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## Programme update no. 2 Southeast Asia

 International Federation  
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

**MAA51001**

**This report details a  
programme revision**

**11 November 2011**



Workers from Myanmar, Cambodia and Lao – many of them working illegally in Thailand – have been amongst those worst affected by the floods. Without official documentation, many of them are 'invisible' and unable to access basic assistance. The Thai Red Cross has urged authorities to provide information on these groups so that they can receive the support they need. The allocation of assistance must be based purely on humanitarian needs. **Photo:** Félix Genêt Laframboise/IFRC.

### **In brief**

#### **Programme outcome**

To coordinate support to the host national societies of Southeast Asia as they scale up their humanitarian work in line with Strategy 2020.

#### **Programme summary**

This programme update is issued to introduce additional outcomes to the disaster management and health components of the regional plan that will support Thai Red Cross Society in its ongoing response to the major floods across Thailand.

#### **Financial situation**

The existing budget of CHF 2,653,565 is being revised up to CHF 9,811,237 to assist Thai Red Cross respond to the floods in Thailand. [Click here to go directly to the attached financial report.](#)

### **No. of people we have reached**

The programme supports the 11 national societies of Southeast Asia, who, in turn, work with millions of people. The plan also supports Red Cross Red Crescent partners active in the region.

### **Our partners**

The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) regional office works primarily with the 11 Southeast Asian national societies. In addition, the regional office liaises with relevant government ministries, such as health and disaster management bodies. There has been strong and loyal support for the regional office from multilateral supporters; in particular, Japanese Red Cross Society, New Zealand Red Cross and Swedish Red Cross/Swedish government.

### **Context**

Thailand has been suffering its worst floods in more than 50 years. A total of 26 provinces have been inundated with Nonthaburi, Lop Buri and Ayutthaya being the most affected. A total of 527 people have died and two are missing. Drownings and electrocution have been the major causes of fatalities. The disaster is affecting more than 3.1 million people, including 800,000 children. About 113,000 people are taking refuge in 1,700 temporary evacuation centres and 700,000 are in need of medical assistance. A total of 74 highways in 15 provinces and 210 rural roads in 30 provinces remain impassable. In some places, the floodwaters could remain for up to six weeks.

In Bangkok, 15 districts remain inundated although the inner city has thus far escaped severe flooding. Bangkok's Flood Relief Operations Centre (FROC) relocated to the Chatuchak area as Don Muang Airport was flooded, in turn shutting off electricity.

The high tides raised the Chao Phraya river to a record high of 2.53 metres – 3 centimetres above its 2.5-metre high embankment. However, the reinforced flood defences held off the overflowing water from the majority of the inner city although three sub-districts along the river were flooded up to 1 metre.

The situation in the outer city remains serious as run-off continued to inundate suburban areas. The government estimates that flood waters in all parts of Bangkok will remain for a few weeks before draining into the Gulf of Thailand.

Meanwhile, there has been tension as some local residents have protested that floodwalls are preventing water from draining out of their districts. One group destroyed a dyke near Wat Nawong in Don Muang, causing a huge flow into the Prapa canal, which supplies tap water to Bangkok. The military has deployed 50,000 troops across the country to guard and maintain the flood barriers.

With the next high tides in mid-November, the government is now focusing on diverting the northern run-off into the sea, mostly through the western part of the city.

Within communities, needs remain great and will do so for some time. The flooding of factories and farms have left many people without jobs. Crops, including the main export of rice, have been destroyed.

As the flood water recedes in some provinces, recovery plans are now underway. The government has announced a short- and long-term flood reconstruction plan, called the New Thailand scheme, which is expected to cost THB 800 billion (CHF 23 billion or USD 26 billion):

- ✓ **Immediate response phase:** ensuring people's safety and diminishing damage to businesses (construction of water dykes, installing water pumps, temporary shelters, transport of material in flooded affected areas).
- ✓ **Floods assistance phase:** next 4-6 weeks. Measures to help people and businesses adjust to the current floods situation (shelters, social rehabilitation, infrastructure rehabilitation, economic measures, and water management).
- ✓ **Post crisis rehabilitation phase:** (USD 10.3 billion) of loans and guarantees.
- ✓ **Longer term phase:** reconstruction of water management system for flood prevention.

The situation in the central region has improved slightly as runoff gradually subsides. Access to the north also improved with both the rail line and highway between Bangkok and Chiang Mai reopened after a month. However, the situation in many areas remain dire.

