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# Disaster Risk Management in Lao PDR

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# Country overview



- Landlocked country
- Three geographical regions: Northern, Central and Southern
- Population of est 6,400,000 (2015)
- Area of 236,800 square Km; 70% mountainous areas 30% lowland (Population concentrated & economically active areas)
  - Elevation of meteorological stations: 73- >1000m msl.
- 80% of population depends on the subsistence farming
- MEKONG River Length:1.865 km ( flow through Laos southwards)
- There are 13 major tributaries



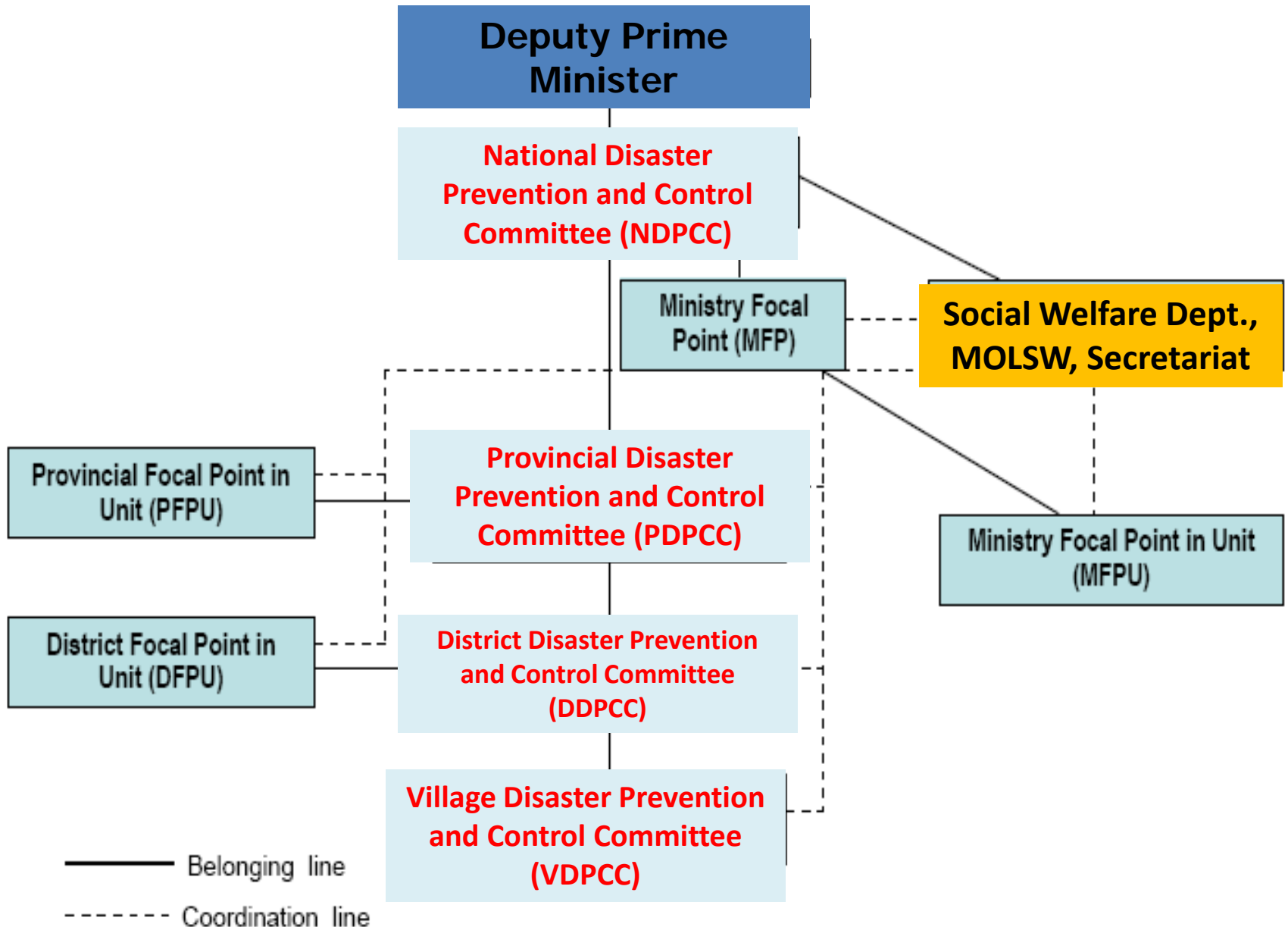


# Disaster Risk Management Policy and Framework

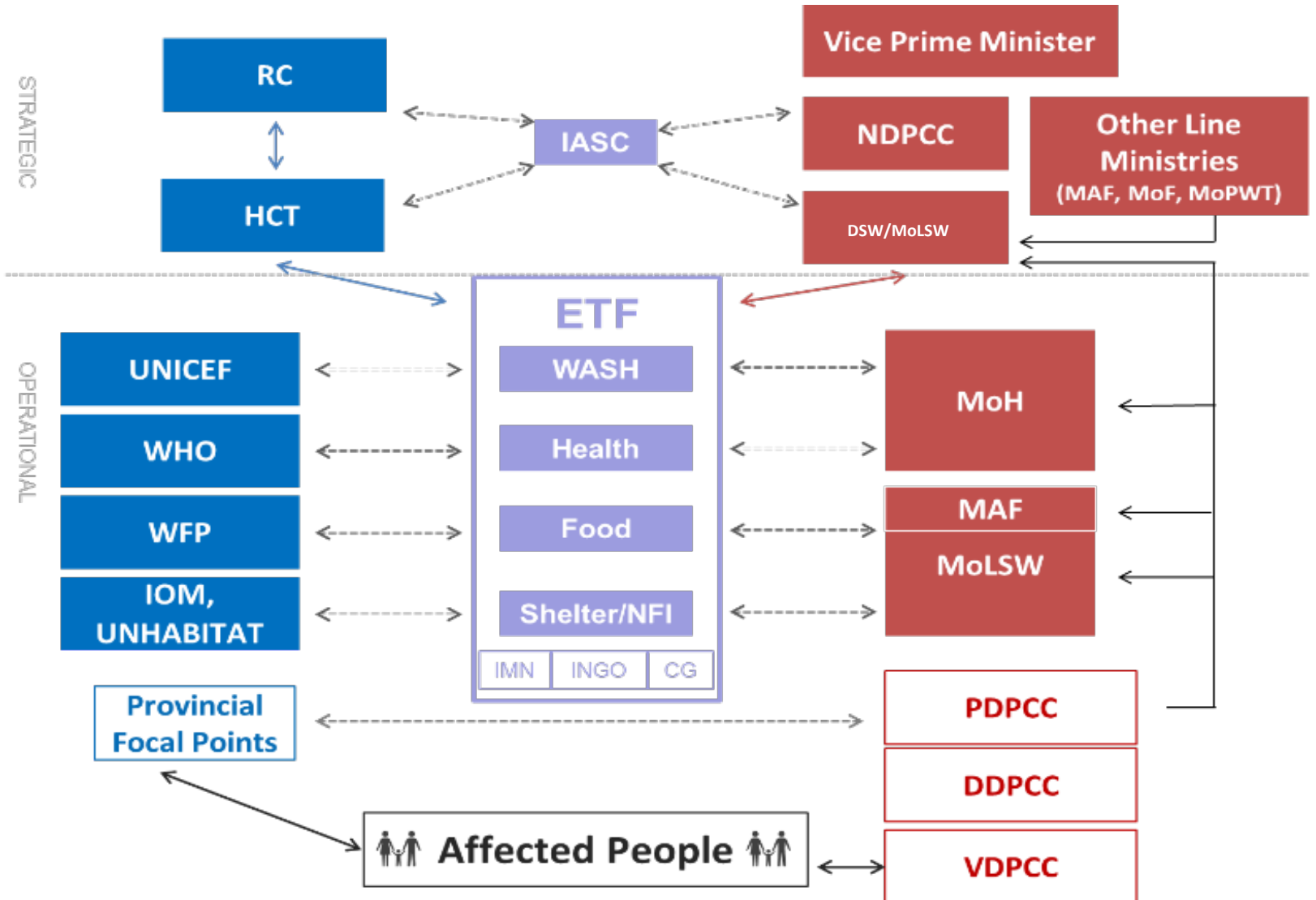
