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SITUATION UPDATE

Effect of TS 11 Son-Tinh, Lao PDR
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1. HIGHLIGHTS

- Due to the monsoon season and heavy rainfall resulting from TS Son-Tinh passing over northern, central and southern Lao PDR between 18-19 July 2018, flooding has occurred in 10 provinces.
- Severe flooding is now occurring in Attapeu Province in view of huge water overflow from Xepien-Xenamnoyu dam, affecting downstream villages with more than 1,000 families have been evacuated.
- Government of Lao PDR has declared 'National Emergency Disaster Zone' in Samanxay District, Attapeu Province, on 24 July 2018.
- AHA Centre received Initial Report/Situation Update No. 1 on the incident from NDMC, Department Social Welfare , Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare, Lao PDR on 24 July 2018.

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS

- Due to the monsoon season and heavy rainfall resulting from TS Son-Tinh passing over northern, central and southern Lao PDR between 18-19 July 2018, flooding has occurred in 10 provinces: Attapeu, Savanhnakhet, Khammouan, Xayabuly, Bolikhamsay, Luang Prabang, Bokeo, Sekong, Xiengkhouang, Oudomxay.
- Severe flooding is now occurring in Attapeu Province in view of huge water overflow from Xepien-Xenamnoyu dam, affecting downstream villages with more than 1,000 families have been evacuated.
- Accordingly, Government of Lao PDR has declared 'National Emergency Disaster Zone' in Samanxay District, Attapeu Province, on 24 July 2018.

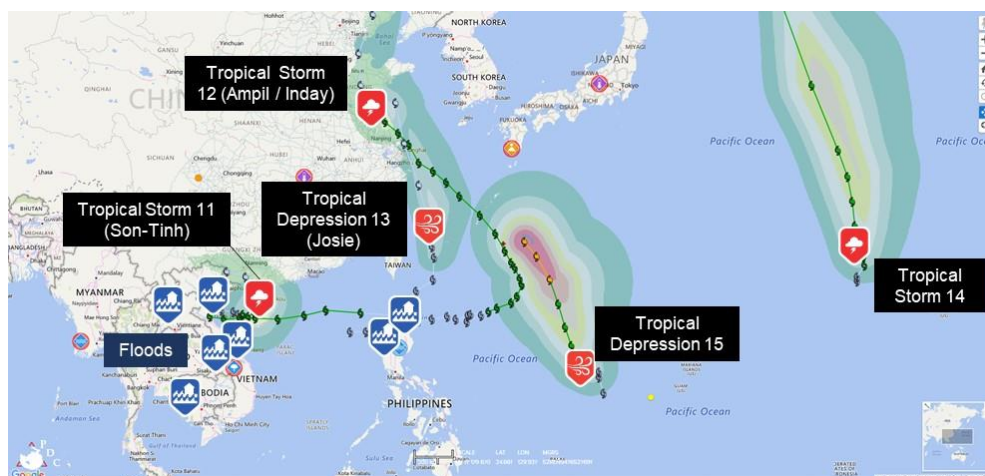
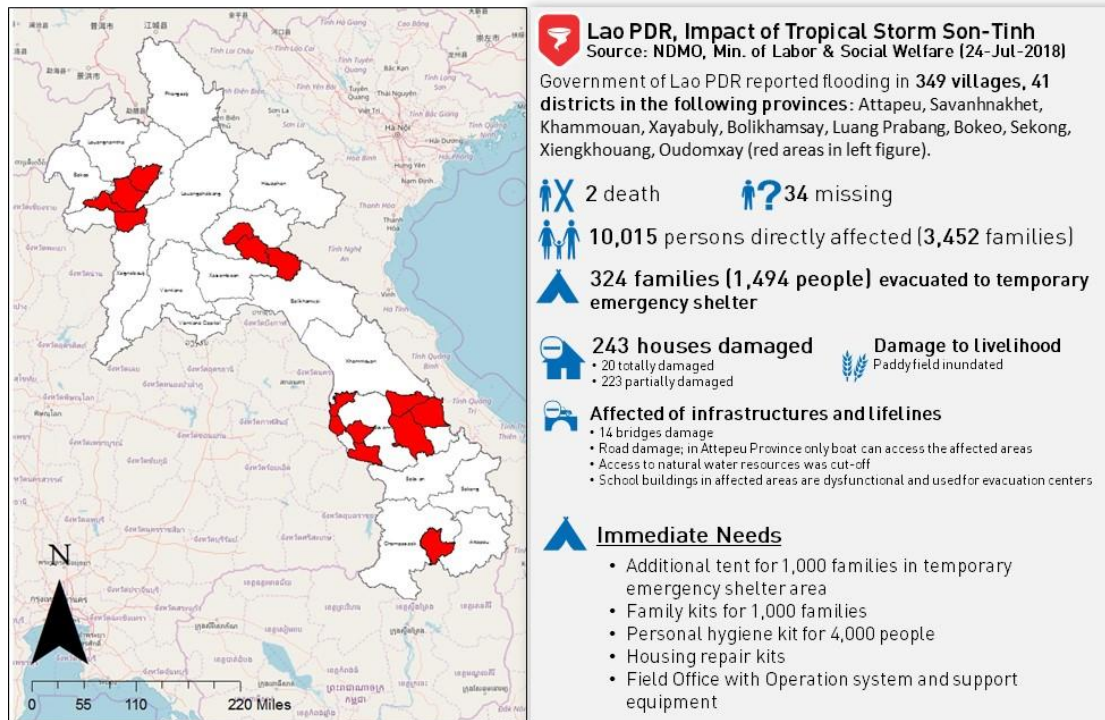


