



22 July 2011

Dear Mr. Pham,

I am pleased to inform you that we have approved USD55,000 to support coordinated assessment and response to the typhoon Haima in Lao PDR. In accordance with the TRAC 1.1.3 guidelines, please note that these funds should be utilized to support coordination efforts, needs assessments and initiating early recovery frameworks. Funding will be made available from the Response to Sudden Crisis category (II) of the TRAC 1.1.3 (Atlas fund code: 04120; donor code: 00012).

We have established an authorized spending limit (ASL) in the Atlas to facilitate immediate response. Please ensure that electronic copies of the signed project document, as well as quarterly progress reports are uploaded into the Atlas.

Kindly note that the project must be completed within 12 months of its approval date. If the project cannot be closed within this period of time, a request for extension, together with a justification, should be submitted at least three months in advance of the expiration date.

Please do not hesitate to contact your BCPR regional team ([bcpr.asia@undp.org](mailto:bcpr.asia@undp.org)) for any additional support you might require. We look forward to working with you and your team in supporting your office on crisis prevention and recovery.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jordan Ryan', is written over a horizontal line.

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## Government of Lao PDR

### United Nations Development Programme

# **SUPPORT TO COORDINATED ASSESSMENT AND RESPONSE TO TYPHOON HAIMA IN LAO PDR**

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According to the National Disaster Management Office, as of 5 July, 10 people were reported dead, 4 children were missing, more than 60,000 people affected, 383 houses affected including those under water, 12 bridges and 110 roads were damaged. As a preliminary report, UXO were found in the flooded areas and there are risks of exposure to UXO threats even in the lands previously cleared.

The project will enable UNDP to contribute technical support to the planned joint needs assessment from 25 July to 5 August, and support the UN Resident Coordinator and its office to provide coordination to the joint assessment and coordination of response activities after the Joint Assessment.

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Country: Lao PDR

**UNDAF Outcome(s)/Indicator(s):** By 2011, the livelihoods of poor, vulnerable and food insecure populations are enhanced through sustainable development

**Expected Outcome(s)/Indicator (s):** Enhanced ownership and capacity for pro-poor planning and implementation, harmonized aid coordination and disaster management

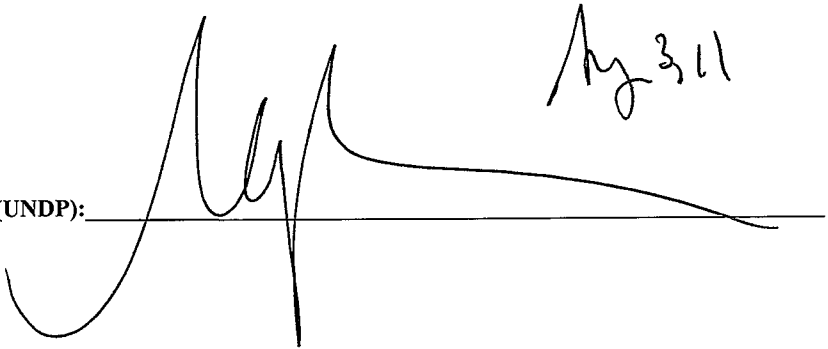
**Expected Output(s)/Annual Targets:** Effective Coordination of the UN System and International Community Provided to Support the Lao Government's Efforts for Recovery

**Implementing partner:** UNDP  
*(designated institution/ executing entity)*

**Responsible parties:** UNDP  
*(implementing entities)*

<b>Budget</b>	
General Management Support Fee	_____
Total budget:	US\$ 55,000
Allocated resources:	_____
• Government	_____
• Regular	_____
• Other:	
○ TRAC 3	US\$ 55,000
○ Donor	
○ Donor	
• In kind contributions	_____
Unfunded budget:	_____

Programme Period: 2011
Programme Component: Support to Coordinated Assessment and response to Typhoon Haima in Lao PDR
Project ID:
Project Duration: July 2011 – July 2012
Management Arrangement: DIM

Agreed by (UNDP):  Ag 3/11

## **1 Situation Analysis:**

From 24 to 26 June 2011, Typhoon Haima passed through the northern and central provinces of Lao PDR including Houaphan, Xiangkhouang, Xayabury, Vientiane, Bolikhamxay and Khammouane provinces. It brought strong wind with wind speed of 10 km per hour and torrential rains, which caused heavy and extensive floods. In the morning of 26 June 2011, floods were reported in 5 provinces: Xayabury, Vientiane, Xiangkhouang, Bolikhamxay and Khammouane. Bolikhamxay province was the worst hit, and as of 5 July 2011, the water level has not yet decreased in the province. Information is still sparse for Xiangkhouang because of limited accessibility to some of the locations.

According to the National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) information as of 5 July, 10 people were reported dead<sup>1</sup>, 4 children were missing, more than 60,000 people affected (according to the MoFA), 383 houses affected including those under water, 12 bridges and 110 roads were damaged. As a preliminary report, UXO was found in the flooded areas and there are risks of exposure to UXO threats even in the lands previously cleared.

As a primary response, the Lao Government has led an initial assessment for relief and made emergency relief efforts to alleviate the impact of the floods. At the national level, the NDMO has closely coordinated with Provincial Disaster Management Committee (PDMC) and relevant line agencies. Ministry of Defense deployed 4 rescue boats to help evacuation the victims (2 boats to Xayabury province and another 2 boats were sent to Bolikhamxay province). A preliminary assessment was carried out in 4 affected provinces by the teams from Ministry of Health and Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry. Based on the assessment reports, the Government allocated: 100 million kips to Xayabury, Bolikhamxay, Vientiane and Xiangkhouang provinces. The National Disaster Management Committee was convened on Tuesday 5 July to assess the situation based on the assessment.