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- Prime Minister Decree on Establishment of National Disaster Prevention and Control Committee No. 75/PM, dated 28 February 2018
- National Disaster Risk Strategic Plan 2003-2020
- Vision 2030 and National Strategy for Social Economic Development 10 years (2016-2025)
- National Social Economic Development Plan 2016-2020

# DPCC Diagram



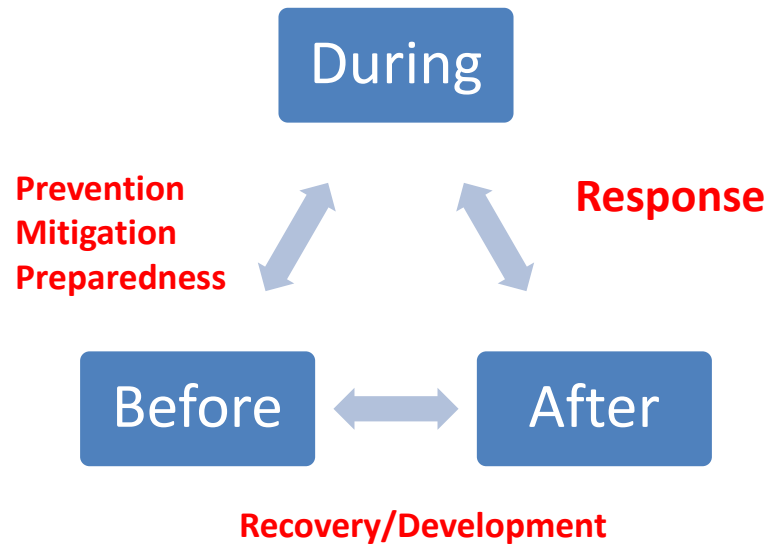
# Institutional Arrangements



# General concept of disaster risk management (DRM)

## Disaster Risk Management –What and Who?

Disaster risk management includes administrative decisions and operational activities that involve:



