

# Viet Nam: Flooding in Central Provinces

## Situation Report No.1 (20 November 2013)



This Situation Report is issued on behalf of the United Nations Resident Coordinator in Viet Nam. It covers the period from 14 to 20 November 2013. A new Situation Report will be issued when new relevant information is available.

## Highlights

- Since 14-17 November, extensive flooding occurred in central of Vietnam which has left at least 42 people dead, 5 missing and 66 injured.
- The most affected provinces are Quang Ngai and Binh Dinh. Central and Local Governments are immediately carrying out response and recovery actions on the ground.
- The water has now started receding from most of the affected districts. Some communes in Tuy Phuoc district in Binh Dinh province are still inundated.
- The UN Disaster Risk Management Team (UNDRMT) has closely monitored tropical storm 15 and the subsequent flooding, and has coordinated with humanitarian stakeholders to share information on the situation. INGOs active in the affected provinces are currently conducting rapid assessments to identify the needs and gaps in all sectors.
- The UNDRMT and INGOs will meet on Friday 22 November to decide relevant course of actions base on the field assessment.

Key impact figures provided by CCFSC as of 20 November 2013:

Fatalities	People Missing	People Injured	Collapsed Houses	Flooded Houses	Rice/Cash Crops Fields Damaged
42	5	66	414	425,573	5,799

## Situation Overview

- On the evening of 14 Nov, the tropical storm 15 weakens into tropical depression and hit the south-central provinces of Viet Nam, bringing heavy rainfall and strong winds.
- After making landfall in the area from Phu Yen to Ninh Thuan provinces, the tropical depression moved westward and weakened into a low pressure area in the early morning of 15 November.  
From 14 November at 7 PM to 17 November at 7 PM, the coastal areas from Quang Tri to Ninh Thuan and the Central Highlands have been affected by torrential rains, with total rainfall of 401 to 973 mm. The highest levels were recorded in Quang Ngai province, including Ba To and Minh Long district (over 970 mm).
- As a consequence of the heavy rain brought by the tropical depression, extensive flooding has hit the central provinces of Quang Nam, Quang Ngai, Da Nang, Phu Yen and Binh Dinh.



Flashflood and landslide on 15 November in Son Dung commune, Son Tay District, Quang Ngai Province (World Vision)

As reported on 18 November, the impact of the flood was as below:

- Da Nang: 19 out of 56 communes were flooded in the districts of Hoa Vang, Cam Le, Lien Chieu. 30 villages were completely submerged and 35 partially submerged.
- Quang Nam: the districts of Dien Ban, Dai Loc, Duy Xuyen and HoiAn City were extensively flooded.

- Quang Ngai: more than 40 communes were seriously flooded along the Ve, Tra Khuc, Tra Cau, Tra Bong rivers in Nghia Hanh, Mo Duc, Tu Nghia, Son Tinh, Duc Pho, Binh Son districts and Quang Ngai town. Many communes were isolated until the morning of 18 Nov.
- Binh Dinh: 41 communes of all 10 districts were flooded. In particular, 80% of Tuy Phuoc district was flooded. Many communes were isolated during the flood until 18 Nov. Flashflood occurred in An Dung, An Vinh, An Nghia, An Toan and An Quang communes of An Lao district.
- Phu Yen: some flooding occurred along the Cau, Dong Xa and Ky Lo rivers in Song Cau, Tuy An and Dong Xuan district.
- On 20 November, CCFSC reported that the water receded and the situation is back to normal in Quang Nam, Quang Ngai, Da Nang and Phu Yen. In Binh Dinh province, some communes are still inundated, particularly in Tuy Phuoc districts.
- Details in terms of damages as reported by the CCFSC on 20 November:
  - **Death:** 42 people (Quang Nam: 5; Quang Ngai: 15; Binh Dinh: 18; Khanh Hoa: 2; Gia Lai: 1; Kon Tum: 1)
  - **Missing** 5 people (Quang Nam: 1; Quang Ngai: 1; Binh Dinh: 1; Phu Yen: 1; Gia Lai: 1)
  - **Injured:** 66 people (Quang Ngai: 65; Da Nang: 1)
  - **Collapsed Houses:** 414 (Đà Nẵng: 01, Quảng Ngãi: 209, Bình Định: 188; Phú Yên: 14, Khánh Hoà: 02).
  - **Flooded Houses:** 425,573 (T.T.Huế: 11.390; Đà Nẵng: 32.792, Quảng Nam: 77.792; Quảng Ngãi: 201.858, Bình Định: 99.574, Phú Yên: 187; Ninh Thuận: 30).
  - **Unroofed/Damaged Houses:** 1,271 (Quảng Ngãi: 783 nhà; Bình Định: 484; Khánh Hoà: 04)
  - **Flooded/Damaged Rice Fields:** 1,419 Hectares
  - **Cash Crop Fields Damaged:** 4,380 Hectares
  - **Fish/Shrimps/Crab Ponds Flooded/Damaged** 151 Hectares
  - **Dikes damaged/washed away** 27,642 m
  - **Canals damaged/washed away** 231,423 m

## Humanitarian Response

### National Response

- Since 14 November, the Steering Committee of CCFSC and the National Committee for Search and Rescue alerted the provinces likely to be affected by the Tropical Depression and subsequent flooding to put in place the relevant preparedness measures.
- CCFSC Steering Committee has been regularly in contact with the southern Central Provinces, as well as the Central Highlands, to closely monitor the evolution of the flooding situation, river levels and rainfall, as well as to direct the implementation of the relief activities.
- Provincial CFSCs have regularly reported on the preparedness and response activities implemented to deal with the tropical depression, the heavy rainfall and subsequent floods.
- As reported by CCFSC on 17 November, 78,395 people have been evacuated from low-lying areas at risk of floods and landslides in safe location in the following provinces:
  - Quang Nam: 1,313 / 4,355 people from 13 districts;
  - Quang Ngai: 16,405 households/66,961 people;
  - Phu Yen: 1,411 households/7,079 people.

In addition, Binh Dinh also evacuated households from highly flood risk areas, including 220 houses in Quy Nhon city.

- On 17 November, the Prime Minister issued an official telegram (1960/CĐ-TTg) to the Provinces from Thua Thien Hue to Phu Yen, including Kon Tum and Gia Lai to communicate about the complex development of the floods and instructed provinces to continuously carry out response and relief actions, including provision of immediate food and water items, particularly focusing on the most isolated areas.
- Central delegation, headed by Deputy Prime Minister Hoang Trung Hai, reviewing the progress for response and recovery in Binh Dinh, Quang Ngai, Quang Nam and Da Nang.
- All affected provinces are assessing the damage and need for recovery and livelihood stabilization.

## International Response

- The UN Disaster Risk Management Team (UNDRMT) has been closely monitoring Tropical Storm 15 and flooding situation since 14 Nov in close coordination with other humanitarian stakeholders.
- International NGOs which are active in the affected provinces have been monitoring the situation and are currently assessing the damages, as well as the needs and response plans. If deemed necessary, INGOs emergency funds may be mobilized to support relief activities for the affected communities.
- In particular, Plan International is assessing the situation in Quang Ngai; Save the Children is assessing in Quang Ngai and Binh Dinh; World Vision is assessing in Quang Nam, Da Nang, as well as in Quang Ngai
- The inter-agency working group including UNs and INGOs will meet on Friday 22 Nov to update on the field assessment findings and coordinate response action if required.

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