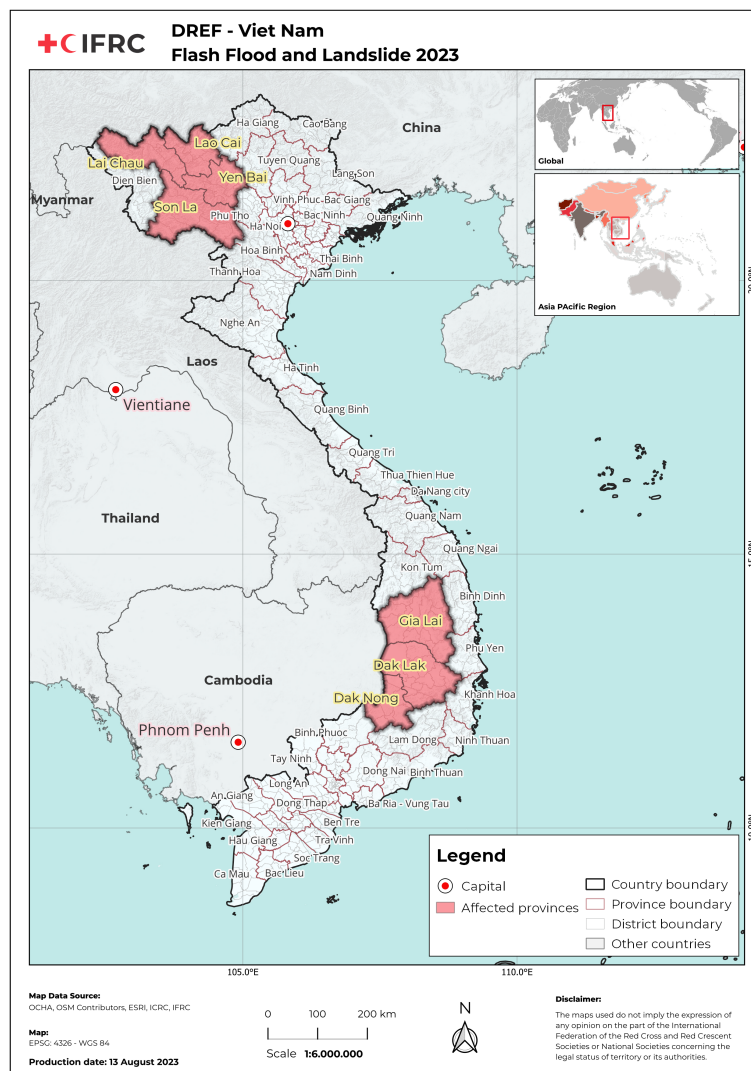




Aerial view of the affected areas. Houses are inundated by flood waters (source: media)

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| Appeal:<br><b>MDRVN023</b>                 | Country:<br><b>Viet Nam</b>                 | Hazard:<br><b>Pluvial/Flash Flood</b>    | Type of DREF<br>Response             |
| Crisis Category:<br><b>Yellow</b>          | Event Onset:<br><b>Sudden</b>               | DREF Allocation:<br><b>CHF 400,344</b>   |                                      |
| Glide Number:<br><b>FF-2023-000136-VNM</b> | People Affected:<br><b>214,527 people</b>   | People Targeted:<br><b>20,000 people</b> |                                      |
| Operation Start Date:<br><b>2023-08-17</b> | Operation Timeframe:<br><b>6 months</b>     | Operation End Date:<br><b>2024-02-29</b> | DREF Published:<br><b>2023-08-18</b> |
| Targeted Areas:                            | <b>Dak Nong, Lai Chau, Lao Cai, Yen Bai</b> |                                          |                                      |

# Description of the Event



Map of affected provinces (Source: IFRC IM)

## What happened, where and when?

Heavy rains have caused floods via small rivers and streams, flash floods, and landslides in many localities in the Northern mountainous region, causing damages to people, houses, production, infrastructure, especially in the provinces of Lai Chau, Yen Bai, Son La, and Lao Cai, Lai Chau, Dak Lak, Dak Nong, Gia Lai since 2 August 2023.

Since 4 August 2023, the region has mostly recorded downpours with rainfalls of 100 - 200mm, reaching nearly 400mm in some areas, causing flooding and resulting in human and property losses, especially in Lai Chau, Yen Bai, and Son La provinces. The National Centre for Hydro-Meteorological Forecasting has predicted that downpours will continue in this region from now, with rainfalls of 50-120mm, with some reaching over 180mm, which poses very high risks of floods, flash floods, and landslides.

From 5:00 on 5 August to 18:00 on 6 August, downpours and floods caused 10 casualties in northern mountainous and midland localities, including seven in Lai Chau, two in Yen Bai and one in Son La, along with heavy property losses, reported the Standing Office of the National Steering Committee.

According to a report from the National Commanding Committee for Natural Disaster Prevention and Control (NDPC) of Lai Chau Province, floods have caused 4 deaths and 3 injuries in Ta Mung commune, Khoen On commune, Than Uyen district, affecting 75 houses, of which 39 are in Nam Nhun district, 25 are in Than Uyen district, 10 are in Phong





Tho district, the rest are in Sin Ho district. Over 3ha of rice and tea has been eroded and completely buried.

