



Context

Lao PDR has recently been hit by tropical storm Mulan, resulting in heavy rainfall from the 8-12th of August in different parts of the country. Flash flooding and landslides have affected different provinces including Vientiane Capital. World Vision International - Lao PDR's (WVI-L) working areas which faced this flash flooding have now moved back to normal situation with water levels dropping within 24-48 hours. The government has intervened and provided support to the affected households. Given it was a flash flood and impact is under the control/capability of the government, WVI-L has not received any request for support so far. However, WVI-L field teams are working closely with the local government and are supporting the collection of preliminary information of impact in our operating areas. Below are some highlights of the flood's impact so far:

Situation in our target areas

Luang Prabang Province, Phonexay district

- Flash flooding has affected some villages and small town which are at the level of the river bank. Some loss of animals have been recorded.
- There is no impact in the communities of Phonexay Area Programme.

Savannakhet Province, Thapangthong district

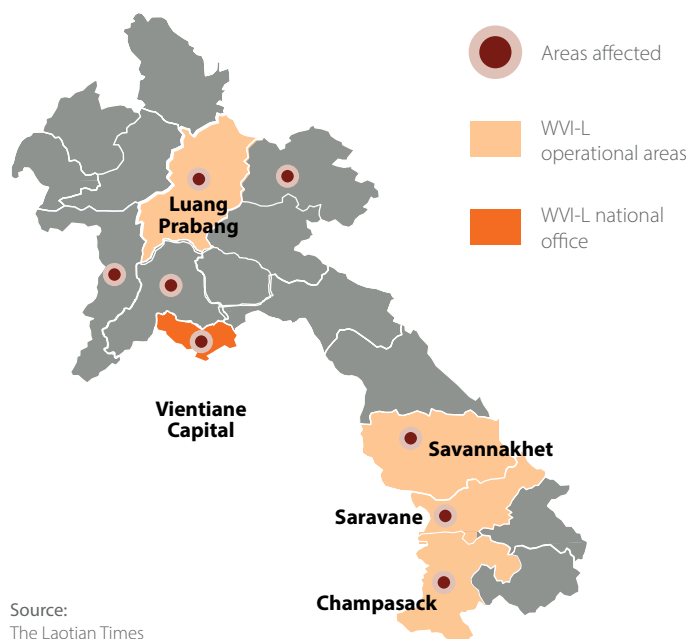
- 3 Villages under the AHAN Project were affected. 4 bridges on the village route were damaged by the flood, a temporary bridge has been constructed to support transportation. Villages details:
 - Huaymeuen village: 35 houses, 20 small lakes and fish ponds flooded.
 - Kouthee village (Koumkoutlumphan)- 15 houses, 01 temples, fish pond and some paddy areas has flooded.
 - Tha Salakham village - 13 houses and 01 guest house has flooded.
- Rice field, fish pond and cotton field areas were flooded in Nonjan village, Nongkan village, Nahua Khuay village, Phousengkham village, Mai Phosi village (Koummai Se) and Thongpang village.

Saravane Province, Lao Ngarm district

- Flood has affected 84 families in the district, out of which 15 families are from AHAN Project areas.
- Irrigation canal have some impact in different places.
- 71 hectare rice field has flooded and have some damage in the rice field, still monitoring if any long-term impact on the crops.

Champasack Province, Soukhouma district

- Flood affected the neighbouring districts of Phonthong and Sanasomboun, but no damage was reported in Soukhouma.



WVI-L Preparedness & Response

Field teams are working closely with the local government and support the collection of preliminary information of impact in our working areas.

WVI-L has trained its National Disaster Management Team members in the last week of July and the team is ready to deploy if required.

The AHAN Project plans to support families with hygiene kits, water buckets from regular program which also covers the families we serve that have been affected by flood. While not activities related to the flood, the timing of delivery will provide assistance to these families.

WVI-L keeps on monitoring the country-wide situation. As of today, no request of support has been received from the Government of Lao PDR.