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Timor Leste: Floods

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Date of disaster 13 March 2020	Point of contact: Hermenegildo Rente, CVTL Head of Disaster Management
Operation start date: 14 March 2020	
Host National Society: Red Cross of Timor Leste (Cruz Vermelha de Timor Leste, CVTL)	
Number of people affected: 9,126 people in Dili	
N° of other partner organizations involved in the operation: International Organization for Migration (IOM), Mercy Corps, Oxfam, Plan International, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and World Vision Timor Leste	

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The situation

Heavy rainfall on Friday, 13 March 2020 from 16:00 to 18:00 local time caused an overflow of river and huge floods in Timor Leste. The flood brought water and mud along the road, damaging vehicles, houses and electricity lines in Dili municipality, mainly in administration posts of Cristo Rei, Nain Feto, Dom Aleixo, and Vera Cruz, and outside of Dili, namely in Hera.

According to the impact assessment conducted on 14 to 15 March 2020 led by Timor Leste's Civil Protection Department together with CVTL, IOM, Mercy Corps, Plan International, Oxfam, UNICEF and other governmental agencies, 1,664 households or 9,126 people (4,875 female and 4,251 male) are affected. The flood has destroyed at least 190 houses and injured seven teenagers. The flood damaged people's houses, affected school activities, contaminated clean water, and caused health issues.

Immediate needs

Based on initial information collected by CVTL through the assessment, current immediate needs are food, access to clean water and health services. The predicted needs to follow are education services and cleaning equipment.



CVTL volunteers briefed on 14 March 2020 at the Secretary State of Civil Protection building before conducting assessment in the affected areas. (Source: CVTL)

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CVTL has been in coordination with the government and is involved in the government-led impact assessment with other organizations. CVTL was also involved in the evacuation of affected families and has mobilized their volunteers, BDRT (Branch Disaster Response Team) and NDRT (National Disaster Response Team) with the following detail:

Date	Municipality	BDRT		NDRT	
		F	M	F	M
14 March 2020	Dili	5	14	2	9
15 March 2020		9	20	0	3
16 March 2020		3	16	0	2
Total		17	50	2	14

In addition, CVTL is supporting the government in the distribution of food and non-food items and is in charge of data entry of the assessment. The Government through its National Disaster Risk Management Directorate (NDRMD) has requested CVTL to support the Secretary State of Civil Protection to respond to the flood.



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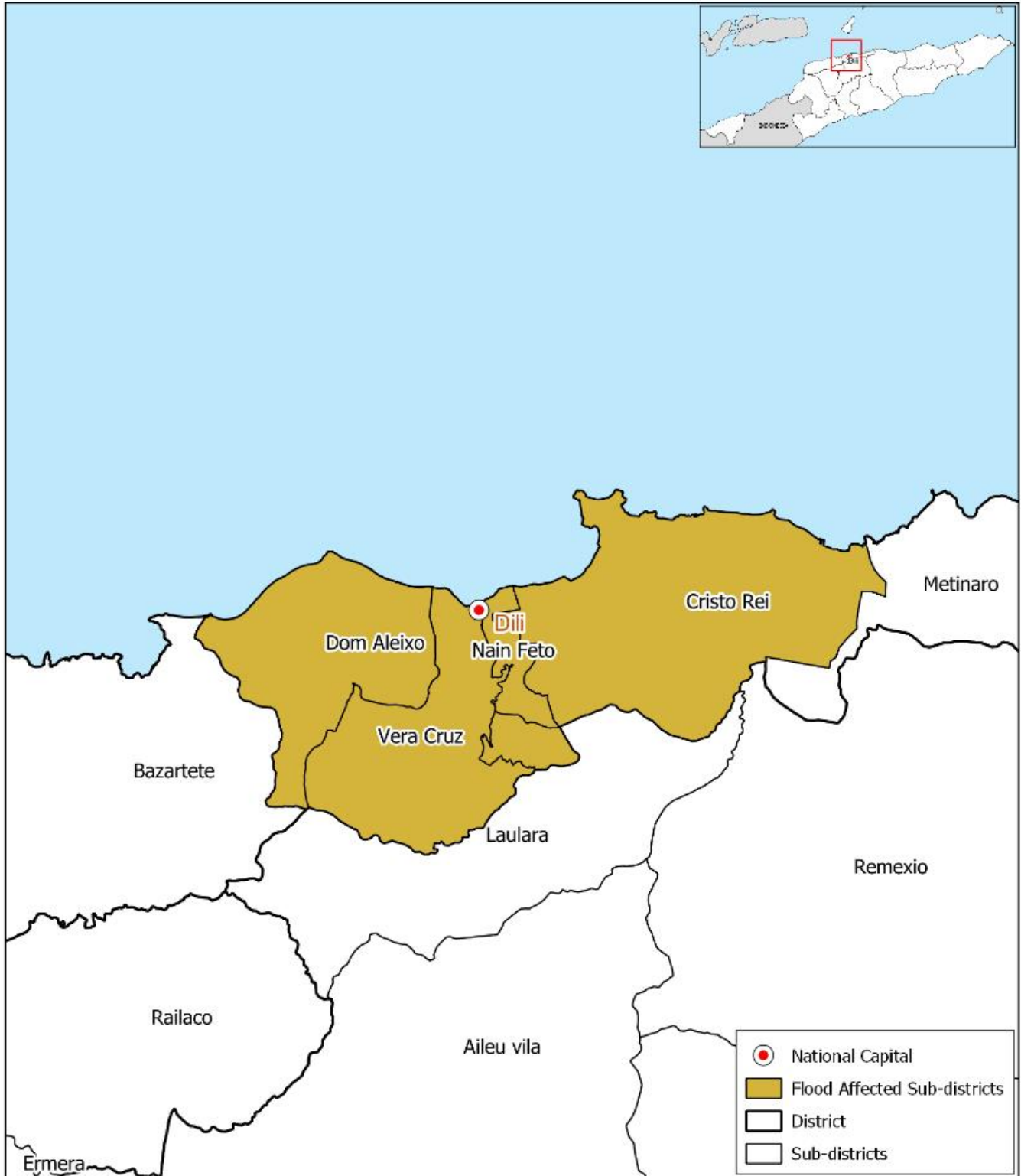
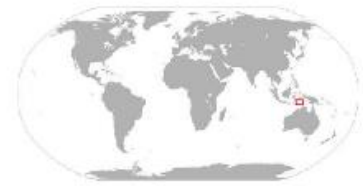


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