Floods have caused subsidence and landslides of many roads in the province with a volume of about 23,000 cubic meters of soil and rock. About 14 km of affected roads include: landslides, road talus, longitudinal trenches and some broken sections causing traffic jams on National Highway 4H at Km 272+200, Km 272+922, Km15+ 420, Km293+930, Km270+300, Km196+090. Floods also contributed to landslides and damaged 4 irrigation works in Than Uyen district.

A dam containing 1.2 million cubic meters of water, a volume equivalent to 480 Olympic-size swimming pools, in Dak Nong Province has showed signs of cracks following days of heavy rain. Dak Nong province has declared it a natural disaster emergency. According to the Provincial People's Committee (PPC), from the end of 6 – 7 August, the area experienced prolonged heavy rains, the total rainfall at Dak Ha station was nearly 400 mm.

By 7 August, the cracks on the foot of the dam spanned around 500 m and were around 150 m deep and showed no signs of abating. On the right side of the dam, around 10 ha of crops were sinking. An estimated 1 million cubic meters of soil is at risk of landslides. The dam itself also has large cracks spanning 10-20 cm. The Dak N'Ting reservoir project cost around VND137 billion (\$5.78 million), was built to irrigate around 700 ha of crops in Quang Son Commune. To ensure safety, authorities have blocked entrances into the dam area and evacuated 34 families with around 100 people. On 10 August, people were able to return to their residential areas.

At around 8:30 on 8 August, the stream of blackish water coming from a reservoir that contains waste from the extraction of copper from ores rushed towards Ta Phoi Commune, Lao Cai province. The wastewater inundated houses and the commune's People's Committee office. A local said the stream came quickly and without warning, so they could only escape with their lives, not having enough time to take their belongings.

The Lao Cai People's Committee said long-lasting rains have contributed to the damage, and the exact amount of damage incurred is being evaluated. Lao Cai has been seeing rains over the past week, with the highest amount of rainfall seen on Monday night (7 August) at 80 mm, according to the National Center for Hydro-Meteorological Forecasting. Heavy rains have triggered erosion at over 140 locations in Lao Cai, damaging more than 30 houses and flooding more than 110 others. Over 340 ha of crops and around 2 ha of aquaculture have also been damaged.

At this time, there is limited data across all sectors relating to the requirements of the affected population. However, the government has determined that the most urgent needs are food and water, household items, hygiene kits and medicines.

#### Notes:

Picture 1: VNRC and local authorities are helping people with damages assessment (Photo: VNRC)

Picture 2: A women had her house severely damages by the flash flood (Photo: VNRC)





Picture 1

Picture 2

## Scope and Scale

As per a report released by the Vietnam Disaster Management Authority on August 10, 2023, flooding has had a significant impact on approximately 215,000 individuals since August 2. This widespread occurrence has unfolded across ten provinces, specifically in Lai Chau, Yen Bai, Son La, Lao Cai, Dien Bien, Thai Nguyen, Gia Lai, Dak Lak, Dak Nong, and Lam Dong. Among these provinces, the areas which are most severely affected include Yen Bai, Lai Chau, Lao Cai, and Dak Nong. In light of this situation, there have been 13 reported fatalities, along with 2 individuals currently missing and 8 individuals sustaining injuries.

The ongoing and protracted rainfall in the affected regions continues to pose a threat, potentially leading to flash floods and landslides. This heightened risk is attributed to the soil's projected saturation point, a consequence of the persistent rain that has persisted for several days.

In early August 2023, both the North and Central Highlands regions experienced a noteworthy climatic anomaly. Precipitation levels soared 50-100mm beyond the established average for this period, as observed in previous years (VNDMA). This unanticipated surge in precipitation has significantly contributed to the current flooding crisis, exacerbating the challenges faced by the affected communities.

Since 8 August 2023, the Government has assigned an inspection team led by the Prime Minister to visit and monitor the situation. An emergency announcement was also public for response. However, the fact that impacted provinces are not disaster-prone areas, only the Viet Nam Fatherland Front (VNFF) and VNRC have kicked started humanitarian response. As of 13 August, local authorities, Border Guard, VNFF, and VNRC are the main response units in the region. These targeted provinces have not experienced serious flash flood and landslide in the past 5 years.

## Previous Operations

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| Has a similar event affected the same area(s) in the last 3 years? | No |
| Did it affect the same population groups?                          | No |
| Did the National Society respond?                                  | No |

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| Did the National Society request funding from DREF for that event(s)? | <b>No</b> |
| If yes, please specify which operations                               | -         |

### Lessons learned

The DREF operation in 2022 encountered several difficulties especially in the paperwork for the approval process and coordination among IFRC, Financial service provider (FSP), VNRC technical departments and local Red Cross Chapters. A close coordination among VNRC and its partners had been identified as a lesson to ensure timely response. For this DREF operation, coordination had been enhanced during the preparedness phase during VNRC and its partners, which significantly improved the DREF application process.

Another lesson was to increase the responsibility of local authorities in beneficiaries' selection as well the community engagement to enhance the efficiency of the VNRC interventions. It was advised that dedicated, knowledgeable, and experienced human resources should conduct CEA-related activities in the field to enhance the quality of operational design, implementation, and monitoring.

