



Volunteers undertook role plays in refresher training on knowledge of EAP in Haiphong province, May 2023. (Photo: IFRC)

EAP №: EAP2021VN01 (MDRVN022)	Period covered by this annual report: 01/01/2023 to 31/12/2023
EAP approved: April 2021	EAP timeframe: 5 Years

Annual Budget: 23,004 CHF
EAP Budget: 225,285 CHF

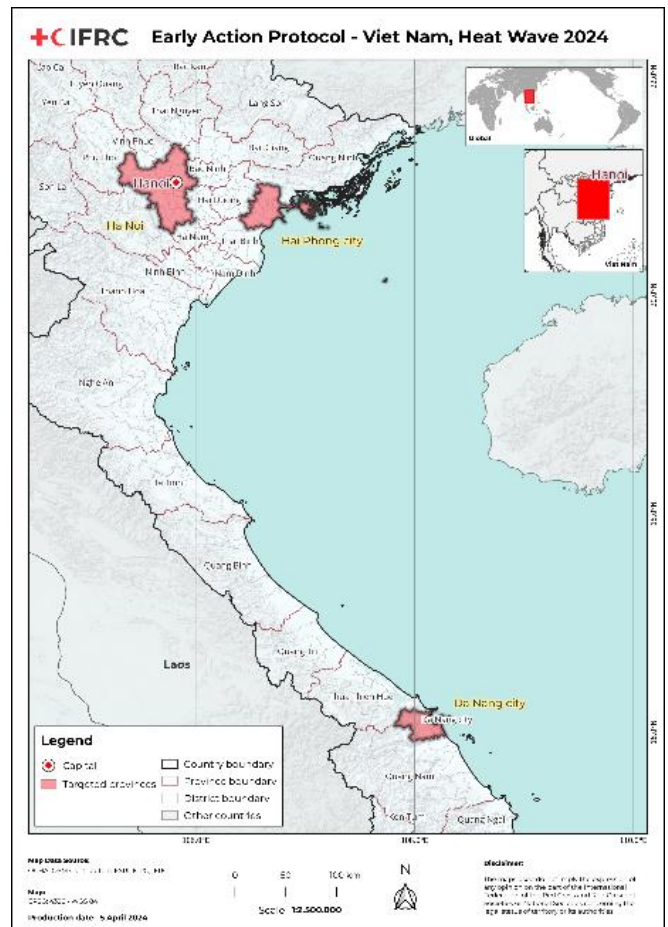
SUMMARY OF THE EARLY ACTION PROTOCOL

The IFRC Disaster Response Emergency Fund (DREF) has allocated CHF 225,285 for the implementation anticipatory actions to reduce and mitigate the impact of heatwave in Viet Nam. This Early Action Protocol includes an allocation of CHF 111,390 to preposition stock and undertake annual readiness activities to implement early actions, if and when the trigger is reached. The early actions to be conducted have been pre-agreed with the National Society and are described in the [Early Action Protocol summary](#).

This report summarizes the annual readiness and prepositioning activities implemented during the reporting period. The report also includes any changes or updates to the initially agreed plan.

Since the approval from the relevant ministries in Viet Nam to launch the heatwave EAP in three targeted provinces of Ha Noi, Hai Phong and Da Nang, the Viet Nam Red Cross Society (VNRC) has been working closely with the Institute of Hydrometeorological Sciences and Climate Change (IMHEN) to monitor the heat index, to ensure the accuracy of the EAP, and to stay ready to activate the protocol once the trigger is reached. In 2022 and 2023, the temperature has approached the trigger point at least twice. However, the fluctuation in temperature was unexpected and due to the internal approval procedure in VNRC itself, the EAP has not been activated.

VNRC, moreover, still regularly inspected, monitored, and evaluated volunteers' capabilities and organized warehouse visits and supervision to ensure the quality of equipment stored. With financial support from the German Red Cross (GRC) in 2022, VNRC purchased the main equipment for the cooling centres, such as tents, fans, cooling fans, and sprinklers. This also includes most of the IEC materials and the visibility items such as hats and T-shirts. In 2023, three annual coordination meetings took place in the three targeted provinces, providing updates and refresher training for staff and volunteers to stay ready prior to the EAP activation. 71 local staff (32 males, 39 females) were trained. Additionally, 580 volunteers engaged in the project were reached in 2023 through refresher training (269 males and 311 females). In addition, many of the volunteers were elderly over 60 years old.



SUMMARY OF ANNUAL PROGRESS BY AREA OF FOCUS


 Health	CHF preposition budget:	CHF preposition actual:
	-	-
	CHF readiness budget:	CHF readiness actual:
23,004	10,502	
Narrative description of plan vs achievements		

Once the project was approved by the relevant Vietnamese ministries, the prepositioned stocks such as ice storage boxes, stainless steel thermal bottles, thermometers, loudspeakers, foldable medical beds, and communication materials were put in storage in the three targeted provinces of Hanoi, Hai Phong, and Da Nang. Procurement process strictly followed the procurement guidelines of both IFRC and the Vietnamese government, which required VNRC to publicly post on the government's official bidding website. VNRC procurement team, project management team and IFRC in-country programme officer carefully worked together on the selection of the most appropriate suppliers. Framework agreements with bus service providers were already undertaken in 2022. Once the EAP is activated, buses will be mobilized immediately to provide cooling shelter for targeted people. Annually, VNRC HQ sends its project management board to the provinces to check the availability and maintenance status of the equipment.