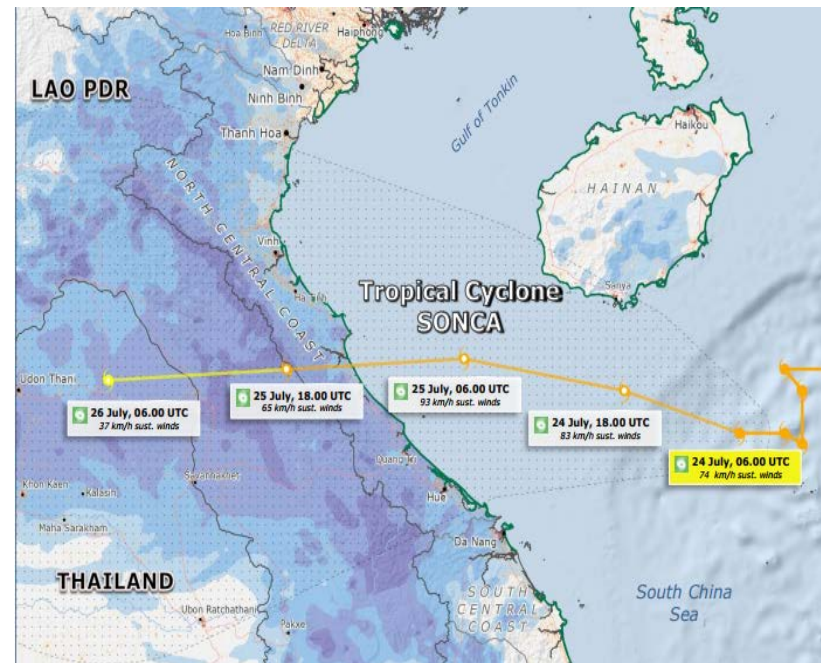
- Non-governmental, community-based organizations and private sector play a vital role in the process
- Communities themselves are first responders

# Typhoon Alert and Warning

Track of Tropical Storm "MARING" (DOKSURI)



Forecast track of Tropical Storm Maring as of September 12, 11 pm. Image courtesy of PAGASA





