



VIET NAM: Typhoon Bualoi

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As of 01 October 2025

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HIGHLIGHTS

- **As of 1 October**, authorities reported **36 deaths**, **21 people missing** and **147 injured** after severe flooding, landslides and wind damage across **northern and north-central Viet Nam**. Many homes, healthcare facilities and schools have been affected.
- **Around 154,807 homes** are damaged or roofless and **about 57,915** are flooded. **About 22 dyke incidents** are reported across five provinces. Power and road networks remain disrupted (**about 6,406** power poles down; **around 1,400** road blockages), with **around 1,500 households** isolated in **Hà Tĩnh**.
- **Agriculture and livelihoods:** **About 51.269 ha** of crops and **around 13,478 ha** of aquaculture are affected, creating short-term food access risks in cut-off communes.
- 1.429 school sites affected, typically Nghe An -347 & Ha Tinh - 643.
- In Nghe An, MOH reported 37 out of 49 medical facilities damaged, suffering nearly 27 billion VND losses.
- **The Government**, through national and provincial disaster management structures and under Prime Ministerial directives, is leading life-saving response, search and rescue and the restoration of essential services. **VNRC, IOM, UNDP, WHO, Habitat for Humanity, Samaritan's Purse** and NGOs have mobilized initial support and are ready to join **Government-led rapid needs assessments** at provincial level.¹²



36

Fatalities

21

People Missing

147

People Injured

212K

Homes damaged

51.2K

Hectares of crop flooded

¹ All figures highlighted in this flash update were obtained from preliminary reports done by the Vietnam Disaster and Dyke Management Authority (VDDMA). Figures are provisional and subject to change.

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SITUATION OVERVIEW

Typhoon **Bualoi (No. 10)** brought **intense rainfall and strong winds** across **northern and north-central Viet Nam** overnight **29–30 September**, resulting in widespread flooding, landslides and disruptions to essential services. Authorities report **29 deaths, 22 missing and 139 injured** across **at least 16 provinces**; figures remain under verification.

Around 154,807 houses are damaged or roofless and **about 57,519** are flooded. Protective infrastructure has been affected, with **around 22 dyke incidents** in **about five** provinces. Power and transport services have been significantly disrupted—**about 6,406** power poles down, **around 1,400** road blockage/erosion points and **about 57,800** trees uprooted—with **around 1,500 households** still isolated in parts of **Hà Tĩnh**. **About 34,389 ha** of crops and **around 9,985 ha** of aquaculture are impacted. Airports that suspended operations have resumed, though localized operational constraints may persist subject to weather conditions. All figures are provisional and subject to revision following ongoing verification.

Flooded and damaged roads, debris, weakened bridge approaches and active landslide areas **impede movement** of relief and assessment teams. **Power outages and intermittent telecommunications** continue to affect information flows in several districts. Controlled access is in place around damaged dyke sections and reservoir release zones for safety. No security incidents affecting humanitarian operations have been reported; movement restrictions are risk-based and safety-driven. Thousands of people have undertaken preventive evacuations to public buildings or are hosted by relatives and neighbors; displacement figures are being confirmed. Priority attention is required for **women and girls, pregnant and lactating women, female-headed households, older persons, and persons with disabilities**, who face heightened barriers to **safe WASH, protection services and mobility** in flooded settings. **Fishing communities and smallholder farmers** have lost assets and income; **daily wage earners and informal workers** face immediate livelihood gaps. **Children** are affected by **school closures and damage to learning spaces**; rapid safety assessments are required to support reopening.

HUMANITARIAN NEEDS

Emergency Shelter & Non-Food Items (NFIs)

- Large-scale housing damage (154,807 **houses** damaged/roofless; **57.915** flooded) requires tarpaulins, shelter-repair kits, blankets, sleeping mats and basic household items. **1,426 households** in Hà Tĩnh remain isolated and need ready-to-use supplies as access allows.

Ongoing actions. A Shelter/NFI partner meeting has been convened. Initial mobilization includes **VNRC's** cash and in-kind support (**VND 2.1 billion**), **IOM (500 household kits)** and **Habitat for Humanity (VND 2 billion)**.

UNDP has long-term agreements ready to facilitate delivery of cash and NFIs in support of sector partners.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

- Flooding has severely contaminated water sources, leaving affected households in urgent need of safe drinking water, household water treatment options, jerrycans, clean water storage, hygiene kits, and temporary water and sanitation facilities—particularly in public buildings used for evacuation and schools. Power outages and the combined impacts of the typhoon and flooding have rendered water supply systems inoperable across affected areas, resulting in a widespread lack of access to clean water in Nghe An, Hà Tĩnh, Quang Tri, and Thanh Hoa provinces. As of now, only a limited number of water supply systems have been restored—specifically, just 3 out of 25 water schemes are currently operational in rural areas in Hà Tĩnh province.

