.

Substantial damage to infrastructure, such as roads, bridges and electricity posts as well as to trees and the environment in general is reported. Due to the large need for roofing material, market prices have risen 30 percent and stocks are depleted.

The CCFSC said 63,421 fishing boats with 315,149 fishermen were warned before the typhoon. Overall, the estimated loss is VND 10,375 billion (CHF 804,112).



Flooding may hit many vulnerable families



Red Cross reached people beyond the reach of others

According to a needs assessment by three teams and CCFSC reports, affected provinces need about 9,000 tonnes of rice; 17,000 houses to be rebuilt; 200,000 houses to be re-roofed; 200 school rooms to be rebuilt; 3,500 school rooms to be re-roofed; and seeds provision for winter crops.

Action by Red Cross and Red Crescent

VNRC headquarters provided VND 260 million in cash and kind to assist the affected people. Between 3 and 8 October, a relief team from VNRC headquarters distributed 700 household kits to Quang Binh, Quang Tri, Thue Thien Hue, Da Nang and Quang Nam, the hardest hit provinces. These relief goods were taken from the VNRC's warehouse in Quang Tri province. The Red Cross relief team, together with the local

authorities, carried out a needs assessment. Updates included in the emergency appeals were shared with other stakeholders such as the United Nations Development Fund (UNDP) and non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

Some Red Cross chapters of Thua Thien Hue, Da Nang and Quang Nam have assisted the affected people with rice and instant noodles. For example, Quang Nam distributed four tonnes of rice (equivalent to around VND 20 million), Da Nang supported its local people with 100 boxes of instant noodles, four tonnes of rice and 200 household kits, and Thua Thien Hue provided noodles and four tonnes of rice (worth VND 40 million). Red Cross chapters are mobilizing staff and volunteers to help people in affected areas return to their homes.

<i>Provinces</i>	<i>Rice (tonnes)</i>	<i>Instant noodles (box)</i>	<i>Household kits</i>
Quang Tri	-	-	100
Thua Thien Hue	4	208	100
Da Nang	4	100	400
Quang Nam	4	-	200
Quang Binh	-	-	100
Total	12	308	900

Relief goods distributed by the Viet Nam Red Cross during the first week after the storm.

Coordination

Red Cross is actively involved in the national disaster management working group (DMWG) delegation to carry out joint needs assessment in Thua Thien Hue, Da Nang, Quang Nam. The assessment report was shared with DMWG stakeholders on 12 October. Based on this report and the information collected, DMWG produced an overview of priority needs and international support. This overview helps to map the needs, beneficiaries, and the stakeholders involved, thus avoiding overlapping of efforts.

Promotion of Red Cross image

VNRC’s distribution of relief goods was broadcast on VTV1. Red Cross staff were visible, dressed in Red Cross hats and shirts. VNRC headquarters and the delegation have jointly issued a press release on the launching of the international appeal. Representatives from different organizations and reporters were invited to attend this press release and report via mass media, both in Viet Nameese and English.

To enhance transparency, A4-size posters indicating criteria for beneficiary selection will be posted at every relief goods distribution point to help the local people be aware of the selection process and ensure transparency. This also helps people see Red Cross’s work in action.

Food and Nutrition

Objective: Provision of food comprised of a 15 kg ration of rice per person per month for 27,000 people for one month in the worst affected areas by December 2006.

VNRC headquarters prepared an overall allocation and distribution plan of the goods for the typhoon Xangsane appeal and sent to Red Cross chapters as well as instruction on beneficiary selection. Beneficiaries were identified through criteria agreed upon between the national society and the local communities. Selection criteria and process is publicized at each distribution point to ensure transparency.

<i>Beneficiary selection criteria for Red Cross support are:</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poor families, whose houses have collapsed, washed away or are severely damaged. • Poor families who have lost household belongings and are not able to purchase new ones. • Poor families who have insufficient human resources to earn a living, or have no or very little support from their children or other sources. • Poor families that receive no or little support from other resources.
<i>Families fulfilling these conditions receive more focus with assistance:</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Families with children between ages zero and five. • Families headed by women. • Families with women who are expecting and/or breastfeeding. • Families who have lost family members as a result of the typhoon. • Families who have family members with a disability. • Families who have family members above the age of 70 years and/or with illness.

Beneficiary selection criteria for Red Cross assistance.

