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To: Foreign non-governmental organizations operating in Vietnam
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Ref: Emergency Relief to victims of Ketsana typhoon in the central of Vietnam

Dear friends and colleagues,

The People's Aid Coordinating Committee (PACCOM) sends its compliments and would like to inform you of the latest updates on Typhoon Ketsana (Typhoon No.9), which swept through the central provinces of Vietnam recently.

As of 5 October 2009, 163 people have been reported as dead or missing. Kon Tum, Quang Ngai, Quang Nam provinces and Da Nang city, among others, suffered heaviest human losses with 49, 34, 26 and 07 deaths respectively. Injuries amount to 629 people.

In other aspects, it has been reported that more than 21,599 houses have been completely destroyed, 476,798 house either up-roofed or submerged, 5,280 classrooms, 12,784 public facilities such as clinics, commune offices and public works damaged or submerged. Hundreds of thousands of households and people have been evacuated. In terms of damage to agriculture, statistics show that 36,009 hectares of paddy rice have been submerged/unharvestable, 18,518 hectares of sugar cane and corn, and 27,803 hectares of vegetable and plantation of all types submerged. In addition, heavy damages have been reported to roads, electricity and irrigation systems. Livelihoods for millions of farmers and inhabitants in the typhoon-hit regions as a result may take years to recover.

The Government of Vietnam has initially allocated 500 billion Vietnam Dong to support recovery and supplied more than 10,000 tons of rice to the worst affected provinces. Meanwhile, billions of Vietnamese Dong are being collected and donations are voluntarily being made by Vietnamese and organisations in the country and overseas.

Given the fact that Typhoon Ketsana is a strong disaster ever with grave damages to people's lives, crops, housing and environment..., PACCOM is seeking your consideration in providing assistance to the regions affected by the Typhoon.

While all immediate assistance could be made in-kind including provision of cash, clothes, food, tents and medicine, assistance should be considered towards rehabilitation through long-term recovery programmes and projects.

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PACCOM will continue to keep you informed of the latest related developments, typhoon information, and will be willing to discuss any plan of relief and follow-up assistance.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact either the provinces or PACCOM at the above-mention contact details.

Yours sincerely,



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