

Programme Update

 International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Viet Nam

Appeal No. MAAVN001

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This report covers the period
1 July to 31 December 2009.



With the frequency at which typhoons and floods have struck Viet Nam over recent years, capacity building for Viet Nam Red Cross continues to gain importance in all areas of disaster management, and health and care.
(Photo: International Federation)

In brief

Programme purpose: The 2009-2010 support programme aims to strengthen the Viet Nam Red Cross society's role as the leading humanitarian organization in Viet Nam.

Programme summary:

The focus of activity during this reporting period remains the planting and maintenance of mangroves in efforts to enhance disaster preparedness through the natural means of mangroves and bamboo; training on disaster preparedness planning; education on disaster preparedness; first aid training; and training on finance management.

Financial situation: The 2009 budget has been revised from CHF 682,915 (USD 629,200 or EUR 447,895) to CHF 709,653 (USD 694,825 or EUR 469,580). Coverage of the budget is up to 114 per cent while expenditure for January to October 2009 is 72.7 per cent of the total 2009 budget (see [attached financial report](#)). The financial report from January to December 2009 will be issued with the 2009 annual report by April 2010.

No. of people we help: Under the disaster management, and health and care programmes, there are 3,786 direct beneficiaries, exclusive of the number of people being reached under the current relief operations.

Our partners: Partners who have supported VNRC under this appeal include Australian Red Cross, British

Red Cross/British government, Japanese Red Cross (as a long-term partner under the 2006-2010 memorandum of understanding), Liechtenstein Red Cross, New Zealand Red Cross and Swedish Red Cross.

VNRC also works with government departments, namely in the ministry of health, and the disaster management working group, as well as with UN agencies, such as UNICEF, World Health Organization (WHO), and other non-governmental organizations. VNRC is also supported by corporate sector donors.

Also contributing to the work of the national society on a bilateral basis are American Red Cross, Australian Red Cross, French Red Cross, German Red Cross, Italian Red Cross, Netherlands Red Cross, Norwegian Red Cross, Spanish Red Cross, and Swiss Red Cross.

On behalf of Viet Nam Red Cross, the International Federation would like to thank all partners and contributors for their response to this appeal.

Context

Diseases and natural disasters were among the major factors affecting the VNRC's activities during this reporting period. Dengue fever became an emerging threat in urban areas such as Ho Chi Minh, Hanoi and other cities where an increase in the number of cases detected was linked to consequences of climate change, and water and sanitation conditions. In total, 74,242 cases were reported in 55 out of 63 provinces in the country, of which 58 were fatalities.

In late May 2009, the first human cases of influenza H1N1 were found in Viet Nam and soon after that became widely spread in all provinces in Viet Nam. As of October, there were 10,891 laboratory confirmed cases, including 24 deaths. Pregnant women, children and people with existing illnesses other than influenza were identified among the most vulnerable groups. In September, a national action plan on influenza A/H1N1 was adopted by the ministry of health, indicating specific roles and responsibilities for other ministries and VNRC. National authorities also requested each sector, agency and province to make its own action plan. After the A/H1N1 outbreaks, VNRC with technical and funding support from the Federation country office organized public campaigns in key cities and bordering provinces with China and Cambodia to raise awareness among the public.

In terms of natural disaster, the country was hit by Typhoon Ketsana in late September, which affected 12 provinces in the central and highland areas of Viet Nam. A reported 103,123 households (some 356,790 people) were evacuated, and an estimated three million people impacted by this disaster. The International Federation launched an appeal for international aid, seeking CHF 5,571,176 (USD 5.47 million or EUR 3.76 million) to support the affected population. This operation begun right after the 2008 flood operation was completed two weeks before. To date, 10,000 household kits have been distributed in ten provinces, and 2,100 tonnes of rice is planned for distribution in January 2010 in ten provinces. Work on water and sanitation, and shelter will follow after a detailed survey to be done in January 2010. Also in early November, the country was struck by Typhoon Mirinae which affected nine provinces in central Viet Nam. Most of the provinces affected by this recent typhoon were already hit by Typhoon Ketsana about a month before, posing a setback in gains already made in relief and recovery.

Progress towards outcomes

Disaster management

Global agenda goal 1: Reduced deaths, injuries and impact from disasters.

