

MEDIA RELEASE**Monday, 13 October 2025****World Vision Scales Up Emergency Response as Historic Floods Devastate Viet Nam: 50,000 People Targeted for Aid**

HANOI, Viet Nam – In one of the most devastating natural disasters to strike Viet Nam in recent years, flooding and landslides triggered by successive typhoons have claimed hundreds of lives and displaced entire communities. In response, World Vision International in Viet Nam is urgently expanding its emergency operations to support tens of thousands of people left without homes, food, or clean water.

More than 238 people have lost their lives, nearly 400 have been injured, and hundreds of thousands are now without safe shelter, food, or clean water. Damage from successive typhoons has wiped out homes, schools, crops, and livelihoods across 18 provinces. Economic losses have already surpassed USD 1.4 billion, overwhelming local capacities and pushing communities to the brink.

In recognition of the crisis, the Government of Viet Nam issued an official call for international assistance on October 9, through the Disaster Risk Reduction Partnership (DRRP), a clear signal of the urgent need for global support and solidarity.

“This is one of the most complex and far-reaching humanitarian emergencies Viet Nam has faced in recent years,” said Ms. Vu Thi Nga, Operations Director at World Vision International in Viet Nam. “Families are overwhelmed. Entire livelihoods have been swept away. We are committed to standing with them, not just today, but through the long and difficult process of recovery.”

Since early August, three powerful storms, Typhoons Kajiki, Bualoi, and Matmo, have torn through Central and Northern Viet Nam. The relentless rainfall, peaking at 855mm in some regions, has submerged homes, destroyed schools and clinics, and wiped out rice fields and livestock. Eighteen provinces, including Cao Bang, Lang Son, Bac Ninh, Thai Nguyen, Phu Tho, and Ha Tinh, have been affected. Entire villages have been submerged. Fields and livestock destroyed. Schools and health centers damaged beyond repair.

“The flood swept everything away, nothing was left. The water was so high. I live here alone, and I couldn’t even cross over to my children’s house,” said Ms. Tan, one grandmother from Thanh Hoa Province. “I had a small rice field and a fish pond, but all gone, completely washed away. In all these decades, I’ve never seen such a big and devastating flood like this.”

In response, World Vision International in Viet Nam has already reached more than 5,600 people in Thanh Hoa Province with emergency food aid, hygiene kits, disinfection supplies, and urgent communications for protection. Now, World Vision is expanding its response to three more severely affected provinces: Phu Tho, Bac Ninh, and Thai Nguyen.

This expanded operation will run over the next 12 months, with the goal of reaching at least 50,000 people, especially vulnerable children, elderly individuals, and families who have lost everything. Assistance will include food support, safe water and sanitation, emergency shelter rehabilitation, protection for children, livelihood recovery, and cash-based assistance to help families rebuild.

To deliver this response, World Vision International in Viet Nam is appealing for USD 1.5 million in urgent funding from international donors, humanitarian agencies, and global partners. The organization is also working in close coordination with the Government of Viet Nam, UN agencies, and local partners such as the Viet Nam Red Cross and the Viet Nam Fatherland Front to ensure an efficient and coordinated relief effort.

With swift, coordinated support, World Vision believes these communities can recover and rebuild stronger than before.

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Damages of Matmo in Tuyen Quang Province: flooded households and roads, children are being evacuated to a safer place





Inside a boarding school after Matmo Typhoon

Matmo Response



WVIV carried Joint Assessment of Matmo Aftermath in Tuyen Quang Province, October 10th, 2025.



WWIV staff are speaking with a teacher from one of the affected boarding schools, where students' notebooks were soaked by the flood and are now laid out in the schoolyard to dry under the sun.

Bualoi Response by World Vision International in Viet Nam





*Houses, Roads and Crops Damaged when
Bualoi Typhoon swept over central Viet Nam*



A local woman standing in front of a damaged house in Thach Thanh Area Programme, Thanh Hoa Province.



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Kajiki Response in (Thuong Xuan Area Programme) Thanh Hoa



Efforts are underway in Thanh Hoa to ensure the well-being of children, including support with essential groceries such as rice, cooking oil, and fish sauce



WVIV staff visited communities and households in Thuong Xuan Area Programme after Kajiki hit the area and supported them with some essential groceries such as rice, cooking oil, and fish sauce