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**Subject: Dissemination of Viet Nam's Drought and Salt Water Intrusion Recovery Plan**

On the occasion of *International Day for Disaster Reduction* (IDDR), the Central Committee for Natural Disaster Prevention and Control and the United Nations in Viet Nam wish to extend our sincerest appreciation towards all humanitarian partners for actively supporting the relief efforts in response to the severe drought emergency that have affected over 2 million people in the past year.

On 26 April 2016, the Government of Viet Nam and the UN jointly issued the Drought and Salt Water Intrusion Emergency Response Plan 2016/17 with an appeal for US\$48.5million to address key immediate needs. Since then, more than 54% or US\$26.4million has been mobilized from Government and non-Government sources to carry out life-saving water, sanitation and hygiene, nutrition, health, food security and livelihood interventions.

While relief operations are concluding, actions remain vital to address short, medium and long term drought recovery and strengthen the resilience of affected communities. For that purpose, we are pleased to share with you a consolidated **Drought Recovery Plan**. The plan, herewith enclosed, results from extensive consultations with technical experts from national and local governments, UN, Red Cross and NGOs. It provides crucial guidance and identifies priority investments to ensure a resilient recovery, in particular for the most vulnerable.

Within the spirit of this year's IDDR-theme "*Live to Tell*", we would like to invite all of you to share and promote recovery best practice that reduces disaster risk and builds back better the lives of people affected by this drought. We therefore look forward to your continued support and action in implementing the Drought Recovery Plan.



Yours sincerely,

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