Programme objective: VNRC fulfils its designated strategic and implementation role in the context of Viet Nam's disaster management network

Outcomes/expected results

- Impact of storms and floods in Viet Nam are reduced through timely distribution of life-saving assistance to the affected populations.

- Communities in Viet Nam are aware of disaster hazards in their region and are capable of acting effectively during times of disaster.
- Vulnerability of communities in storm-prone areas is reduced from the impact of disaster through timely information, capacity building and livelihood resilience to disaster risk
- VNRC at all levels has developed and updated their annual contingency plan and shares it with other stakeholders.

Achievements

Activities continued with focus on the plantation of mangroves and the provision of technical assistance for contingency planning and disaster risk reduction through the organization of training workshops as planned. Outcomes from July to October include:

- 160 hectares of mangrove and bamboo planted in Nam Dinh, Thai Binh, Hai Phong and Ninh Binh
- 20 hectares of casuarinas planted in Nghe An, and ten hectares of casuarinas in Ha Tinh
- 540 staff members in communes in Quang Ninh, Hai Phong, Nam Dinh, Thanh Hoa, Nghe An, and Ha Tinh trained in community-based disaster risk management
- 60 volunteers in three communes in Nghe An trained in first aid
- 752 teachers in primary school in Quang Ninh, Hai Phong, Nam Dinh, Thanh Hoa, Nghe An and Ha Tinh trained on disaster preparedness in order to be able to train school children
- 280 households engaging in plantation trained on Red Cross Red Crescent principles and planting techniques
- 24 staff from the six Red Cross chapters of Ninh Thuan, Binh Thuan, Phu Yen, Khanh Hoa, Gia Lai, and Dak Nong trained in a two-day workshop on contingency planning in August
- 51 staff from the nine Red Cross chapters of Hanoi, Hoa Binh, Vinh Phuc, Ha Nam, Ninh Binh, Thanh Hoa, Nghe An, Ha Tinh, Quang Binh and from VNRC headquarters trained in a two-day contingency planning workshop in Thanh Hoa province in September. As landfall of the storm locally known as number eight was during this training, participants from chapters and the headquarters developed contingency plans based on this real event.
- 20 disaster management participants took part in a training-of-trainers on disaster risk reduction (DRR) processes and guidelines in a two-day disaster risk reduction workshop in November
- Poor households planting mangroves or bamboo received an additional income of VND 1 million (CHF 57 or USD 55) according to their participation in planting. They are also allowed to fish and/or use bamboo products three years after plantation
- 1,000 primary school children in Quang Ninh and Ha Tinh provinces participated in disaster preparedness competitions where they demonstrated their knowledge and participation in disaster preparedness and mitigation through protecting the mangrove forests. In Quang Ninh province, ten contests held at district-level in October before the final one at provincial level, represented by 140 children from ten selected schools organized in November.

Capacity building activities under this component are geared towards building communities more prepared for the onset of disaster. In almost all communes where activities are implemented, disaster preparedness and response plans have been developed following vulnerability and capacity assessments. Raising awareness of community-based disaster risk management among community staff and members has been carried out. School children aged between nine and ten years, equipped with knowledge on risks and how to cope with risks, are better able to protect themselves and their communities. The Red Cross profile in disaster preparedness and the successful plantation of mangroves has gained significant headway. For instance, the Nghe An Red Cross chapter has been invited as a guest speaker or facilitator to all workshops on disaster preparedness in their province, while the Quang Ninh Red Cross chapter has been consulted by other organizations engaging in mangrove plantation in the province. Based on their experience, this chapter is able to assist in the selection of households participating in the plantation, techniques of mangrove plantation and protection, as well as community involvement in the process.

In parallel with development activities, the emergency operation for 2008 floods has been ongoing between July and September. During this period, VNRC distributed 4,200 water storage containers, coupled with training on water treatment in emergency, and 385 tonnes of fertilizer to six provinces in the northern-central part of Viet Nam. The 2008 flood operation was completed in September, but followed almost immediately by the Typhoon Ketsana operation since early October 2009. The latter will continue until September 2010.

