



**LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC**  
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**Appeal for immediate assistance in flood mitigation.**

The Lao people have severe impact by the recent Tropical Storm Son-Tinh, which cut across the whole country, and has affected many provinces namely Borkeo, Oundomxay, Xaiyaboury, Luang Prabang, Huaphanh, Xiengkouang, Bolikhamxay, Khammouan, Savannakhet, Xekong and Attapeu. The most serious affected area is Sanamxay District, Attapeu province. The heavy and continuous rainfall resulted in unprecedented high volume of water, which triggered the collapse of the saddle dam of the Xe Pien-Xe Namnoy hydropower project during the midnight of July 23, 2018. The incident has affected 13 villages, displace 587 families or more than 3,060 people and at the moment there are 131 still unaccounted for. The flash flood has caused extensive damage to properties by submerging basic infrastructure, roads, bridges, schools, hospitals, cultivation fields, irrigation systems and etc. For the long run, this would entail a long term socio-economic impact as well as disrupt the livelihood and well-being of the local communities. The Prime Minister, some Ministers and high-ranking officials have visited the affected areas in order to oversee the relief work efforts, including provision of medicine, utensils, tools and other things to those affected communities. Currently, the government has given instructions to concerned authorities to accelerate the rehabilitation of the affected communities in order to recover their living condition.

Given the scale of damage caused by the recent disaster, therefore, the Lao government had made its appeal to the international community for the immediate assistance and cooperation in flood mitigation and emergency response efforts. The Lao Embassy had also been instructed to appeal to the Lao communities living in the United States of America and Canada, for immediate assistance and support in order to help the affected communities to overcome the difficulties.

In order to ensure an effective and timely coordination, the Lao Embassy in Washington DC, has designated the focal point for the emergency relief from the international and the Lao communities living in the United States of America, and Canada. The Lao Embassy expresses its appreciation to all communications concerning intentions of support and assistance to the people's flood mitigation and response efforts could be communicated with:



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