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## CHINA: INCREASING FLOODING AND LANDSLIDES

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### In Brief

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### The Situation

On 5 July 400 people were stranded by mudslides in Yingjiang and Longchuan counties in Yunnan province. The mudslides were the result of heavy rain which has flooded the counties' two local rivers. According to the latest official reports, eight people were buried and two deaths have been confirmed in these counties alone. Some 26,000 people in Longchuan are now homeless following the collapse of 3,000 homes due to the extreme weather conditions.

The severe weather systems featuring gale force winds, lightening and torrential rain, that have settled over China over the past seven days, including Typhoon Mindulle which caused 41 deaths in Guangdong



province's capital city of Guangzhou, have affected millions of people. There were seventeen flood related deaths over the past two days in Guangxi and Shaanxi Provinces, while floods and landslides in Manasi County in Xinjiang province killed two people in Taxi township, where an additional six people remain missing.

### Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Red Cross Society of China (RCSC) provincial and county branches in the affected areas are closely monitoring the developing situation and have, upon necessity, submitted requests to the Society's headquarters in Beijing for the release of relief items such as water purification tablets, rice and quilts. RCSC headquarters has already responded by sending urgently needed relief items to some of the most severely affected areas. Given the expansive nature of the flooding the extensive network of RCSC branches extending from the national to the local level plays an important role in regard to the dissemination of information and attending to the immediate needs of flood affected communities, particularly those flood affected communities that are based in remote areas.



Flooding in Yunnan province, which commenced in June escalated over the past week in Longchan and Dezhou counties. The RCSC's Yunnan provincial branch is attending to the needs of those left suddenly homeless by commencing to gather quilts, rice and items of clothing. The clothes and the quilts are used by the families to protect themselves from the damp conditions, while the rice is critical for maintaining the continued health of the families.

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