# Early Warning Dissemination at community level



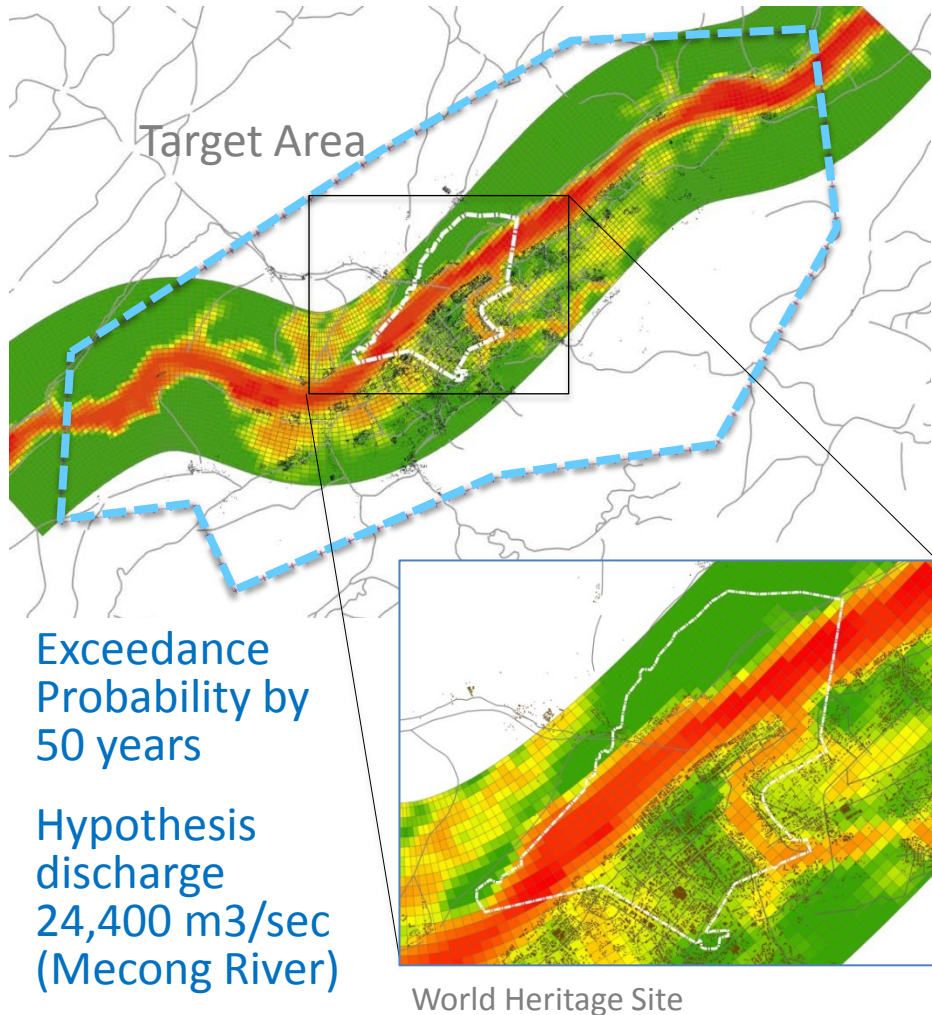
# Lao National EOC



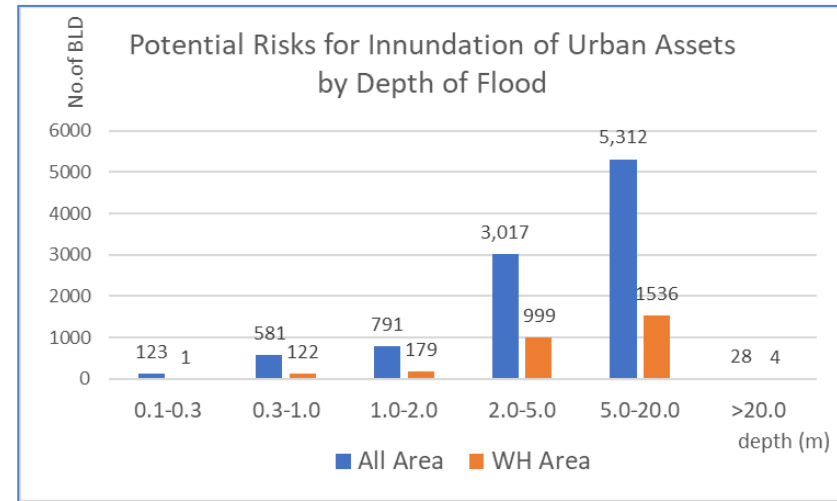
Sharing information through AHA Centre:

- SASOP
- Web EOC

## 1) Flood Probability Analysis



## 2) Urban Assets in Flood Risk



- Total building in inundation risk: 9,646 buildings (85% out of total 11,309 blds.)
- Buildings in the World Heritage site: 2,840 buildings (29 % out of probable inundation buildings)





**Project Title:** Disaster risk reduction by integrating climate change projection into flood and landslide risk assessment (follow up project)

**Sectoral Committee/Main Body:**

ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM)/ACDM Working Group on Prevention & Mitigation (WG P&M)

ASEAN Senior Officials on the Environment (ASOEN)/Working Group on Climate Change (AWGCC)

**Project Area:** All 10 ASEAN countries

**Project Duration:** 1.5+ years (20 months: September 2018 – April 2020)

<p><b>Overall Objective</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support and improve the DRR systems in the region and reduce the uncertainty of climate-related disasters</li> </ul>
<p><b>Objectives</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish a <b>monitoring system of DRR and CCA integration</b> progress in each ASEAN Member States;</li> <li>Demonstrate the integration of climate projections into flood and landslide risk assessment and risk mapping through implementing <b>pilot projects in four selected river basins in two countries</b>;</li> <li>Develop <b>guidelines and training modules</b> for integrating climate projections into flood and landslide risk assessment</li> </ul>
<p><b>Outputs</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Synthesized regional report on effective implementation of DRR and CCA               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Activity 1.1. Gather/Review the submitted Annual Progress Report of the Work Plan for DRR/CCA Integration from each AMS; synthesize Regional Report for WG P&amp;M</li> <li>Activity 1.2 Gather Annual Progress Report from national focal points and seek confirmation of content</li> <li>Activity 1.3 Upload key progress to project website</li> </ul> </li> <li>Flood and landslide risk maps integrating future climate projections               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Activity 2.1 Select pilot project sites and agree on project framework, management structure and implementation plan at the Inception Seminar</li> <li>Activity 2.2 Conduct baseline survey on flood and landslide risk assessment and capacity needs assessment, field survey and on-site training in selected pilot project sites</li> <li>Activity 2.3 Conduct inception training and case visits showcasing best practice for flood and landslide risk management</li> </ul> </li> <li>Guidelines and training modules for integrating climate change risk into flood and landslide risk assessment               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Activity 3.1 Develop guidelines and training modules for flood and landslide risk assessment and risk mapping with incorporation of climate change projection</li> <li>Activity 3.2 Final Seminar to present project findings and discuss follow up project</li> <li>Activity 3.3 Disseminate all project findings/information and upload to project website</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



# Current Disaster and Emergency Response in Lao PDR

# Flood impacts FY 2018

- 18 provinces
- 124 districts
- 2.382 villages
- 126.736 households, 616.145 people, 58 dead, 32 missing, around 7.615 people were evacuated and living in the temporary shelters, and will continue 2-3 years until their new houses were constructed.





*The damage at Vat Ban Hinlad (1), Sanamxay District, Attapeu Province.* Photo credit: Souvanhnikone Phatanh



Damaged school building and equipment at Sanamxay, Attapeu. Photo credit: Save the Children International staff



*Ruins of affected houses in Sanamxay District.* ©UN-HABITAT



Superheros of Laos – Children are staying in a partially damaged building with hazardous structural damages in Savanakhet. Photo credit: Tara I.M., Plan International Australia.

# Social Sector



# Infrastructure Sector



Example of damaged distribution grids



Bridge on R3 (Photo on 6 October 2018)



