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1. **Organizational structure of VNRC in Disaster Prevention and Response**

- National Headquarters level: Disaster Management Department, Social Work Department, Health Care Department, Finance and Accountancy Department, Fundraising Department, Communication Department, Red Cross Youth and Volunteer Department, General Office, Humanity and Life Newspaper, Humanitarian Magazine, TV Humanitarian channel , National Disaster Response Team, and RC Volunteers

- Red Cross Provincial level: Social Work and Disaster Management Department, Communication Department, RC Youth and Volunteer Department, Health Care Department, General Office, Provincial Disaster Response Team and RC Volunteers.

- Red Cross District level: Red Cross District Office and RC Volunteers.

- Red Cross Communal level: Red Cross Commune office, Communal Disaster Response Team and RC Volunteers

1. **Organizational struture of Disaster Management Department at HQs**

There are 09 people in DM department, are including:

- Leaders team: Director and Deputy Director of Disaster Management Department.

- Unit level: There are 02 units in DM department, are including 04 people in Disaster Risk Reducing Unit (01 head and 03 program officers) and 03 people in and Disaster Response Unit (01 head and 02 program officers)

1. **Main results of past-year disaster management and plans for the upcoming time**

***3.1****.* ***Main results of past-year disaster management***

*3.1.1. Completing the legal framework*

1. Formulating Disaster Prevention and Response strategy to 2020 and the plan of action to 2015.
2. Developing Standard Operating Protocol (SOP) for disaster response and National Disaster Response Team (NDRT);
3. Establishing an NDRT consisting of 33 members in which 14 members work at the National Headquarters and the other 19 come from disaster prone provinces
4. Signing a MOU with the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development to implement the “Capacity building and CBDRM” program.
   * 1. *Strengthening the capacity activities*:
5. There are 59 trainers of national level, are included:

- 19 trainers majoring in vulnerable capacity assessment (VCA)

- 20 trainers majoring in water and sanitation (WATSAN).

- 20 trainers majoring in community action for disaster response (CADRE).

1. Facilitators:

- 138 facilitators majoring in community-based disaster response management (CBDRM) and vulnerable capacity assessment (VCA)

- 59 facilitators majoring in water and sanitation (WATSAN)

- 43 facilitators majoring in community action for disaster response (CADRE)

- 12 facilitators majoring in early warning system (EWS)

- Establishing, equiping and training community-based response teams in 40 communes of 8 disaster-prone provinces (20-25 members/team)

- Providing in-depth training in logistic for 15 people, and in bidding skills and purchasing goods for 12 people

* + 1. *Undertaking disaster prevention and response projects*

1. Mangrove planting and disaster risk reduction project funded by the Japanese Red Cross for 365 communes of 10 provinces, are including Quang Ninh, Hai Phong, Thai Binh, Nam Đinh, Ninh Binh, Thanh Hoa, Nghe An, Ha Tinh, Hoa Binh and Vinh Phuc. (Micro-mitigation project are sustainable development and safety communes).
2. Disaster Risk Reduction project funded by the Norwegian Red Cross for 17 communes in 3 provinces of Binh Đinh, Phu Yen and Lao Cai in the model of safety communes. This project has been highly evaluated by local authorities, peoples and donors. The models of this project will be reviewed in order to expand to nationwide.
3. Disaster Risk Reduction project funded by the American Red Cross for 36 communes in 3 provinces of Quang Nam, Quang Ngai and Ha Tinh. The 36 communes in project will be will be the main goal of this project is to build secure community and to train human resource for disaster prevention and vulnerable capacity assessment (10 people/province), first aid (10 people/province), disaster response teams at communal level (24-25 people)...
4. Two Disaster Risk Reduction projects funded by the German Red Cross and German Foreign Affairs Department for 12 communes of 6 districts and Hue city of Thua Thien Hue province. The purpose of the projects is to build safety communes and have ability to prevent and respond to disasters effectively.
5. DIPECHO 7 project focusing on strengthening the capacity for Vietnam Red Cross Society on Disaster Prevention and Response. This project funded by Netherlands Red Cross Society. There were 18 trained trainers of national level and 87 facilitators of provincial level. The project also built up safety communes in 10 communes belong to disaster-prone areas.
6. “Strengthening the capacity for Vietnam Red Cross Society on Disaster Prevention and Response” Project funded by Spanish Red Cross. Main activities of this project are: capacity building on logistics, developing SOP for disaster response and NDRT, establishing and training NDRT, and purchasing 7,000 house-hold kits for operation relief.
7. Watsan project in emergency funded by IFRC and French Red Cross. The purpose of this project are focused on training the officials of 5 central provinces in using of water purification equipment, and buying 4 sets of water purification equipment for VNRC at National Headquarters level.
8. The operation relief in emergency time and recovering activities after disaster are more professional. In 2011, the total value of operation relief items are 52 billion VND ($2.5 million) was supported to flood-effected provinces in the Mekong River Delta.
9. Focusing on Climate Change Adaptation for high-risk regions. The MOU between VNRC and German Red Cross and Australian Red Cross are developing to implement models of climate change adaptation in the Mekong River Delta.
10. Supporting disaster affected countries in 2011 such as Japan, Thailand, Cambodia and the Philippine.
    1. ***Future Orientation for Disaster Management***

*3.2.1. Strategic Plan to 2015: Establishing 500 safety communes includes following aspects*

**-** Undertaking VCA

*-* Improving community based disaster Prevention and Response’s awareness

*-* Implementing construction and non-construction measures to improve communes ability on Disaster Prevention and Response.

*-* Strengthening the capacity for Vietnam Red Cross Society in Disaster Prevention and Response at all levels.

*3.2.2. Disaster Prevention and Response: Establishing disaster response teams at all levels, Operation Room in Headquarters and 33 most disaster-prone provinces as following:*

*-* Establishing and training disaster response team at provincial and district level at 33 disaster-prone provinces.

*-* Equipping metarials and tools for members (Red Cross staff and volunteers) of Disaster Response teams of all levels.

*-* Establishing and equipping for Operation Room at Headquarters and 33 disaster- prone provinces.

*-* Maintaining and upgrading Centers for Disaster Response at provincial level (43 centers at district level and 26 centers at communal level)

*3.2.3. Strengthening the capacity of WATSAN team in emergency situation*

**-** Establishing and training WATSAN teams in 18 disaster-prone provinces

**-** Equipping water purification equipment, mobile toilets to use in emergency situations, as emergency evacuation etc.

*3.2.4.* *Strengthening the capacity in logistic activities*

*-* Ensuring enough quantity and quality of relief items to use in emergency situation.

*-* Upgrading the emergency relief warehouse in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh.

- Building the new emergency relief store in Da nang city base on regular standards of emergency relief store.

*-* Completing document on logistic management and training.