The prime minister invoked the disaster prevention and mitigation act granting overriding authority to address the crisis. At the end of October, the authorities declared a five-day holiday so that people could prepare for/escape possible flooding.

Special mental health units are now set up across the country and teams of psychiatrists and psychologists dispatched to help almost 100,000 people thought to be suffering from flood-related stress.

Heavy rains were reported since June in the north eastern provinces, including Mahasarakham, Kalasin, Sri Sakhet and Buriram, resulting in additional overflowing rivers and flash floods.

**Thailand at a glance:** The country is ranked 94 out of 169 countries in the UNDP Human Development Index (2010). Life expectancy is currently 74.1 years. Severe poverty is low at just 0.2 per cent. The percentage of those living below the income poverty line is 10.8 per cent. The country has a thriving export business, including being the world's biggest exporter of rice. Its capital Bangkok is a bustling business centre. Tourism is also a huge earner and employer.

## Thai Red Cross Society action

Thai Red Cross has been providing relief assistance to affected populations since June. It has supported more than 1 million people in 62 provinces countrywide.

Several partners, including institutional donors, international organisations, UN agencies and partner Red Cross Red Crescent societies have expressed an interest in supporting Thai Red Cross.

This international solidarity – reciprocating shown by the people of Thailand through Thai Red Cross during both the Haiti earthquake (January 2010) and the Japanese earthquake/tsunami (March 2011) – is in addition to the significant domestic fundraising of Thai Red Cross.

Thai Red Cross has, thus far, mounted a huge response:

- Mobile kitchens are cooking 5,000 meals a day; in addition, 32,300 ready-to-eat meals have been distributed.
- 211,000 families have received relief kits.
- 2.4 million bottles of drinking water have been distributed.
- Five water purification units are producing a total of 26,000 litres per hour.
- 448 families have received shelter kits.
- Provision of basic medical assistance through mobile medical team.
- 43 flat-bottomed boats are plying floodwaters reaching the most vulnerable with basic food and non-food relief items.

Thai Red Cross has also been reaching out to migrant communities, particularly in the outer Bangkok suburbs. Whenever possible, the national society have been included in relief distributions, but volunteers are also being asked to spend some time with them to understand the particularities of their need.

To support the Thai Red Cross in its efforts, the Southeast Asia regional appeal is adding two additional outcomes to its disaster management component and one to the health component. This outcome dovetails with existing developmental and preparedness initiatives in support of the region's national societies.

## Disaster Management

### Thai Red Cross floods support and future preparedness

**Outcome 6:** Thai Red Cross is supported to assist those communities most affected by the flooding and be better prepared for future disasters.

#### Outputs/ activities planned:

- Conduct assessments, selection and verification of most affected families in coordination with local authorities.
- Develop distribution plan of action and facilitate relief distribution with community participation.
  - Procure 163,545 family kits (comprising 26 items).
  - Procure 10 flat-bottomed boats, 500 dinghies and 25 rubber boats.
  - Procure five generators to support operation of field mobile kitchens.
  - Procure 11,550 portable gas stoves.
  - Procure 2,981 4x4 tents.
- Monitor and evaluate the distributions and their impact.
- Support Thai Red Cross's WatSan capacity review and disaster response development.
- Develop an exit strategy for relief support.

## Health

### Water, sanitation and hygiene promotion

**Outcome 7:** The risk of waterborne and water-related diseases is reduced through provision of safe water, adequate sanitation, garbage disposal, and health and hygiene promotion sessions.

#### Outputs/activities:

- Conduct hygiene promotion sessions with specific focus on gender differences and needs.
- Distribute water storage containers and mosquito nets and ensure proper use by conducting education sessions.
  - Procure 91,641 jerry cans (20 litres).
  - Procure 35,317 mosquito nets.
  - Procure 5,000 sanitation kits.
- Conduct clean up campaigns with the active participation of communities and volunteers.
- Monitor, evaluate and report on the activities and outcomes.

## Working in partnership

Thai Red Cross continues to implement its impressive relief operation in support of communities throughout the flood-affected provinces. It liaises closely with IFRC and the International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC) on operational matters.

As auxiliary to the government, Thai Red Cross has a long-standing relationship with the government's department of disaster prevention and mitigation (DDPM). It also liaises closely with district and provincial authorities.

## Contributing to longer-term impact

The stocks replenishment and provision of key equipment will ensure that Thai Red Cross continues to support vulnerable communities as well as be well prepared for future disasters.

