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1. HIGHLIGHTS

- Continuous rain has triggered flood and flashflood in several areas in Xayabuly, Oudomxay and Luangprabang Provinces.
- As of August 12th, 4,977 people in 22 villages in Xayabuly and Luangprabang were reportedly affected. In Oudomxay, the assessment is ongoing.
- Cost of damage in Xayabuly Province is estimated to be USD 50,000.
- Form 1 has been submitted by the Social Welfare Department, Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare to the AHA Centre.

2. SUMMARY OF DISASTER EVENT

Torrential rain that continues from 11 to 12 August has triggered flood and flash flood in the northern provinces of Lao PDR. As reported by the Social Welfare Department (SWD), Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare, the flood has submerged several villages in Xayabuly, Oudomxay and Luangprabang Provinces. The detail of the impact is as follow (as of August, 12th):

Province	Affected		
	Villages	Population	Houses, Agriculture, Fisheries and Livestock
Xayabuly	4	172 families/891 people	5 ha of paddy fields and 624 livestocks
Luangprabang	18	1 death and 1,094 families/4,086 people	13 houses, 1,705 ha of paddy fields and 330 livestocks
Oudumxay	Damage assessment is ongoing		

The cost of damage in the Provinces of Xayabuly is estimated to be (nearly) USD 50,000.



Military rescuing and providing assistance to the flood affected people (source: SWD)

3. ASEAN MEMBER STATES RESPONSE

The AHA Centre

- Established contact and continuous exchanged of information with the Social Welfare Department, Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare.
- Notified the ASEAN-ERAT of the flooding in Lao PDR.

4. ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS

Based on initial assessments , the immediate needs are:

- Foods and drinking water
- Family kits
- Clothes

At this stage, national capacities are fully utilised to deliver identified needs.

5. ACTIONS TAKEN AND RESOURCES MOBILISED

National and Local Government

The government of Lao PDR have mobilized resources and personnel to assist the affected population. Military and police rescue effort are ongoing with priority given to evacuating people to the safer areas. Security is also being maintained in the affected areas and in the evacuation compounds. Medical teams have been mobilized to provide medical services for the communities. Relief items have been deployed to the flood affected population. Assesment is ongoing.

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