The lessons learned from 2019 suggested that PGI materials should be available in Vietnamese, including a standard training module, and staff to be trained to run it so that programme staff are able to run the sessions without a separate PGI staff during the beneficiary selection training. VNRC translated PGI materials in Vietnamese in 2020. PGI materials which were already translated and available along with child safeguarding assessment in Vietnamese in 2022 and is ready to be distributed to the VNRC volunteers and local people during Operation.

It was suggested from the DREF 2022 to conduct the trainings and orientation for VNRC staff and volunteer at the beginning of the operation to ensure the integration of sectorial cross-cutting intervention such as PGI, PFA and CEA into the activities on the ground. Regular communication and close coordination to be made between the VNRC and IFRC to facilitate the implementation of the mentioned trainings.

## Current National Society Actions

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| <b>Livelihoods And Basic Needs</b>      | VNRC distributed relief kits which contain food and essential household items to people affected by the disaster. VNRC did not request replenishment as the number of relief kits in the VNRC warehouses is secure at this moment.                                                             |
| <b>Shelter, Housing And Settlements</b> | VNRC supported affected communities with household kits which contains blankets and mosquito nets to assist vulnerable people who lost their shelter temporarily before any resettlement intervention made. However, VNRC does not require further replenishment.                              |
| <b>National Society EOC</b>             | VNRC has a Disaster Operation Center at their headquarters to command operations, communicate with and supervise its chapters, and to coordinate with various departments related to disaster management in times of disasters.                                                                |
| <b>Resource Mobilization</b>            | VNRC HQ has mobilized their internal funds up to VND 600 million (CHF 22,054) to immediately respond to the floods and landslide since 08 August with distribution of relief kits and cash, and assistance in WASH to Yen Bai province which is considered as the most seriously affected one. |
| <b>Assessment</b>                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |



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|                                                | The need assessment in affected areas were coordinated among Government agencies and VNRC at all levels.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>National Society Readiness</b>              | <p>The Disaster Management &amp; Social Work Department of the Vietnam Red Cross Headquarters is responsible for rapid disaster assistance in emergencies to provide comprehensive and effective assistance to affected people in emergencies. Since 02 August, VNRC Headquarters has had regular meetings with all its chapters to discuss preparedness and plan for situation management in advance for timely and effective assistance. VNRC coordinated among concerned units such as the National Steering Committee for Disaster Prevention and Control (NDPC), the local government agencies, and local disaster response task forces.</p> <p>VNRC has deployed their national disaster response team (NDPC) to respond to the disasters in any preparedness and readiness duties. VNRC also made sure that the essential resources, such as a warehouse, medical supplies and equipment, relief kits, hygiene kits, household medicine, mobile kitchen operations, trucks, and communication equipment are available.</p> |
| <b>Multi-purpose Cash</b>                      | <p>In Yen Bai province, the district Red Cross has prepared 16 boxes of relief goods to deliver to the people of Lao Chai and Khao Mang communes, supported families having people died in the flood with the value of VND 2 million/ household. Yen Bai provincial Red Cross has prepared money to support and gathered household kits to visit Mu Cang Chai district to help people affected.</p> <p>In Lai Chau province, the Provincial Red Cross Chapter has supported VND 2 million (CHF 73.72) /households for families having people die in the flood, and VND 500,000 (CHF 18.43)/ injured person. District Red Cross supported VND 1 million (CHF 36.86) /households having people die and VND 500,000 VND (CHF 15.83)/injured person. Total support of was VND 16 million (CHF 598).</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Community Engagement And Accountability</b> | In order to assess the impact of the flood and the needs of affected people, VNRC leadership at the HQ and provincial levels have visited local residents in flooded areas and learn about people's well-being and the effects of the floods. VNRC staff have not yet received CEA training, however, such training has been included in the plan, and it will be conducted as part of the early stage of this operation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Protection, Gender And Inclusion</b>        | Assistance has reached affected people, which include vulnerable groups such as the elderly, the bed-ridden people, persons with disabilities, children, the homeless, and migrant workers who are people from other provinces, as well as Laos and Chinese people working in the regions. No RFL interventions are needed at this moment.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Water, Sanitation And Hygiene</b>           | VNRC has planned to distribute water tank to store fresh water and hygiene promotion to help people whose houses inundated in the flood overcome the situation with the support from DREF.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

# Movement Partners Actions Related To The Current Event

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| <b>IFRC</b>                             | The IFRC Field Program Officer in Vietnam and the IFRC CCD in Bangkok have constantly monitored the flood scenario in relation to the current situation, and they have been in constant contact with the VNRC. The Field Program Officer has worked closely with the provincial Red Cross Chapters to record data on damages and needs for any intervention needed. |
| <b>ICRC</b>                             | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Participating National Societies</b> | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

