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DIPECHO NATIONAL CONSULTATIVE MEETING

22 September 2009,
Sofitel Plaza Hotel, Hanoi

Co-chaired by: European Commission and the Central Committee for Flood and Storm Control

Time	Agenda
08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 09:20	*Moderator: David Verboom, Head of ECHO Regional Support Office* • Opening Remarks, Willy Vandenberghe, European Commission Delegation to Vietnam • Opening Remarks, Mr. Tran Quang Hoai, Standing Office of the Central Committee for Flood and Storm Control • Meeting's orientations by Ms Cécile PICHON
9.20 – 10.30	**A: Overview of DRR strategy and Planning in Vietnam (Government perspective)** • Updates and trends, focusing on SNAP preparation, new Community-Based DRR National Programme implementation, preparation of a DM Law and DRR-CCA linkage **B: Overview of DIPECHO achievements and progresses by DIPECHO partners and other DRR agencies** • Main outputs of ongoing projects, lessons learned and key challenges, gaps and opportunities: JANI • Updates on UN DM Programme and DRR & CCA initiatives (UNDP Programme Coordination Group on Natural Disasters and Emergencies - UN PCG 10) • Updates on other initiatives (OXFAM/AusAid) Questions and answers, discussion
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee Break
10:45 – 11:00	**C: Donor update & overview of Disaster Risk Reduction of European Commission** • Updates & outputs of 5th and 6th DIPECHO Action Plans in Vietnam. Proposed main priorities for the 7th Action Plan • DRR donors updates Questions and answers, discussion
11:00 – 12:30	**How DIPECHO can assist the transfer of experience of CBDRR pilots into the new National Programme** Reference: new National Plan by CCFSC, all CBDRR initiatives • Orientations for the discussions and working groups • Working Group 1: Scenario-building on a CBDRR support programme • Working Group 2: CBDRR mapping (geography, sectors, topics) • Working Group 3: Policy Dialogue, Advocacy and Civil Society Involvement Potentials for a separate Group 4: Urban Risks
12:30 – 13:45	Lunch Break
13:45 – 15:30	**Continuation of session 2** • Plenary: Outlines of initial outputs of Working Groups 1, 2 and 3 • Continuation of Group discussions and interactions between the three Groups • Preparation of reports Potentials for a separate Group 5: DRR & CCA at local level
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee break
15:45 – 17.15	Presentation of conclusions of working groups Discussion Wrap up and closure.

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Meeting's Orientations

- Multi-stakeholder dialogue on current DRR issues
- Identify priority actions for DRR in general, and disaster preparedness focused actions in particular
- Dissemination of lessons learned, from DIPECHO and other partners and agencies, based on:
  - o Latest DRR developments (CBDRR National Plan, DRR/CCA)
  - o Ongoing and planned DRR initiatives (DM Law, SNAP, National Platform)
- Discussions on DIPECHO's proposed orientations in Vietnam for 2010-2011
- Take from your experience to refine priorities, gaps and actions identified
- Improved global DRR and DRR/CCA planning

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- Draft report will be circulated for comments
- Outcomes of meeting, as well as programming missions / process to be included in call for expression of interest
- Estimated timeframe:
  - ➢ Publication of a Call for expression of interest by January 2010
  - ➢ Deadline for application in end February 2010
  - ➢ 15 month projects to start as of May 2010
  - ➢ Implementation within 18 months

DIPECHO National consultative meeting

National Strategy Plan on Natural Disaster management and mitigation in Vietnam until 2020

Hanoi, 22 September 2009

Presented by: Nguyễn Thành Phương

Disaster Management Center
Office of Central Committee for Flood & Storm Control

Content

Action Plan for National Strategy on Natural Disaster Prevention, Response and Mitigation until 2020

Government Program on Capacity building and community based disaster risk management.

Updates on Disaster management legislation development process.

***National Strategy Action Plan on Disaster preparedness and reduction aims at*:**

- Improve the effective coordination and increase the integration and collaboration in implementing the action plan.
- Specify the National Strategy Action Plan and its priority tasks;
- Ensure the integration of planning.
- Focus more effort on non-structural measures.

Priority fields:

- Ensure a close consistence in implementation institution.
- Evaluate and follow up other types of disaster risks;
- Enforce and improve disaster warning system;
- Improve capacity building in disaster risk management;
- Organize training courses to improve community knowledge, especially in disaster striken areas;
- Minimize factors causing disaster risks by sustainable management measures; enforce and build up disaster mitigation works;

A. NON-STRUCTURE MEASURES

1. Complete system of legal documents and policies:

1.1. Develop a Law on disaster prevention, response and mitigation.

1.2. Review, amend and supplement legal documents

1.3. Build up self-financing fund on disaster prevention, response and mitigation

1.4. Have insurance for disaster risk

2. Reinforce and complete the organization structure and mechanism.

3. A program of capacity building on warning and forecasting.

4. A program on raising community awareness.

4.1. Raising community awareness and CBDRM

4.2. Organizing communication and advocacy on disaster via public mass media.

5. A program on reforestation and protect upstream forest

6. Program on improvement of management capacity and technology application.

6.1. Capacity for disaster management agencies.
6.2. Capacity for search and rescues teams.
6.3. Review, supplement norms on works construction.
6.4. Application of advanced technologies in disaster prevention, response and mitigation.
6.5. Complete the information and communication system.
6.6. Improve capacity in disaster response, particularly for vulnerable groups.
6.7. Organize volunteer groups to participate in disaster prevention and mitigation.

7. Review, amend, supplement and make plan.

- ***Make disaster hazard maps***
- ***Review and supplement flood prevention planning for each region***
- ***Review and supplement river and sea dykes system planning***
- ***Review, adjust planning and organize evacuation and relocation***
- ***Review, supplement land use planning***
- ***Program on forest management and sustainable development.***
- ***Review and supplement water resources planning***
- ***Review irrigation planning***
- ***Review, supplement construction planning in frequent disaster striken areas.***

8. International Cooperation

B. STRUCTURE MEASURES

1. Construct works for ship and boat shelters from storm.
2. Program on upgrade river dike system.
3. Build up embankment system, residential cluster and works for river bank slide prevention for Mekong river Delta.
4. Program on sea dykes from Quang Ninh to Quang Nam.
5. Program on sea dykes from Quang Ngai to Kiên Giang.
6. Program on ensuring safety of reservoirs.
7. Construct reservoirs for multi purposes.
8. Repair, build up irrigation system for stable development of people's living in disaster striken areas.
9. Program on inundation prevention in big cities
10. Program on crops and breed and sustainable reforestation.

4.1. Raising community awareness and CBDRM

Objective: Ensure over 70% of commune residents in disaster striken areas (6.000 communes) are raised awareness.

Implementation activities:

- Build up deploying groups for implementing CBDRM activities.
- Make disaster and vulnerability maps in each community group.
- Develop a manual instructing how to deploy community activities on preparedness, reponse and recovery before disaster.
- Collect, update information for disaster and vulnerability maps
- Community make annual plan on disaster prevention, response and mitigation.

