



Australian Humanitarian Partnership (AHP) program to help recovery from natural disasters in the Central Provinces





Background of the project

In October 2020, four typhoons (Linfa, Nangka, Saudel, and Molave) made landfall in central Vietnam, causing floods, landslides, storm surges and strong winds. As of 20 November 2020, 243 people in Central Vietnam were dead or missing. From the 7.7 million people were living in the affected areas; 1.5 million people have been directly affected by severe flooding and landslides, including 177,000 poor and ultra-poor people.

A joint needs assessment conducted by UN Vietnam in partnership with other 15 multilateral and NGO agencies in October 2020 showed that water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) remains an urgent issue. There is a need of repairing/upgrading water supply facilities and latrines at schools and health stations. Also there is a need for the support of water tank, water treatment equipment, water purification materials, and WASH kits to support hygiene practices at household level. In addition, recovery of livelihood and food security of vulnerable households was identified amongst the urgent needs.

In that context, ADRA in Vietnam cooperates with Vietnam Red Cross in Thua Thien Hue to prioritize the provision of WASH to schools and health stations and unconditional cash transfers, multi-purpose cash grants to vulnerable households, taking specific needs and protection into consideration.

Beneficiaries

Directly disaster-affected residents

Locations

4 communes of 2 districts
in Thua Thien Hue province

Partners

Red Cross of Thua Thien- Hue province

Timeframe


November 2020 - May 2021


Donors

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About ADRA

Adventist Development and Relief Agency is an international humanitarian organization.

ADRA in Vietnam belongs to ADRA's network of offices in 134 countries

Official operations in Vietnam began in 1988

Implemented more than 200 projects in over 40 provinces, supported 4.5 million people across the country in a variety of sectors

ADRA in Vietnam's strategies

Advocate for the basic rights of the people with whom it works, empowering them to speak for themselves

Non-discrimination

Commitment to collaborative partnerships and capacity building

Integrity, Accountability and Transparency.

Key Beneficiaries

Vulnerable groups, particularly ethnic minority communities and people with disabilities; Poor people

Current Focus

Sustainable livelihoods; Grass-rooted development; Climate change and disaster risk management; Vocational training; Health and Education

THE RELIEF RESPONSE TO THE TYPHOON AND FLOODS IN CENTRAL VIETNAM

OBJECTIVES

Support those who were affected by the consecutive typhoons and associated floods, landslides, and whirlwinds in Loc Tri and Loc Thuy communes (Phu Loc district), and Thuy Thanh and Thuy Phuong communes (Huong Thuy district) in terms of:

- * Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)
- * Protection
- * Livelihoods and Food Security



MAIN SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

Distributed cash to affected households a total amount of VND 1.976 billion to recover the livelihood opportunities and improve food security (each household received VND 4 million)

Distributed 1000-liter water tanks to 70 affected households

Rebuilt latrine systems and install new water facilities in communal health centers, kindergartens and schools to improve access to safe water and inclusive sanitation and hygiene

Equipped local authorities and project staff with first aid and Covid-19 protection kit

Organized technical training on WASH and campaign workshops on protection support and accountability mechanisms of the project.



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

494 households, equivalent to 1988 people, received an amount of VND 4,000,000/household

70 households, equivalent to 210 people, were distributed water tanks to store safe water

8 latrine constructions renovated and 6 water facilities upgraded/installed for 3312 people

46 first aid and Covid-19 protection kits were distributed to 456 staff

12 technical training on WASH and campaign workshops on Covid-19 prevention, Protection against sexual exploitation and abuse, Child protection policies were organized for 321 staff and people



Advantages

ADRA is a highly skilled organization, which has been implementing more than 200 development and relief projects throughout 40 provinces of Vietnam.

The Red Cross of Thua Thien- Hue province is the leading agency in carrying out disaster risk reduction and emergency response work.

The collaboration between ADRA and Red Cross of Thua Thien- Hue province was smooth because both have partnered for several years in multiple disaster risk reduction and emergency response works.

The AHP project was coordinated by World Vision Vietnam with implementation from ADRA and CARE International in Vietnam. This model worked well with each organization contributing in technical skills as well as covering their existing geographic areas.

The project was welcomed and encouraged by local authorities at different administrative levels.

The project staff based in the field enhanced the project implementation and monitoring works.

