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## Information bulletin Vietnam: Flash Floods

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This bulletin is being issued for information only, and reflects the current situation and details available at this time. The Vietnam Red Cross Society (VNRC), with the support of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), is continuing to assess the situation and whether there is a need for an allocation of disaster relief emergency funds.

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VNRC is one of the first responders in Nghia Lo, Yen Bai province where many households were affected by the flash flood. Photo: VNRC

### The situation

Tropical Depression 23W developed in the Vietnam Eastern Sea (South China Sea). On 8 October, the level of danger was raised to orange, with high winds up to 40 mph. The storm brought heavy rain which caused land erosion and flooding to parts of central and northern Viet Nam since 9 October.

As of 14 October, the water levels in some rivers are at record high. Continuous rain has resulted in an increasing level of damage and loss in some Northern Central and Northern provinces. The death toll from landslides and heavy rain has climbed to 68 as of 15 October. The Vietnam Disaster Management Authority said in a statement on Sunday that 32 people were injured while 34 others are still missing. The torrential rains and landslides also damaged infrastructure and killed more than 230,000 livestock in the central and northern regions. Disaster officials in the hardest-hit province of Hoa Binh in the north said that 300 soldiers, police and military personnel were still searching for eight people missing from a landslide.

Tropical Storm Khanun is weakening as it moves toward the Tonkin Gulf and is expected to bring rains to northern and central Vietnam. The Vietnam Red Cross is continuing to watch the situation and preparing for the response. Additionally, some of the provinces affected are the same as those recently affected by Typhoon Doksuri where the IFRC has supported the response through DREF allocation ([MDRVN015](#)).

### Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The Vietnam Red Cross headquarters and branches in the affected provinces are closely monitoring the development of the situation. The National Society undertaken three relief missions from national headquarters

to the three most affected provinces of Hoa Binh, Yen Bai and Thanh Hoa, with the initial support of VND 950 million in cash (CHF 41,304) and in-kind support of VND 57 million (CHF 2,425).

On 12 October, the provincial branch of Hoa Binh distributed food relief items in Da Bac commune of Tan Lac district and erected 5 tents for the search and rescue teams in the Phu Cuong commune. VNRC has also been visiting families of those who lost their lives or were injured as well as families whose houses collapsed to provide comfort in the provinces of Hoa Binh, Son La, Yen Bai, Thanh Hoa and Nghe An.

VNRC has mobilized volunteers to support the rescue efforts of local government and help families clean their houses. In the province of Thanh Hoa, volunteers have distributed 6,100 cartons of instant noodles in the districts of Nong Cong, Thach Thanh, Tho Xuan, Vinh Loc, Yen Dinh; and 2,778 bottles of drinking water in the districts of Thach Thanh and Ha Trung.

In the province of Nghe An, the branch has been given the mandate from the government to direct the response in the district of Quy Chau. Volunteers and staff have also organized three relief missions to six communes in the province, which has been isolated by the flood, and provided an initial assistance of 500 cartons of instant noodles.

In addition, relief aid, including cash and 106 boxes of essential goods for families and 10 boxes of Aquatab water treatment tablets, have been provided by VNRC employees for families most affected by floods in the five provinces.

The IFRC is continuing to monitor the situation with VNRC and will support if further need arises.

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**Save lives,**  
protect livelihoods,  
and strengthen recovery  
from disaster and crises.



Enable **healthy**  
and **safe** living.



Promote **social inclusion**  
and a culture of  
**non-violence** and **peace**.

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