## Looking ahead

Reporting against the additional Outcomes 6 and 7 will be included in future programme updates. A comprehensive report against the whole regional programme will be issued by the end of the year.

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The IFRC's vision is to inspire, encourage, facilitate and promote at all times all forms of humanitarian activities by National Societies, with a view to preventing and alleviating human suffering, and thereby contributing to the maintenance and promotion of human dignity and peace in the world.

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The IFRC's work is guided by [Strategy 2020](#), which puts forward three strategic aims:

1. Save lives, protect livelihoods, and strengthen recovery from disaster and crises.
  2. Enable healthy and safe living.
  3. Promote social inclusion and a culture of non-violence and peace.
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Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2011/1-2011/9
Budget Timeframe	2011/1-2011/12
Appeal	MAA51001
Budget	APPEAL

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

## I. Consolidated Response to Appeal

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
<b>A. Budget</b>	<b>8,441,315</b>	<b>434,876</b>	<b>468,957</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>466,090</b>	<b>9,811,237</b>
<b>B. Opening Balance</b>	<b>751,143</b>	<b>66,413</b>	<b>115,879</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>224,690</b>	<b>1,158,125</b>
<b>Income</b>						
<b>Cash contributions</b>						
<i>Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (from Asian Development Bank)</i>		18,333				18,333
<i>Australian Government</i>	1,191					1,191
<i>Australian Red Cross</i>	14,537	46,973				61,510
<i>Australian Red Cross (from Australian Government)</i>	258,751					258,751
<i>DFID Partnership grant</i>		105,219	135,282			240,501
<i>European Commission - DG ECHO</i>	-1,765					-1,765
<i>Finnish Red Cross</i>		7,663				7,663
<i>Finnish Red Cross (from Finnish Government)</i>		43,423				43,423
<i>Japanese Red Cross Society</i>	74,658	31,996	53,327		0	159,981
<i>Norwegian Red Cross</i>		8,233				8,233
<i>Norwegian Red Cross (from Norwegian Government)</i>		74,098				74,098
<i>Spanish Red Cross</i>	15,000					15,000
<i>Swedish Red Cross (from Swedish Government)</i>	169,101		130,077			299,178
<i>The Canadian Red Cross Society</i>	688,868					688,868
<i>The Netherlands Red Cross (from Rockefeller Foundation)</i>		-455				-455
<b>C1. Cash contributions</b>	<b>1,220,341</b>	<b>335,483</b>	<b>318,686</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>1,874,510</b>
<b>Inkind Personnel</b>						
<i>Australian Red Cross</i>		7,800				7,800
<i>Swedish Red Cross</i>	54,600					54,600
<b>C3. Inkind Personnel</b>	<b>54,600</b>	<b>7,800</b>				<b>62,400</b>
<b>Other Income</b>						
<i>Balance Reallocation</i>	-108,720		108,720			0
<i>Sales</i>					1,688	1,688
<i>Services Fees</i>					122,593	122,593
<b>C4. Other Income</b>	<b>-108,720</b>		<b>108,720</b>		<b>124,281</b>	<b>124,281</b>
<b>C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C4)</b>	<b>1,166,221</b>	<b>343,283</b>	<b>427,406</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>124,281</b>	<b>2,061,191</b>
<b>D. Total Funding = B + C</b>	<b>1,917,364</b>	<b>409,696</b>	<b>543,285</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>348,972</b>	<b>3,219,317</b>
<b>Appeal Coverage</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>116%</b>	<b>#DIV/0</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>33%</b>

## II. Balance of Funds

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<b>E. Expenditure</b>	<b>-576,467</b>	<b>-145,752</b>	<b>-210,665</b>		<b>-267,436</b>	<b>-1,200,319</b>
<b>F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)</b>	<b>1,340,898</b>	<b>263,944</b>	<b>332,620</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>81,535</b>	<b>2,018,998</b>

