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Two Big Aid Agencies to Credit US\$1.1 Mln More to Ketsana-Hit Families in Vietnam

VIETNAM – Plan in Vietnam and World Vision Vietnam will jointly give more relief to families stricken by Typhoon Ketsana and help them improve their life and increase their capacity on disaster preparedness in the central provinces of Quang Tri, Quang Nam, Quang Ngai and the central highlands province of Kon Tum.

Under “Typhoon Ketsana Emergency Recovery and Rehabilitation” Program, the two organizations will jointly spend around US\$1.1 million (EUR749,700) to support children in the above areas with learning kits, repair their classroom, buy desk and chairs. The affected families will also be assisted with basic construction materials, seeds, fertilizer and breeding animals.

Families will also be invited to attend training course on how to construct flood-resistant houses and how to reduce the disaster risk to enable them to better respond to future natural disasters.

The program is a joint proposal proposed by Plan in Vietnam and World Vision Vietnam to the European Commission’s Humanitarian Aid Department (ECHO). It aims to ensure safe living and learning environment for children and help local people resume their normal lives. A total of 56,190 children and adults will be directly benefit from this program, which will be implemented between January and June 2010.

Soon after Typhoon Ketsana slammed Vietnam on September 29th 2009, the two organizations already spent from their own funding around US\$2 million for emergency relief and assistance which helped more than 170,000 people in 24 districts of Danang, Quang Tri, Quang Nam, Quang Ngai and Kon Tum Provinces. The funding focused on distributing the people with food aid, family kits, warm jackets, blankets, school kits, crop seeds, material construction for house and school repair.

The two humanitarian agencies also participated in rapid joint assessment teams including United Nation Program Coordination Groups 10, the People’s Aid Coordinating Committee (PACCOM) and international non-governmental organizations to the affected provinces.

Plan in Vietnam and World Vision Vietnam are two of the largest non-governmental organizations operating in Vietnam with a combined annual budget in FY09 of over US\$26 million. As both organizations are child-focused, they work with the community for the well-being of children for their protection. Their approaches emphasize working with and through local people and local partners to build sustainable and lasting change in the communities in 19 cities and provinces.

The two organizations both have experience in emergency response in Vietnam and works with affected communities in the event of disasters. They are also two active members of the Disaster Management Working Group (DMWG), consisting of UN, Government, donors, and INGOs in Vietnam. Both agencies are working closely with other agencies and partners to ensure an effective and appropriate response and rehabilitation program at national and local levels.

For more information about Plan in Vietnam, World Vision Vietnam and stories about our response to Typhoon Ketsana, please visit us at <http://plan-international.org/where-we-work/asia/vietnam> and www.worldvision.org.vn or contact:

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