Constraints or challenges

The lack of qualified human resources to implement planned activities in the event of emergency operations remains an issue at both headquarters and Red Cross chapter level. This, however, cannot be addressed solely under the disaster management programme alone, but rather in combination with organizational development. At provincial level, due to the turnover of trained disaster preparedness staff at chapter-level, the exchange of disaster preparedness trainers among chapter may best be coordinated by the headquarters. More detail on the disaster management programme under this appeal is available [here](#).

Health and care

Global agenda goal 2: Reduced deaths, illness and impact from disease and public health emergencies

Programme objective: VNRC delivers quality health and care programmes and services that address the needs of vulnerable people in Viet Nam

Outcomes/expected results

- The awareness of people on the dangers of avian influenza in five target provinces and the preparedness/response capacity of VNRC to public health emergencies is enhanced.
- Vulnerability to HIV and its impact is reduced through preventing further infection, expanding care, treatment, and support, and reducing stigma and discrimination.
- Vulnerability to injuries caused by accidents reduced through the active participation of VNRC first aid trainers and volunteers in community-based first aid.
- The system of non-remunerated voluntary blood donor recruitment is strengthened.
- Access to safe water and sanitation services for poor ethnic minority people is improved in two selected northern mountainous provinces.

Achievements:

The VNRC, with support of the Federation country office, is progressing in planned activities around community-based first aid (CBFA). The main activity was the development of a pedagogic methodology book, and a handbook for volunteer and community practitioners. These materials were developed based on a participatory approach where workshops and training were organized to test draft materials and garner input from their potential users, such as Red Cross trainers and volunteers. A host of workshops/meetings was organized and the achievements as follows:

- 13 Red Cross provincial trainers from Southern provinces received instruction through the training-of-trainers course facilitated by one national trainer from the headquarters and two national trainers from the Hochiminh City and Can Tho provincial chapters
- 50 volunteers were trained in a two-day course during the above-mentioned training-of-trainers course as a compulsory part for improving facilitation and technique of trainers on community-based first aid
- Dialogue among VNRC, the International Federation and German Red Cross initiated by the Federation country office encouraged collaboration to put together the best ideas on technical manual development
- 80 out of 100 sets of cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) mannequins were distributed to Red Cross chapters
- 400 newly printed standardized first aid manuals were distributed to 63 Red Cross provincial chapters
- 100 managers and staff from the health and care departments of VNRC headquarters and chapters received induction sessions on community-based health first aid.

Being selected as one of the countries eligible for implementing the pandemic influenza preparedness and response (H2P) global programme, VNRC embarked on the one-year project starting from August 2009. While it is outside of the annual plan for 2009, this project will be integrated into the 2010-2011 plan. Priorities for this period were given to planning, capacity building and coordination among the humanitarian sector, government bodies and UN agencies. Activities implemented included:

- Meetings to sensitize authorities and civil society organizations on H2P were organized both at national and provincial levels
- Introduction on pandemic influenza as well as meetings on multi-sectoral pandemic planning were held in two pilot provinces of Ha Nam and Quang Tri

- Community-level planning activities with participation of key mass organizations, local authorities and related government agencies were organized and coordinated by VNRC. As a result, multi-sectorial pandemic plans were drafted in the Ha Nam and Quang Tri provinces
- National-level planning activities coordinated by VNRC, the ministry of health, WHO and Care International were carried out to harmonize national planning efforts with community practices
- Capacity building for VNRC staff and key civil society organizations was carried out through training in pandemics, adopting the cascade approach, in partnership of VNRC and Care International
- The cascade training approach and curricula were tested at community-level through field visits which were jointly done by VNRC and Care International
- A regional H2P workshop for 100 participants from civil society and humanitarian organizations was hosted by VNRC

In blood donor recruitment activities, VNRC continued to receive technical support from the International Federation through capacity building on Club 25 and information sharing. In 2009, VNRC aims at collecting 600,000 blood units of which 75 per cent is voluntarily donated. Several public campaigns were held on occasions of world and national blood donation days to award outstanding blood donors and to promote voluntary non-remunerated blood donation. Seven new Club 25 branches have been established nationwide.