- Build up development plan for community including plan for disaster prevention and mitigation.
- Develop simulation system on disaster prevention, response and mitigation in communities.
- Build up disaster early warning and message transferring in communities.
- Develop monitoring and evaluation system of disaster prevention and mitigation in communities.
- Develop training documents on community activities related to disaster prevention and mitigation in communities.
- Organize training courses for community on each specific activity related to community based disaster risk management.
- Organize cultural activities of disaster preparedness and mitigation in communities on plublic holidays and events.
- Construct small scale works for disaster prevention and mitigation in communities

Implementation Plan: 3 periods:

2009 – 2010,

2011 – 2015 and

2016 – 2020.

Total budget for implementing this program: 988.7 billion VND among which:

Government support: 55%

International support: 40%

Contribution from community: 5%

Develop the disaster management legislation.

Objective: Ensure the implementation of disaster prevention,response and mitigation to be consistent and effective. Improve accountability of authorities at all level, of economic organizations, social organizations and every individual in prevention, response and disaster damages recovery.

Action content: Based on issued laws and its related legislation documents.

Action Plan: The draft version will be completed during 4 years from 2009 to 2012, and issued in 2013.

Steering agency: Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development leads the implementation and collaborate with other relevant ministries and oraganizations.

19/5/2009: Workshop on Initiating the process for development of

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Joint practitioner's Voices

DIPECHO South East Asia National Consultative Meeting 22 September 2009 Hanoi

CARE Vietnam

Presented by

Marten Mylius

Disaster Management Coordinator

Basis for the projects – 6th DIPECHO Action Plan South East Asia

Goal: "*to support strategies that enable local communities and institutions to better prepare for, mitigate and respond adequately to natural disasters by enhancing their capacities to cope and respond, thereby increasing resilience and reducing vulnerability*"

- **Focusing on the areas most exposed to frequent natural hazards and with less coping capacities**. Special attention should be given to remote and difficult to access areas.
- **Targeting the most vulnerable communities** and categories of population with the lowest coping capacities, using bottom-up participatory methods and relevant local materials/resources.
- **Fostering appropriate and sustainable preparedness activities** that are co-ordinated with local and national public institutions and that can be easily **replicated** in other parts of the region and beyond.
- **Reinforcing local response capacities by building stocks of emergency and relief items.**

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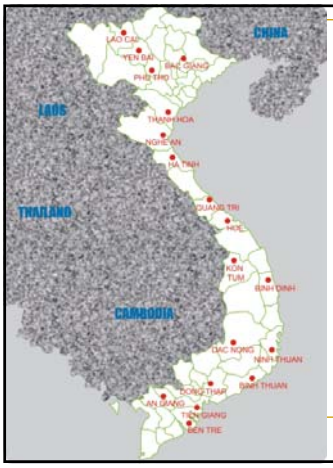
DIPECHO Partners in Vietnam

Partners of DIPECHO (6th Action Plan)	
CARE (+JANI)	546,000
Action Aid (AA)	289,000
Save the Children (SC)	364,00
Netherlands Red Cross/ VNRC	282,00
Development Workshop France (DWF)	300,000
Mekong River Commission (MRC)/ Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre (ADPC)*	118,000
ACTED/CECI	347,00
World Health Organization (WHO)*	100,000
International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)*	61,500
Total	2,407,500

* Regional projects

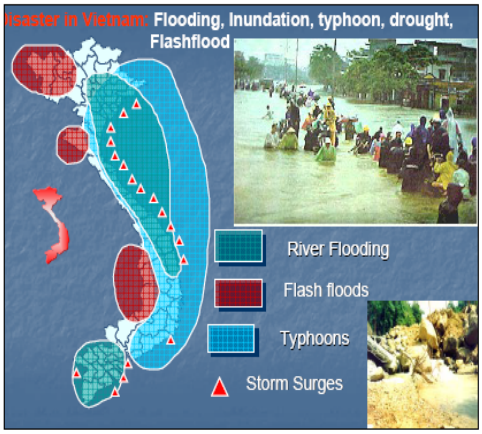
Additional Partners in 5th Action Plan

- World Vision
- UNDP
- Spanish Red Cross
- UNISDR/UNOCHA
- UNESCAP



Areas of implementation (November 2006 – November 2009)

- CARE (*Binh Dinh, Thanh Hoa*)
- DWF (*Thua Thien Hue*)
- Netherlands Red Cross/VNRC (*Quang Tri, Thua Thien Hue, Ninh Thuan, Binh Thuan*)
- SC (*Yen Bai, Thanh Hoa, Tien Giang*)
- CECI/UNDP (*Lao Cai, Kon Tum*)
- WV (*Quang Tri, Thanh Hoa, Yen Bai*)
- UNESCAP/ADPC (*Dong Thap*)
- Mekong River Commission/ADPC (*Tien Giang*)
- WHO (*Quang Ninh, Da Nang, Can Tho*)
- Spanish Red Cross (*Ninh Thuan, Binh Thuan, Quang Tri, Thua Thien Hue*)
- IFRC
- CECI/ACTED (*Yen Bai, Kon Tum*)
- ADPC (*Ben Tre, Tien Giang*)



Prepared by CCFSC

Main achievements on the ground

Disaster Risk Assessment
- Hazard, Vulnerability, Capacity Assessments

Disaster Preparedness and Response
- Local Disaster Response mechanisms strengthened

Disaster Risk Mitigation
- Early warning systems set up
- Building codes improved and promoted
- Community driven mitigation measures implemented

Governance
- Advocacy, training and capacity building on the integration of community based disaster risk management into the socio economic planning process

Education and Awareness raising
- Public awareness raising events
- Integration of DRR into the school curriculum on District level

Regional learning and cooperation
- Regional integration: e.g. Mekong River Commission (Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam)

Vietnamese CBDRM partners – local level

- Women's Union
- Provincial, District and Commune People's Committees
- Department of Agriculture and Rural development
- Department of Planning and Investment
- CCFSC standing offices on all administrative levels
- Department for Culture and Communication
- Department for Construction
- Department for Children's Care and protection
- Department for Water Resources and Meteorology
- Red Cross chapters
- Health Centres

Vietnamese CBDRM partners – national level

- Disaster Management Centre (DMC)
- Natural Disaster Mitigation Partnership (NDM-P)

- semi-governmental platform ceased to exist June 09

- Ministry of Education
- Women's Union

- Partnership in its infancy

Bottlenecks

- Partnerships at National and Provincial level are the key to upscale implementation, dissemination and integration of disaster preparedness activities
- However, many key Government departments only involved on local level
- Weakness: few VNGO work so far on CBDRM, not strategically involved

Finding a joint voice

- DIPECHO partner agencies establish "Joint advocacy network initiative" on national level under 5th Action Plan
- Main rationale: Community based projects had limited influence on decision makers and thus only localised and temporary impact
- Improving the quality through information sharing
- Better use of resources through development of joint material
- Improved visibility and media impact through joint voice

