



# PROJECT IMPACT BRIEF

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## Humanitarian Assistance Response in Northern Viet Nam Project (HARIV-2025)



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# FOREWORD

As we reflect on the successful implementation of our 2025 humanitarian response project supporting communities affected by storms and flooding in Northern Viet Nam, I am moved by the resilience of the families who faced these disasters, and proud to highlight this initiative as a continuation of the strong partnership between World Vision and the United States Government, through the United States Department of State.

The severe storms and flooding that swept across Northern Viet Nam displaced families, damaged homes and livelihoods, and disrupted the safety and routines that children depend on. This project played a critical role in addressing urgent humanitarian needs and supporting early recovery, standing alongside affected households when they needed it most. Through coordinated implementation and close engagement with local authorities and communities, World Vision delivered timely, practical, and impactful assistance to those most affected by the disaster.

We are deeply grateful to the United States Government and the United States Department of State for their continued support and partnership, which enabled us to respond swiftly and effectively. Vulnerable households, especially children, received the care they needed to recover with dignity and rebuild their lives. Together, we helped restore not only homes and livelihoods, but also hope and stability among disaster-affected populations.

This project stands as a testament to what sustained collaboration and shared humanitarian commitment can achieve for the most vulnerable. Moving forward, World Vision remains dedicated to building on these achievements, working hand in hand with the United States Government to help communities, especially children, better prepare for and withstand future shocks and disasters.

Thank you to all our partners, stakeholders, and community members, whose continued support and trust make this important work possible.

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## HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE RESPONSE IN NORTHERN VIET NAM PROJECT (HARIV-2025)



### Donor

U.S. Department of State



### Local Partners

Lang Son Provincial Fatherland Front  
Cao Bang Red Cross Chapter



### Location

Lang Son | Van Nham & Yen Binh communes  
Cao Bang | Thong Nong & Bao Lac communes



