

Press release

ECHO, World Vision, CARE, and Plan to join hands in carrying humanitarian response to vulnerable communities in Northern Viet Nam amidst YAGI aftermaths

Hanoi, 22 October 2024, European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO) and the Consortium consisting of World Vision, CARE, and Plan International join hands to carry out humanitarian assistance response typhoon YAGI with the project “*Supporting Humanitarian Response and Early Recovery in the Aftermath of typhoon Yagi in Viet Nam*”.

Typhoon Yagi, the strongest to hit Viet Nam in 30 years, left 330 dead and missing in Viet Nam. It swept over Northern of Viet Nam on September 7, causing heavy rains, large-scale flooding, flash floods and landslides. The disaster has impacted millions of people, including children, women and men across 26 provinces and cities. Cao Bang, Ha Giang and Yen Bai provinces are among the hardest hit with severe damage, with river levels at a 60-year high.

There was a Call for Emergency Assistance from the government (Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development) to World Vision, Plan International and CARE International in Viet Nam on September 09, 2024.



Overview of the event.

In the spirit of collaboration and partnership, there is a joint initiative, the “Humanitarian Assistance Response to Typhoon Yagi & the Aftermath in Viet Nam”, or HARYAV—fittingly pronounced “Hurry up.” This initiative stands as a testament to the power of unity, led by World Vision and implemented through the dedicated efforts of World Vision, alongside partners CARE and Plan International, and local government organisations, including the provincial Chapters of the Viet Nam Red Cross.

Together, the consortium aims to improve access to safe water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH), enhance safe and inclusive learning for children to return to school, and support vulnerable households in meeting daily subsistence and immediate needs through multi-purpose cash transfers. Besides that, the project also provides support services to children and women affected by abuse and violence; it also reduces post-disaster child abuse and violence and gender-based violence risks for women, girls, and other vulnerable groups and connects them to referral pathways in schools and communities.

Within 6 months (10/2024-03/2025), the project will prioritise the most severely impacted people in Yen Bai (Luc Yen and Yen Binh Districts), Ha Giang (Hoang Su Phi District), and Cao Bang (Bao Lac District). The selected households include people displaced by the floods, flash floods, and landslides, hosts and flood returners, in the most underserved and hard to reach areas. Totally, it is expected that 12,205 people will be directly impacted, particularly 2,900 girls, 2735 boys (including 239 children with disability), 3,375 women and 3,195 men (including 290 adults with disabilities).

Mr. Margaritis Schinas, European Commission Vice-President for Promoting our European Way of Life, commended the work of Vietnamese first line responders and humanitarian organisations like the Viet Nam Red Cross and World Vision, and expressed pride that the European Union is able to support their efforts. Through its partners on the ground, the EU has been delivering vital assistance to those who need it the most. *“This is an important step in the ever-closer partnership between the EU and ASEAN, and between the EU and Viet Nam, which will help us do more to protect the people in our regions.”*



Doseba Tua Sinay – National Director of World Vision International in Viet Nam (right), H.E. Margaritis Schinas - Vice President of European Commission (middle), H.E. Julien Guerrier - Ambassador of the European Union in Viet Nam (left) sign the project MoU together.

Mr. Doseba Tua Sinay, National Director, World Vision International in Viet Nam, stated *“As we implement this response, we must emphasise the importance of prioritising those who are most vulnerable—children, women, and individuals with disabilities. Our approach not only addresses their immediate needs but also aims to protect them against post-disaster gender-based violence and ensure that children can safely return to their education. This holistic support will empower families and give children the chance to rebuild their futures.”*

The total project budget is over 700,000 EUR, including over 50,000 EUR contribution from the consortium members. The consortium members will collaborate with Red Cross Provincial Chapters (for Yen Bai and Cao Bang) and Department of Education and Training (for Ha Giang) to deliver the emergency response.

Mr. Vu Thanh Luu, Vice President of the Viet Nam Red Cross, emphasised *“The Viet Nam Red Cross is urgently building a comprehensive relief programme including interventions and support from the International Red Cross-Red Crescent Association, international partners inside and outside the Movement, domestic and foreign partners to support emergency relief and recovery for areas affected by typhoon Yagi.”*



The delegations from, World Vision, CARE International, Plan International and Red Cross Viet Nam commit to implement the initiative effectively.

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About World Vision International in Viet Nam

As a leading child-focused organisation, World Vision is driven by our desire to ensure that every boy and girl has what they need to grow in mind, body, and spirit. World Vision works alongside governments, sponsors, communities, and children to create positive impacts and, as a result, enrich the lives of communities and children. Our staff in nearly 100 countries work hard together with our partners to positively impact the lives of more than 200 million vulnerable children worldwide, including more than 200,000 in Viet Nam. World Vision is privileged to have received the Registration Certificate for its operations in Viet Nam since 1988. In 2023, we received support from the Government of Viet Nam in implementing our programmes and projects in 14 cities and provinces nationwide.

About CARE International in Vietnam

Since 1989, CARE Vietnam has actively cooperated with many partner organizations to implement more than 300 projects in Vietnam. We recognize that the key to equitable and sustainable development lies in addressing the root causes of poverty, social injustice and gender inequality. We always work with our partners to support women smallholder farmers, workers and women small and micro-enterprise owners to enhance their capacity and confidence to participate in economic development activities, adapt to climate change and increase resilience after natural disasters or major disasters. Together, we aim for a society that develops fairly and equitably for everyone. For more information, visit care.org.vn

About Plan International Vietnam

Plan International is an international humanitarian organization that operates in over 75 countries worldwide, focusing on children's rights, particularly those of girls, with the goal of eradicating poverty and promoting the holistic development of children.

In Vietnam, Plan International has been active since 1993. Its mission is to support children, youth, and especially adolescent girls, ensuring they are born and grow up healthy both physically and mentally, empowering them to make decisions about their own future. Plan International believes that girls have the power to change the world.

Working closely with communities and effectively coordinating with organizations and government agencies at all levels is our approach. From 2021 to 2025, Plan International aims to support 2 million girls in Vietnam to access education, leadership opportunities, decision-making, and holistic development.