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- Spanish Red Cross (SRC)
- Netherlands Red Cross (NLRC)
- Save the Children Alliance
- Development Workshop France (DWF)
- CARE International in Vietnam (CARE)
- Canadian Centre for International Studies and Cooperation (CECI)
- World Vision in Vietnam (WVV)
- World Health Organisation (WHO)
- OXFAM
- ADRA
- Women's Union
- Action Aid (AA)
- Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC)

The Netherlands Red Cross

actionaid

Save the Children

adpc

World Vision

The three pillars of JANI

Disaster Management practitioners apply more coherent approach	Development plans integrate community based disaster risk management	General public have increased awareness about DRR
1. Online Repository	1. Policy dialogue	1. Journalist training
2. CDBRM framework development	2. Inclusion of DRR into the school curriculum	2. Awareness raising events
3. Joint and tested IEC material	3. Advocacy for the integration of CBDRM into socio-economic planning	

National level JANI perspectives

- Vehicle for closer cooperation with other major stakeholders such as the World Bank, UNDP and JICA
- Identified bottlenecks: problems to make the jointly developed materials relevant beyond the JANI partners – risk of parallel development of frameworks, handbooks, materials etc.
- Opportunity: Institutionalize close cooperation rather than ad hoc discussion

Changing environment

- National Strategy for Natural Disaster Prevention, Response and Mitigation to 2020 (November 2007)
- National Target Program in responding to Climate Change (approved in December 2008) (could be providing critical input for projected CC risks)
- **National Programme for CBDRM (**Adopted on 13 July 2009; Period: 2009-2020 (three phases)
- ISDR is supporting Vietnam as a pilot country for policy development to integrate DRR and CCA. The Prime Minister has instructed MONRE (lead for CCA) to integrate DRR. National platform to be set up (on DRR and CCA) and a roadmap will be prepared

JANI recommendations

- In Socio-economic planning guidelines, there are no guidelines for mainstreaming of DRR, CC, cross cutting issues, etc.
- Therefore: national level advocacy strategy that aims at Ministry of Planning and Investment
- Identify champions and gatekeepers
- (Integration of Risk management into the local development plans (and particularly an approach that involves the population based on the grassroots decree and the now approved CBDRM program): cases that highlight its urgency includes newly built roads that cause localized floods or safe harbors that remain deserted and unused)

Replication, dissemination & mainstreaming

- Identify commonalities across CBDRM projects and shared success stories
- Hold national workshops/seminars/trainings with strategically selected Government staff to rally for the replication

- workshops and reports are not always targeted and often done by individual organizations. Coordinated efforts, identifying common success factors across different projects, in different areas, supported by different organizations would be more useful. Aim for Government officials that can follow through with the recommendations

- Use Government programs aimed at local levels, for example Program 135 on Poverty Reduction for mainstreaming CBDRM/CCA and introduction of tools

Climate Change adaptation

- Disaster Risk Reduction “first line of defense against a changing climate”
- Traditional DRR not sufficient any more – new risks require new tools
- CBDRM program should be used to integrate disaster related climate risks adaptation
- Avoid parallel programs and structures under different ministries

Support trickle down effect – “Views from the frontline”

- gaps

- dissemination of legal documents to all levels
- provincial, district and commune DM staff work only part time and mainly during disaster season (also high staff turnover requires constant training delivery)
- Introducing cost-benefit analysis tool on local level as advocacy approach

CBDRM program

- Gap/need: Knowledge transfer to Government CBDRM program
- No existing standardised national CBDRM guidelines before initiating CBDRM in Vietnam. =>technical aspects, tools
- No concrete models indicated to adopt for the start of the CBDRM program. =>will probably affect implementation phase, skills.
- A gap in mainstreaming cross cutting issues into CBDRM (gender, children, participation, etc).
- Recommendation: JANI coordinates member involvement and supports the kick off and piloting of the program in its 1st phase
- Concern: Focus on South Central and Upper stream Cu Long Delta: Rationale behind the selection? How can other projects in remaining parts of the country already contribute to the CBDRM program (relevance?)

Involvement of private sector

- Chronic shortage of funding for DRR to be countered with private sector funds?
- Decree 52 allows the collection of local contribution – stronger involvement of private sector?
- Companies take on social responsibility (Social contract)

Coordination

- Natural Disaster Mitigation Partnership (NDM-P) ceased to exist after 10years - expected gap in coordination with the Government and other major stakeholders.
- NDMP functions (information sharing, capacity building) to be smoothly transferred and taken over by the Government?=> How can the longevity of the integration be supported?
- Linking JANI closer to the Disaster Management Working Group – e.g. incorporate an advocacy component on behalf of the DMWG

Policy Dialogue

- Vietnam already has an array of legislation relating to disaster risk management - but system has gaps; remains dispersed, and lacks cohesiveness limiting the ability to carry out efficient and effective DRM.
- *National Strategy for Natural Disaster Prevention, Response and Mitigation to 2020* (2007) has identified a process to develop and promulgate a DRM Law by 2012 through the consolidation of existing laws, policies and mechanisms.
- JANI uses momentum to involve civil society into a dialogue at this juncture

Main issues on local level

- Hazard Vulnerability Capacity Assessments
- Mainstream tools that include Climate hazards

(link to the National CC Target Program and its scenario development)

- Early Warning System

- Many systems still lack sustainability – regional learning

- Capacity building and knowledge transfer

(Not simply advocating for specific DRM/CCA training, but looking for opportunity to incorporate CCA/DRM into training and capacity building programs involving key Government officials responsible for planning. **This is an important distinction as many Government staff with DRM or CCA responsibilities may have limited input into development planning.**

- Climate Change Adaptation

(operationalise adaptation; highlight convergence but also differences between DRR and CCA)

- Integrate DRR into school curriculum

- Target National level concurrently and jointly as political will has been expressed – window of opportunity)

- Awareness raising

Expand geographical focus areas and "farewell to the pilots?"

