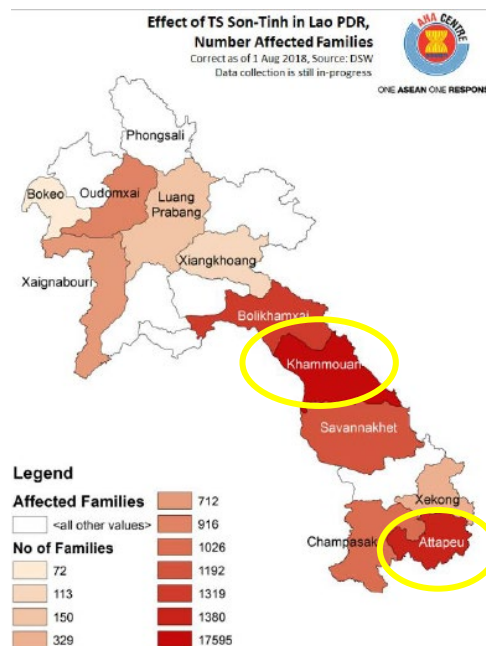


LAOS FLOODS

#3 / Response Report

Overview of Disaster

In late July - early August 2018, tropical storm Son-Tinh devastated Laos and caused massive flooding across Northern, Central and Southern Lao PDR. The situation escalated with the incident at the Xepien-Xenamnoy Hydropower dam construction in Attapeu Province, causing flash-floods affecting the villages downstream. It was the worst flood in a ten years. 268,000 people were estimated to have been affected, 49 people lost their lives, 1,658 houses were destroyed, and 66,000 hectares of land was damaged. In total, 17 provinces were badly affected, with Khammoun province being the most affected province, after Attapeu Province which was featured extensively in the media.



Current Situation

World Vision was the first international organisation to start relief distribution of tents, mosquito nets, hygiene kits, blankets, water, and rice in Attapeu Province. It also provided relief in Sanamxay District, as well as Nommalth District of Khammouane Province and Xonnabouly District of Savannaketh Province. To date, water and food interventions have been provided for the survival and recovery of affected populations. A total of 1,796 people flood-affected villagers were supported, including 771 children.

According to ground assessments, the urgent needs which surfaced included shelter support for those who had lost their homes, and food rations for families who had lost their livelihoods in Khammouane province. As such, in Khammouane Province, World Vision distributed emergency relief items to help a total of 1,819 people.

In coordination with the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry district office (DAFO). World Vision also reached out to the vulnerable families in the following seven villages: 1. Ban Thajoon, 2. Ban Jakoad, 3. Ban Phonkeo, 4. Ban Haiphavieng, 5. Ban Hatsone, 6. Ban Kengmouang, 7. Ban Nateaune. These target villages and beneficiaries were specially selected as they were not only directly affected by the flooding, but they also had high levels of household food insecurity. In total, 333 flood-affected households were selected, and supported with 60kg of rice per family to tide them over 3 months. This distribution was conducted in January 2019.





Moving forward

Thank you for your generosity and love for children and their families in their time of greatest need. On behalf of beneficiaries from Attapeu and Khammoune Province who may never have a chance to thank you personally, we would like to extend our sincere appreciation for your gift to send hope and help in this emergency.

To ensure the recovery of the affected families and communities, World Vision continues to engage in disaster recovery in Laos. To this end, economic Livelihood interventions as well as the rebuilding of schools in Savannakhet and Khammoune are in the pipeline.