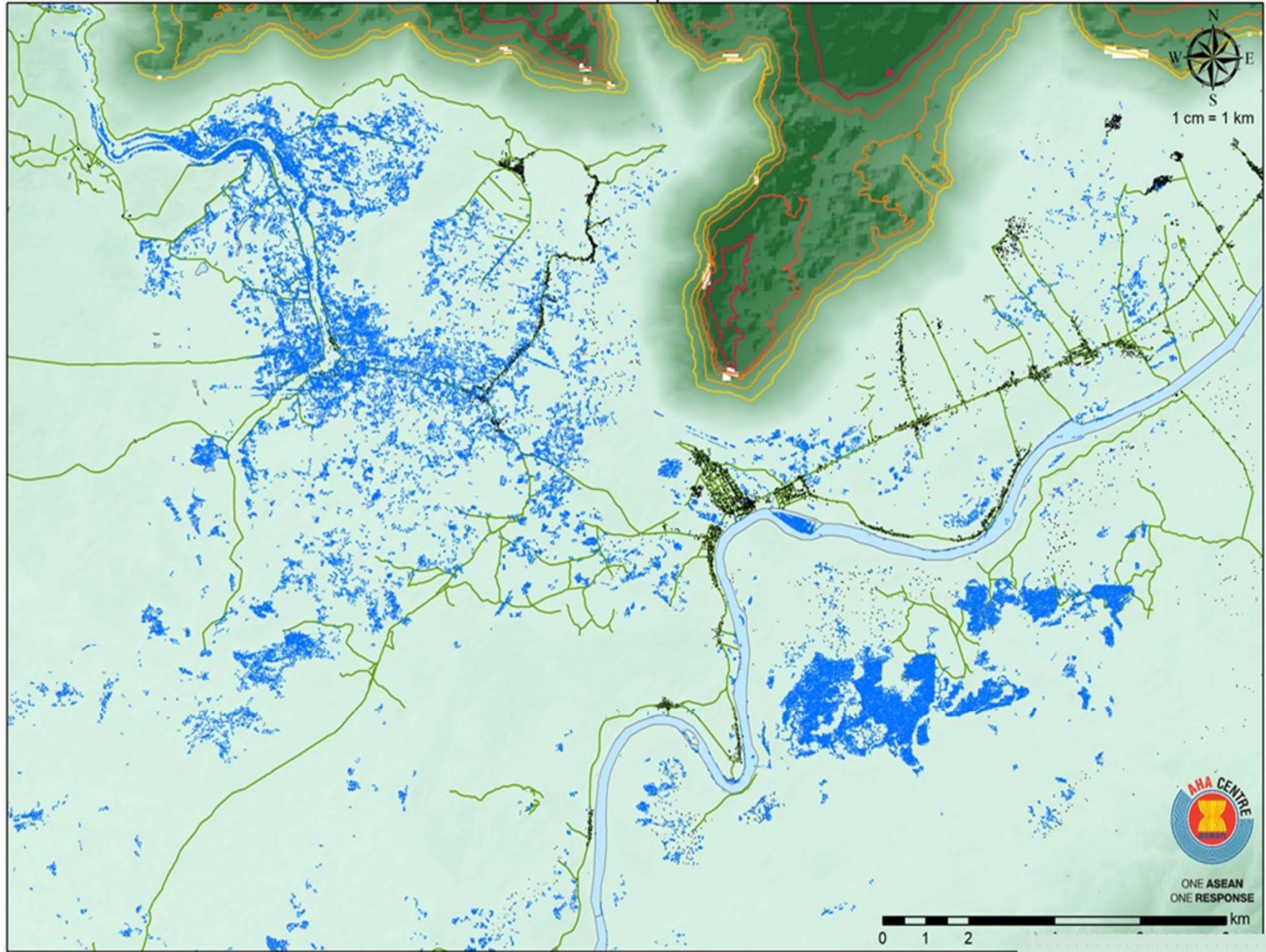
Nam Xeuang Bridge Damaged of approach slab (photo on 5 October 2018)



Damage on mainline distribution network of Nam Papa in Ngoy district of Luang Prabang province

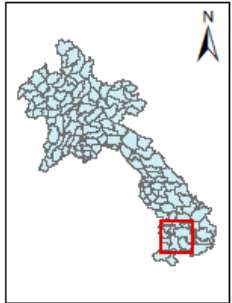


Flood inundation map for 24 Jul 2018





# Pre and Post dam break scenario in Attapeu province (Lao PDR) using Sentinel-1 Satellite Data (25 July 2018)



**Laos dam collapse**  
 Hundreds are missing and Twenty-six people have been confirmed dead, KPL, the state news agency reported on Thursday morning. Officially, nearly 7,000 people have been rendered homeless after flash flooding inundated a half dozen villages in southernmost Attapeu province near the borders with Cambodia and Vietnam. Survivors were left clinging to trees, or stranded on a handful of rooftops peaking above the floodline.  
 Speaking on Wednesday afternoon, the prime minister, Thongloun Sisoulith, confirmed that 131 people were still missing and that there had been 26 reported fatalities so far.  
 The structure that collapsed is reportedly one of three "earth-filled" auxiliary dams supporting the hydropower project, a system of dams, reservoirs and channels along Mekong River tributaries.

<http://time.com/5347992/laos-dam-collapse-missing-rescue-latest/> : Date of access 26/7/2018  
<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/jul/25/laos-dam-collapse-3000-need-rescue-death-toll-rises> : Date of access 26/7/2018

