

## UNICEF Timor Leste Flood Emergency - Situation Report 01 July 2013 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sitrep

### **Highlights:**

- An estimated total of 2,572 families affected by the flood of June 2013. There were no human casualties reported.
- Government (National Directorate of Disaster Management) is coordinating the response reaching all affected population.
- 1,700 families who were living in temporary shelters across 4 districts have now returned home.

### **Situation overview and humanitarian needs**

- An estimated total of 2,572 families (totaling about 20,624 people) were affected by flood in four districts in Timor-Leste (Viqueque, Bacau, Shame and Soi) which occurred as results of excessive rainfall in June 2013.
- According to information from MOH and District Disaster Management Committee (DDMC) in affected districts, all 1700 families who were evacuated and kept in temporary shelters have gone back home.
- Altogether 125 wells were contaminated due to flood water in four districts. District health authorities have warned the families not to use the well and are monitoring the water source closely.
- Two Primary schools and one secondary school in Soi district headquarter Covalima have been affected by the flood. However, the schools have reopened after having been closed for a few days and no major damage was reported to the school buildings.



**Table 1: Affected families and communities**

<b>Number of families affected</b>				
<b>Affected District</b>	<b>Numbure Villages</b>	<b>of families</b>	<b>Estimated Populatin</b>	<b>Number of wells infected</b>
Viqueque	7	240	1440	17
Bacau	5	170	1020	0
Shame	1 sub-district	350	2100	19
Soi	13	1812	16064	89
			20624	125

### **Inter-agency collaboration and partnerships**

- The UN Humanitarian Country Team called a meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> June to discuss the situation and agreed for coordinated response if further assistance is required.

## **Programme response**

### **National Directorate of Disaster Management (NDDM):**

- The National Directorate of Disaster Management under the Ministry of Social Solidarity swiftly responded to the emergency by providing essential support, especially food and clothes.
- MoH and District Health offices from affected districts are providing medical support and organizing awareness in the affected areas for preventing any outbreak of diarrhoeal diseases.

### **UNICEF:**

- UNICEF Timor Leste continues to coordinate the WASH sector to discuss the situation and coordinate preparedness and response.
- UNICEF responded by providing 410,000 water purification tablets and 840 family hygiene kits (bucket, jerry-cane, scoop and soap) were provided to the affected families in 4 districts. In addition, 1,280 jerry-canes and 1,240 bar of soap were provided to families in Soi.

### **Support from Red Cross and NGOs:**

- Red Cross Timor Leste (CVTL) provided family kits (tent, tarpaulin, cooking pots/pans, blankets and hygiene kit) to affected families in Soi district.
- Oxfam Timor Leste (Oxfam Australia) provided soap, disinfectant for the wells, jerry-cane, some rice and disinfectant for cleaning the wells in Soi district.
- Oxfam is currently cleaning the well in Soi district.

## **Supply and Logistics**

Not applicable

## **Human Resources**

UNICEF Country team is managing the emergency. No additional support required.

## **Funding**

WASH relief items have been released from prepositioned stock. No additional fund required.

## **Next Steps**

- Monitor the progress of well cleaning work Oxfam has started.
- Monitor the nutritional status of children
- Monitor the food situation as this is one of the area partners have highlighted as most urgent need.
- Continue the collaboration with Local Government Authorities at all levels to monitor any needs in water supply and sanitation.
- Check with Ministry of Education whether they need support to rehabilitate the affected schools.

**Next SitRep UNICEF:** The next SITREP will be circulated by 15<sup>th</sup> of July 2013.

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