

CAPACITY STATEMENT

EMERGENCY RELIEF & DISASTER RISK REDUCTION & RESPONSE TO CLIMATE CHANGE



Viet Nam is the 12th most exposed country to natural hazards with floods being the most acute risk (World Risk Report, 2022), and considered one of the countries most affected by the adverse impact of climate change. It is also the 13th country most affected by extreme climate events during the past two decades (Germanwatch, 2021). According to the INFORM report (2021), given its overall risk level of 3.7, Viet Nam is ranked 92 out of 190 countries and territories; the natural hazard exposure is 7.4.

With a coastline stretching 3,440 kilometers combined with a diverse and complex topography, Viet Nam suffers from many different types of natural hazards, both hydro-meteorological (e.g. typhoon, floods, heavy rainfalls, and droughts) and geophysical (e.g. landslides, flash floods) ones. It is estimated that 70% of the population in coastal areas and low-lying deltas in Viet Nam are exposed to the risks of flooding, sea-level rise, coastal erosion, and saline intrusion resulting from climate change (WHO).¹ Variations in the hydro-meteorological cycle are also causing temperature extremes and droughts in all parts of the country.

World Vision Viet Nam works with communities and partners to develop and implement disaster preparedness plans as well as build a strong network of rapid response teams at district, commune and village levels. These teams are the strong front-liners in disaster risk reduction and emergency response.

¹ <https://www.who.int/vietnam/health-topics/disasters>

Priority Focus

Goal: Increased resilience for local communities to cope with disasters and climate change.

Objective: Strengthen local communities' readiness to cope with disasters and climate change by supporting community-based disaster preparedness/disaster risk reduction plans, rapid response teams, and child-focused disaster risk reduction.

Approach: Partnering, capacity building, empowerment, protection, and child-focus. Both in-kind and in cash (cash & voucher transfer) delivery models are applied for emergency relief responses.

Technical Expertise

World Vision Viet Nam's Humanitarian Emergency Affairs and Disaster Risk Reduction (HEA & DRR) Manager has solid expertise in disaster risk management, climate change adaptation, and international humanitarian response standards as well as 25-year experience in relief coordination, including World Vision Viet Nam's responses to Xangsane (2006), Ketsana (2009), Doksuri (2017), and Wutip (2019) typhoons. He is qualified in Cash & Voucher Programming and has been providing technical support to all World Vision Viet Nam's resilience and relief-related projects.

World Vision Viet Nam has a standing National Rapid Response Team (NRRT) comprised of 34 trained relief response staff who are highly competent in the assessment, planning, operation, and monitoring and evaluation of emergency response. The team can be deployed at short notice in emergencies.

In addition, World Vision Viet Nam has experts in various areas of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene; Health & Nutrition; Child Protection; Food Security and Livelihoods; Shelter and Non-Food Items; and Multi-Purpose Cash. All of our experts can provide technical support to the NRRT and ensure that projects are technically sound.

Advantages & Strengthes

Since starting emergency relief in Viet Nam in 1988, World Vision Viet Nam has responded to multiple typhoons, floods, and droughts among other natural hazards in its working areas stretching across the country. Besides **relief** work, World Vision Viet Nam places importance on communities' **preparedness** and has years of experience in building functional rapid response teams and helping communities to be ready before disasters' onset.

Under its Area Programs with a timeline of 10 to 15 years, World Vision Viet Nam has established close and effective **partnerships** with schools, community groups, local authorities and networks which help plan for disasters and map community needs to inform relief efforts.



Technical Models



By preparing **Community-based disaster preparedness/ disaster risk reduction plan**, communities are able to clarify roles and responsibilities before, during, and after a disaster happens. Local people and authorities take part in the planning process and consolidate community efforts to prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters in order to reduce vulnerability and mitigate the damage caused by extreme weather events.



Rapid response teams are enabled to play an essential part in early warning, evacuation, search and rescue, first-aid, emergency relief, and other disaster risk management efforts through regular training and simulations, and the provision of essential equipment.



Child-focused disaster risk reduction gives children and youth the space and modalities to contribute to disaster risk reduction. Disaster risk reduction education is integrated into the school curriculum to help students identify different types of disaster, understand possible risks, and locate safe evacuation places.

Children are also trained in swimming and first-aid, encouraged to set up information booths at school, and empowered to take on initiatives that promote essential self-protection knowledge and skills among their peers.