**Legend**

Satellite Image : Sentinel-1  
 Pre - 17 July 2018  
 Post - 25 July 2018

- Cities/Town
- Road
- River
- Inundated area

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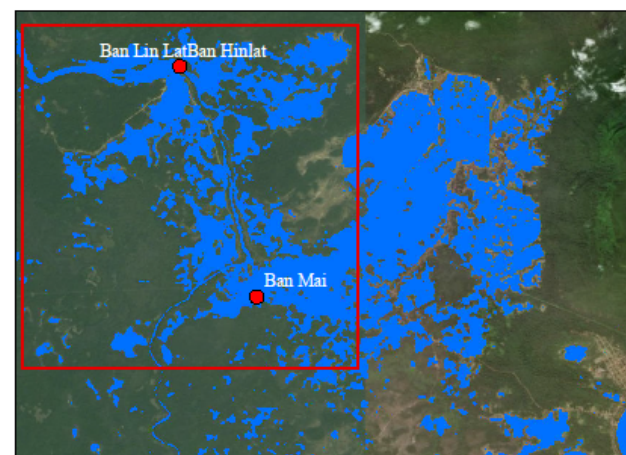
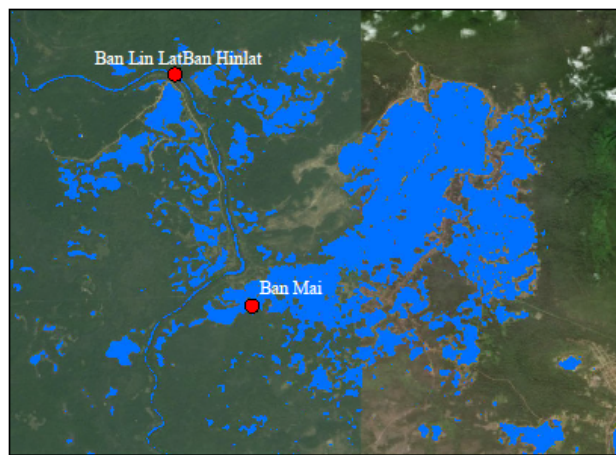
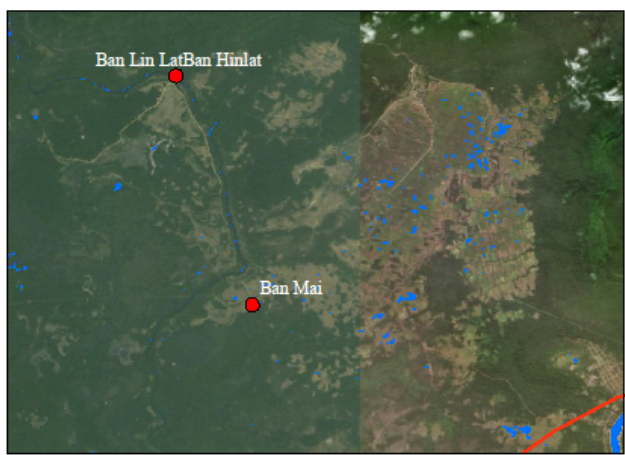
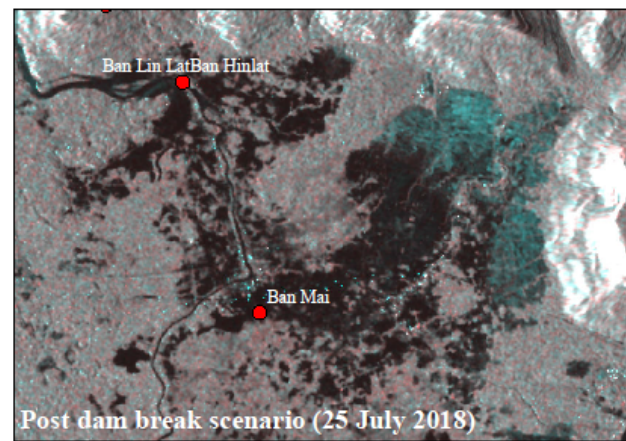
