



Ha Noi, 28th March 2016

Invitation: Debriefing of Joint Rapid Need Assessment to Respond to the Drought and Saltwater Intrusion in Viet Nam

The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) and the United Nations in Viet Nam (UN) would like to invite you to the 'debriefing of the joint rapid need assessments' in the most affected communities due to drought and saltwater intrusion in Central Highland, South Central and Mekong Delta regions.

Time: 9:00 am to 11:00 am, Wednesday the 30th of March

Place: Green One UN House, 304 Kim Ma, Ba Dinh, Ha Noi

Co-chairs: Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Mr. Cao Duc Phat, and UN Resident Coordinator, Ms. Pratibha Mehta.

Following the recent briefing of the Partners by MARD on 15th March regarding the emergency situation due to drought, saltwater intrusion and El-Nino impacts in Viet Nam, six inter-agency rapid need assessment missions, comprised of UN Agencies, MARD, and INGO experts, were deployed to the most affected communities of Ninh Thuan, Binh Thuan, Gia Lai, Kontum, Ben Tre and Kien Giang from the 21st to 24th March to conduct rapid assessment of humanitarian and most immediate needs of the households. On 30th March, the joint teams will present their findings and recommendations for an urgent response plan.

Please find enclosed the agenda of the debriefing for your reference. The need assessment reports of the provinces will be made available at the meeting. Please RSVP to Ms. Hannah Collins at (+84 4) 38 500 196 or hannah.collins@one.un.org.

Thank you very much for your continued cooperation and collaboration in responding to the emergency.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Cao Duc Phat

Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development

Dr. Pratibha Mehta

UN Resident Coordinator in Viet Nam

Tentative Agenda
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Time	Activity	Responsible
9:00 – 9:10	Welcome remark by the Minister of MARD and UN Resident Coordinator	Minister Cao Đức Phát Mdm. Pratibha Mehta
9:10 – 9:30	Situation Update of the Drought and saltwater intrusion in the South Central Region, the Central Highlands and the Mekong River Delta	Directorate of Water Resource, MARD
9:30-10:00	Presentation of key findings from 06 Need Assessment Missions	Representative of Assessment Teams
10:00-10:45	Plenary Discussion and update of development partners, donors and other stakeholders on the immediate solutions to support the affected communities	All participants from embassies, development partners, INGOs and media
10:45-11:00	Wrap-up and closing	Minister Cao Đức Phát & Mdm Pratibha Mehta