A special meeting of the Inter Agency Standing Committee (IASC) was called on 4 July to get an official update from the NDMO and to assess the needs of support. Based on the update from the NDMO, the Chair of the IASC, Director General of the NDMO, indicated interests of the Lao Government to request support from the International Community for a joint assessment focusing on recovery. Three clusters, Health, Food Security/Nutrition and WASH were activated at the IASC. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs issued a Note Verbal to the UNRC (attached) to request support from the UN system in participating in the Government-led needs assessment. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Planning and Investment have called for a meeting on 18 July to finalize the planned assessment mission covering four provinces, Xayabury, Vientiane, Xiangkhouang, Bolikhamxay, from 25 July to 5 August. The needs assessment will be lead by the Ministry of Planning and Investment with technical coordination of the NDMO. The Government indicated their interests in the area of Infrastructure, Agriculture, Health, Education and Macroeconomics as the assessment focuses.

## **2 Strategy:**

The project will enable UNDP to contribute technical support to the planned joint needs assessment from 25 July to 5 August, and support the UN Resident Coordinator and its office to provide coordination to the joint assessment and response activities after the joint assessment.

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<sup>1</sup> The NDMO updated that 18 people were dead as of 18 July.

Expected key results from the project are following:

- A joint needs assessments mission for (early) recovery with the UNORC's coordination and UNDP's technical contribution
- A joint assessment report drafted in support with the UN agencies and the World Bank coordinated by the UNORC
- Facilitating the application of information management system (Disaster Loss Database) in the NDMO needs assessment
- Supporting the government of Lao PDR for recovery and rehabilitation resource mobilization.
- Strengthen IASC mechanism

### **3 Management Arrangements:**

The project would be implemented by UNDP Country Office under DIM modality. The project will be undertaken in cooperation with the NDMO, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Ministry of Planning and Investment. Close liaison would also be maintained with the UN Agencies as well as the concerned international NGOs.

#### 4 Project Results and Resources Framework

<b>Intended Outcome as stated in the Country Programme Results and Resource Framework:</b> Enhanced ownership and capacity for pro-poor planning and implementation, harmonized aid coordination, and disaster management				
<b>Applicable MYFF Service Line:</b> Partnership Strategy: The project will be undertaken in cooperation with the National Disaster Management Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Ministry of Planning and Investment.				
<b>Project title and ID (ATLAS Award ID):</b> Support to Coordinated Assessment and Response to Typhoon Haima in Lao PDR				
Intended Outputs	Output Targets for (years)	Indicative Activities	Responsible parties	Inputs (USD)
A quality joint needs assessment with the participation of key stakeholders finalized	A joint assessment report drafted and used as a tool for resource mobilization for recovery and the Govt's development planning/budgeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assist in adjusting tools for a joint needs assessment mission (questionnaires, indicators)</li> <li>Provide logistical support to the joint assessment team</li> <li>Participate in the joint needs assessment</li> <li>Support analysis of the data and report writing and develop resource mobilization project document for early recovery interventions</li> <li>Support the NDMO's damage and loss data management system</li> </ul>	UNDP	Personnel: 30,000 Travel/communication: 3,000 Miscellaneous: 1,000
Effective coordination of the UN system and International Community provided to support the Government's efforts for recovery	A well-coordinated joint needs assessment conducted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Convene and support coordination meetings (IASC, UNDMT, cluster meetings, preparation meetings for a needs assessment)</li> <li>Support the Lao Government's follow up to mobilize resources for recovery</li> <li>Strengthen the IASC mechanism and take lessons learnt from the assessment</li> </ul>	UNDP/UNORC	Personnel: 18,000 Communication: 2,000 Miscellaneous: 1,000
<b>Total</b>				USD 55,000



LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC  
PEACE INDEPENDENCE DEMOCRACY UNITY PROSPERITY

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

No: 818 /AE.OI.2

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of The Lao People's Democratic Republic presents its compliments to the Office of the UN Resident Coordinator to the Lao PDR and has the honor to inform that last month Typhoon Haima hit the Northern and Central parts of Laos, causing heavy and extensive flood that has devastated several provinces such as Sayabuli, Vientiane, Xieng Khouang, Houaphanh, Bolikhamsai and Khammouane.

The flood has caused extensive damages to the local infrastructures including roads, hospitals, schools as well as agricultural backbone of the provinces such as rice field, livestock and others. This disaster has already affected the livelihood of more than 60.000 residents in these provinces and has entailed a long term socio-economic consequences.

To respond to this emergency the Lao Government has already made emergency relief effort to alleviate the impact of this flooding by providing essential relief packages, allocating financial support and others. As the extent of the affected areas is so significant and beyond the government's capacity, it requires additional support from the international community. Therefore, the Lao Government would like to make an appeal to the United Nations system in the Lao PDR to help in mobilizing resource in order to respond to the consequences of this disaster.

In this context, in order to facilitate the process of resource mobilization, the Lao Government has already decided to set up an assessment team to be led by Ministry of Planning and Investment to undertake a need assessment in the affected provinces. To this end, the Lao Government would very much appreciate if the UN system could join the Lao government in setting up a joint assessment team, which comprises representatives of the Government line Ministries and development partners including UN agencies, World Bank and others who are interested in engaging in the assessment.

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ACTION	INFO
RR	✓
DRR (P)	✓
DRR (D)	
PRO	
CPRU	✓
RCD	✓
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ENV	
ACTION TAKEN:	
FILE: ADM 250/24/2	

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as well. to Ky  
15/Jul/2011

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Lao PDR avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the UN Resident Coordinator to the Lao PDR the assurance of its highest consideration.



Vientiane, 13 July 2011

Office of the UN Resident Coordinator  
to the Lao PDR