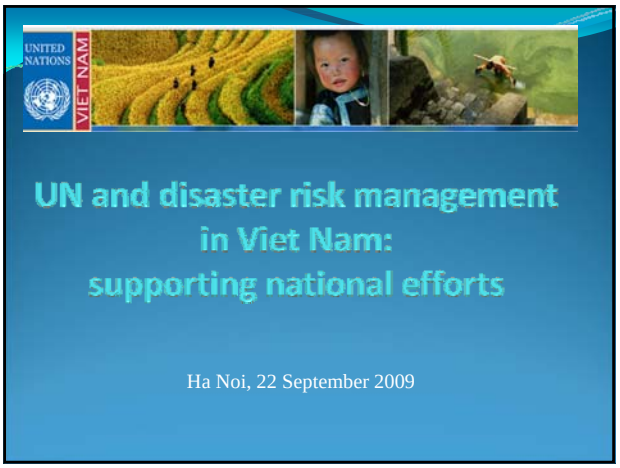
- Include urban areas
- Strengthen program in mountainous ethnic minority areas
- Time bound Pilot initiatives are good to show results on the ground; sustaining such initiatives need time, commitment and resources

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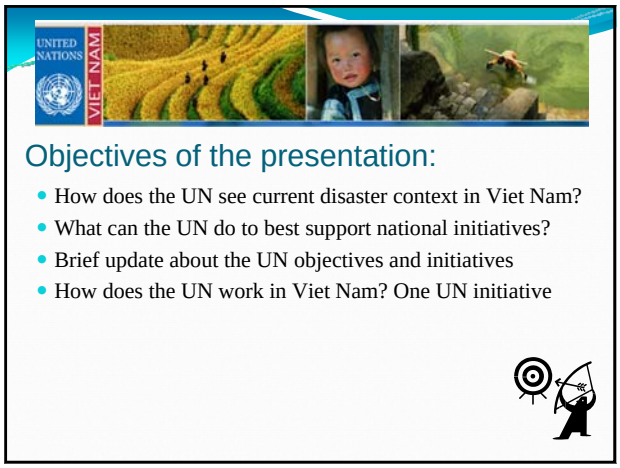
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UN and disaster risk management in Viet Nam: supporting national efforts

Ha Noi, 22 September 2009



Objectives of the presentation:

- How does the UN see current disaster context in Viet Nam?
- What can the UN do to best support national initiatives?
- Brief update about the UN objectives and initiatives
- How does the UN work in Viet Nam? One UN initiative



General Disaster Situation Assessment

- GoV with strong leadership, clear commitment and qualified human resources at central level
- Strategic framework in place: National Strategy to 2020
- Climate change negative impacts pose clear threats
- Active international community: coordination
- Financial resources: today generously available but not forever



UN added value

- Convening role: bridge between GoV, NGO, donors, RC, academic institutions, etc.
- Support national initiatives with:
  - Information about what is happening in other countries
  - Mobilize the “best” experts in the world
  - Sound research and studies that can help decision makers
- Capacity building: focus in national ownership for sustainable impacts
- Long term presence – long term partners



Specific objectives

- Viet Nam is more suitably prepared and ready to efficiently respond to any kind of disaster (including non-water and pandemic)
  - Adequate and modern disaster risk management structures in place.
  - Policies and protocols developed and tested
  - Disaster legislation passed by National Assembly
  - We know what is coming next: Climate change impacts
  - Government officials are sufficiently trained and qualified

National Strategy to 2020 fully implemented with considerations to Climate change



UN activities

- 6 teams, some 25 experts working on:
  - Institutional development and capacity building Suppo
    legislative reform
  - Disaster risk management centres
  - Emergency response guidelines
  - Disaster Management Information Systems
  - Climate change impact in disaster risk reduction in Viet Nam
- Need to learn from grassroot and local level experiences to assist decision makers with useful information for the context of Vietnam



One UN: Viet Nam as pilot country

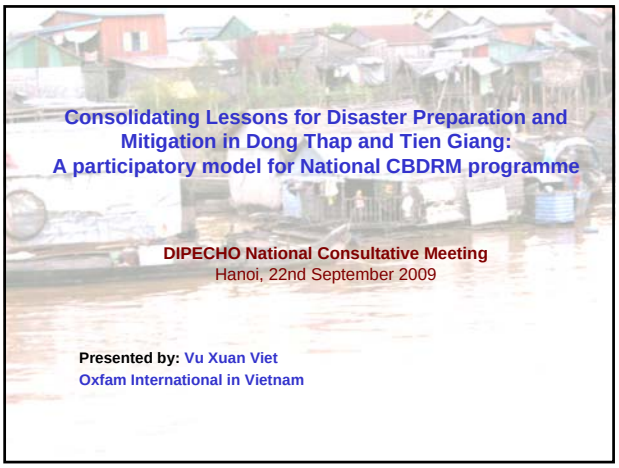
- 8 UN agencies working together (PCG 10)
- Using comparative advantage of each agency
- PCG 10 as one stop shop for GoV, NGOs and donors
- Harmonization of programmes and reduction of transaction costs
- One Plan and Annual Work Plan: delivering as One

"Knowing is not enough; we must apply.
Willing is not enough; we must do".
(Johann Wolfgang von Goethe)

Thanks for your kind attention

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Consolidating Lessons for Disaster Preparation and Mitigation in Dong Thap and Tien Giang: A participatory model for National CBDRM programme

DIPECHO National Consultative Meeting
Hanoi, 22nd September 2009

Presented by: Vu Xuan Viet
Oxfam International in Vietnam

Overview of the VANGOCA projects

- Project title: Consolidating Lessons for Disaster Preparation and Mitigation in Dong Thap and Tien Giang: a participatory model for Vietnam's National CBDRM programme (phase 1: 2006-2010, phase 2: 2009 – 2011)
- Project timing: Oct 2009 – Jun 2011 (21 months)
- Project areas: Tien Giang, Dong Thap
- Project budget: funded by AusAID and Oxfam (phase 1: US$2,439,862; phase 2: US$330,600)
- Project partners: Tien Giang and Dong Thap PCFSCs, Disaster Management Centre (DMC).

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Main Activities (under VANGOCA Advocacy Project)

Component 1: To build a comprehensive package of project tools and manuals including IEC materials, training manuals, early warning systems which are suitable for uptake by the Government in their own CBDRM initiatives;

Component 2: To consolidate lessons learnt and best-practice models through evidenced based activities which can provide policy input for the rollout of the National CBDRM program.

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Main Activities (under VANGOCA Advocacy Project)

Component 3: To replicate Oxfam's CBDRM approaches, knowledge and practices from the VANGOCA project with National CBDRM practitioners in Dong Thap, Tien Giang and other provinces in the Mekong Delta and South Central region of Vietnam

Component 4: To hand-over VANGOCA 1 activities to the National CBDRM program implementation Partner (CFSC) in the province keeping adequate maintenance of the ongoing project activities

Component 5: To continue an effective and timely project management system sharing VANGOCA1 experiences and challenges

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Supporting National CBDRM programme

Area #1: Enhancement of the DRM Officials capacity at all level on the implementation of the CBDRM

1. Improvement and development of the legislation on CBDRM;
2. Improvement of the DRM institution such as establish the provincial DRM Centers, provide DRM tools and equipment to the provincial offices including DRM Centers;
3. Development of a training system on DRM from national to commune level;
4. Development of a country standard training curriculum on DRM, including ToT training curriculum;
5. Conducting of various trainings;
6. Mainstreaming of the training as an annual essential activity of the provincial disaster preparedness plan.

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Supporting National CBDRM programme

Area #2: Raising awareness on DRM to community

1. Establishment of a team on the implementation of CBDRM activities in community (RC volunteers as the core);
2. Development of a guideline on the implementation of the community activities on DRM;
3. Development of a database system on DRM at community;
4. Development of a early warning and dissemination system at community;
5. Development of a drill system on disaster emergency response;

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Supporting National CBDRM programme

Area #2: Raising awareness on DRM to community (cont.)