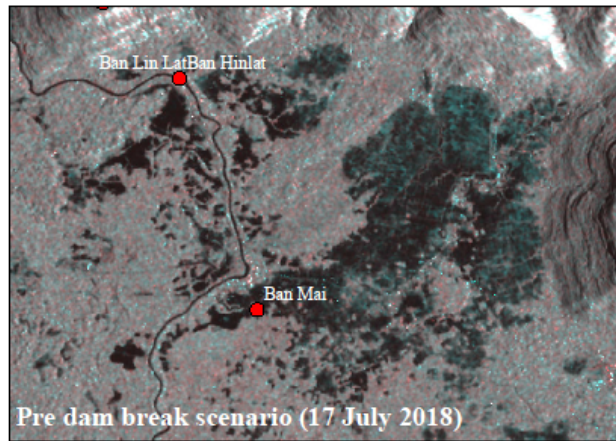
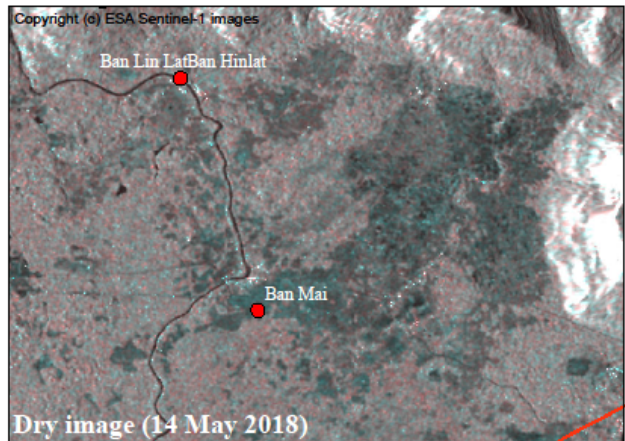
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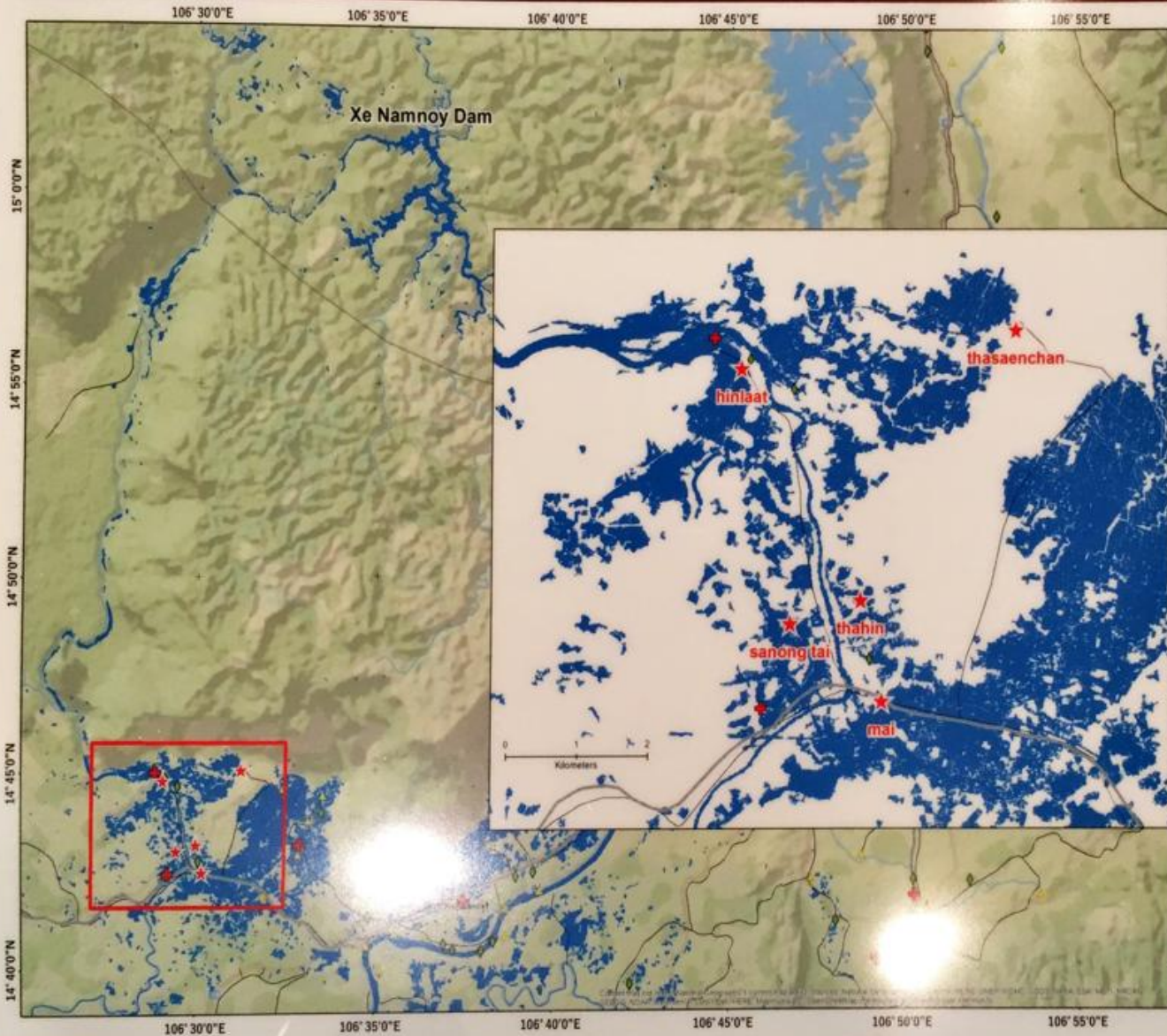
The analysis excluded permanent water bodies including reservoir, tanks and ponds and this reflects only the inundation extent. Please note the surface water extent mapped has not yet been validated in the field.