### Timeline

17 October, 2025 – 16 April, 2026



### Budget

USD \$500,000

## REACH



2,000

essential hygiene kits  
delivered to affected  
households



2,000

essential household kits  
delivered



630

water filters delivered



480

water tanks (1000L)  
delivered

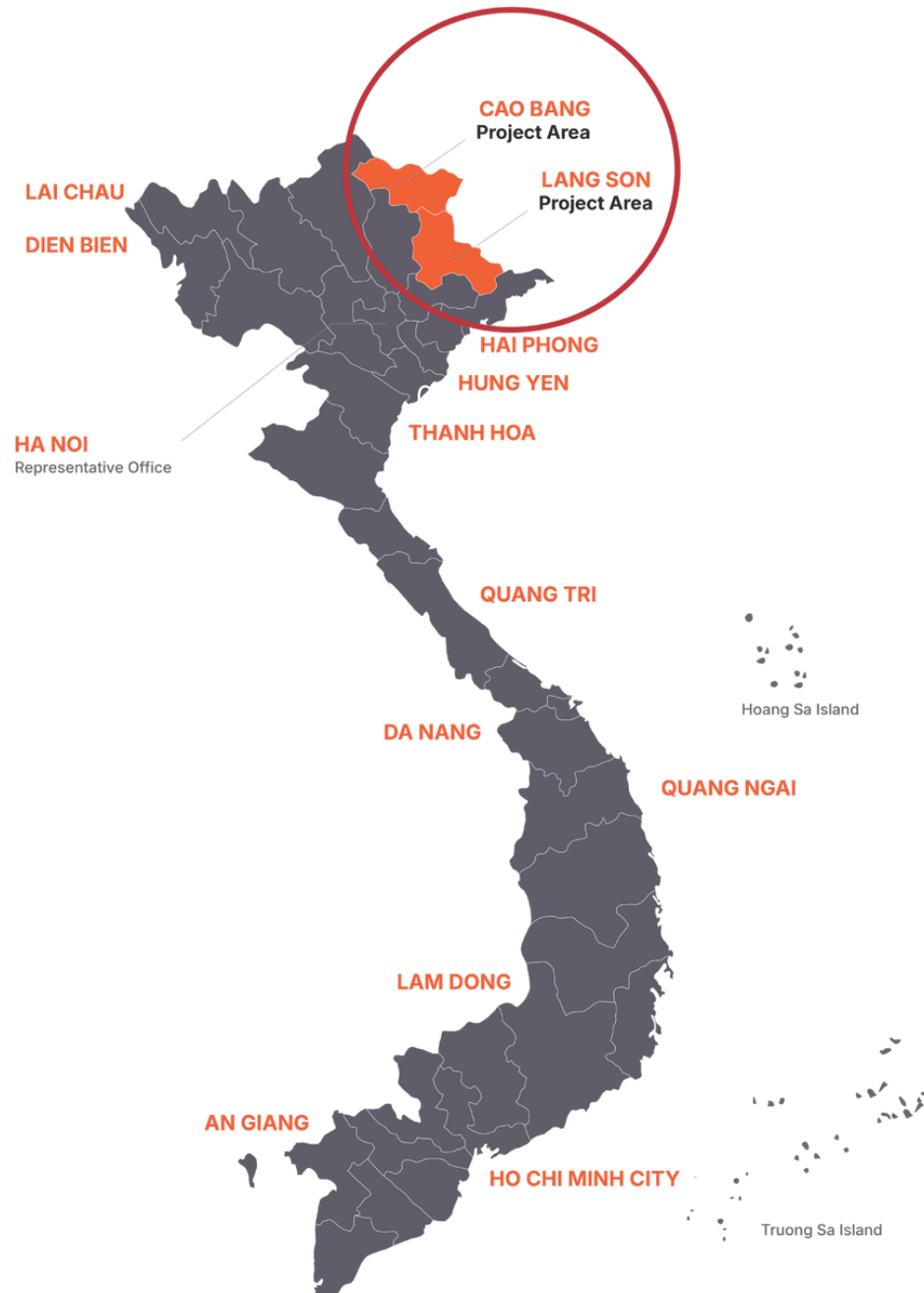


338

cash for repairing  
water facilities



# PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION AREA MAP





IMPACTS

# PEOPLE REACHED

Total number of people assisted



17,338



people with disabilities

325



women

6,590



men

6,553



girls

1,997



boys

2,198

- Household and hygiene kits: 10,596 people
- Water tanks: 2,139 people
- Water filter: 2,650 people
- Cash for Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH): 1,953 people
- Protection: 3,316 people



US\$500,000



## Key achievements by sector

- **2,000** households served with household supplies (NFIs)
- **2,000** households assisted with hygiene kits
- **630** households aided with water filters
- **480** households helped with water tanks (1000 litres)
- **338** households supported with cash assistance for WASH facility repairs
- **3,118** household representatives and 198 local community partners trained on safeguarding, WASH in emergency, and feedback mechanism

# **LESSONS LEARNED**



## Lesson 1. Need-based targeting: Leaving no one behind



Addressing the diverse needs of women, men, boys, girls, and vulnerable groups was a key priority throughout the project implementation. Selection criteria specifically prioritized ethnic minority households, women-headed households, the elderly, and persons with disabilities, with protection, gender, and inclusion considerations embedded throughout every stage of the project cycle to ensure equitable access to support for the people we serve. Where mobility was a barrier, relatives, community volunteers, and able-bodied neighbours with transport stepped in to help the relief reach those who could not collect it themselves. None of this would have been possible without that wider circle of support. Together, these efforts reached 17,338 people. The response also ensured equitable access to assistance for 325 persons with disabilities, helping to prevent a group that is often overlooked in rapid emergency responses from being left behind.

## **Lesson 2. Accountability to affected populations: Listening, and learning from it**

Good intentions are not the same as accountability, and the project tried to hold itself to the latter standard. Multiple feedback and complaints channels ran in parallel — hotlines, suggestion boxes, public information posters, and direct face-to-face conversations — so that community members had more than one way to be heard. Every piece of feedback received was documented and reviewed by the project team and local partners, and used to adjust the response as it went along. None of this was achieved alone: close collaboration with the Viet Nam Fatherland Front in Lang Son province and the Provincial Red Cross in Cao Bang province, together with commune-level People's Committees, meant the response was grounded in institutions communities already know and trust. World Vision was glad to support this partnership with joint capacity building on beneficiary selection, household verification, and digital data collection tools — hoping to leave behind not just relief, but slightly stronger systems for next time.



### Lesson 3. Combining cash and in-kind WASH support: Letting households decide

One of the clearer lessons from this project was a fairly simple one: families generally know their own needs better than any distribution plan can anticipate. By combining in-kind WASH support with cash assistance, households were able to prioritize spending around their own most urgent needs, rather than being limited to a fixed basket of goods. Household validation and post-distribution monitoring were valued by local authorities and communities alike for the transparency and fairness they brought to the process — a reminder that accountability mechanisms matter as much as the assistance itself. The project also encountered real challenges: administrative restructuring from provincial to communal levels during implementation caused delays that were not fully anticipated, a lesson the team takes forward with humility into future planning.



## Lesson 4. A team ready to respond when needed

Disasters do not wait for readiness, so World Vision has worked over time to build a National Disaster Management Team that can be called on quickly — a roster of more than 50 trained members, refreshed annually, covering key functions within the Emergency Management System. This groundwork enabled a prompt deployment, effective field coordination, and sustained technical support throughout the response. The partnership with Viet Nam Post as a financial service provider also helped cash assistance reach households quickly, securely, and transparently — one of several factors that together helped communities feel they could trust this response.