6. Mainstreaming of the DRM as an academic subject into the national training curriculum for primary and secondary schools;
7. Development of the annual community plan on disaster preparedness;
8. Implementation of a campaign on DRM awareness raising;
9. Establishment of a M&E system at community;
10. Improvement and construction of the small scale disaster prevention structures.

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A short play on Disaster Management is conducted by Women's Union and Farmers' Union in Phu Nhuan commune, Cai Lay district, Tien Giang province

Lessons learnt (from VANGOCA1 Review)

- ✓ Understanding and ownership from local partners at the outset from the design stage through implementation and into post project exit planning.
- ✓ The development of effective grass-root networks of IEC volunteers is significant in strengthening the ownership of local communities and asset development.
- ✓ Effective and locally relevant technical assistance combined with the development of comprehensive training materials and programs are crucial to project success.
- ✓ Multi-stakeholder collaboration across different agencies and GoV levels is essential to ensure an enabling environment for implementing community based approaches, scaling up project initiatives and to help to ensure sustainability.

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Recommendations (from VANGOCA1 Review)

- ➢ Build on the ownership, learning process and network of IEC motivators and other community groups and give more emphasis to their civic role in building participation and accountability.
- ➢ Review the qualitative M&E and look for opportunities to increase the participation of the community in M&E.
- ➢ Develop strategies to promote a more central role for communities in project planning, coordination, implementation and M&E, in development of procedures and activities.
- ➢ Consolidate and disseminate the Project approaches, methods, tools, and materials in a comprehensive guideline to all stakeholders.

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Recommendations (cont.)

- Continue to share experiences and promote the integration of methods into the coming GoV program on CBDRM locally and nationally.
- The exit strategy considers how methods are developed and transition can be promoted to reach the poorest of the poor and increase their participation in the project.
- Support GoV's approved National Strategy for Disaster Management, with plans to introduce CBDRM projects in all communes from end of 2010. This is a good opportunity to advocate a successful DM model and experiences to DPI, DARD and National level MARD/ DMC (e.g. early warning equipment, training manuals, IEC materials), and to promote a positive transition to the GoV's CBDRM program

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Many Thanks



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European Commission – Update on Disaster Risk Reduction Actions

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- **Natural Disaster** Preparedness Programme of ECHO
- Work through EU-NGOs, IOs/UN, Red Cross but with local partners
- DIPECHO in 2009
  - about € 34 mln world-wide
  - € 10 mln for South East Asia
- Focus on preparedness measures incl. demonstrative small-scale mitigation, in particular through CBDRR
- Promotes regional & international DRR agenda & HFA
- Links with other EC instruments and other donors.
- Complements humanitarian aid actions: part of DG ECHO's **humanitarian mandate** to save lives

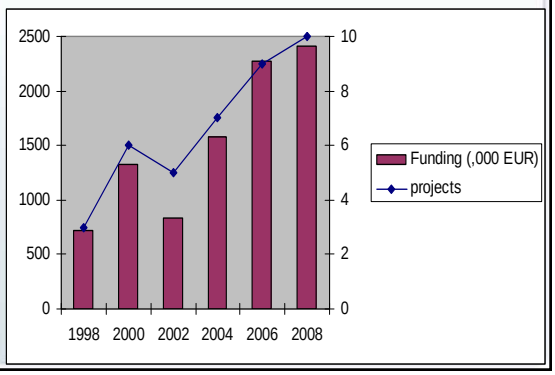
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EU DRR STRATEGY

- Adopted by the European Union in May 2009
- Improved coherence between EC instruments including DIPECHO
- Action Plan being prepared
- Will work through ongoing instruments until 2013:
  - Mid term review of priorities (2009)
  - Country programming and regional thematic lines
  - Increased EC cooperation with ASEAN (incl. on DRR)
  - New global instruments eg Global Climate Change Alliance
- Further steps will be prepared for the next financial period
- EU Member States committed

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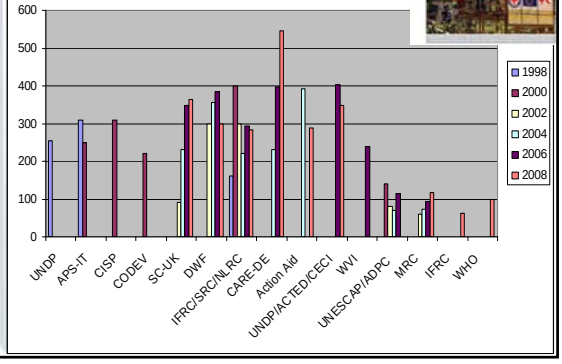
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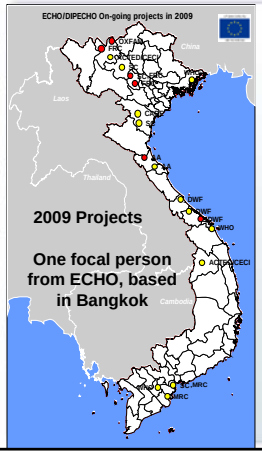
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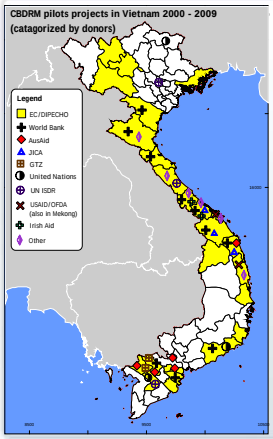
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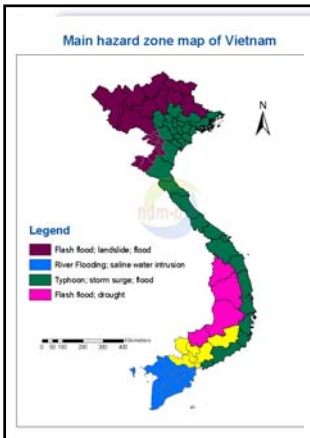
- Continued efforts to avoid gaps in programming
- Orientations identified for 2008-2011 still valid but more focus on scaling up and promotion
- Actions in Vietnam will continue but given capacities and plans, re-assess orientations in the future.
- 26.5% funding since beginning; 24% at present
- +/- Similar % under next plan (?): depending on quality, complementarities of proposals



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- Some pilot cycles or components at local level considered completed or in good process of being so (DIPECHO and others)
- Large number of projects, experience
- Coordination / complementarities between DIPECHO and others?





