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**Floods and Storms in
Central Viet Nam
Situation Report No. 2**

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Highlights

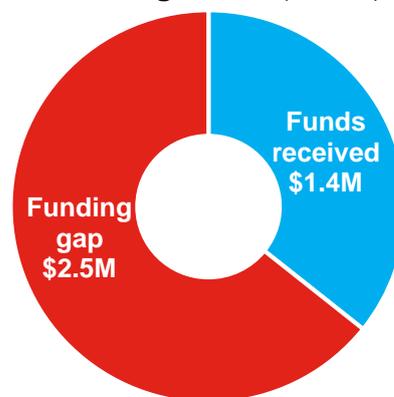
- Since 6 October, the central region of Viet Nam has been hit by consecutive storms and tropical depressions which have brought sustained heavy rain resulting in landslides and cascading floods.
- While the central region is still recovering from the damage caused by Storm Molave, Storm Eta hit the same region on 10 November causing 2 deaths, 2 missing and 25,653 houses flooded. Another Storm Vamco hit the central region on 15 November bringing heavy rains, landslides and floods in close proximity of Ha Tinh and Quang Binh provinces. An initial estimate suggests that 19 people were injured, 6 houses collapsed, and 5,755 houses were damaged, bringing further damages to some of the already affected provinces.
- UNICEF airlifted 10 tons of Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF) nutrition supplements from the Copenhagen Supply Division which arrived in the country on 15 November. Upon expedited customs clearance, the supplies will be distributed in commune health centres in Ha Tinh, Quang Binh and Quang Tri provinces. In addition, UNICEF has started distribution of hygiene supplies, including 4,034 ceramic filters and 51,381 detergent packs and soap bars for approximately 80,000 affected people in Ha Tinh and Quang Binh provinces. UNICEF also procured emergency education supplies and 900 Early Childhood Development (ECD) kits, prioritizing the most affected students and schools, with a special focus on remote located satellite schools.
- UNICEF continues to work closely with national counterparts to ensure a coordinated and systemic response to the crisis, including a comprehensive plan to reach the affected population with timely, inclusive and culturally-sensitive messaging promoting life-saving practices on health, nutrition, protection and access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH).

Situation in Numbers

-  **243**
people dead and missing
-  **7,700,000**
people living in affected provinces
-  **2,500,000**
children living in affected provinces
-  **862**
school have been damaged or unroofed

UNICEF Appeal 2020 US\$ 3,920,000

Funding Status (in US\$)



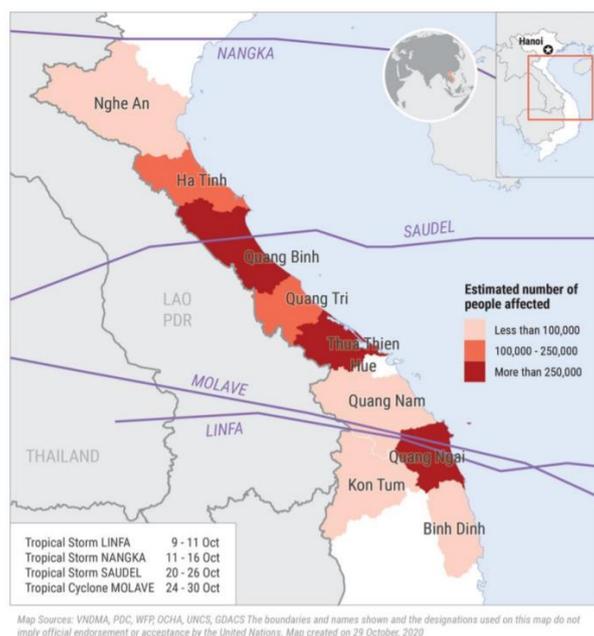
Funding Overview and Partnerships

UNICEF has appealed for US\$ 3,920,000 to address the urgent needs of the most vulnerable children, their families and communities in the most affected provinces. To date, UNICEF has mobilized a total of approximately US\$ 1.4 million thanks to the generous contributions from the governments of Australia and New Zealand, the French Committee for UNICEF, the US Fund for UNICEF, private sector partners and UNICEF internal allocations of flexible humanitarian funds. This is providing immediate relief including WASH, nutrition, child health, education and protection. UNICEF has successfully applied for the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) for a total expected amount of US\$ 1.2 million in close collaboration with other UN agencies to mobilize more resources to meet the urgent needs of the most vulnerable children, their families and communities.

Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs

Since 6 October, the central region of Viet Nam has experienced prolonged heavy rain as a result of a combination of numerous weather systems and consecutive storms that have caused widespread flooding and landslides in ten provinces: Nghe An, Ha Tinh, Quang Binh, Quang Tri, Thua Thien Hue, Da Nang, Quang Nam, Kon Tum, Quang Ngai and Binh Dinh.