The depiction and use of boundaries, geographic names and related data shown in these maps are based on the sources they have been drawn from and quoted. These are neither error-free nor do they imply official endorsement or the position of





# Flood Resulting from Xe Namnoy by Xe Pian Dam Collapse in Lao PDR



## Legend

- Surface water on 25 July 2018
- Affected villages
- Village
- Health facilities
- Schools
- Primary road
- Secondary road

## Description:

The map shows the water inundation areas caused by the collapsed dam, and flooded villages downstream the location of the dam (which 5 of them shown in RED have been confirmed by the relevant agency in Laos).

This map depicts the situation as of 25 July 2018 and will be updated whenever the newer data and information become available



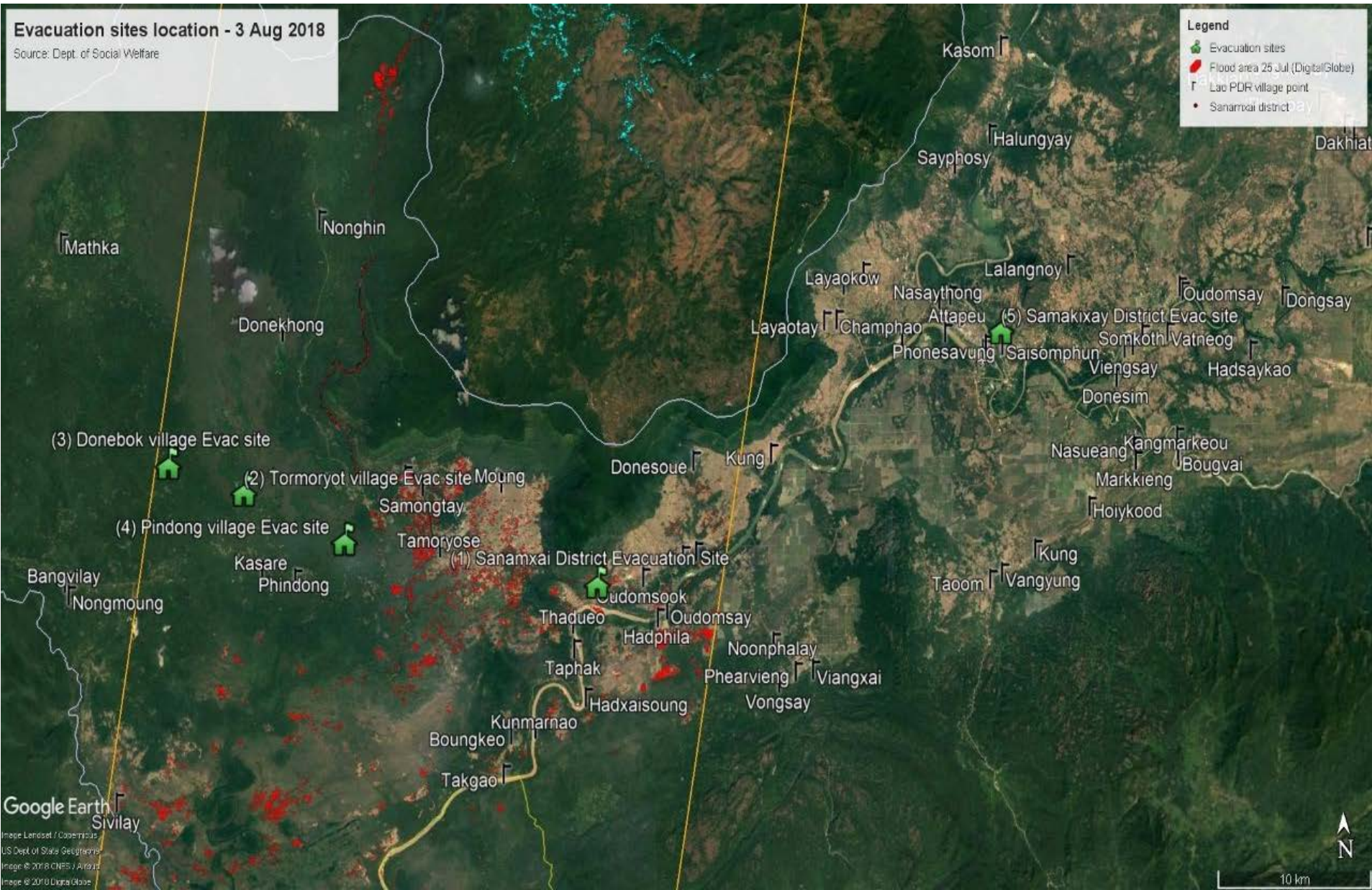
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Source :  
- Satellite data provider : JAXA  
- ALOS-2/PALSAR-2 25 July 2018, 16:23 UTC  
Baseline data :  
- National Risk Profile of Lao PDR, UNDP Laos, 2010

Acknowledgement:  
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# Camp location – Evacuation centre





# Response taken by the Govt and Partners

- Declared National Disaster Emergency (Sanamxay District)
- Ad-hoc Disaster Response Committee created
- President, Government leaders and concerned agencies in Ad-hoc, NDPCC visit and provide assistance to affected family and people



# Response taken by the Govt and Partners

- Social Welfare (Shelter, Warehouse Management, UXO Clearance)





# Response taken by the Govt and Partners

- Ministry of National Defense (SAR, Transportation, Logistic)



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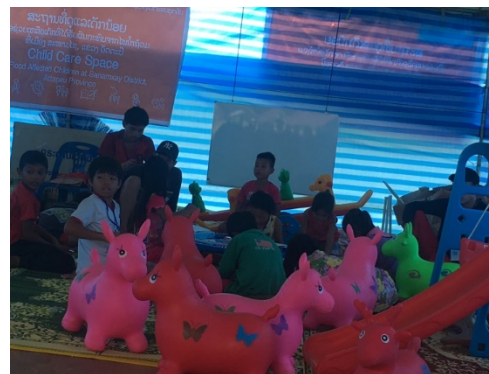
- Health and Lao Red Cross (Latrine, Water, Health)





# Response taken by the Govt and Partners

- Education (Child Friendly Spaces, Learning tools)
- Social Protection



# Some Good Practices

- Quick action and led by the Government and political people
- Disaster Prevention and Control Committee at local and community are the first response and work very energetic - command post established
- Concerned sectors have work very active in the ground and well coordinated each other mainly SAR team from MoD, Medical mobile team, etc...
- Many countries (ASEAN, outside ASEAN and AHA), international organizations, UN agencies, donor agencies, private sector, CSO, individual, etc... give hands and donated
- Affected people are involved and strong participated in emergency response, ex: at emergency shelter

# Conclusion

1. Build essential DRR capacities and actions to institutionalize them.
2. Improve risk and capacity assessment to better target DRR interventions and support rapid analysis and end-to-end early warning.
3. Consolidate fragmented disaster units at province / district levels.
4. Build support for local level risk management by province and national agencies, led by EOC/MLSW.

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(Thank you)**