

Update ~ Typhoon Ketsana in Central Vietnam

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As you may know, the Typhoon Ketsana (called typhoon No 9 in Vietnam) entered our country on 26 September, 2009 with the winds up to 90 mph (144 kph) and has severely affected 9 coastal provinces from the north to the centre of Vietnam: Ha Tinh, Quang Binh, Quang Tri, Thua Thien Hue, Da Nang, Quang Nam, Quang Ngai, Binh Dinh, Phu Yen and 4 western highlands provinces: Kon Tum, Gia Lai, Dac Nong and Lam Dong.

1. Current situation of Ketsana typhoon as of 1st October:

- 168,585 people had been evacuated.
- 101 lost lives, mainly by landslides and the collapse of their houses in the vicious winds and heavy rains; 23 still missing; 200 were injured
- Rivers are rising and many mountainous districts in western highlands provinces have been isolated by mudslides.
- 6,376 houses have been completely destroyed and washed away.
- 176,672 houses have been damaged.
- 173,611 houses have been flooded.
- 21,424 hectares of rice have been flooded and damaged.
- 15,000 hectares of agricultural products have been damaged.
- 80 public constructions have been affected.
- 652,000 m² landslides.
- 179 boats sank.

2. Relief & Rehabilitation Program:

Among the affected provinces, we have chosen Kon Tum which is a mountainous inland province, situated about 450 km from HCMC and has been the most affected by the typhoon, with 30 dead people. We are contacting the local authorities of Kon Tum province for our relief and rehabilitation program scheduled between 20th and 26th October.

We will choose one affected village in Kon Tum province. 200 families will be selected to receive relief items.

Presently, we have formed the Relief and Rehabilitation team comprised of staff and volunteers to prepare the relief works. We are collecting used clothing, note books, stationery for the children and raise funds among us.

Here is the initial budget for our emergency relief. Each family (of the 200 families) will receive the following:

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| a. 5 kg of rice: 12,000 VND/kg x 5 kg x 200 families = 12,000,000 VND |
| b. 1 box of noodle: 70,000 VND/box/family x 200 families = 14,000,000 VND |
| c. 1 kg of sugar: 6,500 VND/kg/family x 200 families = 1,300,000 VND |
| d. Some necessary medicine: 20,000 VND/family x 200 families = 4,000,000 VND |
| Total = 31,300,000 VND (1,758 USD) |

3. Conclusion:

We hope that you will kindly consider our appeal and will generously support our relief works in favor of 200 families who have seriously affected by the Katsana typhoon.

Thank you very much.