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Transfer of knowledge & scaling up

- Establish clear guidelines for DRR and CBDRR implementation (by Government, other actors)
- DIPECHO will contribute to the new CBDRR Programme by:
  - Continued promotion of CBDRR at various levels
  - Continuation of CBDRR pilots/modeling at local levels
  - Support the transfer of experience (capacity-building, tools development, standardisation of approaches, IEC materials, campaigns etc.), within Phase I of the programme and in preparation of Phase II
- DRR integration into sectors: consolidate approaches in education, health, agriculture/livelihood and other priority secto
- Possibility for pilots in urban areas if relevant

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Linkages

- Continued support to the preparation & implementation at relevant level:
  - DM Law
  - SNAP
  - National Plaftorm
  - Coordination (incl. for programme implementation)
- Continued dissemination and promotion of experience, good practice collection, research and review of indigenous knowledge (incl. on CCA)
- Consolidate socialisation of national tools at local levels
- Consider provincial models
- Impact assessment, M&E systems

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Proposed Priority actions

- Natural hazards: multi-hazard approaches; all hazards – comprehensive or targeted approach
- Most hazard prone and vulnerable areas, in particular remote areas – continuation of pilots; transfer of experience into National Programme
- Sub-national modeling and pooling of agencies & programmes (DRR and development) – selection of model provinces (?)
- Improved integration of CBDRR into poverty reduction and Programmes (eg 135)
- Innovative measures, new pilots
- Continued and reinforced joint actions or activities

Topic of today's workshop

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DIPECHO National Consultative Meeting in Vietnam

Working Groups
22 September 2009

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Topics

Group 1) Transfer of knowledge into National CBDRR Programme – Scenario (exercise)

Group 2) CBDDR Mapping (geogr., hazards)

Group 3) Policy Dialogue, Advocacy, Civil Society Involvement (incl. JANI role)

Depending on number of participants and time:
Groups 4) Urban Risks
Group 5) Linking DRR and CCA at local leve

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Rationale

- Use experience from Government, implementing agencies (DIPECHO and non DIPECHO), other actors
- Build on lessons from ongoing and past DRR and CBDRR programmes
- Build on JANI, DMWG and other coordination fora
- Take into consideration recent and planned developments (SNAP, DM Bill, DRR & CCA, completed pilots), in particular the newly approved CBDRM National Programme

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Objectives

- Propose a few practical actions for DIPECHO's next Programme
- Propose criteria for selecting areas and target groups
- Identify how DIPECHO can contribute to the CBDRR National programme by transferring experience & knowledge
- Identify how better linkages be established with other initiatives
- Identify complementing actions

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WG Process

Morning session: 1- 1.5 hours

- Introduction by facilitator
- Group Work with first stage output

Afternoon session: 1 hour 45 mn

- Brief summary from morning session
- Continuation of morning session (participants rotate: ½ hour in each of the two other groups)
- Preparation of written outputs
- A few minute verbal reporting in the wrap up session

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Reference: DIPECHO Priority Actions

- **Local Disaster Management components**: EWS, mapping & data computerisation, local capacity building, training
- **Institutional linkages**: advocacy, facilitation of coordination, institutional strengthening
- **Information, education, communication**: public awareness raising
- **Small scale infrastructure and services**
- **Stock building of emergency and relief items at local level**

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Humanitarian Aid in **Vietnam**

Vietnam's capacity to respond to frequent typhoons, inundations, flash floods and landslides has grown rapidly in the past decade. The need for international humanitarian aid had consequently waned, in parallel to increased community-based disaster preparedness measures. Yet, the last few years have seen increasingly erratic trends, accumulation of large scale disasters, putting a high strain on local communities. Where local capacity have been overwhelmed and the need arose, the European Commission, through its department for Humanitarian Aid (ECHO), has prepared to step in with emergency aid to the most vulnerable victims of natural disasters.

EC humanitarian aid since 1994	
In response to natural disasters	€13 million
Disaster preparedness	€9.1 million

Assisting the survivors of typhoons and floods

The European Commission's most recent humanitarian funding decisions have come in response to floods in the wake of tropical storm Kammuri in August 2008 which hit the coastal areas of Vietnam causing heavy rains and floods in the northern and north-central provinces of the country. The commission responded swiftly with the emergency funding of €1 million to ensure the provision of life saving support and early recovery assistance to over 90,000 affected population. The funds are implemented by the French Red Cross, Save the Children UK and Oxfam UK.

In October 2007, in the wake of flooding caused by typhoon Lekima affecting 27 provinces, the European Commission provided emergency relief of €1 million to support five projects through the distribution of food, seeds, basic household items such as kitchen tools and blankets, along with school uniforms and teaching materials to allow affected children to return to school and provide a sense of normalcy. Three projects were of short duration, and two entailed addressing emergency livelihoods.



ECHO helps building community resilience through restoration of livelihood and disaster preparedness in the affected areas
Photo credit: ECHO Bangkok

Reducing the impact of natural disaster (DIPECHO)

Integral to the European Commission's past and present operations in Vietnam are its disaster preparedness projects implemented with DIPECHO funding. Since 1998, DIPECHO funding has amassed to €9.1 million for the support of community-based activities, local capacity building, small scale mitigation actions, early warning systems, education, and public awareness campaigns. Projects have focused on coastal and the Mekong delta areas, with over the last couple of years an extension to remote mountainous regions. New innovative measures are also being piloted to improve risk and vulnerability assessments and health preparedness.

In addition, through DIPECHO the Commission continuously supports the institutionalisation of community-based disaster risk reduction at all levels. This is made possible thanks to the Joint Advocacy Network Initiative (JANI) led by CARE but involving all DIPECHO partners, other disaster risk reduction agencies and the Government. Ten projects are presently being implemented, while a new Action Plan for Disaster Preparedness measures in Vietnam is expected to start in early 2010.

About European Commission humanitarian aid: The Humanitarian Aid department (ECHO) is part of the European Commission, the European Union's executive arm. It comes under direct responsibility of Karel De Gucht, European Commissioner for European Development and Humanitarian Aid. Through ECHO funding, nearly 20 million people are helped each year in more than 90 countries through 200 partners (NGOS, International organisations, the Red Cross and Red Crescent movement, and UN agencies). Web: http://ec.europa.eu/echo