# Other Actors Actions Related To The Current Event

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| <b>Government has requested international assistance</b> | No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>National authorities</b>                              | <p>The Prime Minister issued Official Dispatch No. 732/CD-TTg dated 8 August, 2023 on focusing on preventing, combating and reducing damage caused by landslides, riverbanks, coasts and flash floods; Dispatch No. 726/CD-TTg dated August 6, 2023 on focusing on response and remediation.</p> <p>Minister - Standing Deputy Head of the Standing Committee Le Minh Hoan chaired an online meeting to respond and overcome the consequences of floods in the northern mountainous provinces in Phu Tho, and later went to check on the bank erosion of the Thao River and other public works.</p> <p>The interdisciplinary team of the National Steering Committee on Disaster Prevention and Control led by Deputy Minister Nguyen Hoang Hiep headed to inspect and direct the troubleshooting of Dak N'Ting reservoir (Dak Glong district, province) Dak Nong), ensuring safety for people downstream of the reservoir, inspect and direct the settlement of subsidence in Dong Thanh reservoir (Lam Ha district, Lam Dong).</p> <p>The Standing Office of the National Steering Committee for Disaster Prevention and Control issued Official Dispatch No. 08/CD-QG on proactively responding to heavy rains, floods, inundation, flash floods and landslides. landslides in the northern mountainous provinces, Dispatch No. 296/VPTT on proactively operating reservoirs in the Red River basin.</p> <p>Since the prolonged rain happened in Viet Nam at the end of July 2023, Government has directed Ministries of Health and local authorities at all levels to assign staff on duty at the local clinics in coordination with local Border Guards and National defence force to promote health related activities in response to any relief and rescue mission.</p> <p>National Defense, Ministries of Public Security, Industry and Trade, and Trans-</p> |



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|                                                          | port have sent a dispatch to direct the response and overcoming of consequences of floods, flash floods and landslides.  |
| <b>UN or other actors</b>                                | There is no other actors such as UN agencies or NGOs/INGOs responding in the areas at the time of this DREF Application. |
| <b>Are there major coordination mechanisms in place?</b> |                                                                                                                          |
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# Needs (Gaps) Identified



## Shelter Cluster Coordination

Support in Shelter cluster Coordination has not been requested by VNRC for this DREF operation as the provincial department of construction provides technical support in shelter repair and reconstruction (if any) as per the request from the local authorities. However, consultation with the IFRC regional shelter coordinator will be considered prior to the training on Build back safer techniques.



## Shelter Housing And Settlements

The flash floods and landslides have created serious damages to shelter and infrastructure. From the data consolidated by the VNDMA, 82 houses were collapsed, and 1,088 houses were damages to several extent. Roads are submerged, significantly disrupting transportation. People had their houses collapsed in the flood were assisted by the local authorities and National defense task force to establish a temporary shelter. It is determined that a need for shelter is essential.

Through this DREF operation, VNRC will be able to assist 100 households across all affected provinces with housing needs. To ensure safety, authorities have blocked entrances into the dam area and evacuated 34 families with around 100 people.

As of the time of reporting, families who temporary stay in the evacuation points are returning to their homes which was already damaged. The majority of families whose houses are completely devastated have either lost their primary source of support or have very little income.



## Health

The necessary health emergency service will be integrated into WASH as a practice of the VNRC in their disaster response.



## Multi purpose cash grants

According to reports from the devastated areas, the total damages caused by prolonged rain and flash flood were VND 174 billion (CHF 6,411,357) roughly in several sectors such as infrastructure, agriculture, and residential areas. It is obvious that the affected people are in a rough situation because their house have been damaged, and their personal belongings have been lost as a result of the destruction brought on by the sustained rain over a long period of time. As a result, it is vital that food, household items, safe drinking water, and sanitation be provided to satisfy their daily needs.





## Water, Sanitation And Hygiene

There is an urgent need for water and sanitation due to infrastructure destruction caused by flash floods, water tainted with copper mining waste, and prolonged periods of severe flooding and landslides in some places. Under governmental effort, local health facilities are in charge of providing medical services, including emergency medical services, as well as responding to infectious diseases such as waterborne and vector-borne diseases, and hygiene related response. The VNRC will therefore prioritize initiatives that raise awareness of mental health, hygiene promotion, and serve as key preventative measures.



## Livelihoods And Basic Needs

According to the report from the VNDMA on 10 August, 1,390 ha of agricultural production such as paddy rice, vegetables and maize were totally lost, 231 aquaculture ponds were irretrievable, and 1,226 livestock and poultry were swept away. The targeted provinces are identified as rural, mountainous with intricate terrain and intense weather conditions. Therefore, a loss of livelihood will undoubtedly have a significant influence on people's life. According to reports from the impacted areas, the restoration of livelihoods is one of the most pressing demands of the affected communities because further rain was expected to fall in the region, which tends to increase the number of damages to agricultural breeding and products. Data on specific number of affected populations is currently under assessment process.

### Any identified gaps/limitations in the assessment

## Operational Strategy

### Overall objective of the operation

The objective of this DREF operation is to extend support to communities affected by floods and landslides, with a specific focus on shelter, livelihood (through cash distribution), health, and Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH). The four targeted provinces are Yen Bai, Lai Chau, Lao Cai, and Dak Nong which were among the worst hit out of the 10 affected provinces.

For shelter repair assistance, 100 vulnerable affected households (25 households per provinces), equivalent to approximately 400 people will receive conditional cash grants. This cash grant will be provided to the selected households based on the condition that their repair work meet safety standard. The conditional cash intervention will strictly follow the CVA procedure of the IFRC endorsed by the Cash Working Group and VNRC.

