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PRESS RELEASE

Flood relief: increase in assistance

The British government announced on 25 September that it had agreed to provide up to £1 million (US \$ 1.5m approx) to support the IFRC in its emergency relief operations in Cambodia, Vietnam and Laos.

The total figure of available support includes the contribution announced last week of £250,000 (\$375,000) for Cambodia and £150,000 (US\$225,000) for Vietnam. The decision to increase the amount of available assistance by £600,000 (US \$900,000) was taken following an assessment made during the course of the week by two officials from the British Department for International Development (DFID). The funding will be directed to help alleviate the suffering of the Cambodian people as well as others in the Mekong region affected as result of the current floods.

The funding will be channelled through the International Federation of the Red Cross IFRCs. The funds will be directed to help with food, clothing and shelter for flood victims.

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