# **IMPACT STORIES**

## Story 1: A 6-year-old wraps up the memory of disaster, hoping for a new light

At six years old, Tuong Vy remembers the day the sky turned against her village in Lang Son. Rain fell without mercy. Water rose by the minute, swallowing gardens and crops, sweeping away livestock and belongings. Her books and few possessions were lost to the flood.

Carried to higher ground by neighbours in a small boat, Tuong Vy didn't know where her father and grandfather were. In broken, fearful sleep, she dreamed they had been swept away, with no one able to reach them in time. Then the rain eased. The waters retreated. And Tuong Vy found her father and grandfather again. Slowly, families across the village returned home, gathering what remained, rebuilding what they could.

Typhoon Matmo's aftermath cost Lang Son province over 1,050 billion VND in damages. Thousands of children and hundreds of families in Yen Binh and Van Nham communes carry memories of waiting on rooftops for rescue. Clean water became scarce; daily life was upended.

But where kindness is planted, recovery follows. Trucks carrying relief supplies wound along damaged roads, bringing not just aid but solidarity. Among them, water tanks from the HARIV- 2025 project reached household after household—and within months, gardens turned green again.

Funded by the U.S. Government and implemented by World Vision, with support from local Fatherland Front and Red Cross partners, the project has provided 1,000-litre water tanks to 480 households, essential and hygiene kits to 2,000 families, water filtration support to 630 households, and repair assistance for WASH facilities to 338 households across Lang Son and Cao Bang.

This spring, Tuong Vy helps her grandfather water their small garden, fresh water flowing from a steel tank. Her dream for tomorrow: *"When I grow up, I want to become an electrician who installs solar power, so my village always has light, and people are safe when they travel."*



Tuong Vy and Mr. Hieu, her grandfather, standing beside the supported water tank.

## Story 2: A simple sanitation facility, a renewed sense of dignity

Six months after Typhoon Matmo struck, many mountainous communities in Northern Viet Nam are still living with its consequences. In remote communes of Lang Son province, daily life has begun to stabilize, but hardship remains widespread. Humanitarian support from the United States Government continues to play a vital role in helping families rebuild and restore hope for the future.

Mr. Lien's family, from one of Lang Son's most disadvantaged areas, was among those hit hardest. Three generations — six or seven people in total — depended on a small rice field, a custard apple orchard, and modest livestock. When the floodwaters rose, the family fled to higher ground, unable to save their belongings. Days of isolation followed, cut off by damaged roads, without electricity or clean water.

When they returned, little remained. Crops were ruined, poultry lost, and irrigation equipment destroyed. For years, the family had relied on an unsafe, makeshift latrine — a risk to health that flooding only worsened. *"We knew the lack of sanitation affected our health, but we were too poor to do anything about it,"* Mr. Lien said.

Through the HARIV- 2025 project — funded by the U.S. Department of State and implemented by World Vision with the Lang Son Fatherland Front — the family received four million Vietnamese Dong to rebuild their sanitation facility. Simple but functional, it has brought real relief. *"Our home is cleaner now, and the children feel more at ease,"* said Mr. Lien's wife.

3,448 households across Lang Son and Cao Bang have received support, including water tanks, water filters, essential supplies and cash assistance through a \$500,000 program running from October 2025 to April 2026, helping communities rebuild with dignity and resilience.

© Six months after the flood, a small but vital investment: a safe sanitation facility, restoring dignity and protecting health for Mr. Lien's family in Lang Son.



© With the assistance, Mr. Lien's family can build a new proper sanitation facility.

### Story 3: After the flood: One mother's quiet determination

The mud has dried on the walls, but the memory has not faded. Thuy's small house sits beside a busy road in Lang Son, one of thousands battered by Typhoon Matmo. Her husband works far from home, so she manages alone — odd jobs, two young sons, and now, the wreckage of what the floodwaters left behind.

*"During the storm, our whole house was submerged. The three of us only had time to run and take shelter," she recalls. The livestock — ten chickens saved for Tet/Lunar New Year, and the pigs that were the family's main income — were all swept away overnight.*

*"Our livelihood depended mainly on raising pigs. Now everything has been lost... I really don't know where to begin," she says, looking towards the empty shed where the animals once stood. Her children's schoolbooks were lost too, and lessons paused. "I only want my children to go to school and play like all other children in places untouched by storms."*

In December 2025, Thuy's family received an emergency relief kit — blankets, cookware, hygiene supplies, and sanitary pads — funded by the U.S. Government and delivered through World Vision. *"The blanket helped us get through this winter... those items are truly precious," she says. "It made me feel cared for."*

What Thuy hopes for now is simple: a little capital to start again. *"Just a little initial capital, and we will try our best,"* she says — quiet proof that after a storm, what rebuilds slowest, and matters most, is hope.

📍 Mrs. Thuy stands before what is now an empty livestock shed



📍 Mrs. Thuy and her children receive a warm blanket and household kit, supported by the U.S. Government and World Vision.





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