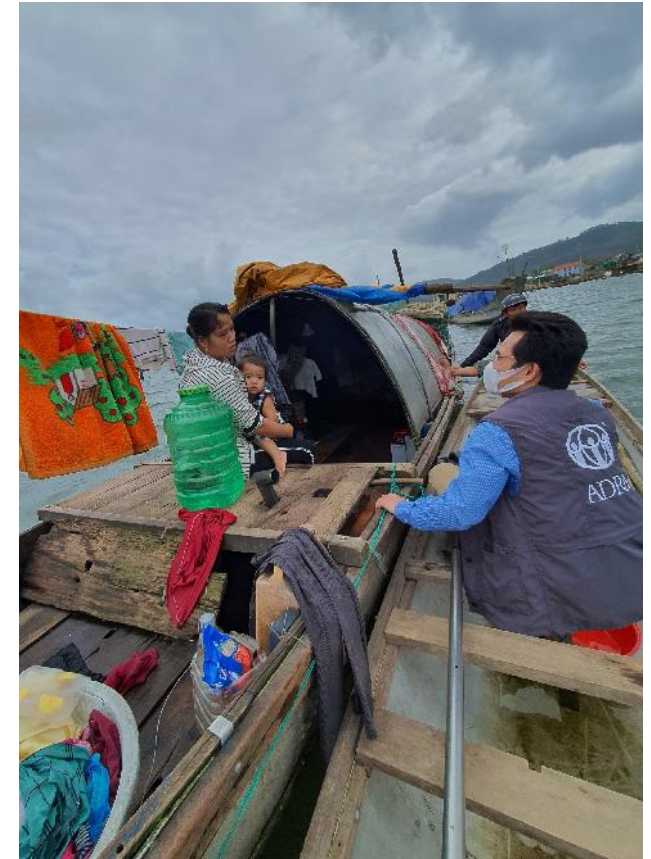
Cash distribution was highly appreciated by the local people because it created ownership among the community, and the local markets had already been re-opened by the time the distribution implemented.



Challenges

Due to the short duration of the project (6 months) limited monitoring activities could be carried out after the project ends to see long term impacts.

The amount of cash distributed could only be enough for restoring livelihood models of the local people initially, while local people expected to join in technical livelihood training also.



WASH INTERVENTIONS

Basic health facilities need to be ensured for serving the most fragile patients



The health station's toilets and small-scale water supply infrastructure in Loc Tri and Thuy Phuong communes, Thua Thien Hue province have deteriorated seriously as a result of storms in 2020.

Australian Humanitarian Partnership is partnering with ADRA in Vietnam to support repairing to enable sanitation and ensure accessibility for people with disabilities.

By May 2021, these health stations are expected to readily deliver services to more than 26,000 residents of the commune; many of them are needy people barely having any chance to access the health care stations at higher level.



"Now I am not afraid of shortages of clean water even during flood season or drought"



"Clean water to drink, clean toilets, a convenient hand washing place, each school day is a happy day"

Da Le sub - school, Thuy Phuong commune, Huong Thuy district, TT - Hue

Clean water is important to keep people healthy and prevent on going diseases that keep children out of school and people from working to support their families.



PROTECTION INTERVENTIONS



The Australian Humanitarian Partnership through ADRA in Vietnam is working with trusted partners to deliver #PSEA and #COVID19 prevents training in Phu Loc and Huong Thy districts, Thua Thien Hue province.

Project staff and collaborators are equipped with live-saving, Covid-19 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) kits



Aim of these activities to ensure that mechanisms are strengthened to support and protect vulnerable groups like women, girls, people and children with disabilities, and those vulnerable to abuse, exploitation and trafficking.

"I did not realize that children, people with disability and women are vulnerable to neglect, violence and abuse. This is at high risk especially during the flood season.

Through the training courses, I now understand and will widely impart this knowledge to everyone in my village "

Shared by Mr. Nguyen Dinh Lanh living in Loc Thuy commune

Training on PSEA and practice of Covid - 19 prevention measures



The most affected households with low income are supported with unconditional cash assistance for essential needs including food and non-food items



CASH TRANSFER FOR HOUSEHOLD LIVELIHOOD ACTIVITIES



Mrs. Nam and her daughter with Down Syndrome are one of hundred households in Thuy Thanh commune, Huong Thy district, TT-Hue province suffered from widespread flood caused by four consecutive storms, which hit central Vietnam in October 2020. With the support of the Australian Government via ADRA Vietnam, Mrs. Nam's family received VND 4 Million cash for buying essential needs and lemon seedlings..

"This money came at the right time. It saved our life and my garden" - the main source of livelihood for Mrs. Nam's family.

"Lime garden is my great happiness, as it helps me soon reconstruct my shelter, which used to be made of mud, straw and scrap metal and provides me a stable income".



Mushroom house of Mr. Le Huu Cuong – Thuy Phuong commune
"The mushroom is growing well. They will give us a chance for a new start"