Summary on Flood in Central Vietnam October 2010

Torrential rains over the period 1-5 October 2010 have caused severe flooding in Central provinces of Vietnam, worst-affected provinces include Ha Tinh, Quang Binh, Quang Tri, and Thua Thien Hue. Average rainfall was reported from 300 – 800mm. Quang Binh province reported the rainfall in the last few days equivalent to half of the province yearly rainfall of 2,200-2,500mm/yr.

13 deaths (Quang Binh 4, Nghe An 4, Ha Tinh 2, Quang Tri 3), 5 injured, 5 missing and more than 61,000 houses flooded or damaged are the initial damage report. Over-flowing water threatens to break the dam of Ho Ho Hydro Power Plant, which could threat 28,000 households living in the downstream areas. 17/22 communes of Huong Khe district and 9/12 communes of Vu Quang district, Ha Tinh province were seriously flooded. 20,966 houses in Huong Khe, Vu Quang, Duc Tho and Huong Son districts have been flooded or damaged. More than 8,000 houses were submerged under 2 metres of flood water. 34,650 houses in 6 districts of Quang Binh province, in which: Quang Ninh: 15,600, Tuyen Hoa: 8,000; Quang Trach: 4,500; Le Thuy: 4,000; Minh Hoa: 1,900; Bo Trach: 650). 4 districts of Hai Lang, Trieu Phong, Dakrong, and Huong Hoa, Quang Tri province were seriously flooded and isolated. More than 5,500 houses were flooded or damaged (Trieu Phong: 2,000; Hai Lang: 2,000; Cam Lo: 690; etc.) 11/24 communes and wards of Hue City and 15 other communes of Phong Dien, Phu Vang, Huong Tra, and Quang Dien districts of Thua Thien Hue province are seriously flooded.

Evacuation efforts are being made to minimize the risk. The national and provincial government are mobilised different resources/forces to help with the search and rescue, and emergency response.
Figure 1: Flood map of Thua Thien Hue province

Figure 2: Flood map of Quang Binh province
Figure 3: Flood map of Quang Tri province