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Humanitarian Situation Report for Emergencies, Lao PDR

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Situational Overview

- Response activities at the provincial and district levels are on-going. Coordination of response is being done through the cluster mechanism at the national level, while at the provincial level cluster partners are working in liaison with the Provincial Disaster Structures and ministerial departments.
- The Government has given priority to UXO clearance prior to the reconstruction of houses destroyed by the typhoon.

Cluster Response and Survey Missions as of 18 December 2009

Food Security

- As of 30 November, WFP in collaboration with the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare had distributed 1,759 tons of rice and 118 tons of canned fish to 204,639 people in Sekong, Savaran, Savanakhet, and Attapeu provinces. Of this tonnage 1,446 tons of rice and 70 tons of canned fish was distributed by INGO partners, namely CARE, Village Focus International, Health Unlimited, Oxfam, World Vision, and Rural Livelihood Improvement Project (RLIP).
- Food security cluster meetings chaired by WFP and FAO to plan interventions are ongoing. On 17 December the cluster will meet to chart the plans for 2010 interventions.

Health and Nutrition

- WHO continues to support the National Centre for Laboratories and Epidemiology (NCLE) with disease surveillance, outbreak response and laboratory confirmation in the affected provinces. Several outbreaks of respiratory illness have been detected, investigated and treated. Besides cholera and dengue test kits and reagents for the NCLE, larvicides, insecticides, essential drugs, and malaria drugs have been procured and delivered to the affected areas. Public education and communication materials on malaria, dengue fever, and flu continue to be distributed in these areas.
- Members of the Nutrition Cluster, which met last on 1 December, continued their action planning in a technical working session convened on 8 December by the Ministry of Health with WHO technical support. Principal issues to be resolved include: more thorough and timely feedback on

preventative action to data; Vitamin-A, de-worming tablet, iron folate, micronutrients distributions; and the fielding of technical staff to conduct a nutrition survey and establish a mechanism for ongoing nutritional surveillance. Prior to this crisis there were no permanent mechanisms in place in Lao PDR.

- Health Unlimited has provided stationery, UNFPA kits, food bags, and health messaging to 1341 people in Phouvang, Sanamsay, Saysettha, Samakhisay, and Sansay districts in Attapeu province.

Protection

- The Government has identified new sites to relocate the families who lost their houses and whose village is situated in flood prone areas. The cluster partners are focussing on UXO clearance in these new resettlement sites and UXO education for the targeted population.
- UNDP supported UXO Lao continues to assist the provincial authorities in reaching remote villages where several UXO roving operations and UXO clearance were carried out in Sekong, Attapeu, and Saravan (Samoi District). UXO Lao is also relocating the newly opened UXO provincial office, which was destroyed by the typhoon, and repairing the equipment that was damaged.
- The National Regulatory Authority (NRA) with UNICEF technical and financial support is developing a Mine Risk Education (MRE) information toolkit. The contents of 2 posters, 1 flip chart, and one UXO reporting brochure are in draft form. Once finalized and printed, distribution will take place in conjunction with Government and INGO-supported disaster relief activities already underway in affected areas. UXO Risk Education messages will also be disseminated through INGOs, mass organisations as well as radio stations.
- The NRA has emergency funding from UNICEF to conduct provincial and district meetings with Government agencies involved in UXO clearance and mine risk education related actions.
- Child-friendly emergency messages specifically targeting children are in their final stages of development. These materials include board games, activity book, and flip charts. After finalization and printing, materials will be distributed through INGOs, the National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) and other Government agencies.
- Handicap International Belgium (HIB), with funding from UNICEF, has supported 40 families (approximately 500 persons) with disabled family members in the affected areas of Savannakhet province to create home gardens to supplement food intake and provide additional income. Rehabilitation referral mechanisms for disabled family members are also being defined.
- HIB also carried out UXO clearance activities in eleven villages in Savannakhet province, followed by quality checks to ensure the UXOs were properly cleared. HIB also provided UXO risk education to about 80% of the villagers in 10 villages, focussing on UXO consequences and risks to villagers after floods.
- Norwegian Peoples Aid (NPA) undertook a survey and UXO clearance in 4 villages in Ta Oy District, Saravan province and one new resettlement village in Lanam district, Sekong province.

Education

- Construction materials (roof sheeting, cement, gravel and sand) procured by UNICF to repair 20 schools in Sekong and Saravan provinces have been delivered to the district education bureaus in the respective provinces. School rehabilitation is ongoing under the coordination of the Village Education Development Committees.

- The Save the Children Alliance (Australia and Norway) has submitted a proposal to ECHO for funds to repair 36 primary school in Attapeu province.

Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene

- The cluster meeting held on 3 December focused on action planning with INGO partners to meet emerging needs in affected areas. In the meantime, UNICEF is having additional emergency hygiene education IEC (Information-Education-Communication) materials printed in view of their dissemination through national and INGO partners in the field.
- UNICEF also provided funding to the Center for Rural Water Supply and Sanitation (Naamsat) that allowed for the cleaning of 150 boreholes across the five districts of Attapeu Province. Additional funds have been provided by UNICEF to Naamsat for technical survey and data collection work on ongoing water system rehabilitation in Attapeu, Sekong and Saravan provinces.
- Spare parts being purchased by UNICEF will cover the rehabilitation of 300 hand pumps and 30 gravity-fed water systems across Attapeu, Sekong and Saravan provinces.
- UN-HABITAT, in consultation with the Nampapa State Owned Enterprises of the three provinces of Saravane, Sekong and Attapeu, has developed the bill of quantities and the activity plan for the emergency repair of water treatment plants, household water, and sanitation infrastructures.

