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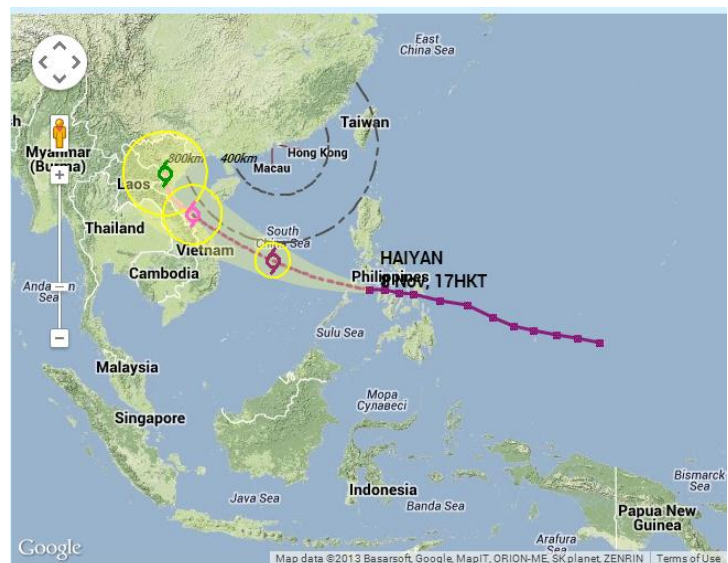
Viet Nam: Typhoon Haiyan

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Typhoon track forecast by Hong Kong Observatory, as of 17:00 Hong Kong time, 8 November, 2013.
Source: Vietnam Meteorological Forecast Center

Summary

Super Typhoon Haiyan, locally named storm number 13, is expected to hit Central Viet Nam on Sunday, 10 November, after hitting the Philippines on Friday as a category-5 storm and wind strength of 230 kilometres per hour. This is said to be one of the strongest storms ever recorded, with sustained wind strength of about 195 kilometres per hour and expected to hit Viet Nam as a category -2 or 3 typhoon. It is estimated that 6.5 million people will be affected by the storm.

The situation

Within the first two weeks of October, Central Viet Nam was hit by two category-1 storms, Typhoon Wutip (storm number 10) on 30 September and Nari (storm number 11) on 15 October, leaving behind significant damages in nine provinces of Thanh Hoa, Nghe An, Ha Tinh, Quang Binh, Quang Tri, Thua Thien-Hue, Da Nang, Quang Nam and Quang Ngai. Among these, Nghe An, Ha Tinh, Quang Binh, Quang Tri and Thua Thien-Hue are suffering from the dual impacts of both storms. The total economic loss due to Nari is estimated to be VND 1.5 trillion (USD 71 million), on top of the VND 13.5 trillion (USD 663.23 million) economic loss earlier caused by Wutip.

Following these storms, Viet Nam was hit by storm number 12, and Typhoon Haiyan is forecasted to hit the same provinces affected by the previous two major storms. An estimated 6.5 million people will be affected by this typhoon, specifically in the provinces of Ha Tinh, Quang Binh, Quang Nam, Da Nang, Quang Ngai, Quang Tri and Thua Thien-Hue, specifically as follows:

Viet Nam	Ha Tinh	1.3 million people
Viet Nam	Quang Binh	740,000 people
Viet Nam	Quang Nam-Da Nang	1.9 million people
Viet Nam	Quang Ngai	1.1 million people
Viet Nam	Quang Tri	520,000 people
Viet Nam	Thua Thien Hue	990,000 people

Source: Global Disaster Alert and Coordination System

The predicted areas of impact are already experiencing heavy rains and flash floods due to a tropical depression which passed Viet Nam earlier in the week. One person is missing while two people have been killed by the floods - one in Thua Thien-Hue and the other in Quang Ngai provinces. The expected further rainfall from the typhoon raises extensive concerns with regard to flooding due to the already waterlogged environment.

Actions taken by the government:

The Central Committee for Flood and Storm Control (CCFSC) has held daily meetings to update the track of the typhoon and sent requests to neighbor countries of China, Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines to assist Vietnamese fishermen in case they need to seek shelter due to the typhoon in an urgent manner. The government has sent alerts to 85,249 boats and ships, or 395,392 fishermen, in order to move to safer areas to avoid the impact of the typhoon.

Local governments and agencies for irrigation are checking the status of all dams in the provinces which would be affected by the typhoon to develop a coping plan in case of heavy rains, including the capital Hanoi.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Currently, with IFRC support, VNRC is carrying out relief activities in provinces affected by the recent storms. Specifically, the cash transfer programme is being implemented and monitored in Ha Tinh, Nghe An, Quang Binh, Quang Tri, Quang Nam and Quang Ngai. The National Society is simultaneously preparing for the arrival of Haiyan by participating in the emergency preparedness meeting held by CCFSC on Thursday, 7 November, to monitor the track of the typhoon and prepare resources to respond.

Red Cross chapter leaders in the affected provinces of Thanh Hoa, Nghe An, Ha Tinh, Quang Binh, Quang Tri, Thua Thien-Hue, Da Nang, Quang Nam and Quang Ngai have received instructions from the headquarters to be on stand-by and ordered their provincial disaster response teams (PDRTs) to assist in evacuation of affected families and be ready for immediate assessment following the “super typhoon.”

VNRC headquarters has issued alert messages to 15 members of the national disaster response teams (NDRT) and nine WATSAN response team members to be ready for deployment. It has also assigned a focal point for emergency to be available 24/7 starting Friday, 8 November throughout the weekend.

A total of 4,000 household kits are available in warehouse for emergency distribution, along with two rubber warehouses of 100 square meters each. The National Society’s emergency fund to support relief goods can be accessed on the arrival of the typhoon.

Provincial disaster response teams (PDRTs) in the six affected provinces of Thua Thien-Hue, Quang Nam, Quang Ngai, Quang Tri, Quang Binh, Ha Tinh have been carrying out preparedness and response activities during the recent typhoons, and are ready to respond to Haiyan. At the community level, VNRC chapters have established, trained and equipped 60 community disaster response teams (CDRT) of 1,440 members in six affected provinces to prepare cope with this typhoon.

Realizing the importance of communication, VNRC headquarters has also sent reporters from the Humanitarian Magazine, Humanitarian Newspapers to the field for immediate updates. IFRC has also decided to deploy a regional communication personnel to provide support in communication activities.

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