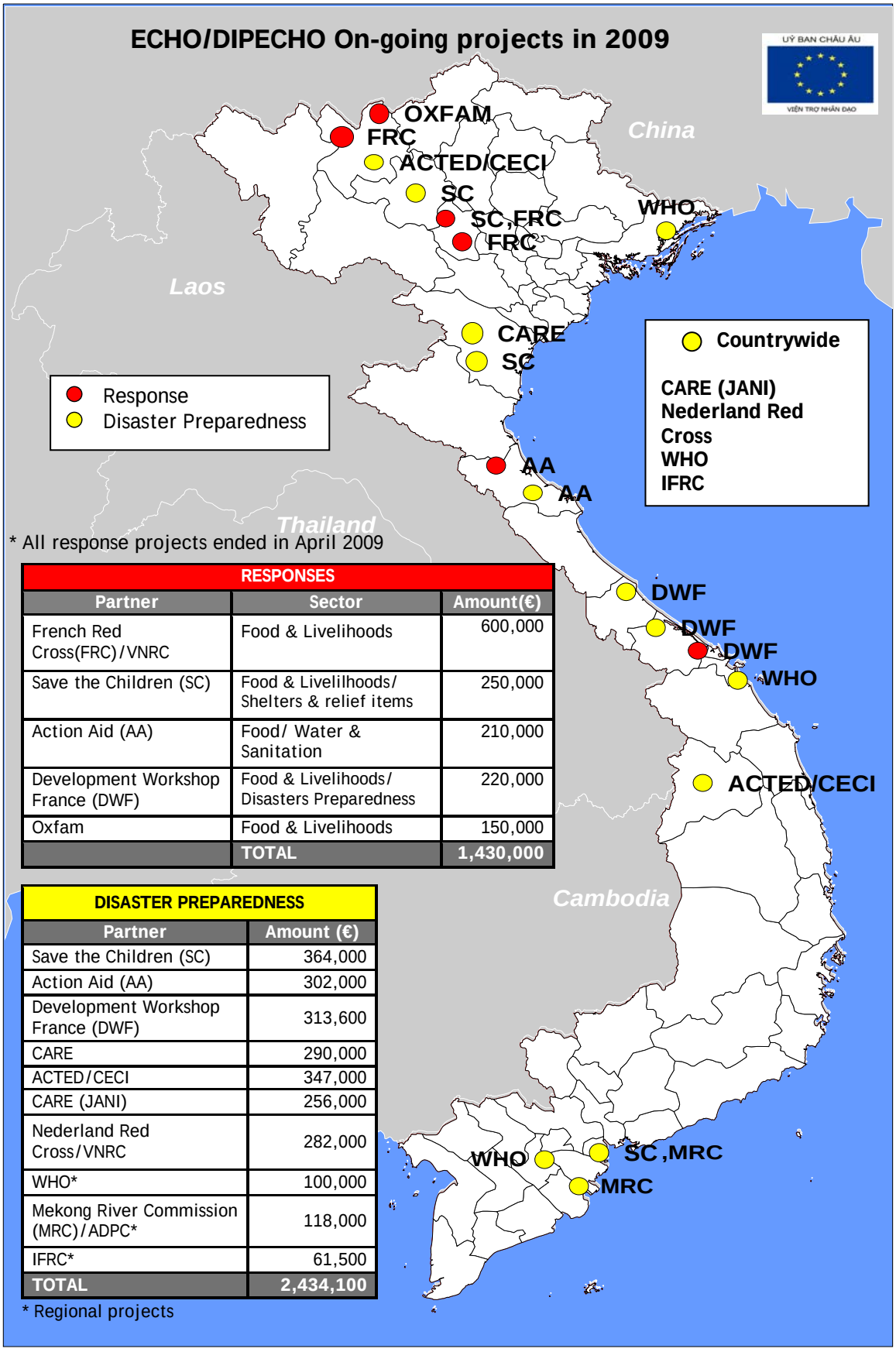
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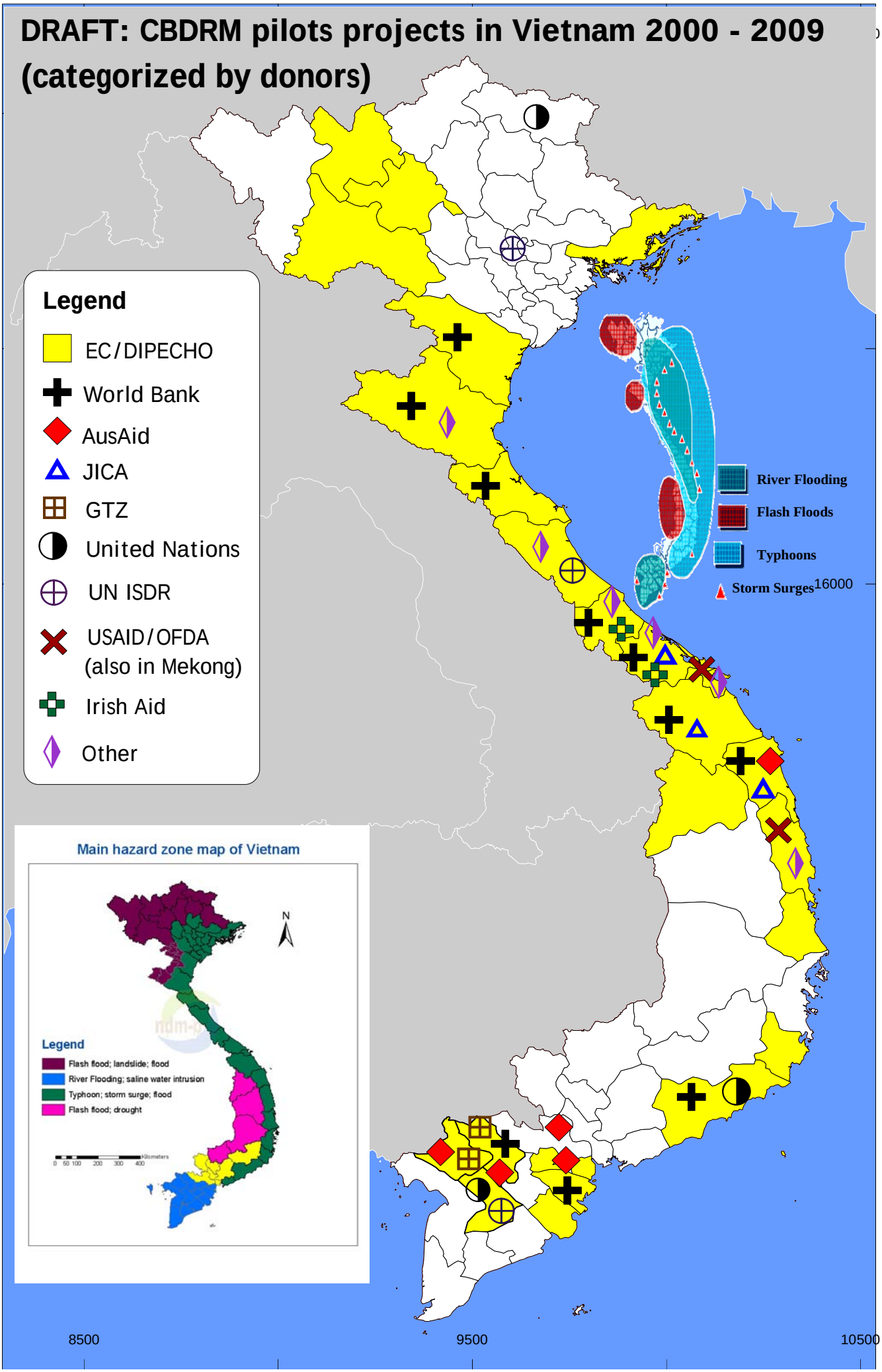
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DRAFT: CBDRM pilots projects in Vietnam 2000 - 2009 (categorized by donors)



Remarks by
Willy Vandenberghe
Delegation of the European Commission to Vietnam,
at
DIPECHO National Consultative Meeting
Hanoi, 22 September 2009

Excellencies,

Ladies and gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure for me to open this consultative meeting and to see the large numbers who have responded to the invitation of the European Commission and the Government of Vietnam.