Shelter

- CARE has distributed shelter and water kits, medicines, and non-rice food to more than 909 households in Lamam province, Sekong district.
- Oxfam has distributed hygiene kits, kitchen kits, sleeping materials, and clothes to 340 households in Laman district, Sekong province.
- UN-Habitat is partnering with Norwegian People Aid (NPA) to map areas earmarked for new resettlements of families whose houses were destroyed by the typhoon

Early Recovery

- The Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MPWT) roads division has prioritized the infrastructure that will need immediate attention. This will cover village roads and some district roads. UNDP will sign an agreement with the MPWT who will implement these repairs.

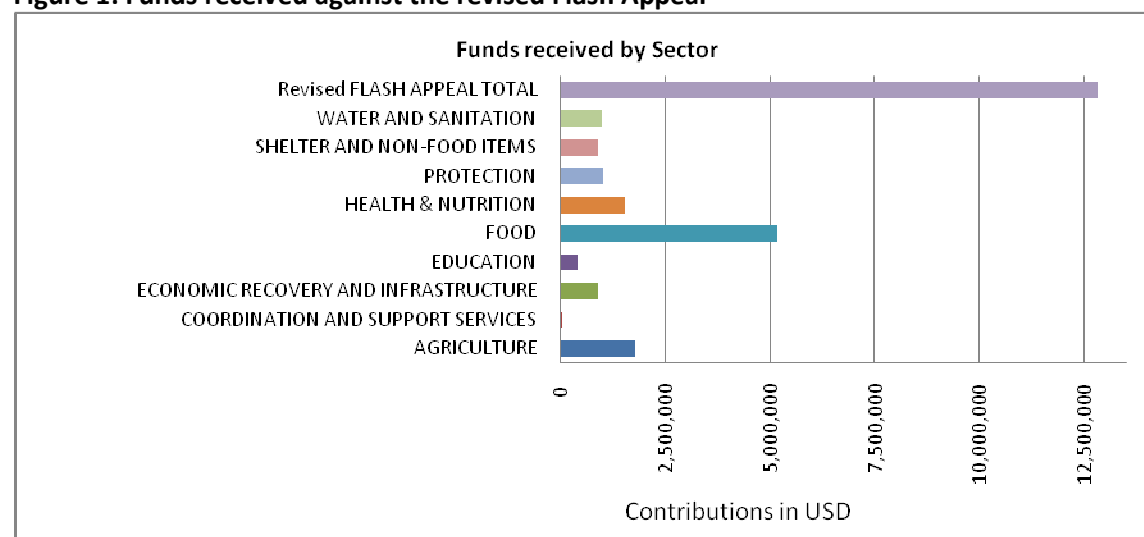
Mid to Longer Term Post Disaster Needs Assessment

The report entitled *The Ketsana Typhoon Damage, Loss and Needs Assessment, Disaster Recovery and Livelihood Restoration, November 2009* prepared by the Ministry of Planning and Investment with support from World Bank, ADB, ASEAN, FAO, AusAID, Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre (ADPC), and Global Facility for Disaster Risk Reduction (GFDRR) has been completed. The report presents the findings by sectors of the medium and longer term needs in regards to damage, loss, and resources needed to restore the affected communities to their pre-disaster state.

The Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI), Director General chaired a technical workshop to discuss the report with partners on 4 December 2009.

Flash Appeal (revised) Funding Update as of 18 December 2009

Figure 1: Funds received against the revised Flash Appeal



Source: UNORC as of 18 Dec'09

Table 1: Funding received against the revised Flash Appeal

Appealing org.	Revised Requirements (USD)	Funding (USD)	% Covered
AGRICULTURE	1,780,000	985,882	55%
COORDINATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES	50,000	65,630	131%
ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND INFRASTRUCTURE	900,000	125,000	14%
EDUCATION	430,000	99,510	23%
FOOD	5,192,122	4,027,138	78%
HEALTH & NUTRITION	1,544,714	722,066	47%
PROTECTION	1,020,000	579,977	57%
SHELTER AND NON-FOOD ITEMS	902,000	417,942	46%
WATER AND SANITATION	990,000	614,130	62%
Revised FLASH APPEAL TOTAL	12,808,836	7,637,275	60%

Source: UNORC as of 18 Dec'09

Table 2: Funding Received by UN agency against the Flash Appeal

Appealing agency	Revised Requirements	Funding	% Covered	Uncommitted Pledges
FAO	1,780,000	985,882	55%	
UNDP	1,800,000	670,595	37%	
UNICEF	1,700,000	1,110,613	65%	
WFP	5,192,122	4,027,138	78%	1,506,024
WHO	863,971	180,300	21%	
UNFPA	130,743	30,743	100%	
HABITAT	1,342,000	532,004	40%	
Revised FLASH APPEAL	12,808,836	7,637,275	60%	1,506,024

Source: UNORC as of 18 Dec'09

Table 3: Funding received by INGOs for projects outside the Flash Appeal

Appealing INGO (projects not included in Flash Appeal)	Total Requirements (USD)	Funding Received (USD)
CARE	2,700,000	1,500,000
French Red Cross (FRC)	825,000	675,000
FRC for Lao Red Cross		102,808
Health Unlimited	935,688	316,965
Oxfam Australia	1,300,000	1,300,000
Save the Children	261,856	-
World Vision Lao PDR	750,000	751,777
Norwegian People Aid (NPA)	4,200,000	3,000,000
Total	10,972,544	7,646,550

Source: UNORC as of 18 Dec'09

Calendar and Contacts

- The Cluster coordination meetings calendar 2009 is available on <http://www.unlao.org/Disaster/calendar.asp>
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