

## **Floods Central and South-Central Viet Nam**

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Since 13 Dec., heavy rainfall (300 to 500mm) have caused severe flooding in various provinces in Central and South-Central Vietnam. The most affected provinces are Thua Thien Hue, Quang Nam, Quang Ngai, Binh Dinh and Phu Yen. Heavy rainfall is projected by the National Centre for Hydro-Meteorological Forecasting to continue until Saturday, with continued risk for flooding and landslides.

According to the Central Committee for Natural Disaster Prevention and Control (CCNDPC), the impact of the floods is as follows:

Floods 13-16 Dec.: (damage and loss as of 16 Dec.)

- 7 deaths, 4 missing, and 6 injured
- 3,345 houses flooded; 53 houses collapsed
- Crops flooded: 4,912ha rice, 4,237 vegetables and cash crops, 455ha perennial crops
- Livestock killed: 163 cattle and 2,300 poultry
- Multiple roads, bridges and irrigation infrastructure eroded

Floods have affected provinces in North-Central, Central and South-Central Viet Nam consecutively since October, with the cumulative impact since October as follows: (source CCNDPC, as of 15 Dec.)<sup>1</sup>

- 94 deaths, 12 missing, 107 injured
- 208,213 houses flooded; 3,069 houses collapsed
- Crops flooded: 37,131ha rice, 37,367ha of cash crops, 3,865ha of perennial crops and 17,3725ha of fruit trees
- Livestock killed: 16,747 cattle and 1,128,265 poultry
- Multiple roads, bridges and irrigation infrastructure eroded
- Total estimated economic loss: VND 8,077billion (approx. US\$ 355 million)

The Government of Viet Nam has carried out extensive evacuation and search and rescue efforts are ongoing. High level Prime Minister and CCNDPC field missions have been dispatched to all affected provinces. Immediate needs as identified by the Government are: debris clearance and clean-up, shelter, food, water and sanitation support, disease monitoring and livelihood inputs for recovery.

The United Nations and the NGO Disaster Management Working Group have organized an emergency meeting on Friday 16 Dec. to assess the situation and discuss further joint action in support of the Government. A follow-up meeting is planned for Monday 19 Dec. at the NGO Resource Centre.

The UN, through the UN Disaster Risk Management Team, remains in close contact with the Government and partners to monitor the situation to inform further action.

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<sup>1</sup> Satellite imagery can be found here: <http://www.unitar.org/unosat/maps/VNM>