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AUSTRALIA RESPONDS TO THE FLOOD CRISIS IN CAMBODIA

Australia has provided A\$200,000 to the International Federation of the Red Cross for use by the Cambodian Red Cross to provide relief for families in need.

The contribution to the Red Cross is part of a A\$2million package of Australian assistance for Cambodia's flood relief. A\$1 million is for short-term needs, and is provided to:

- Cambodian Red Cross for assistance to families in Prey Veng and Kampong Thom provinces, with a focus on food, emergency shelter, water filters and post-flood hygiene promotion;
- Save the Children for assistance to Prey Veng province for immediate relief needs including food and also for providing temporary schooling for children;
- CARE for assistance to Kampong Chhnang province for immediate relief needs, especially food and assistance for early recovery of small-scale agricultural production; and
- ActionAid for assistance for five provinces (Banteay Meanchey, Kampong Cham, Kratie, Preah Vihear and Siem Reap) for emergency food needs, immediate health requirements (including sanitation), and assistance for the poorest (including households headed by women and people with a disability) in restoring their ability to produce food.

An additional AU\$1 million is for the World Food Programme to help address on-going food needs caused by the significant loss of crops.

Australia will also contribute funds for flood response and rehabilitation through some of our existing sector programs.

- The multi-donor Health Sector support program (to which Australia is the largest contributor) has reprogrammed \$300,000 to assist the Ministry of Health to undertake repairs to health centres, restock basic medicines and respond to priority needs in affected areas.
- The Road Asset Management Program (which Australia co-finances with the Asian Development Bank) will carry out repairs to National Highway No. 5 to help ensure market routes and transport links remain open.
- Other programs will assess opportunities to provide assistance as floodwaters recede and further needs are identified.

On Friday 18 November 2011, Ms Megan Anderson, Counsellor (Development Cooperation) at the Australian Embassy joined HE Madame Men Neary Sopheak, Deputy Secretary General of the Cambodian Red Cross and visitors from the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, including Vice President Dr Mohammed Almadeed, in distributing goods to affected members of the community at Por Andot Pagoda, Baphnom District, Prey Veng.

The provided photos are of the event.

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