To address the diverse needs of affected households in the aftermath of flood, VNRC aims to offer multi-purpose cash assistance, totalling CHF 103,600 (VND 2,800,000,000) as multi-purpose cash to 1,200 households equivalent to 3,400 people in need of assistance to make sure that gaps in food and immediate necessities are covered.

VNRC aims to support Livelihood restoration to 300 households which have their source of livelihood lost in the floods. The assistance will reach 1,200 people in need with conditional cash for livelihood restoration. Furthermore,



150 water tanks (1,500 litre-tank) will be provided to households directly affected by the floods and flash flood aiming to help store fresh water for preparedness purpose. A remote and mountainous school point in Yen Bai province which was reported to be seriously damaged by both flash flood and landslide will receive a water purification machine. Training on WASH and hygiene promotion will also be delivered to the targeted people under the Operational timeframe.

The specific number of recipients per each province will be precisely decided later among VNRC HQ and the local authorities upon the approval of this Operation.

## Operation strategy rationale

In the impacted areas, the VNRC in collaboration with local governments play a significant role in providing emergency assistance for food distribution and other commodities that support immediate needs. Although there are many different types of humanitarian consequences and demands, there is always a need for rapid assistance due to the large areas affected and anticipated long-term effects of the flood. The VNRC will concentrate most of their efforts on cash distribution because this area also requires assistance from the IFRC.

Having a collaboration framework with Vietnam Post, a financial service provider, who has a nationwide network in all provinces down to the local level, the VNRC will continue to disburse funds utilizing their current logistic system. Upon request and direction from VNRC, VN Post will distribute cash in the distribution locations. Selection criteria will be varied among beneficiaries' selection process under each different interventions to ensure there is no overlap of the recipients in the operation. Beneficiary selection training will be kicked started since the beginning of the operation to ensure the delivery of selection criteria as well as cash modalities knowledge to the Red Cross volunteers and villages leaders. PGI and CEA messages will be integrated into the beneficiary selection training with the purpose of guidance on how to work with the communities in humanitarian sector. Child safeguarding assessment will be done in the beneficiary selection trainings for the Red Cross staff and volunteer. Red Cross staff who were trained in PGI and CEA from the previous DREF operation will play a key role in delivering this knowledge.

In line with the local government, the VNRC would primarily concentrate on supporting cash to households throughout all affected provinces as part of this DREF operation. Other service providers, primarily the government and local authorities, will address any other gaps uncovered by this DREF funding on the ground.

The IFRC will be engaged to provide technical assistance for the operation such as IM-related tasks and National Society development related trainings.

### 1. Shelter

Targeted 100 families that have been severely impacted by the recent floods and landslide will get conditional cash assistance for shelter repair with the value of VND 15,000,000 (CHF 550) per households. The supported grant will be divided into two instalments as per the CVA procedure for conditional cash. People's commitment for shelter repair using supported money will be made prior to the distribution. Targeting recipients will be done in accordance with regular assessments made by local government and Red Cross chapters. Since the target population will be chosen through a participatory method, it is ensured that the most vulnerable individuals are taken into consideration. Post distribution monitoring (PDM) will be conducted one month by Red Cross staff and volunteers after the first instalment to ensure the shelter repair process is already commenced before the second instalment to be made.

### 2. Livelihood and basic needs

The whole source of income of people for the rest of the year was considered to be lost in the floods. Due to the mountainous terrain with extreme weather conditions, it is difficult for the local people to restore their income after such disasters. Therefore, a need in livelihood restoration is addressed. 300 households equivalent to 1,200 most affected people are targeted to receive conditional cash values VND 5,000,000 (CHF 200) in two instalments. Commitment will be made prior to the distribution to ensure people utilize the supported cash for their livelihood restoration. Post distribution monitoring (PDM) will be conducted one month by Red Cross staff and volunteers after the first instalment of the conditional cash using KOBO toolbox to ensure the commitment of the beneficiary. 100% recipients will be outreached with PDM. Households who follow the conditional commitment will receive the



second instalment. Technical guidance sessions on livelihood restoration will be delivered in four provinces with the integration of working with nature awareness raising to provide an overview of the importance of nature to human.

### 3. Multipurpose cash

The ongoing distribution of rice and in-kind support by the government will only satisfy 10–20 per cent of the need for food, according to the anticipated minimum expenditure basket (MEB) from the Cash working group guidance of each household per month to sustain food security. Situation and damage assessment reports from the local authorities has informed that all markets are still functioning in affected and targeted areas, the intention is to support livelihood initiatives and the restoration of food security in the four most affected provinces. This intervention will also the restoration of food and income sources, and the reduction of harmful coping mechanisms such as financial debt. It will also take care of food, medicine, school bills, and other urgent needs. The cash modality will be divided into 3 levels for 1) households with one-member (receiving VND 1 million equivalent to CHF 36.72), 2) households with two members (receiving VND 2 million equivalent to CHF 73.45), and 3) households with three members or more (receiving VND 3 million equivalent to CHF 110.12) in compliance with the CVA procedure endorsed by the VNRC. With six months of implementation, it is predicted that at least 3,400 people will directly benefit from this activity. The planned intervention will also assist the restoration of food and income sources and the reduction of harmful coping mechanisms such as debt cycle. The support will also assure the security of food, medicine, school bills, and other urgent needs.