VNRC headquarters has locally purchased 144 MT of rice to provide for 9,600 beneficiaries in five poor and remote affected provinces with funds available. The distribution of rice will begin from 31 October but there remains a big gap to cover the need as set out by the objective. The Spanish government has also responded to the appeal by directly supporting the national society with rice and household kits. The provision of rice is illustrated in the table below:

<i>Provinces</i>	<i>Rice (tonnes)</i>	
	Federation	Spanish govt
Ha Tinh	21	-
Quang Binh	30	-
Quang Tri	42	-
Thua Thien Hue	-	105
Da Nang	-	105
Quang Nam	-	105
Quang Ngai	21	-
Kon Tum	30	-
Total	144	315

Amount of rice (tonnes) for distribution.

Non-food items

Objective: Replenishment of 5,850 household kits distributed from emergency stocks. The basic household kit comprises: cooking and kitchen utensils, one mosquito net, two blankets, a 40-litre water plastic container (for water storage) and a ten-litre plastic water container (for water collection).

Similar to rice distribution, preparations have been made to distribute household kits, select beneficiaries and organize transportation to distribution points. VNRC headquarters has procured 2,000 household kits of which, 1,300 household kits will be distributed, while 700 kits will go towards replenishing VNRC's warehouse. It is expected that 2,000 beneficiaries will be provided with household kits in the relief phase.

<i>Provinces</i>	<i>Household kits</i>		
	Federation		Spanish govt
	Other contributions	USAID	
Nghe An	-	-	150
Ha Tinh	100	-	-
Thua Thien Hue	-	500	1000
Da Nang	-	500	1000
Quang Nam	-	-	1000
Quang Ngai	100	-	-
Kon Tum	100	-	-
Total		1300	3150

Number of household kits to be distributed.

Shelter

Objective: By June 2007, 500 families with no available means to rebuild their homes are living in typhoon resistant houses with appropriate water and sanitation facilities.

VNRC headquarters has prepared a distribution list for housing support. Support for housing will be given to the most affected provinces focussing on poor and remote areas. Approximately 160 new houses will be built from Swedish Red Cross and USAID funding. The national society has organized a meeting with the communities in these provinces to discuss house designs (including water and sanitation facilities) and construction materials for these houses.

<i>Provinces</i>	<i>Houses</i>	
	Swedish govt	USAID
Ha Tinh	-	-
Quang Binh	-	-
Quang Tri	30	-
Thua Thien Hue	35	-
Da Nang	-	30
Quang Nam	35	30
Quang Ngai	-	-
Kon Tum	-	-
Total	100	60

Distribution of housing support in the provinces from the Federation’s appeal.

Livelihoods

Objective: By June 2007, 2,000 households in the typhoon affected areas which lost homes and/or crops have a viable and sustainable source of income.

Planned activities:

- Brief VNRC volunteers, staff and branches on beneficiary and village selection criteria.
- Identify villages for VNRC assistance.
- Beneficiary selection process.
- Publicly notify beneficiaries that they will receive assistance.
- Support 2,000 households with re-establishing their source of livelihood by distributing seeds and agricultural implements.
- Meet with affected communities to identify their interests, skills and available resources to determine further possible livelihood assistance.

Institutional capacity building

Objective: Establishment of VNRC chapter/branch response teams covering needs assessment, monitoring, reporting, first aid and psycho-social support (PSP) from October 2006 to October 2007.

Efforts are being made to synchronize the implementation among all Red Cross local branches and chapters in the project sites. Such attention to coordination is an important element of capacity building. The earlier mentioned posters highlighting beneficiary selection criteria will help synchronize Red Cross Red Crescent action.

Monitoring and evaluation

The Federation's country delegation, together with VNRC, will visit Da Nang and Quang Nam from 31 October to 2 November to update and monitor the implementation of projects in these provinces. A monitoring and evaluation system has been put in place with regular field visits and, reports from VNRC branches and support from Federation structures at country, regional and international level.

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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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ANNEX 1

APPEAL No. MDRVN001

PLEDGES RECEIVED

06/11/2006

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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CASH

REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->					TOTAL COVERAGE	
					1,673,693	33.0%
AMERICAN - GOVT/USAID		100,000	USD	125,000	18.10.06	
AMERICAN - RC		25,000	USD	31,250	27.10.06	EMERGENCY SHELTER REPAIR
CANADIAN - GOVT		50,000	CAD	55,000	21.10.06	
JAPANESE - RC		67,000	USD	83,750	01.11.06	
SWEDISH - GOVT		1,500,000	SEK	256,650	13.10.06	
SWISS - PRIVATE DONOR				320	25.10.06	
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				551,970	CHF	33.0%

KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES						
				0	CHF	0.0%

ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET

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