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Situational Overview

- The Government and humanitarian partners continue to respond to the emergency and early recovery needs resulting from the typhoon Ketsana in the five affected southern provinces of Lao PDR.

Cluster Response as of 19 January 2010

Food Security

- As of 31 December 2009, WFP had distributed 4,400 tons of rice and canned fish, which is an increase of 2,523 tons from the November distributions.
- During the months of January to March 2010 an additional 136,716 people will receive food aid in the four affected provinces.
- The INGOs working with WFP to distribute food include CARE, Village Focus International, Health Unlimited, Oxfam, World Vision, and Rural Livelihood Improvement Project (RLIP).
- The French Red Cross in partnership with the Lao Red Cross has distributed 84 tons of food to 2,606 people in two districts of Attapeu province.
- CARE distributed vegetable seeds and tools to 24 villages in two districts of Sekong province for planting along riverine vegetable gardens.
- Handicap International has distributed seeds and tools for household gardens to 272 people, of whom 154 are children (73 males and 81 females) and 118 are adults (57 male and 61 female). They also trained these families on crop management. The beneficiaries represent about 40 families with members living with disabilities in two districts of Savannakhet province.
- Health Unlimited has distributed food packets consisting of other foods besides rice and fish to 4,142 families in Attapeu province.

Health and Nutrition

- The Government has disbursed USD 743,802 to support the provinces of Attapeu, Saravan, and Sekong in repairing damaged district hospitals, health centres, providing office supplies, and supporting operating costs.
- WHO has also provided, through the MoH, medical supplies to restock health facilities.
- The Ministry of Health (MoH)/ National Emerging Infectious Disease Coordination Office (NEIDCO) have prepositioned WHO donated personal protection equipment (PPE) and Tamiflu for influenza H1N1 treatment in the affected provinces.
- The MoH/ National Centre for Laboratory and epidemiology (NCLE), with technical and financial support from WHO, continues to carry out routine weekly surveillance of communicable diseases in the affected areas.
- UNFPA provided 4,000 maternal/reproductive health kits to the MoH for resupplying the medical health centres in Attapeu, Sekong, and Saravan provinces.
- UNICEF has additional ORS sachets for diarrhoea among under fives to distribute through the MoH, if required.
- The MoH/national expanded programme of immunisation (EPI) programme, with the financial support of UNICEF, has replenished the childhood vaccines destroyed by the typhoon.
- All the cold chain equipment destroyed was replaced in Attapeu province with UNICEF support.
- CARE provided first aid kits to the Sekong provincial health department to cover two districts.
- SFE was involved in cleaning up and repairing damaged equipment in a hospital in Attapeu province.
- MoH, with support from UNICEF, undertook emergency nutrition interventions providing vitamin A capsules and de-worming for children 6-59 months and post-partum women; iron folic acid (IFA) for pregnant and lactating women; micronutrient powder/sprinkles for children 6-23 months in pilot districts in Savannakhet province, and for children 6-59 months in typhoon Ketsana affected districts. The first round of sprinkles were distributed in November and the second round consisting of 30 sachets of sprinkles packs will be distributed in January 2010. UNICEF will work closely with Oxfam Australia and Health Unlimited for the second round distribution of sprinkles.
- Joint distribution of iron tablets with UNFPA and UNICEF alongside equipment for the Mother and Child Hospital are ongoing in Attapeu, Sekong and Saravan provinces.
- A monitoring mission to the affected areas was carried out in January 2010 by MOH with UNICEF and WHO support. The mission met with the Province Governors and disaster management office at province and districts levels to assess the level of response achieved so far.
- The National Institute of Public Health, with UNICEF support, will undertake a baseline nutritional assessment in provinces affected by the 2008 floods and the 2009 typhoon Ketsana - namely Attapeu, Sekong and Saravan provinces - at the end of January.

- CARE purchased a 12 meter boat and 13 horse power engine for the Kalum district health department in Sekong province.

Protection

- The Lao Women's Union, with support from UNICEF, will undertake psychosocial monitoring in Savannakhet, Champasack, Saravan, Sekong and Attapeu provinces. The monitoring will commence at the end of January in 40 villages of four districts in Savannakhet; 23 villages of four districts in Campassack; 48 villages of six districts in Saravan; 40 villages of four districts in Sekong; and 42 villages of five districts in Attapeu.
- UNICEF has provided education and sport equipment to the Lao Women's Union for five provinces to be distributed to villages in February 2010.
- The National Regulatory Authority (NRA) with UNICEF technical and financial support will disseminate the Mine Risk Education (MRE) information toolkits during provincial and district level workshops starting January 18th, 2010. UXO Risk Education messages will also be disseminated through INGOs, mass organisations as well as radio stations.
- UXO Lao, with support of UNDP, has cleared 51 hectares and destroyed 296 UXOs (bombies) in a clearance exercise that benefitted about 3,162 people in Saravan, Sekong, and Attapeu provinces.
- In addition, UNDP has procured equipment worth USD 115,021 consisting of radio repeaters, 10 radios, 80 radio batteries, 15 vallon detectors, 4 computers and printers, data logger units, and 5 large loop detectors for the provinces to carry out UXO detection work.

Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)

- Center for Rural Water Supply and Sanitation (Nam Saat) in collaboration with UNICEF chaired a cluster meeting on 22 December 2009 comprising of keys partners namely World Bank, UN-HABITAT, Oxfam Australia, and Health Unlimited.
- WASH partners continue to rehabilitate water systems and latrines in schools in Attapeu, Sekong and Saravan provinces.
- CARE will drill deep wells in five villages in Lanam district and pit latrines in one village in Sekong province.
- Health Unlimited has distributed 1,206 ceramic water filters in Attapeu province.
- UNICEF will carry out field monitoring of WASH responses in early January.

Education

- UNICEF and Save the Children (SC) in January will carry out a monitoring mission from 25-29 January alongside the Ministry of Education (MoE) training workshops entitled *multigrade teaching* that will be conducted in nine provinces, including Saravane and Sekong. UNICEF will draft an itinerary with MOE and consult with WASH partners to ensure close coordination.

- UNICEF and SC are sharing experience on working with MoE, building on lessons learned and harmonizing procedures.
- SC with support for ECHO, have received funds to repair 36 primary schools in Attapeu province.

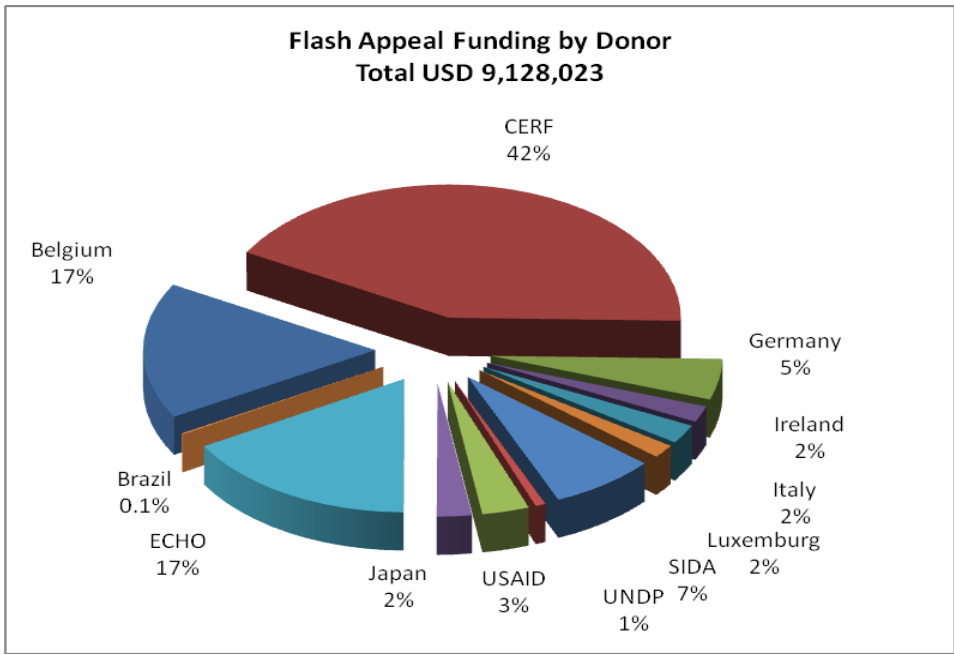
Shelter

- CARE has completed a household survey in Lanam district, Sekong province and established that 50% of the households had their houses damaged. As a result, CARE through the district authorities will be providing corrugated iron sheets to the most affected households.
- OXFAM has distributed clothes and blankets to 10,018 people in Kalum, Samouai, and Ta Oy districts of Sekong province.

