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Save the Children and World Vision join hands to support 12,889 vulnerable households and about 4,800 school children in the flooded areas in Central Vietnam to help them recover from damage and educational disruption through the European Union’s Emergency Consortium Project.

Hanoi, 15 December 2020 – Save the Children and World Vision join hands to support **12,889** most vulnerable households and about 4,800 school children in the areas affected by severe floods in Quang Binh, Quang Tri and Thua Thien Hue provinces to address the damages caused by floods, the lack of clean and safe water and hygiene, and the disruption of education for children. These **€800.000**-worth of integrated interventions are funded by The European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO) within the framework of its **Vietnam Central Emergency Flooding Response project**.

The joint action between Save the Children and World Vision is implemented during a **four-month** period (November 2020 – February 2021) through an integrated package of interventions, including education kits, household kits and WASH kits at home and school. Our proposed actions aim to provide immediate assistance to those in the most urgent needs, in support of the local government response and in line with the Government request for relief assistance. The action design was based on the results of the joint Damage and Needs Assessment between the government and humanitarian organizations, as well as national and sub-national government agencies' reports.

In details, the collaboration between Save the Children and World Vision consists of (1) Improving access to safe, clean water and hygiene through the provision of water tanks, /water containers, water facilities and treatment chemicals; (2) Supporting affected children to continue education at home and school through the provision of learning kits and school supplies; and (3) Facilitating continuity of daily life through the provision of household kits for affected families. The action design will promote review of existing DRR plans integrated into early action/ early warning to be better prepared for future disasters, and Child and vulnerable adult safeguarding will be mainstreamed in all relevant and appropriate sectoral activities.

“World Vision expresses our deepest empathy towards the families that are experiencing loss, relocation, and difficult living conditions. This series of disasters has deepened the COVID-19 pandemic’s existing impact on the vulnerable. We are committed to acting fast and to working closely with the Vietnam Disaster Management Group, UN agencies, INGOs – including Save the Children, and other concerning stakeholders to relieve the direst needs of affected children and community people,” stated World Vision Vietnam’s National Director Trần Thu Huyền.

Ms. Dragana Strinic, Country Director of Save the Children in Vietnam shared: *“There is no doubt that the series of tropical storms in Central Vietnam have had devastating effect on people’s lives. As children are among the most affected groups in terms of educational disruption and unsafe environment to live in, Save the Children has prioritized our interventions towards the most deprived children to ensure a safe learning environment in which physical safety and psycho-social well-being of the deprived children are secured and supported.”*



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As of 28 October, the extreme weather events had occurred in residential areas housing 7.8 million people, of which **1.5 million** people and children were directly affected¹ and exposed to significant risks of disease, hunger, injury, and death. Many have been separated from their families and children kept away from school, leading to severe protection and safeguarding concerns.

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About European Union:

The European Union and its Member States are the world's leading donor of humanitarian aid. Through its Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations department (ECHO), the European Union helps millions of victims of conflict and disasters every year. With headquarters in Brussels and a global network of field offices, the EU provides assistance to the most vulnerable people on the basis of humanitarian needs.

About Save the Children:

Save the Children started our work in Vietnam in 1990. Since then, we have expanded our programs to include six key program areas: Education, Health and Nutrition, Child Protection, Child Rights Governance, Child Poverty, Disaster Risk Reduction and Emergency Response. We have more than 160 staff with a wide range of technical expertise and program management qualification. In the implementation of our programs, we work in partnership with government agencies, civil society organizations, the private sector, academic and research institutions. Our mission is to inspire breakthroughs in the way the world treats children and to achieve immediate and lasting change in their lives. We believe that every child deserves a future. Around the world, we give children a healthy start in life, the opportunity to learn and protection from harm. We do whatever it takes for children – every day and in times of crisis – transforming their lives and the future we share.

About World Vision:

World Vision is a Christian relief and development humanitarian organization, working to improve the quality of life of people, especially children, who are marginalized and living in poverty. World Vision helps all who are in need regardless of their religion, race, ethnicity, or gender.

World Vision started working in Vietnam in 1988. Since then, World Vision Vietnam has implemented many relief and development programs, partnering with the Vietnamese government, other NGOs, and communities. World Vision's long-term development programs are currently operated in 18 cities and provinces throughout Vietnam.

As of November 2020, World Vision Vietnam pledges its USD 2M worth Response and Early Recovery Program in response to the widespread flooding and landslides caused by the recurrent rains and typhoons in Central Vietnam. This Program aims to address the most urgent needs with life-saving

¹ Source: UN RCO – Vietnam



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assistance and speed up life rebuilding process for 18,764 most vulnerable households in the affected areas of Quang Tri, Quang Nam and Quang Ngai provinces.

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