In November, while the central region was still recovering from the damage caused by previous storms, Storm Etau struck the same region on 10 November causing 2 deaths, 2 missing and over 25,600 houses flooded. Another Storm Vamco hit these areas on 15 November bringing heavy rains and causing landslides and floods in Ha Tinh and Quang Binh provinces. Initial reports on the impact of storm Vamco indicate that 19 people were injured, 6 houses collapsed, and over 5,700 houses were damaged. Children and families already in critical conditions are now further exposed to the risks of the storms. These extremely adverse conditions, together with the risk of COVID-19 transmission due to disrupted healthcare services and poor hygiene, are putting the central region's 2.5 million children at high risk.



A kid plays with water while his parents try to fix their water system in Mo Duc District, Quang Ngai Province, Viet Nam on 30 October 2020, in the aftermath of Typhoon Molave.

Health: To date, 61 commune health centers are damaged, and many more are isolated and inaccessible due to floodwater or landslides. This prevents approximately 72,000 pregnant and lactating women and 120,000 children under five years old from accessing essential health care services. Many women report gynecological diseases and children with diarrhea. Health service capacity remains limited, and its quality negatively affected. The floods and landslides have disrupted transport, limiting children and families' access to health care services and increasing the risks of disease outbreaks, including waterborne diseases. A diphtheria outbreak is ongoing in Quang Nam and Quang Tri, and skin diseases commonly reported.

WASH: Over 1 million people are estimated to be most in need of WASH support. Among them, nearly 260,000 school children and 780,000 people are deprived of access to WASH. WASH facilities in at least 862 schools were reported submerged under water, and more than 100 water piped networks are damaged. The lack of water and functioning latrines is particularly challenging for women and girls' personal hygiene. The WASH sector is initially targeting 177,000 poor and near-poor people and difficult to reach schools and health centres that are unable to access protected water sources.



People shop at a drug store in which power is cut out due to Typhoon Molave in Quang Ngai City, Vietnam on October 29, 2020.



A boy sits near the donation goods in Vo Ninh Commune, Quang Ninh District, Quang Binh Province, Vietnam on October 26, 2020.

Nutrition: It is estimated that around 72,000 pregnant and lactating women and 271,000 children under five years old, including 80,800 children under two years old, are affected by the disaster in terms of inadequate dietary intake, limited access to routine nutrition services such as growth monitoring, complementary feeding counselling and multiple micronutrient supplementation. For families already suffering the socio-economic impact of COVID-19, this disaster puts their ability to secure nutritious food for their children in peril. There are also limited services including antenatal care (ANC) and nutrition provision inside and outside the commune health centers due to a lack of personnel and no transportation means in flooded areas.

Education: An estimated 153,000 children (of which 49% girls) who already experienced disruptions in learning due to COVID-19 have had their learning disrupted. At least 862 school buildings have been reported damaged, broken latrines and or unroofed. Many school facilities and learning materials are destroyed by strong wind and water. The Ministry of Education and Training (MOET) has requested assistance from international and national organizations to provide school supplies and repairs.



Broken school facilities at Vo Bam junior high school in Tinh Khe Commune, Son Tinh District, Quang Ngai Province, Viet Nam on 29 October 2020, in the aftermath of Typhoon Molave.



Ngo Thi Long, 52, plays with her grandchild Nguyen Huynh Kim Ngan, 1, in their house yard in Tam Tien Commune, Nui Thanh District, Quang Nam Province, Viet Nam on 29 October 2020, in the aftermath of Typhoon Molave.

Child Protection: Children's mental health and psychosocial well-being are heavily impacted as they face increased protection risks, stress, trauma and anxiety. School closures have exposed children, particularly girls, to domestic violence and posed them at higher risk of neglect, sexual exploitation and abuse. Children face numerous safety risks due to accidents, with at least two child casualties due to drowning already reported. Children without parental care are particularly vulnerable. Loss of family livelihood is expected to translate into an increased risk of child labor in the coming months.

UNICEF in Action

As an immediate intervention, UNICEF has distributed WASH supplies including 4,034 ceramic filters and 51,381 detergents packs and soap bars to the most affected provinces of Ha Tinh and Quang Binh and procured 60 tons of nutrition supplement RUTF for distribution. As part of the education response, UNICEF has procured emergency 900 ECD kits, prioritizing the most affected students and schools, mainly the remote located satellite schools, benefiting an estimated 45,000 children. UNICEF is also providing technical support to MOET in conducting an assessment on safe education facilities.

In close coordination with UNFPA and the Ministry of Labor, Invalids and Social Affairs (MOLISA), UNICEF is procuring dignity kits with essential supplies to provide girls and women in the affected provinces with immediate and gender-sensitive support, including provision of personal safety and hygiene items. With UNICEF support, MOLISA is preparing to dispatch expert teams to relevant provinces for provision of case management and psychosocial support to affected children and families. To keep women and children safe from violence and abuse, injuries and life threats as well as to prevent family separation, UNICEF is conveying protection in emergency messages to reach the most in need. Such messages are part of a cross-sectoral communications for development (C4D) response plan that has been developed in close coordination with the Viet Nam Disaster Management Authority (VDMA) with an aim to promote life-saving practices on health, nutrition and access to safe water and sanitation and which are made inclusive through translation into sign languages and ethnic minority languages. Messages are disseminated through a combination of the most appropriate traditional and social media channels along with interpersonal communication that should help strengthen the emergency response through the introduction of a community feedback system.