Today, various representatives of the national and local authorities, donors, non governmental and international agencies, are gathered to discuss Disaster Risk Reduction.

We are particularly glad to be chairing this event jointly with the Central Committee for Storm and Flood Control. This shows the continuous and shared interest to promote the Disaster Risk Reduction agenda and to work together for improving the daily lives of the most vulnerable in Vietnam.

This event contributes to the programming of the Disaster Preparedness Programme of the European Commission Humanitarian Aid department – I am sure most of you all know well this Programme, DIPECHO.

Since the last similar consultative Meeting in November 2007, there were major developments:

- Vietnam has continued its active engagement in Disaster Risk Reduction measures through the preparation of a Disaster Management Law and of a Strategic National Action Plan for Disaster Risk Reduction. The fact that these processes are being undertaken through proactive and participatory mechanisms will allow effective results, to the benefit of the end-users.
- In Vietnam, a large number of community-based disaster risk reduction pilots have been tested over years, through DIPECHO and by other agencies. We now have reached a momentum where some of these pilots are mature and models are ready for promotion.
- The European Commission is particularly impressed by the recent adoption of a National Strategic Plan for Community-Based Disaster Risk Reduction, which shows the success of year of piloting and promoting local level actions. This is a courageous step that needs to be appraised and disseminated in other countries.
- We feel that one element of this success was achieved partly thanks to the pooling of efforts of the DIPECHO partners and other agencies in joint advocacy initiatives. Some of you might know well the “JANI” group. It has not been an easy task but it has obviously borne fruits.
- On our side, the 27 Member States of the European Union approved in May 2009 a common Disaster Risk Reduction Strategy for its assistance to third countries. This will certainly enhance the way the European Union Member States and the European Commission design and implement their programmes, by better integrating natural disaster effects in relevant interventions.

Natural disasters in Vietnam are a yearly concern, in number, scope and effects. The erratic disaster trends which we can witness - some of them due to climate change - are also

worrying. It is becoming urgent to address both Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation as a combined effort to reduce vulnerabilities.

In this context, we are welcoming the Governments' commitments to integrate Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation and we look forward to the upcoming October high level event on this topic.

There are numerous challenges ahead: at local levels, capacities still need to be built. There are also risks of duplicating efforts, given the large number of actions being done or prepared. Fortunately, the new National Programme will provide standardised approaches and guidance in the formalisation of community-based disaster risk reduction models. The upcoming Strategic National Action Plan and the new Disaster Management Law will also help setting in motion an active process which includes financing mechanisms and clarification of tasks.

In Vietnam, numerous governmental and non governmental actors have started implementing climate change adaptation initiatives, including at local level. The European Commission and EU partners are also considering similar measures.

The DIPECHO Programme has been active in Vietnam since 1998 and several projects have now run over a few phases. It is now time to build on this pool of experience and try to promote models, as per the National CBDRR Programme's priorities and timeline but also not forgetting the most remote and vulnerable areas.

I would like to thank all the DIPECHO partners for their very good work all these years, but also the CCFSC and the Government in general for their continued support including in coordination and coherence building. I know that the coordination mechanisms and open discussions are taking place on a regular basis and that a lot of work is done in various working groups and provincial meetings. The take over of the NDM-P (*nb – Natural Disaster Management Partnership*) tasks by the CCFSC is a positive effort that needs to be sustained.

The nature of DIPECHO is such that it will remain focused on piloting and promotion aspects. While there will be scope for innovative pilot measures at local level, we would like the next cycle to go a step further and to look at transfer of experience into the new National CBDRR Programme, while accompanying the development and implementation of the Strategic National Action Plan on DRR with sectoral expertise.

Since 1998, DIPECHO has provided some 8.4 million euros through 40 actions in the country. DIPECHO will continue supporting Vietnam in its commitments and progresses to implement DRR integrated approaches. At the same time, those who have taken part in DIPECHO actions know well that solutions lie in a much wider environment than the Programme itself. It is the task of all – people of Vietnam through the Government, local authorities and community members in the first place, but also the international community, to be continuously involved in the DRR agenda.

I wish you fruitful work and discussions today. The contributions and outcomes of today's meeting will be compiled and disseminated. They will serve for further work and improved programming, ideally not only for DIPECHO but also for other actors.

The opening speech of Mr. Tran Quang Hoai
Deputy Chief of Standing Office of Central Committee for Flood and Storm Control
at the National Consultative Meeting
under the Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Program of European Commission's Humanitarian Aid Department (DIPECHO)

Distinguished representatives of ministries, donors, agencies, international organizations and guests!
On behalf of the Office of Central Steering Committee for Flood and Storm Control, I would like to warmly welcome you to attend the "National consultative meeting under the Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Program of European Commission's Humanitarian Aid Department.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In the recent years, the Vietnamese Government has been very much interested in natural disaster prevention and mitigation, which is especially shown through the issuance of the national strategy on natural disaster prevention, response and mitigation in November 2007. To implement this strategy, the Central Committee for Flood and Storm Control has been submitting to the Prime Minister the National Action Plan to implement the strategy. Vietnamese Government has been aware that one of the important measures to mitigate natural disaster damages is enhancing the measures for advocacy, education, awareness raising and capacity to deal with disasters of each individual and community. Including basic knowledge on natural disaster prevention and mitigation into the school curriculum, implementing practices in schools to make students understand and be able to respond to natural disaster incidents. In July 2009, the program "Awareness raising and Community-based Disaster Risk Management" has been approved by the Government. This is also an important item mentioned in the national strategy for natural disaster prevention, response and mitigation until 2020. The program will be implemented with resources from the Government, donors and community contributions.

Under the cooperation framework between the Office of Central Committee for Flood and Storm Control and the Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Program of European Commission's Humanitarian Aid Department, the national consultative meeting which is held every two years is to exchange and discuss the priorities of Vietnam in natural disaster mitigation, as well as the priorities of the Disaster Mitigation Program of European Commission's Humanitarian Aid Department to develop the 7th action plan for DIPECHO in the region.

I highly appreciate DIPECHO's commitment to continued interest in funding for natural disaster management and reduction in Vietnam. The consultative meeting today will discuss how DIPECHO can support by transferring experiences in community-based disaster risk management based on pilot activities that DIPECHO's partners have been conducting to support Vietnam in implementation of natural disaster management programs and projects.

Ladies and Gentlemen!

On this occasion, on behalf of the Office of Central Steering Committee for Flood and Storm Control, I would like to express our sincere thanks to donors, representatives from ministries, local and international organizations for your efforts in researching, cooperating and acting in Vietnam natural disaster prevention, response and mitigation in general and in particular to European Commission for having invested and deeply concern in supporting Vietnam in this field.

Once again I would like to thank all of you for your interest and participation to the meeting today. I wish to have a great successful meeting.

Thank you and wish you all healthy. /.