Ongoing actions. WASH sector coordination is being maintained regularly through a Zalo group and email exchanges. UNICEF is actively collaborating with the Ministry of Agriculture and Environment to assess damage and identify emergency WASH needs. These findings will be shared with sector members via existing communication channels. WHO is delivering 300,000 water-purification tablets and 500 jerrycans to Hà Tĩnh; additional WASH supplies are on standby through partners, in line with Government prioritization/ requests for support.

Health

- Structural damage to facilities requires urgent repairs and infection-prevention supplies to maintain continuity of care. Reported impacts include **Ha Tinh 194/209 (~93%)**, **Nghe An 37/49 (~76%)** and **Thanh Hoa 14/74 (~19%)** facilities affected. Enhanced surveillance is needed for water- and vector-borne diseases in flooded areas.

Ongoing actions. The Ministry of Health (MoH) and provincial health departments are tracking health-facility status and immediate needs with technical support from WHO/WHE. In support of government response efforts, WHO has set aside 300,000 water-purification tablets and 500 jerrycans to Hà Tĩnh. Health facilities are maintaining essential services using contingency measures while access improves. UNICEF has provided 1 million Aquatab tablets (67 mg) to VADP, which are ready for use. The distribution of these supplies is under the control of VADP.

Food Security, Agriculture and Livelihoods

- **34,389 ha** of crops and **9,985 ha** of aquaculture are affected. 1,105 cattle and 179,021 poultry killed or swept away. Immediate food assistance is required in cut-off communes; where markets function, **cash or vouchers** can help restore access to basic goods.

Ongoing actions: FAO is conducting rapid market and supply-chain checks to inform assistance modality. Emergency food distributions are being prioritized for isolated households (1,426 in Hà Tĩnh). Preparations for cash/voucher assistance for food and agricultural inputs are underway where markets permit.

Education

- Across 12 provinces, 1,076 schools have sustained infrastructure damage. Many now serve as evacuation centers, and classes were suspended during and after the storm to ensure the safety of students and teachers. A consolidated needs assessment is not yet available, as provincial authorities are prioritizing immediate response.

Access Restoration / Early Recovery (immediate)

- Restoration of essential services remains heavily constrained: authorities **report 1,366 road blockage/erosion points, 5,661 downed electricity poles, 57,815 uprooted trees and 19 dyke incidents**, necessitating large-scale debris clearance, emergency road/bridge repairs, power restoration and dyke stabilization to re-establish safe access. Under Prime Ministerial directives, ministries, security forces and local administrations are mobilized to repair transport, electricity, water, telecommunications, health and education services, maintain daily situation reporting, and sustain search-and-rescue operations.
- Provincial priorities highlight significant financing and operational gaps. Tuyên Quang seeks comprehensive social welfare and infrastructure support (lifesaving assistance, shelter, WASH, and urgent repairs to roads, irrigation, schools and health posts). Bắc Ninh is implementing flood-response measures, including pumping/drainage and rapid erosion control to protect lives and assets. Quảng Trị requests VND 300 billion (VND 220b for infrastructure, VND 30b for agriculture, VND 30b for DRR/SAR equipment, VND 20b for forecasting, plus agricultural inputs). Hà Tĩnh requests VND 2,710 billion for household assistance, rapid restoration of critical infrastructure, public health measures (environmental sanitation, disinfection, safe water) and recovery of agro-forestry-aquaculture livelihoods. Nghe An requests VND 600 billion to address consecutive typhoon impacts, prioritizing transport, power, communications, schools, health facilities and household asset recovery, with immediate focus on roof repairs to ensure continuity of education and essential health services.

Protection/Child Protection

- Extensive storm damage has placed an estimated 300,000 children and women at risk of mental health and psychosocial distress, with heightened exposure to violence and abuse; while data are pending, the potential for family separation further elevates protection concerns. Immediate priorities include GBV mitigation through dignity kits, cash and in-kind support for vulnerable older persons, and targeted reproductive-health assistance—cash for pregnant and postpartum women now, and, in recovery, equipping primary health facilities with maternal and neonatal supplies to reduce mortality.

Nutrition

- The Nutrition Sector, in coordination with the National Institute of Nutrition and provincial health authorities, is monitoring continuity of essential services at commune health stations, including screening and management of severe and moderate acute malnutrition, growth monitoring, infant and young child feeding counselling, and micronutrient supplementation. Priority groups are children under five and pregnant and lactating women. Pre-positioned nutrition supplies are ready for dispatch to affected districts based on verified needs.

HUMANITARIAN COORDINATION

The Government of Viet Nam, under Prime Ministerial directives, is leading life-saving assistance, search and rescue, and restoration of essential services through the VDDMA and Provincial People's Committees. Humanitarian partners, especially the Sector Leads, are aligning support to Government priorities. Government-led rapid needs assessments are being organized at provincial level, with partners ready to deploy multi-sector teams as access permits. Initial sectoral mappings (shelter/NFIs, WASH, health facilities) are informing priority distributions—tarpaulins, repair kits, blankets, water-purification tablets, jerrycans and hygiene kits—and preparedness for cash assistance where markets function. Coordination priorities are to reach isolated households, restore safe access, and stabilize damaged dyke sections and other critical community infrastructure pending further verification of needs.

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