### 4. WASH

Disaster happened after consecutive rain in many provinces have brought severe damages to the residential areas as well as infrastructure. Sludge from copper exploitation marked a warning message to the water supply and health problem of the communities affected by the inundation. Therefore, VNRC intended to provide 150 water tanks (1,500 litre-tank) to store rain-water to households directly affected by the floods and flash flood aim at assisting local people to avoid the contaminated water source. The selection of 1,5L-water tank is success stories from the previous operations and were recommended by the Vietnamese Government in emergency response with reference from the Sphere handbook.

According to the Steering Committee for Natural Disaster Prevention and Control of Mu Cang Chai district, flash flood and landslides on 5 August brought severe damages to Ho Bon boarding school for ethnic minorities in Mu Cang Chai district. In addition, teaching equipment such as tables and chairs, computers, or children's items such as blankets, medicine cabinets, etc., were swept away or damaged by floods. The kitchen for semi-boarding students, and the teacher's kitchen was inundated, 2 tons of rice in the warehouse was lost, and one classroom was destroyed. On 10 August, teachers and border guards were on-going undertaking the cleaning. It was assessed and recommended by the local authority that a water purification machine is a need for this school, which helps provide fresh water to 300 students and teachers.

Additionally, encouragement of awareness raising among the affected population is essential to reduce the risk of illnesses and improve living conditions. WASH training sessions will be held in four provinces with 120 Red Cross volunteers chosen locally. Volunteers will conduct WASH and health awareness and education sessions to the community after the training to familiarize survivors with the physical and mental health risks and how to cope with them in an emergency. These activities would be provided to at least 14,980 people in those areas.

Beneficiary selection for each sector of intervention will strictly follow VNRC regulations of domestic and international humanitarian assistance endorsed by the Vietnamese Government, which includes priority criteria and mandatory criteria for selection. For example, priority criteria include vulnerable people defined by the Vietnamese regulation on humanitarian assistance such as poor and near-poor households, children under five, elderly over 60, pregnant women and single-headed households, while mandatory criteria apply specifically and differently for each invention listed as shelter, livelihood, and multipurpose-cash components. These regulations help prevent the operation from beneficiaries overlap. Village meeting for beneficiary selection led by the village head and monitored by a local Red Cross staff will also ensure the transparency of the selection as well as community engagement.





# Targeting Strategy

## Who will be targeted through this operation?

The most vulnerable households that have been severely impacted by the floods and landslides are the ones that VNRC is focusing on, based on the impact of the disaster, the identified urgent needs, and the capability of its branches in the affected areas. Even though lost livelihoods and damaged residences will be considered of as the most priorities, the following variables will be taken into consideration when ranking beneficiaries' selection for cash relief. The four provinces being targeted are Lao Cai, Lai Chau, Yen Bai, and Dak Nong.

With the DREF operation, it is intended to provide cash support directly to 5,000 individuals through shelter, livelihoods and MPC interventions. Target beneficiaries were chosen utilizing the community participatory approach as soon as the request is initiated by the affected individuals, the village heads, health personnel, or VNRC volunteers and authorized in accordance with criteria disseminated among the VNRC Chapters and the HQ.

## Explain the selection criteria for the targeted population

The VNRC targeted vulnerable groups in their previous coordination with local Red Cross Chapters, including children, the elderly, people with disabilities, people suffering from major illnesses, and migrant workers who are currently suffer from the impacts of the flash floods and landslides. Equal numbers of men and women are anticipated to be covered, and the majority of the household's receiving assistance are from mountainous and remote regions.

## Total Targeted Population

|                            |        |                                        |         |
|----------------------------|--------|----------------------------------------|---------|
| Women:                     | 10,000 | Rural %                                | Urban % |
| Girls (under 18):          | -      | 90.00 %                                | 10.00 % |
| Men:                       | 10,000 | People with disabilities (estimated %) |         |
| Boys (under 18):           | -      | %                                      |         |
| Total targeted population: | 20,000 |                                        |         |

## Risk and security considerations

### Please indicate about potential operational risk for this operations and mitigation actions

| Risk                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Mitigation action                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| Cash instalments distribution within the operation timeframe                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Provide clear instructions and orientation on DREF finance policy and process, as well as CVA procedure.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Flash floods and landslide possibly happen in the same areas in the coming month as per the forecast from the Government, which might create difficulties for the operation since the terrain is identified as rugged and remote especially in the outreach activities as well as post-distribution monitoring. | Closely coordinate with the VNRC at all levels to follow weather forecast and advocate with Project team to have back-up plan for incurred situation. Suggestion on staff security orientation shall be delivered at the beginning of the operation. For any outreach mission, it is recommended that Red Cross staff and volunteers should be accompanied by local people. |