Constraints or challenges

Given the shortage of human resources in the health and care programme, VNRC utilized capable staff from chapter to add capacity in the VNRC overall programme in components such as community-based first aid. The national society addressed this challenge in the H2P programme by contracting additional staff working on fixed service term to supplement human resources to the programme. However, retaining the recruited staff is also a challenge to the VNRC.

Capacity and development

Global agenda goal 3: Increased local community, civil society and Red Cross Red Crescent capacity to address the most urgent situations of vulnerability.

Programme objective: The VNRC is a strong, relevant and well-functioning society that is more effective at all levels, thus providing better service to vulnerable people.

Outcomes/expected results:

- The capacity of VNRC to implement sustainable programmes through the headquarters and branch levels is increased
- Volunteer management is enhanced
- The capacity of branches to design, implement, evaluate and fundraise for their projects with vulnerable communities is increased

Achievements

Activities around capacity and development were light due to the lack of funding and the VNRC's unconfirmed plan on how to proceed with organizational development. The only activity taking place was capacity building through the provision of finance training for finance staff of VNRC at all levels. This support was given by the Federation Southeast Asia regional office in Bangkok. As planned, the Federation assisted in three finance training sessions for finance staff from 63 Red Cross chapters under VNRC. Due to the emergency operation on Typhoon Ketsana, these training sessions only took place in November.

Constraints or challenges

The shortage of human resources in technical departments, particularly in disaster management, and health and care remains an issue for development programmes being supported through VNRC. The issue of insufficient capacity becomes more critical in the event of emergency which challenges VNRC and partners every year.

Principles and values

Global agenda goal 4: Promote respect for diversity and human dignity, and reduce intolerance, discrimination and social exclusion

Programme objective: The Fundamental Principles and humanitarian values of the Red Cross and Red Crescent are promoted among VNRC

Outcomes/expected results:

VNRC leaders, staff and volunteers fully understand the mandate and role of Red Cross that helps to promote humanitarian values.

Achievements:

To cope with the 2009 funding situation, activities planned under this component were integrated into the disaster management, and health and care programmes. Presentations on humanitarian values and the seven Fundamental Principles was an integral part in training under the community-based first aid project. During this period, 13 provincial first aid trainers were given refresher training on how to facilitate the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement and principles session. In addition, 50 volunteers were provided with knowledge on humanitarian values, and the Movement principles. The Fundamental Principles will be printed on cover pages of the pedagogic methodology book, and the handbook for volunteer and community practitioners.

Constraints or challenges:

At this stage, the Red Cross Red Crescent code of conduct is not yet part of VNRC's training activity; hence, VNRC staff members and volunteers are not given practical guidelines on the implementation of humanitarian values in their daily work.

Working in partnership

The VNRC maintains its partnership with the International Federation and participating national societies including American Red Cross, Australian Red Cross (through German Red Cross representation), French Red Cross, German Red Cross, Italian Red Cross (working in southern Viet Nam), Japanese Red Cross (through Federation representation), Netherlands Red Cross, Norwegian Red Cross, Spanish Red Cross, and Swiss Red Cross (also based in southern Viet Nam). Apart from the Italian and Swiss national societies represented in the South, the VNRC, International Federation, and the six partner national societies present in Hanoi maintain monthly coordination meetings to exchange information on project implementation led by VNRC headquarters.

VNRC received technical support from the International Federation to strengthen partnerships with governmental and UN agencies over the course of implementation of the pandemic preparedness initiative (H2P). The national society also continued to be present at the partnership on avian and human influenza (PAHI) meetings, the working group on behaviour communication change and on national committees on avian and human pandemic influenza.

Contributing to longer-term impact

The mangrove plantation project is already contributing to the reduction of typhoon impact on communities living along coastal areas. It is also helping build more resilient communities through the provision of knowledge on disaster preparedness and response. Under the health and care programme, the community-based first aid project aims to provide skills and knowledge in saving lives in the community, and is strengthening VNRC's profile in providing quality first aid to all sectors in society. Efficient finance management through technical support is benefiting all VNRC programmes being supported. While the promotion of Red Cross Red Crescent principles and values was not intensive at this stage, the integration of this component in other programme indicates the laying of good groundwork in this direction.