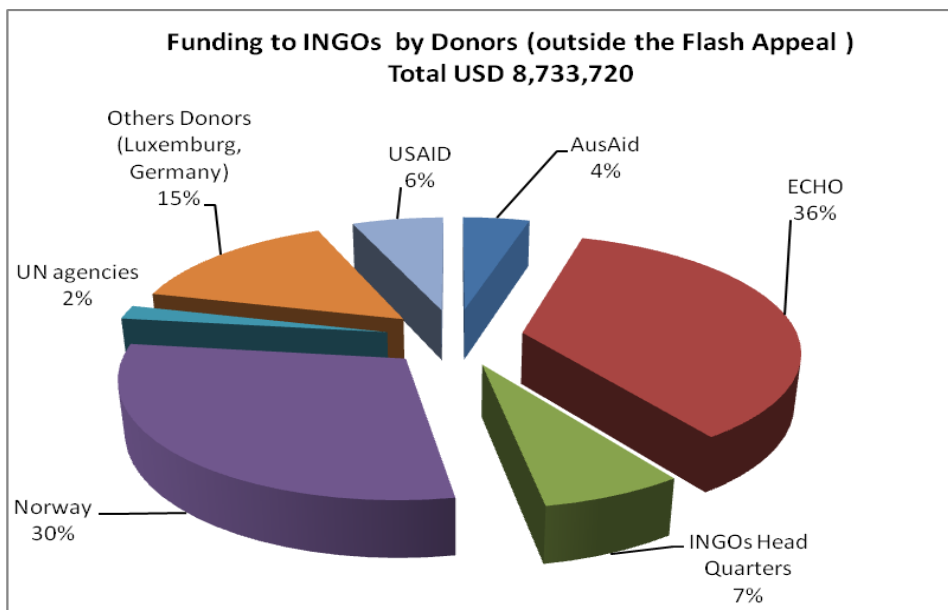
Early Recovery

- The Ministry of Public Works and Transport has signed a project with UNDP entitled, *re-establishing life-saving infrastructure for improved humanitarian access and livelihood restoration*. The project will support emergency rehabilitation of key life-saving infrastructure. It will create temporary labour jobs and provide associated training for clearing of debris and mud from roads, and repairing damaged roads, bridges and other key social/economic infrastructure in Attapeu, Sekong and Saravan provinces. The initiative aims to ensure critical humanitarian access and lay a solid foundation for the restoration of vital livelihoods to enable early recovery.

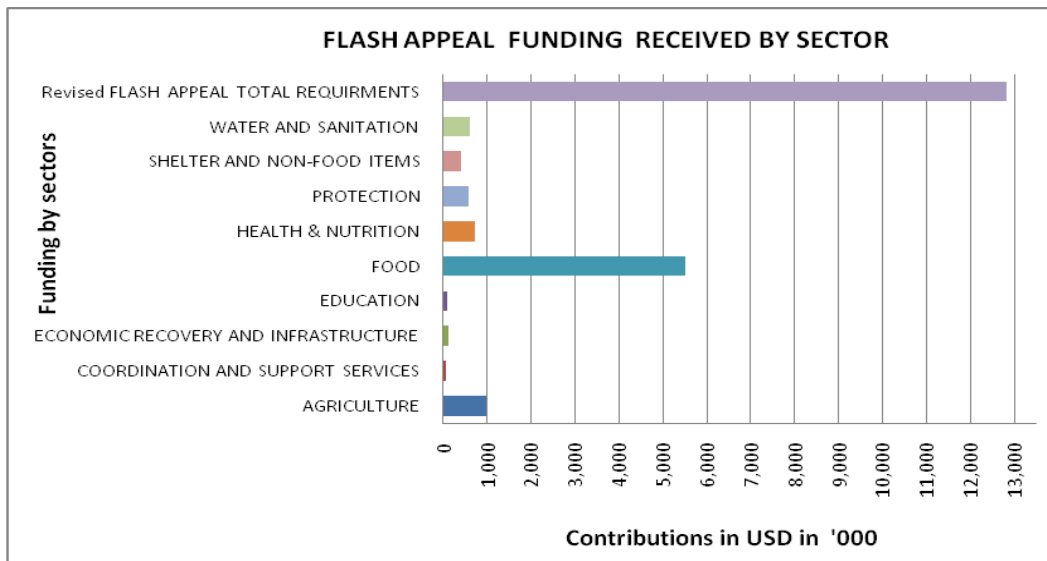
Revised Flash Appeal Funding Update as of 19 January 2010



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Table 1: Flash Appeal funding received by sector

Sector	Revised Requirements (USD)	Funding Received (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	5,517,886	106%
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	9,128,023	71%

Source: UNORC 19Jan 2010

Table 2: Flash Appeal funding by UN agency

Appealing UN agency	Revised Requirements	% Covered	Funding
FAO	1,780,000	55%	985,882
UNDP	1,800,000	37%	670,595
UNICEF	1,700,000	65%	1,110,613
WFP	5,192,122	106%	5,517,886
WHO	863,971	21%	180,300
UNFPA	130,743	100%	130,743
HABITAT	1,342,000	40%	532,004
Revised FLASH APPEAL	12,808,836	71%	9,128,023

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Calendar and Contacts

- The Cluster coordination meetings calendar 2010 is available on <http://www.unlao.org/Disaster/calendar.asp>
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