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## III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
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A		B					A - B	
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<b>Relief items, Construction, Supplies</b>								
Shelter - Relief	1,418,854							1,418,854
Construction - Facilities		4,026				4,026		-4,026
Construction Materials		1,217				1,217		-1,217
Clothing & Textiles	149,360							149,360
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	324,491							324,491
Medical & First Aid		11	386			397		-397
Teaching Materials		975				975		-975
Utensils & Tools	603,828							603,828
Other Supplies & Services	3,700,000	14,456				14,456		3,685,544
<b>Total Relief items, Construction, Supj</b>	<b>6,196,533</b>	<b>20,685</b>	<b>386</b>			<b>21,071</b>		<b>6,175,462</b>
<b>Land, vehicles &amp; equipment</b>								
Vehicles	229,931	4,781				4,781		225,150
Computers & Telecom	7,763	30,997			1,177	32,174		-24,411
Others Machinery & Equipment	5,000	110	46	48	-203	0		5,000
<b>Total Land, vehicles &amp; equipment</b>	<b>242,694</b>	<b>35,888</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>48</b>		<b>36,956</b>		<b>205,738</b>
<b>Logistics, Transport &amp; Storage</b>								
Storage		11,778				949	12,728	-12,728
Distribution & Monitoring		1,289					1,289	-1,289
Transport & Vehicles Costs	152,716	3,346	416	200		6,399	10,361	142,355
Logistics Services	49,128							49,128
<b>Total Logistics, Transport &amp; Storage</b>	<b>201,844</b>	<b>16,413</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>200</b>		<b>7,349</b>	<b>24,378</b>	<b>177,466</b>
<b>Personnel</b>								
International Staff	949,130	264,854	14,853	78,082		44,771	402,560	546,570
National Staff	322,898	84,512	44,424	6,204		87,604	222,744	100,154
National Society Staff	16,359	18,443	219				18,662	-2,303
Volunteers		64	385			579	1,028	-1,028
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>1,288,387</b>	<b>367,873</b>	<b>59,881</b>	<b>84,285</b>		<b>132,955</b>	<b>644,994</b>	<b>643,393</b>
<b>Consultants &amp; Professional Fees</b>								
Consultants	42,000	27,188	316	2,767			30,270	11,730
Professional Fees	1,854	154	70			1,695	1,919	-65
<b>Total Consultants &amp; Professional Fe</b>	<b>43,854</b>	<b>27,342</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>2,767</b>		<b>1,695</b>	<b>32,189</b>	<b>11,665</b>
<b>Workshops &amp; Training</b>								
Workshops & Training	640,789	187,584	35,444	23,397		1,196	247,622	393,167
<b>Total Workshops &amp; Training</b>	<b>640,789</b>	<b>187,584</b>	<b>35,444</b>	<b>23,397</b>		<b>1,196</b>	<b>247,622</b>	<b>393,167</b>
<b>General Expenditure</b>								
Travel	164,194	65,748	13,387	12,519		17,235	108,889	55,305
Information & Public Relations	97,715	34,015	140	3,701		688	38,544	59,171
Office Costs	236,186	7,797	93	16		102,548	110,453	125,733
Communications	35,950	9,020	1,320	1,315		15,248	26,903	9,047
Financial Charges	64,283	1,346	52	292		30,890	32,580	31,703
Other General Expenses		32,174	12,621	10,176		-59,959	-4,987	4,987
<b>Total General Expenditure</b>	<b>598,328</b>	<b>150,099</b>	<b>27,613</b>	<b>28,020</b>		<b>106,651</b>	<b>312,383</b>	<b>285,945</b>
<b>Operational Provisions</b>								
Operational Provisions		-266,728	11,304	57,916			-197,509	197,509
<b>Total Operational Provisions</b>		<b>-266,728</b>	<b>11,304</b>	<b>57,916</b>			<b>-197,509</b>	<b>197,509</b>
<b>Indirect Costs</b>								
Programme & Services Support Recov	598,808	31,496	8,299	12,781		16,303	68,879	529,929
<b>Total Indirect Costs</b>	<b>598,808</b>	<b>31,496</b>	<b>8,299</b>	<b>12,781</b>		<b>16,303</b>	<b>68,879</b>	<b>529,929</b>
<b>Pledge Specific Costs</b>								

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Pledge Earmarking Fee		1,873	1,087	1,022		74	4,057	-4,057
Pledge Reporting Fees		3,941	892	228		239	5,300	-5,300
<b>Total Pledge Specific Costs</b>		<b>5,814</b>	<b>1,978</b>	<b>1,251</b>		<b>314</b>	<b>9,357</b>	<b>-9,357</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)</b>	<b>9,811,237</b>	<b>576,467</b>	<b>145,752</b>	<b>210,665</b>		<b>267,436</b>	<b>1,200,319</b>	<b>8,610,918</b>
<b>VARIANCE (C - D)</b>		<b>7,864,848</b>	<b>289,124</b>	<b>258,292</b>		<b>198,654</b>	<b>8,610,918</b>	