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Construction of 100 tempest resisting houses
to rehouse the victims of typhoons and tidal waves



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COUNTRY

Socialist Republic of Vietnam

REGION

Village of Ho Gui, commune of Tam Giang Dong, district of Nam Can, province of Ca Mau (extreme South of the country).

PROBLEM

Because of its geographic situation, Vietnam is regularly hit by typhoons and floods. These repeated natural disasters cause important damage and the loss of many human lives; most of the victims belong to the poorest population living on the coast, often in very precarious and rudimentary houses. The victims don't have the means to face the expense of rebuilding their houses.

Ho Gui, a village in the Province of Ca Mau, was severely hit in 1997 by the typhoon Linda that killed more than 3'000 persons. The village, which had been built at an altitude of half a meter, was exposed to strong winds, tempests and floods.

The only solution to the desperate situation of the inhabitants was to rebuild the whole village in a higher zone that would not suffer from erosion.

Between December 2004 and August 2005, the village of 205 families was rebuilt along the river Ho Gui, 2 kilometres inland. Its 205 new houses are especially built to resist hurricanes and floods. Each measures 32 square meters and they are all connected to a system of running water. Apart from the houses, a health centre and a school have been built. The operation was a great success.

But if the villagers have been re-housed, many hundreds of people who lived outside the village are still not living in a safe place. The action is meant for them.

PURPOSE OF THE ACTION

To build 100 tempest-resistant houses for families; those were the victims of tidal waves and hurricanes and have not been re-housed yet.

INTENDED POPULATION

Around 550 persons.

BEGINNING AND DURATION OF THE PROJECT

The project is a yearlong operation from the beginning of the first constructions. It can start as soon as the necessary money has been collected.

AMOUNT NEEDED

US\$ 357'000

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