Looking ahead

The International Federation country office will continue to support VNRC in implementing the planned activities set out for the year. The following activities will be carried out toward the end of the year:

- Disaster management:
 - Organization of disaster preparedness planning training to Red Cross chapters
 - Organization of disaster preparedness training to school children
 - Completion of the narrative and financial report for 2009.
 - Planning for 2010

- Health and care:
 - i) Community-based first aid:
 - The finalization of first aid training methodology for trainers, and the handbook for volunteers
 - Organization of the second training-of-trainers course, in combination with the induction session for community-based health and first aid for trainers from the provinces
 - Distribution of cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) mannequins to the remaining 11 provinces.

 - ii) Pandemic influenza preparedness and response (H2P):
 - Carrying out of field testing on training curricular and training-of-trainers courses
 - Development of national and provincial plans on pandemic preparedness and response
 - Coordination with UN agencies, and other civil society organizations

 - iii) Finance development:
 - Organization of training on how to use software for the finance staff members of ten Red Cross provincial chapters
 - Development of a finance manual for VNRC finance staff
 - Designing of a finance development plan for 2010

How we work	
<p>The International Federation's activities are aligned with its Global Agenda, which sets out four broad goals to meet the Federation's mission to "improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity".</p>	<p>Global Agenda Goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce the numbers of deaths, injuries and impact from disasters. • Reduce the number of deaths, illnesses and impact from diseases and public health emergencies. • Increase local community, civil society and Red Cross Red Crescent capacity to address the most urgent situations of vulnerability. • Reduce intolerance, discrimination and social exclusion and promote respect for diversity and human dignity.
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MAAVN001 - Viet Nam

Interim Financial Report Jan-Oct 2009

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2009/1-2009/10
Budget Timeframe	2009/1-2009/12
Appeal	MAAVN001
Budget	APPEAL

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

I. Consolidated Response to Appeal

	Goal 1: Disaster Management	Goal 2: Health and Care	Goal 3: Capacity Building	Goal 4: Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
A. Budget	484,318	57,380	1,726	0	166,229	709,653
B. Opening Balance	42,663	22,358	1,726	0	21,835	88,583
Income						
<u>Cash contributions</u>						
Australian Red Cross					13,815	13,815
British Red Cross (from British Government)		7,380				7,380
Japanese Red Cross	546,465					546,465
Liechtenstein Red Cross		1,000				1,000
New York Office (from Merck)	25,214					25,214
New Zealand Red Cross		35,055				35,055
C1. Cash contributions	571,679	43,435			13,815	628,929
<u>Outstanding pledges (Revalued)</u>						
New Zealand Red Cross		12,067			5,608	17,675
C2. Outstanding pledges (Revalued)		12,067			5,608	17,675
<u>Inkind Personnel</u>						
Sweden Red Cross					12,750	12,750
C4. Inkind Personnel					12,750	12,750
<u>Other Income</u>						
Miscellaneous Income					24,600	24,600
Services					33,816	33,816
C5. Other Income					58,416	58,416
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C5)	571,679	55,502			90,589	717,770
D. Total Funding = B + C	614,342	77,861	1,726	0	112,424	806,353
Appeal Coverage	127%	136%	100%	#DIV/0	68%	114%

II. Balance of Funds

	Goal 1: Disaster Management	Goal 2: Health and Care	Goal 3: Capacity Building	Goal 4: Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance	42,663	22,358	1,726	0	21,835	88,583
C. Income	571,679	55,502			90,589	717,770
E. Expenditure	-423,454	-33,690	-525		-58,482	-516,151
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	190,888	44,171	1,202	0	53,942	290,202