Summary of the UNICEF Response Plan

Critical Areas	Key actions	Target Beneficiaries	Reached to-date	Estimated Budget (USD)
				3,920,000
 WASH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide ceramic water filters and washing powder as an immediate response to ensure access to improved drinking water and essential sanitation and hygiene in affected areas. • Urgently repair damaged water and sanitation facilities in schools and health facilities. • Provide water filtration systems for schools and health centers. • Provide WASH and dignity kits for families and adolescent girls. • Improve water storage for the most vulnerable families. 	90,000 people	25,000 people	1,800,000
 Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure continuing access to essential maternal, newborn and child healthcare services and vaccination by deployment of outreach sessions for pre-and post-natal visits and vaccination catch ups for pregnant women and children. 	12,800 pregnant and lactating women	-	320,000
 Nutrition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide support for the screening of children under five in the most affected communes in three provinces for the detection of severe acute malnutrition (SAM) and moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) for a timely-triggered response. • Procurement of RUTF to support treatment of SAM detected children in the intervention locations. • Procurement of Multiple Micro-nutrients Supplements (MPS) for children under five years old.¹ • Support emergency training for the rapid deployment of health staff for the management of the nutrition-specific interventions. • Support monitoring the intervention coverage and technical compliances of the interventions. 	117,000 children under-5 4,650 SAM cases	-	600,000

¹ To be implemented by the National Institute of Nutrition

 <p>Education</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribution of emergency education supplies, ECD and education kits, for all school levels in the most affected communes, paying attention to the needs of boys and girls, especially ethnic minorities and children with disabilities, and other vulnerable sub-groups. • Support the assessment on safe education facilities and essential school supplies for teaching and learning and the roll-out and implementation of "Safe Back to School Protocol" with a focus on a safe learning environment & commute to and from school, including physical accessibility for children with disabilities. • Ensure the continued learning of affected students through the provision of distance & online learning opportunities where/when possible. • Ensure that boys and girls are provided with immediate psychosocial support in schools. 	<p>144,000² children</p> <p>1,500 teachers</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>500,000</p>
 <p>Child Protection</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that children and women are protected from life threats and risks of violence against children (VAC) and gender-based violence (GBV) through the provision of guidance to social workers and front-line workers. • Provide psychosocial support for affected children and caregivers through experts dispatched on the ground and in coordination with local social workers, teachers and other frontline workers. • Provide case management support to children severely affected by the emergency, including provision of alternative care arrangements to children without parental care. 	<p>33,400 children and women</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>500,000</p>
 <p>Communication for Development (C4D)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disseminate cross-sectoral child-friendly communication messages package in preparedness, response and recovery periods of storm, flood and landslides. It consists of critical family practices; clean water and hygiene including handwashing; health including immunization and waterborne diseases prevention; nutrition; food hygiene practice; child drowning and injury prevention; and child protection, psychosocial support and well-being, partly in sign language and a number of ethnic minority languages to reach the most vulnerable children and families. 	<p>4.7 million people in affected central provinces reached through social media</p>	<p>1.1 million³ people reached on prioritized key messages.</p>	<p>200,000</p>

Humanitarian Leadership, Coordination and Strategy

The response is coordinated among line ministries through the Central Committee for Natural Disaster Prevention and Control (CCNDPC) and its standing office VDMA. The Disaster Management Group (DMG) has been convened by UN Resident Coordinator's Office (RCO) that leads coordination among UN agencies, and Disaster Management Working Group (DMWG) that consists of INGOs in Viet Nam engaged in disaster management. The DMG conducted the joint assessment with VDMA and has developed a cross-sectoral Response Plan based on each sector plans, with support of OCHA's Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (ROAP). UNICEF is leading the Nutrition and WASH sector coordination groups, co-leading the Education sector with Save the Children, and leading the Child Protection sub-sector under the Protection sector, led by UN Women. To date, UNICEF has worked with line ministries and partner UN agencies and INGOs on a thorough joint response plan on UNICEF-led and co-led sectors of WASH, Education and

² 144,000 children of which there are 71,000 girls, 684 children with disabilities and 12,100 ethnic minority children

³ Estimated number of people in central region reached on key life-saving messages of Facebook account of UNICEF Viet Nam.

Health. All sector coordination groups have been activated for timely information sharing and collaboration. Partners' interventions mapping exercises and regular updates are shared to avoid duplication of efforts and maximize effectiveness.

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