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**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

**SHARING INFORMATION AND APPROPRIATE SUPPORTS TO HELP REDUCE  
DAMAGES AND LOSSES CAUSED BY EXTREMELY HEAVY RAINS  
IN THANH HOA PROVINCE**

Due to impacts of low tropical pressure in the Northern and Northern Central regions of Vietnam during 28-31 August 2018, heavy rains and floods over a wide areas caused enormous damages to people, properties and infrastructure of Thanh Hoa Province.

The preliminary survey data by September 4th, 2018 revealed following damages and losses: 9 deaths, 03 missing, 02 injured, nearly 300 houses completely damaged, more than 13,500 houses inundated or damaged at different levels, more than 2.2 million ha of rice and subsidiary crops damaged or lost, 2 million ha of annual crops damaged, nearly 2,000 tons of foodstuff damaged or swept away; more than 2,000km of dykes and levees broken or eroded, many national and provincial roads eroded or damaged heavily, many bridges collapsed, broken or swept away and many other damages to industries, communication facilities, working office etc. More seriously, 40 schools are affected by the disaster right ahead of new School Year 2018 and this created anxiety and concerns among pupils and their parents. Recent information from Mường Lát and Quan Hóa districts shows that, many areas are still isolated due to floods and inundation. As communication is interrupted, information of full extent of damages and losses in these areas have not been inventoried and assessed so far.

At this time, Government's authorities together with province authorities has been working closely to carry out urgent and necessary actions to soon restore production, evacuate local people to safe places and stabilize their lives in the earliest time. The updated information from Mission of the Central steering committee for Disaster prevention and Control (NDPC) when visit some isolated areas in Muong Lat district on September 5th shows that, safety shelters for whom missing houses, water for sanitation and food are urgently needed. So that, the joint relief assistance and supports from international and domestic communities are extremely needed for Mường Lát people to soon recover from this exceptionally disaster.

The Central Steering Committee for NDPC would like to inform the disaster situation in Thanh Hoa Province and kindly request for appropriate assistance from international organizations involving in natural disaster risk reduction activities in Vietnam.

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Best regards,

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