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III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Goal 1: Disaster Management	Goal 2: Health and Care	Goal 3: Capacity Building	Goal 4: Principles and Values	Coordination		
A		B					A - B	
BUDGET (C)		484,318	57,380	1,726	0	166,229	709,653	
Supplies								
Seeds,Plants	35,497	39,221					39,221	-3,724
Medical & First Aid	10,000							10,000
Teaching Materials			1,263				1,263	-1,263
Utensils & Tools	1,300							1,300
Other Supplies & Services		565					565	-565
Total Supplies	46,797	39,786	1,263				41,049	5,748
Land, vehicles & equipment								
Computers & Telecom		2,788					2,788	-2,788
Office/Household Furniture & Equipm.		3,819					3,819	-3,819
Others Machinery & Equipment	47,775							47,775
Total Land, vehicles & equipment	47,775	6,607					6,607	41,168
Transport & Storage								
Storage			32				32	-32
Distribution & Monitoring	103,838	24,161					24,161	79,676
Transport & Vehicle Costs	13,820	8,778	128		5,547		14,452	-632
Total Transport & Storage	117,658	32,939	159		5,547		38,645	79,012
Personnel								
International Staff	70,500	61			29,292		29,354	41,146
Regionally Deployed Staff					34		34	-34
National Staff	64,079	4,480	7,747		4,512		16,739	47,340
National Society Staff	51,595	17,038	3,235				20,273	31,322
Consultants	12,350							12,350
Total Personnel	198,524	21,580	10,981		33,838		66,400	132,124
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	132,315	103,448	1,531				104,980	27,336
Total Workshops & Training	132,315	103,448	1,531				104,980	27,336
General Expenditure								
Travel	58,699	6,289	267	491	4,221		11,267	47,432
Information & Public Relation	8,652	42,843	6,280		533		49,657	-41,005
Office Costs	16,920	803	34		20,717		21,554	-4,634
Communications	5,400	4,853	521		1,627		7,000	-1,600
Professional Fees		13,352			11,130		24,482	-24,482
Financial Charges	480	-15	4		-29,908		-29,920	30,400
Other General Expenses	30,306	1,536	124		1,146		2,805	27,501
Total General Expenditure	120,457	69,660	7,230	491	9,465		86,846	33,611
Programme Support								
Program Support	46,127	31,614	2,190	34	2,973		36,811	9,316
Total Programme Support	46,127	31,614	2,190	34	2,973		36,811	9,316
Operational Provisions								
Operational Provisions		117,819	10,335			6,659	134,814	-134,814
Total Operational Provisions		117,819	10,335			6,659	134,814	-134,814
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	709,653	423,454	33,690	525	58,482		516,151	193,502
VARIANCE (C - D)		60,864	23,690	1,201	0	107,747	193,502	

Disaster management activities 2009, Viet Nam

Achievements and activities

Expected result 1: Plantation of trees and mangroves

- 160 hectares of mangroves and 10,500 bamboo bushes have been planted in the four provinces of Nam Dinh, Thai Binh, Hai Phong and Ninh Binh in order to protect local communities from natural hazards
- Protection teams in the project communities have been maintained and assisted by the project and commune people's committees. These protection activities have been actively participated in by community members by raising their concern on the possible threat of these mangroves being cut down.
- Planting 20 hectares of trees in Nghe An and ten hectares of casuarina species in Ha Tinh.

The Red Cross chapters selected communes and signed an agreement with the people's committee to engage in the planting and protection of these trees. Almost all communes have carried out the vulnerability and capacity assessment, and then gone on to make an annual disaster preparedness plan for their communities. The community-based awareness raising on community-based disaster risk management (CBDRM) has been carried out with community staff and members.



Field coaching on planting bamboo in NamDinh



Two-month old fledgling bamboo plants



Mangrove trees planted in Giao An commune, Nam Dinh



A notice about the plantation in Nam Dinh province



Plantation of mangroves in Ninh Binh province

Expected result 2: Capacity building

- 540 staff members at commune level in Quảng Ninh, Hải Phòng, Nam Định, Thanh Hóa, Nghệ An and Hà Tĩnh have been trained in community-based disaster risk management (CBDRM); 60 volunteers in three communes in Nghe An have been trained in first aid; 752 primary school teachers have been trained on disaster preparedness for children in Quảng Ninh, Hải Phòng, Nam Định, Thanh Hóa, Nghệ An, Hà Tĩnh; and 280 household representatives have been trained on Red Cross Red Crescent principles and planting technics.
- Commune disaster preparedness plans were made after those training courses or follow-up activities were planned.



First aid training in Nghe An



Disaster preparedness training for teachers in Thach Ha district Ha Tinh

Good cooperation was received from the ministry of education, which helps in teachers giving training courses to children through informal training and events.



A working group exercise by teachers



CBDRM planning at commune level in Quang Ninh

An exchange of disaster management trainers provided room for lessons learnt and experience sharing. New trainers have had chance to learn from experienced trainers.

