



**East Asia Disasters  
Consolidated fact sheet  
CARE International in Laos, Cambodia, Philippines,  
Vietnam and Indonesia  
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CARE is appealing for US\$15 million to help the millions of people in desperate need of assistance after a series of deadly natural disasters in Southeast Asia this week. On Sept 27, Typhoon Ketsana began a path of destruction across the Philippines, Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam. On Sept. 30, an earthquake that measured 7.9 on the Richter scale devastated the city of Padang in Western Sumatra. CARE, which has worked in the region for more than 60 years, immediately deployed emergency teams to the affected areas, and began distributing water, food, emergency supplies and temporary shelter. CARE has immediately made US\$360,000 available for the initial response, but funds are desperately needed in order to scale up relief efforts to help the millions in need.

**Earthquake in Padang, Indonesia**

More than 1,100 people have died after Wednesday's devastating earthquake in Padang, and the death toll is mounting as more people are pulled from the rubble. Tens of thousands of people are homeless, sleeping in the streets for fear of another earthquake. CARE staff on the ground report that houses have been destroyed, roads are blocked by debris, electricity is out and communications lines are down. A second quake on Oct. 1, which measured 6.6 on the Richter scale, caused further damage. CARE responded to similar earthquakes in the same area in 2007. Five emergency team staff have already been deployed to the worst-affected area, and distributions of emergency supplies will begin immediately.

**CARE staff in country:** 225

**Emergency team members deployed:** 5 (including a shelter expert)

**Population affected:** unclear, but population is more than two million in earthquake zone

**CARE is helping:** assessment ongoing, plans to help 35,000 people

**CARE's response:** (to start Saturday/Sunday) distributions of water purification solution, emergency supplies and temporary shelter

**Appeal target:** US\$5 million

**Typhoon Ketsana**

Typhoon Ketsana slammed into the Philippines, Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia with winds up to 140 km/hr, washing away villages, destroying crops, and leaving more than three million people in need of assistance. The region is again bracing for Typhoon Parma, a Category 5 'super-typhoon' that is heading to the area – Category 5 is the deadliest rating possible for a typhoon. Below is an overview of CARE's emergency responses in the region.

**Philippines**

The government declared a state of national calamity after Typhoon Ketsana slammed into the Philippines, killing 277 people and leaving 2.5 million people homeless or in need of immediate aid. CARE is working closely with partner organizations to respond to the emergency, and immediately began distributing food, water and emergency supplies to 30,000 people.

**CARE staff in country:** 30

**Emergency team members deployed:** 15 staff, 30 volunteers

**Population affected:** 2.5 million people

**CARE is helping:** 30,000 people (with plans to expand to 90,000 people)

**CARE's response:** distributing food, safe water, temporary shelter and emergency supplies **Appeal target:** US\$5 million

**Vietnam**

More than 100 people have died and thousands are homeless after Typhoon Ketsana slammed into central Vietnam on Tuesday. Nearly 300,000 houses were damaged or destroyed, schools, health clinics and houses

were damaged, and crops were washed away. Villages in mountainous regions are completely cut off after deadly landslides and damaged roads. Floodwaters are receding, but the national weather bureau warned of more flash floods and landslides. CARE is concentrating on Quang Nam province, where the typhoon hit hardest. CARE has 133 staff in Vietnam, and immediately dispatched emergency staff to distribute noodles, rice and water to affected families. CARE started working in Vietnam in 1945.

**CARE staff in country:** 133

**Emergency team members deployed:** 10

**Population affected:** figures unclear

**CARE is helping:** 6,000 people to start (will quickly scale up)

**CARE's response:** (starting Saturday) distributions of noodles, rice and bottled water

**Appeal target:** US\$2 million

## **Laos**

CARE is leading the emergency response in Sekong province. Staff on the ground are reporting that communities along the overflowing river can't be accessed by boat because of the force of the river, and are being reached by helicopter. CARE's assessment teams report that in some villages, only one or two houses were left standing. There is a growing risk of malaria, as families and small children are sleeping out in the open with no mosquito nets, and standing water becomes a deadly breeding ground for malaria. The threat of waterborne diseases is on the rise, as communities have no access to clean water. CARE plans to provide food, water, sanitation, shelter and basic medical supplies. CARE started working in Laos in 1954.

**CARE staff in country:** 100

**Emergency team members deployed:** 10

**Population affected:** figures unclear

**CARE is helping:** assessment ongoing

**CARE's response:** planned provision of food, water, sanitation, shelter and basic medical supplies

**Appeal target:** US\$2 million

## **Cambodia**

CARE has 166 staff in Cambodia, with 55 people already working in the badly affected area of Ratanakiri Province. Infrastructure is very limited and some roads are impassable. CARE has already provided food and fuel in the affected areas, but desperately needs additional funds to scale up. CARE began working in Cambodia in 1973.

**CARE staff in country:** 166

**Emergency team members deployed:** 55 staff already in the area

**Population affected:** unconfirmed

**CARE is helping:** 4,200 people (will rapidly scale up)

**CARE's response:** distributed emergency food and fuel supplies

**Appeal target:** US\$1 million

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