Figure 1 Current Position and Forecast of TS 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15
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3. ASSESSMENT OF DAMAGE AND IMPACT



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4. ACTIONS TAKEN AND RESOURCES MOBILISED

Response by Government of Lao PDR

- Provincial Committee on Disaster Prevention and Control Committee has been activated with military and police assisting evacuation of villagers. Search and Rescue teams have been deployed with helicopters and rescue boats.
- Prime Minister Office has declared Sanamxay District, Attapeu Province (approx. 829 km from Vientiane), as a disaster area.
- Prime Minister and Chair of Disaster Prevention and Control Committee with members visiting Attapeu Province with relief items on 24 July 2018.
- The National Focal Point meeting had taken place on 24 July 2018. The Prime Minister Office issued an official letter on the Assistance for the Victims of the Collapsed Xepien-Xanamoy Hdry-power compound project, dated 24 July 2018. The designated focal point for acceptance of international assistance is Mr. Vilayphong Sisomvang (phone: +856 20 2222 5185)

Response by AHA Centre

- AHA Centre is closely monitoring the situation and has issued regular flash updates on the situation.
- Based on the initial update from Lao PDR and the list of immediate needs, AHA Centre is developing possible response actions to anticipate official request from Lao PDR.
- A teleconference with ACDM Focal Point, DG Prasong Vongkhamchannh, is scheduled on 25 July 2018 at 09:30 to gather more information on the needs for assistance.
- The ASEAN Secretariat has also been updated of the situation.



Response by others

- The UNOCHA office in Lao PDR has offered their assistance to the Government of Lao PDR through its UN Residence Coordinator.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS & PLAN OF ACTIONS

AHA Centre is organising a video-conference (VC) with DG of Department of Social Welfare, Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare, Lao PDR on Wednesday, 25 July 2018, 0930 hrs (UTC+7).

AHA Centre is proposing five possible courses of actions, for discussion tomorrow through VC:

1) Deployment of relief items

Option A: Deploy DELSA stockpile based on the needs of Initial Report/Situation Update No. 1 dated 24 July 2018 from Lao PDR.

Option B: Partial deployment of DELSA stockpile (50%) combined with local procurement and as a back-up procurement from neighbouring countries, especially for the tents and family kits.

The above options will be discussed with Department of Social Welfare through VC on 25 July 2018, 09:30 am.

2) Deployment of AHA Centre's staff

In Country Liaison Team, Ms. Agustina Tnunay of AHA Centre, will travel to Lao PDR on 25 July 2018 with the objective to establish coordination with NDMC, Department of Social Welfare, Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare.

3) Deployment of ASEAN-ERAT

ASEAN-ERAT has been activated for possible deployment to Vientiane and Attepeu Province for initial operation period of one week, with the following composition:

- Two members, comprising specialists on Information Management (1 person) and Rapid Assessment (1 person)
- Potential deployment of UAV can be explored if satellite imagery is not available due to cloud cover, as part of ERAT assessment

4) **Potential deployment of additional experts (e.g. civil/structural engineer, hydrologist/engineer) from the pool of ASEAN-ERAT and/or ASEAN Standby Arrangements.** Due to limited ADMER Fund, the mobilisation of additional experts will have to be covered by the assisting countries.

5) Information management

- Request for maps from MapAction as ERAT Operational Support Group (OSG) while trying to access and look for available pre-disaster satellite imagery
- Request for flood impact analysis from PDC on the situation



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