VNRC headquarters and chapters received help in maintaining office equipment for the project monitoring and reporting as well as vehicle repair and maintenance, and office equipment such as laptops and LCD projectors, and cameras.

Field monitoring trips were undertaken to provinces to assist Red Cross chapters in monitoring the implementation of project activities and advising them in preparing planning for 2010. Headquarters staff also met with local community members in Thai Binh to find out more about mangroves that had been cut down by farmers. However, it was discovered that those mangroves were planted under a government project.

- Continue disaster preparedness planning training, disaster preparedness for children, and disaster response teams

Twenty-four (24) staff from the Red Cross chapter of Ninh Thuan, Binh Thuan, Phu Yen, Khanh Hoa, Gia Lai, and Dak Nong were trained in a two-day workshop on contingency planning on 28-29 August 2009.

Up to 51 staff members from the nine Red Cross chapters of Hanoi, Hoa Binh, Vinh Phuc, Ha Nam, Ninh Binh, Thanh Hoa, Nghe An, Ha Tinh, and Quang Binh, and the national headquarters were trained on contingency planning in a two-day workshop, held on 12 September 2009 in Thanh Hoa. Participants at this workshop used the “storm number 8” as a real-time event for improving their contingency planning. Further to that, staff members from Nghe An, Ha Tinh, Quang Binh, Ninh Thuan, Binh Thuan, Phu Yen, Khanh Hoa, and Gia Lai provinces put into practice their knowledge and skills when coping with Typhoons Ketsana and Mirinae. In total, 110 VNRC staff have basic skills in contingency planning to enhance disaster preparedness and response.

As many as 20 disaster management training-of-trainers facilitators from VNRC gained knowledge of the disaster risk reduction (DRR) process and guidelines through a two-day disaster risk reduction workshop will held on 13-14 November 2009.

Expected result 3: Income generation

- Thanks to the plantation, protection and care of trees, poorer households have received planting fees to contribute to their income generation of about VND 1 million (CHF 57 or USD 55). In addition to this, these families are able to fish and/or harvest bamboo shoots three years after the plantation.
- Red Cross chapters are active in selecting the poor families who have labour resources to involve in the plantation and protection of trees.
- Technical training courses have been organized in the selected communes and planting areas.
- Meetings have been held among communities and planters to discuss how to make a fund from the benefits of bamboo shoot sales and techniques on how to harvest bamboo shoots.
- People have free access to mangroves areas to catch fish, shrimps and other marine products.

Expected result 4: Public awareness raising

- Regular talks on local mass radio, and newspapers have been done on project activities and planting ceremonies, training and other related events.
- Participants understand clearly about the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement, core principles, humanitarian activities, VNRC, International Federation, and partner national societies, particularly Japanese Red Cross who has long supported this project. Thousands of school pupils learn about disaster preparedness and practice related activities through drama, song and other means.
- Disaster preparedness materials have been printed with project funds and distributed to participants.
- A competition on disaster preparedness is organized for one thousand children from primary schools in Quang Ninh and Ha Tinh provinces and broadcast on the media. Up to ten contests at district level were held in October 2009 and the final one at provincial level for 140 children from ten schools selected from nine districts in Quang Ninh province on 9-10 November 2009. Children performed drama, song and speech to talk about disaster preparedness, response and mitigation by protecting mangroves and forests and how to be well prepared for natural disasters and promote environmental protection.

Expected result 5: Experience sharing

- Disaster preparedness and disaster risk reduction experiences were shared with the Indonesian Red Cross (Palang Merah Indonesia/PMI) staff from Aceh, Indonesia on a study visit to Viet Nam on 17-19 March 2009 in Thai Binh province. They expressed their intention to apply the same approach in Aceh district.



- VNRC disaster management trainers were invited by the central committee for flood and storm control (CCFSC), Save the Children, Actmang, Worldvision and Care to undertake training in their programmes, promote VNRC roles and share disaster preparedness and disaster risk reduction experiences.

Five VNRC staff members shared their experiences on disaster risk reduction, especially on disaster preparedness training with children at the Asia Pacific disaster risk reduction forum in Phuket, Thailand in October 2009.