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| Data and information from VNRC for reporting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Provide VNRC with a briefing on data collection, the reporting template, and the necessary information. (e.g., beneficiary information, gender, age, location)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Commitment of people under conditional cash assistance to repair the shelter and livelihood sector                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Criteria for beneficiaries' selection and procedure of conditional cash support to be clearly communicated in the beneficiary's selection trainings. A distinct communication among Red Cross staff and local people in each village meetings for beneficiaries' selection is encouraged to ensure the compliance with the CVA procedure.                                                                                                                                        |
| The presence of unexploded objects (UXOs) may still pose risks, especially in rural and remote areas. It is highly advisable to consult with local authorities, organizations involved in UXO clearance, or other relevant sources to get the most up-to-date information on the current situation in these specific provinces. | The National Society's security framework will apply throughout the duration of the operation to their staff and volunteers. In case of need for deployment for personnel under IFRC security's responsibility, including surge support and integrated sister National Societies, the existing IFRC country security framework will apply. All IFRC must, and Red Cross Red Crescent staff and volunteers are encouraged, to complete the IFRC Stay Safe 2.0 e-learning courses. |

**Please indicate any security and safety concerns for this operation**

- 1) Staff and volunteer safety during cash distribution in targeted areas, risk of drowning, landslide, road accident and poison animal bites during the operation.
- 2) Product quality and inventory limitations developed during the flood crisis as a result of the strong demand for food and resources.



# Planned Intervention

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|  | Shelter Housing And Settlements | Budget                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | CHF 77,191 |
|                                                                                   |                                 | Targeted Persons                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 100        |
| Indicators                                                                        |                                 | Target                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |            |
| # of targeted households supported with conditional cash for shelter repair       |                                 | 100                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |            |
| # of people receiving technical training on builds back safer guidance            |                                 | 100                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |            |
| Priority Actions:                                                                 |                                 | 1. Provide Conditional cash for shelter repair.<br>2. Technical support provision builds back safer guidance, and awareness raising to support the repairs. works by the community activities for CVA repair activities to communities.<br>3. Establish feedback system and conduct PDM.<br>4. Conduct beneficiaries selection and verification. |            |

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|        | Livelihoods And Basic Needs | Budget                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | CHF 79,321 |
|                                                                                           |                             | Targeted Persons                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 1200       |
| Indicators                                                                                |                             | Target                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |            |
| # of households supported with conditional cash for livelihood restoration                |                             | 300                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |            |
| # of people receive technical guidance on livelihood restoration and working with nature. |                             | 300                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |            |
| % of assisted household able to resume/ restart their livelihood activities               |                             | 100                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |            |
| Priority Actions:                                                                         |                             | 1. Provide Conditional cash for livelihood restoration<br>2. Technical guidance on livelihood restoration and working with nature to communities.<br>3. Establish feedback system and conduct PDM.<br>4. Conduct beneficiaries selection and verification |            |

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|  |  | <b>Budget</b>           | CHF 53,037 |
|  |  | <b>Targeted Persons</b> | 14980      |



## Water, Sanitation And Hygiene

| Indicators                                                                                                               | Target                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| # of people reached by WASH assistance                                                                                   | 14980                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| # of people provided by RCRC with an improved protected source of drinking water (according to WHO and Sphere standards) | 300                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| # of people reached by hygiene promotion activities in the response period                                               | 14980                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Priority Actions:</b>                                                                                                 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Conduct refresher training for VNRC staff and volunteer regarding WASH and disease prevention in disaster.</li><li>2. Conduct communication and dissemination event on WASH and disease prevention in disaster.</li><li>3. Distribution of 150 water tanks to the affected households.</li><li>4. Provision of 1 water purification machine to a severely damaged school in the flood.</li><li>5. Distribute IEC materials.</li></ol> |



## Multi-purpose Cash

|                                                                       | <b>Budget</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                            | CHF 127,204 |
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|                                                                       | <b>Targeted Persons</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 3420        |
| Indicators                                                            | Target                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |             |
| # of households supported through multi-purpose cash grants.          | 1200                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |             |
| # of provincial Red Cross staff received refreshment trainings on PDM | 20                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |             |
| <b>Priority Actions:</b>                                              | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Distribute Multipurpose cash to targeted households.</li><li>2. Establish feedback system and conduct PDM.</li><li>3. Conduct beneficiary selection and verification,</li></ol> |             |



## Secretariat Services

|                                                                                   | <b>Budget</b>           | CHF 37,658 |
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|                                                                                   | <b>Targeted Persons</b> | 20000      |
| Indicators                                                                        | Target                  |            |
| # of communications materials produced (social media, media articles, interviews, | 10                      |            |





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| etc.) to share information about the operation.        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| % of financial reporting compliance to IFRC procedures | 100                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| # of surge deployed in support of the operation        | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Priority Actions:</b>                               | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Produce and share communication materials.</li> <li>2. Ensure movement coordination</li> <li>3. Provide finance support and ensure IFRC procedures are fulfilled.</li> <li>4. Conduct appropriate monitoring and reporting.</li> <li>5. Provide IFRC technical support</li> <li>6. Deployment of IFRC surge personnel.</li> </ol> |

