The situation

On 29 August 2019, Tropical Storm (TS) Podul crossed into north-east and northern Thailand bringing rainfall and winds causing flash flooding and landslides affecting 32 provinces namely Amnat Charoen, Chaiyaphoom, Chiang Mai, Chumphon, Kalasin, Khon Kaen, Krabi, Loei, Lumpang, Mae Hong Son, Maha Sarakham, Mukdaharn, Nakorn Phanom, Nan, Nong Bua Lam Phu, Petchaboon, Phitsanulok, Pichit, Prachinburi, Pratunam, Ranong, Roi Et, Sakon Nakhon, Sraeao, Sri Saket, Sukhothai, Surin, Trad, Ubon Ratchathani, Udon Thani, Uttaradit and Yasothon. As of publication of this bulletin, 147 districts, 581 sub-districts, 3,142 villages, five (5) municipalities, and 11 communities are affected.

According to the Thai Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation (DDPM), approximately 158,028 households have been affected, and 19 deaths reported (of 6 September 2019); however, assessments are ongoing. The catastrophe causing damages to infrastructure and assets, including 3,818 houses, 439 schools and 57 health facilities damaged; 1,503,367 rai (equivalent to 240,538 hectares) of crops inundated, 1,065 prawn farms, 16,577 fish farms, and 814,816 livestock (cattle, goats, pigs and poultry) affected. There is only partial access possible in six affected provinces as roads are damaged and/or submerged.

The Government of Thailand has announced emergency assistance plans in 14 provinces; and is continuing to conduct evacuations in 10 provinces (Amnat Charoen, Khon Kaen, Petchaboon, Phitsanulok Pichit, Roi-Et, Sri Saket, Sukhothai, Ubon Ratchathani and Yasothon). The emergency assistance includes evacuations, setting up disaster relief shelters, as well as provision of food and drinking water.

There are concerns that the situation will be exacerbated by the impact of Tropical Storm Kajiki which entered Thailand on 3 September 2019; and has brought more rains in six provinces (Chiang Mai, Khon Kaen, Loei, Lumpang, Ubon Ratchathani and Uttaradit).
Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Since the onset of the flooding, the Thai Red Cross Society (TRCS) has been working closely with the Thai DDPM to assist those affected by the flooding. As of 5 September 2019, TRCS has distributed 32,342 emergency relief kits in 10 provinces as tabulated below:

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<tr>
<th>Province</th>
<th>Number of household supported</th>
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<td>Amnat Charoen</td>
<td>915</td>
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<td>Kalasin</td>
<td>1,000</td>
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<td>Khon Kaen</td>
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<td>Mukdaharn</td>
<td>3,000</td>
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<td>Phitsanulok</td>
<td>12,600</td>
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<td>Pichit</td>
<td>4,074</td>
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<td>Sakon Nakorn</td>
<td>573</td>
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<td>Ubon Ratchathani</td>
<td>2,439</td>
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<td>Yasothorn</td>
<td>2,741</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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Phitsanulok Provincial Red Cross Chapter, Heal Station no. 13 Tak and DDPM distributed relief kits to flood affected people in Phitsanulok. *(Photo: TRCS)*

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Relief kits distribution in Ubon Ratchathani. *(Photo: TRCS)*

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Flat boat service in Ubon Ratchathani by Health Station no. 7 Ubon Ratchathani. *(Photo: TRCS)*

Flat boat service in Ubon Ratchathani by Health Station no. 7 Ubon Ratchathani. *(Photo: TRCS)*

Assessment by Health Station no. 1 Surin in Roi-Et. *(Photo: TRCS)*

Relief kits preparation by Health Station no. 1 Surin in Roi-Et. *(Photo: TRCS)*

Relief kits distribution by Health Station no. 4 Nakorn Ratchasima in Khon Kaen. *(Photo: TRCS)*

Relief kits distribution by Health Station no. 4 Nakorn Ratchasima in Khon Kaen and Khon Kaen Provincial Red Cross Chapter. *(Photo: TRCS)*

Additionally, two flat boats have been despatched to Ubon Ratchathani to support the evacuation of those affected. TRCS is continuing to monitor the situation; and is ready to support as required by the Thai DDPM for example supporting the deployment of mobile kitchen units, water units, medical teams and flat boats.
On 5 September 2019, TRCS launched a national fundraising appeal requesting donations to support the response to those affected. Two videos have been created by TRCS this week (in Thai language) which illustrate the Red Cross responses to the flooding. The videos can be viewed via these links; video 1 and video 2.

TRCS is continuously in communicate and coordinate with the IFRC Country Cluster Support Team in Bangkok and the IFRC Asia Pacific Regional Office in Kuala Lumpur on monitoring the situation and consideration of whether external funding will be required.

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