World Vision Viet Nam pilots **initiatives**, such as applying energy-saving ovens, improving waste management, and digitalizing disaster risk reduction, to support local communities in building resilience as well as response to climate change.

Partnerships

World Vision Viet Nam is a member of the **Natural Disaster Risk Reduction Partnership**, which is co-chaired by the Asian Development Bank and the Ministry of Agriculture & Rural Development with membership of United Nations agencies, donors, and key International Non-Governmental Organizations (INGOs).

World Vision Viet Nam is also part of the instrumental coordination mechanism of the **Disaster Management Group**, which is co-chaired by the United Nations Resident Coordinator Office (UN-RCO) and a rotating INGO Country Director. Under this umbrella, different sub-working groups/sectors are maintained to ensure effective sector/cluster and geography-based coordination of Disaster Management Working Group. During disasters, the group members form a rapid assessment team to identify community needs and provide prompt support in a coordinated manner to maximize reach and avoid duplicated aid.

World Vision Viet Nam previously participated in the **technical task force** that supported the Vietnamese government in rolling out the National Program on Community-Based Disaster Risk Management (Program 1002) on a national scale. This program increased the ownership of local authorities and communities in strengthening community resilience to disasters. In 2021, the Vietnamese government decided to extend this program until 2030 (Decision 553/QD-TTg).

Public-Private Partnerships in disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation is another area that World Vision Viet Nam has been promoting in its recent projects. Small and medium-sized enterprises are engaged and trained in disaster preparedness and risk mitigation. They are then encouraged to roll out such training to their employees and integrate good models and practices into their operations to protect both their businesses and staff from disasters and the impact of climate change.

Grant Experiences

Since 1988, World Vision Viet Nam has received funding from bilateral and multilateral donors, as well as individual and corporate donors worldwide, to carry out relief work and projects which build community preparedness and resilience to natural disasters. Some most recent highlighted projects are described below:

Emergency Relief

1 Emergency Relief Response to Central Viet Nam Flooding (2020)

Budget: 2,191,634 US dollars

Results: The response reached a total of 195,654 people in **Quang Tri, Quang Nam** and **Quang Ngai** Provinces. Various life-saving interventions were carried out to meet the needs of the affected communities, including water, sanitation, hygiene, food aid and nutrition, livelihoods support, cash transfer, non-food items, shelters, and protection kits.

Donors:

Government of Hong Kong's Disaster Relief Fund Advisory Committee - 491,923 US dollars (*Quang Tri and Quang Ngai Provinces*)

Support: food kits, hygiene kits, and household kits to 7,450 families affected by the floods

Australian Humanitarian Partnership (AHP) - 276,288 US dollars (*Thua Thien Hue, Quang Nam, and Quang Tri Provinces*)

Support: improved water supply, sanitation, hygiene and livelihoods for 6,800 families

Aktion Deutschland Hilft (ADH) - 392,077 US dollars (*Quang Tri and Quang Ngai Provinces*)

Support: ensured protection and minimum food consumption of 4,834 affected families

European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO) - 439,988 US dollars (*Quang Binh, Quang Tri and Thua Thien Hue Provinces*)

Support: water containers, filters, water treatment chemicals, school supplies, and household kits for 55,940 individuals

Dutch Relief Alliance (DRA) - 505,679 US dollars (*Quang Nam Province*)

Support: food security and livelihoods; water, sanitation and hygiene; and shelter/ non-food items for the affected communities

New Zealand Embassy in Viet Nam- 13,326 US dollars (*Quang Tri Province*)

Support: food aid, household kits, school supplies, and Chloramine B for 300 most vulnerable families with children

World Vision Singapore - 50,000 US dollars (*Quang Ngai Province*)

Support: food aid, household kits, and learning kits for 5,248 beneficiaries

World Vision Taiwan - 22,353 US dollars (*Quang Nam Province*)

Support: food aid, school supplies, and household kits for 1,680 beneficiaries

2 COVID-19 Response in 3 Countries, Mekong Region Project (2020)

Budget: 464,159 US dollars

Donor: Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA)

Goal: To improve food security and restore livelihoods for 7,000 vulnerable ethnic minority families in 4 mountainous provinces (Yen Bai, Dien Bien, Quang Nam, and Quang Ngai).