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|  | Protection, Gender And Inclusion | Budget                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | CHF 0 |
|                                                                                   |                                  | Targeted Persons                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 14980 |
| Indicators                                                                        |                                  | Target                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |       |
| # of people reached through messages from PGI materials                           |                                  | 14980                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |       |
| # of Staff who attended child safeguarding assessment                             |                                  | 25                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |       |
|                                                                                   | Priority Actions:                | 1. Conduct training on beneficiary selection and processes with the integration of sectorial activities ensuring access and safety of the most vulnerable and marginalized, attended by VNRC staff and volunteers<br>2. Ensure that sex-age data will be documented with selection criteria including those with disabilities.<br>3. Conduct Child Safeguarding Risk Analysis as per required from IFRC supported operations. |       |

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|  | Health | Budget           | CHF 0 |
|                                                                                     |        | Targeted Persons | 5025  |
| Indicators                                                                          |        | Target           |       |
| # of volunteers trained on PFA                                                      |        | 25               |       |
| # of people reached through PFA                                                     |        | 5000             |       |
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| <b>Priority Actions:</b>                                                          |                                       | 1. PFA orientation and volunteer mobilization to be included in beneficiary selection.<br>2. PFA brochure to be distributed to the communities in WASH dissemination event.                                                                                        |            |
|  | <b>National Society Strengthening</b> | <b>Budget</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | CHF 25,933 |
|                                                                                   |                                       | <b>Targeted Persons</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 40         |
| <b>Indicators</b>                                                                 |                                       | <b>Target</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |            |
| # of VNRC personnel trained in livelihood restoration and working with nature     |                                       | 20                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |            |
| # of lessons learned workshop conducted                                           |                                       | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |            |
| <b>Priority Actions:</b>                                                          |                                       | 1. Support VNRC General and travel costs, as well as financial charges<br>2. Technical refresher training on livelihood restoration with the integration of working with nature<br>3. Conduct Lessons Learned Workshop (expect to engage around 40 VNRC personnel) |            |

## About Support Services

### How many staff and volunteers will be involved in this operation. Briefly describe their role.

- 1) Vietnam Red Cross Disaster Management and Social Work department to lead the operation and collaborate with IFRC, the vendor, the application development team, and government officials involved in the operation.
- 2) Provincial Red Cross Chapters in collaboration with the Vietnam Post Office in the localities will deliver the relief kits to the households or distribution points designated by the VNRC.
- 4) IFRC team from the CCD Bangkok Office, including the management team, PMER and Communications Officer, DRR Officer, Senior National Preparedness Officer will coordinate with in-country IFRC Program Officer throughout the entire operation.
- 5) IFRC Communication officer will be deployed to provide assistance to the distribution
- 6) IFRC Surge support will provide technical management, guidance, and input to the VNRC

### Will surge personnel be deployed? Please provide the role profile needed.

One Operation Manager will be deployed for two months to support VNRC in managing the early stages of the VNRC DREF operation. She/he supports the VNRC in successful planning and implementing the most appropriate response in a timely manner. The Operation Manager will report to the IFRC CCD Programme Coordinator. Her/his main responsibilities are related to strategy and priorities definition, management of overall operation, Movement coordination, Coordination with other actors, security management, and transition to early recovery. The targeted provinces were considered remote and mountainous, Red Cross provincial Chapter have barely received such disaster response operations in the past 5 years, Surge Personnel will be deployed to provide technical support

for both VNRC at HQ and provincial levels. Considering a fact that VNRC has been mobilizing staff to focus on the Asia Pacific conference in November, IFRC technical support in place will help ensure the quality and timeframe of the operation. Operational Manager is required in this case.

**If there is procurement, will it be done by National Society or IFRC?**

The procurement process to select the vendor will be done by VNRC.

**How will this operation be monitored?**

-The IFRC CCD Bangkok office will have monitoring visit and regular coordination with VNRC.

-VNRC will monitor the logistics of delivering cash and the approval workflow process with related government officials at each level.

**Please briefly explain the National Societies communication strategy for this operation.**

IFRC will be supporting VNRC communications capacity through the communication team in the Bangkok CCD and APRO. IFRC will provide assistance in media relations and content gathering, producing and distributing communication material and resources, as well as using social media (Facebook, Twitter..) to promote advocacy messages through the global and regional platforms. Furthermore, IFRC will support in managing reputational risk at the country level and will ensure that the Movement actors at the country level speak and act with a unified voice to build trust towards partners, donors and other stakeholders. IFRC will also ensure communication with stakeholders and partners are in place.



# Budget Overview



## DREF OPERATION

### MDRVN023 - Vietnam Red Cross Society Vietnam Flash Floods and Landslides 2023

#### Operating Budget

| Planned Operations                              | 336,753 |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Shelter and Basic Household Items               | 77,191  |
| Livelihoods                                     | 79,321  |
| Multi-purpose Cash                              | 127,204 |
| Health                                          | 0       |
| Water, Sanitation & Hygiene                     | 53,037  |
| Protection, Gender and Inclusion                | 0       |
| Education                                       | 0       |
| Migration                                       | 0       |
| Risk Reduction, Climate Adaptation and Recovery | 0       |
| Community Engagement and Accountability         | 0       |
| Environmental Sustainability                    | 0       |
| Enabling Approaches                             | 63,591  |
| Coordination and Partnerships                   | 0       |
| Secretariat Services                            | 37,658  |
| National Society Strengthening                  | 25,933  |

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| <b>TOTAL BUDGET</b> | <b>400,344</b> |
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all amounts in Swiss Francs (CHF)







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