In 2023, VNRC conducted three annual coordination meetings with its partners including the district local authorities and ward, and other partners (i.e.: IMHEN) in the three targeted provinces, providing updates on project implementation, including trigger process and weather trends in Viet Nam in 2023. The refresher training for staff and volunteers to stay ready prior to the EAP activation was conducted in late May and early June 2023, reaching 71 participants (32 males, 39 females).

During the training, volunteers revisited the protocol, first aid, and healthcare knowledge and joined a simulation exercise regarding the heat response procedure. Additionally, 580 volunteers (269 male and 311 female) engaged in the project were reached in 2023 through refresher training, ensuring the gender balance in the implementation process. It is worth noting that many of the volunteers were elderly, above 60 years old, who VNRC Chapters made sure they were healthy enough to perform the assigned activities, mostly focused on sharing health information. Indeed, most elder volunteers are retired and have time to get involved in the project, and they will be available when the EAP will be activated. Physically intensive and first aid activities were assigned to younger volunteers, who were not among the vulnerable group.


STRATEGIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION

 <p>Influencing others as leading strategic partner</p>	CHF preposition budget:	CHF preposition actual:
	-	-
	CHF readiness budget:	CHF readiness actual:
	0	0

Narrative description of plan vs achievements

The IFRC in-country programme officer has been providing continuous support and participating in field visits annually to assist VNRC on the implementation and monitoring of the project. It was found that many of the pre-positioned stocks such as tents and fans were becoming rusty due to the tropical weather conditions. This could create difficulties for volunteers to set up the cooling system once the EAP is activated. Maintenance measures should be considered at this point to ensure the quality of prepositioned stocks.

IFRC hasn't deployed any international staff to support VNRC in annual monitoring visits or EAP activation monitoring visits. The expenditures for this activity have been booked under AOF4 - Health to ensure reporting consistency.

 Strengthening National Society	CHF preposition budget:	CHF preposition actual:
	-	-
	CHF readiness budget:	CHF readiness actual:
	0	8,485

Narrative description of plan vs achievements

VNRC assigned the team, which consists of a Project Manager, a Project officer, and a Project Assistant at headquarters (HQ) and chapter levels. The team closely coordinated with IMHEN to monitor the forecast information. Annual training for staff and volunteers and site assessment were undertaken on a yearly basis prior to the summer season. Those events were facilitated by the VNRC project management board in the HQ accompanied by VNRC provincial Chapters.

CHALLENGES, LESSONS LEARNED, PROPOSED ADJUSTMENTS

The project was delayed due to the lengthy government approval process for a new project receiving international funding, which requires validation from four ministries. Although the project agreement was signed in April 2021, it was not until March 2022 that the project was officially launched. This created a wide range of challenges for VNRC itself and IMHEN, the heat index measurement service provider. Specifically, such delay has created ongoing difficulties around the contractual modality with the service provider and therefore uncertainty around the delivery of forecasting data required for activation. Currently, VNRC is working on resolving these issues with support from IFRC.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The annual budget was set at CHF 23,004 and implemented at CHF 18,988 (82.5%). Please see the financial report attached.

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Reference



Click here for:

- [EAP Summary and budget](#)

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INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT

Selected Parameters			
Reporting Timeframe	2023/1-12	Operation	PVN058
Budget Timeframe	2023/1-12	Budget	APPROVED

Prepared on 09/Apr/2024

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

MDRVN022 - Vietnam - Heat Wave (EAP2021VN01) / EAP2021VN01

Early Actions Timeframe: 09 Apr 2021 to 30 Apr 2026

I. Summary

Opening Balance	141,849
Expenditure	-18,988
Closing Balance	122,861

II. Expenditure by area of focus / strategies for implementation

Description	Budget	Expenditure	Variance
AOF1 - Disaster risk reduction			0
AOF2 - Shelter			0
AOF3 - Livelihoods and basic needs			0
AOF4 - Health	23,004	10,502	12,502
AOF5 - Water, sanitation and hygiene			0
AOF6 - Protection, Gender & Inclusion			0
AOF7 - Migration			0
Area of focus Total	23,004	10,502	12,502
SFI1 - Strengthen National Societies	0	8,485	-8,485
SFI2 - Effective international disaster management			0
SFI3 - Influence others as leading strategic partners	0		0
SFI4 - Ensure a strong IFRC			0
Strategy for implementation Total	0	8,485	-8,485
Grand Total	23,004	18,988	4,016

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III. Expenditure by budget category & group

Description	Budget	Expenditure	Variance
Relief items, Construction, Supplies	21,600	15,756	5,844
Clothing & Textiles	0	0	0
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	0	0	0
Utensils & Tools	21,600	15,756	5,844
Other Supplies & Services	0	0	0
Logistics, Transport & Storage	0	811	-811
Storage	0	472	-472
Distribution & Monitoring	0	0	0
Transport & Vehicles Costs	0	339	-339
Personnel	0	6,517	-6,517
National Society Staff	0	6,159	-6,159
Volunteers	0	358	-358
Consultants & Professional Fees	0	1,792	-1,792
Consultants	0	1,792	-1,792
Professional Fees	0	0	0
Workshops & Training	0	2,721	-2,721
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General Expenditure	0	2,976	-2,976
Travel	0	164	-164
Information & Public Relations	0	1,825	-1,825
Communications	0	691	-691
Financial Charges	0	18	-18
Other General Expenses	0	277	-277
Operational Provisions		-12,743	12,743
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Indirect Costs	1,404	1,159	245
Programme & Services Support Recover	1,404	1,159	245
Grand Total	23,004	18,988	4,016