

Floods Central and South-Central Viet Nam

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Floods, caused by heavy rainfall between 13-16 Dec., have receded significantly, with only 2,240 houses in Binh Dinh province still flooded as of 19 Dec. 5pm. Reservoirs in the affected areas are at 95-100% of their full capacity, so controlled discharge is still on-going. The most affected provinces are Thua Thien Hue, Quang Nam, Quang Ngai and Binh Dinh.

According to the Central Committee for Natural Disaster Prevention and Control (CCNDPC), the impact of the 13-16 Dec. floods is as follows: (reported as of 20 Dec.)

- 26 deaths, 1 missing and 16 injured
- 111,851 houses have been flooded; 570 houses collapsed or unroofed
- 22,271ha rice and 4,155ha rice seedlings have been flooded, 12,195ha of cash crops and 5,381ha of perennial crops
- Livestock killed: 1,430 cattle and 83,159 poultry
- Multiple roads, bridges and irrigation infrastructure eroded
- Total estimated economic loss: VND 798.5billion (approx. US\$ 35million)



The Government's relief operations are expanding, with the extensive distribution of food (rice, dry food, noodles), water, water purification, search and rescue equipment and financial support. Seeds to replant affected fields (rice, maize, vegetables, cassava etc.) has been identified as a crucial early recovery need.

In addition to CCNDPC field missions, Minister Nguyen Thi Kim Tien of the Ministry of Health lead a team to Binh Dinh on 20 Dec. to monitor and direct support to the health sector in response to the floods.

At the Government-UN-Disaster Management Working Group emergency meeting on Monday 19 Dec., humanitarian partners agreed to dispatch three joint needs assessment teams to Binh Dinh, Quang Nam and Quang Ngai. The missions are planned for 21-23 Dec., with key assessment findings expected to be presented at the end of the week. The UN is leading the missions to Binh Dinh and Quang Ngai, and contributing technical staff on nutrition, WASH, health, protection, early recovery, food security and livelihoods to all teams, complementing the Government, NGO and Red Cross expertise.

In response to an official communication from the CCNDPC to the UN, the RC a.i. has commended the Government's strong leadership and swift action, and expressed the UN commitment to provide support where needed. The UN, through the UN Disaster Risk Management Team, remains in close contact with the Government and partners to monitor the situation to inform further action.

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