3 Emergency Relief to Typhoon Damrey (2018)

Budget: 98,392 US dollars

Donor: United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA)

United Nations Resident Coordinator Office (UNRCO)

Goal: To improve food security for 7,333 people (against the target of 5,000) affected by Typhoon Damrey in Quang Nam and Quang Ngai Provinces. **Result:** Within a two-month timeframe, 105,060 kilograms of rice and 1,751 kits of supplementary food were distributed to 1,751 poor and near-poor families.

4 Emergency Relief Assistance to Binh Thuan (2016)

Budget: 150,000 US dollars

Donor: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Goal: To address the impact of the prolonged El Niño-induced drought. **Result:** 1,477 one-thousand-liter water tanks and 20,000 twenty-liter water bottles were distributed to 1,477 families within two months.

5 Emergency Relief to Typhoon Ketsana (2009-2010)

Budget: 1,449,498 US dollars

Donor: ADH, ECHO, Australian Government's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), Jersey Overseas Aid Commission, QuestNet Foundation, and World Vision offices in 13 countries

Goal: To provide emergency food kits, non-food items (blankets, clothes, cooking utensils, etc.), learning and teaching kits, house and school repair materials, and agricultural input, benefiting over 326,000 typhoon-impacted people in Da Nang City, Quang Tri, Quang Nam, and Quang Ngai Provinces.

Disaster Risk Reduction

1 Dien Bien Ethnic Minorities Resilient to Disasters (2021-2022)

Budget: 449,807 US dollars

Donors: Aktion Deutschland Hilft

Goal: To increase the Dien Bien ethnic minorities' resilience to disasters through promoting the application of climate-smart livelihoods, water solutions, and community-based disaster risk management. The project aims to benefit 25,321 community people.

2 Enhance Resilience for Ethnic Minorities in Luc Yen District (2015-2018)

Budget: 245,182 US dollars

Donor: Aktion Deutschland Hilft

Goal: To increase the resilience of ethnic minorities through awareness raising, community-based disaster risk reduction planning, and an introduction to resilient agricultural production techniques.

3 Hai Phong City Resilient to Climate Change & Disaster Risks (2013-2017)

Budget: 2,089,967 US dollars

Donor: Australian Government's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Goal: To facilitate public-private partnerships to enhance community-based and child-focused disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation. **Result:** The project benefited 62,000 people in three districts vulnerable to natural disasters.

4 Coastal Areas of Thanh Hoa Province Resilient to Natural Disasters (2011-2016)

Budget: 3,277,612 US dollars

Donor: Australian Government's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Goal: To build community and institutional capacity in disaster response and climate change adaptation, and to enhance inter-agency coordination by contributing to the National Program on Community-based Disaster Risk Management and other national policies on disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation.

Result: The project was implemented in nine districts, benefiting over 70,000 people.

5 Forecast-based Early Action (FBEA) in Ham Thuan Bac District (2021- 2022)

Budget: 173,031 US dollars

Donor: European Union, represented by European Commission (ECHO)

Goal: Enhancing inclusive and gender-responsive forecast-based early action for effective disaster preparedness in Viet Nam and at regional level by strengthening awareness, capacity and resilience of local communities and actors, and engaging them in policy dialogue through evidence-based advocacy.

Our Contributions to Child Well-being in 2018-2022

13,009 community members, including children, were trained in disaster risk reduction.

418 communities developed and annually updated their disaster preparedness plans.

295 functional disaster preparedness groups or committees have enhanced capacity through trainings and simulations to effectively conduct risk managing tasks including early warning, evacuation, search and rescue, first-aid, and emergency relief.

3.74M US dollars were utilized for COVID-19 response, including life-saving assistance, community recovery programs, and contributions to Viet Nam's Vaccine Fund. **1,167,849 people**, including **587,681 children**, benefited from the integration of COVID-19 response into Area Programs' activities that addressed child protection-, nutrition-, and livelihood-related challenges caused by the pandemic.



World Vision is a movement of people called to improve the lives of vulnerable children around the world. We believe that a country, and a world, where all children are protected and free from extreme poverty and able to reach their full potential is possible. Since 1988, World Vision Viet Nam has been devoted to the most vulnerable children and communities, helping them overcome poverty. Every year, over 200,000 Vietnamese children benefit from our work in three key areas: Child Participation & Protection, Health & Nutrition, and Sustainable Livelihoods.