

Rapid Emergency Assistance for Conflict-Hit Communities

(REACH) Phase II

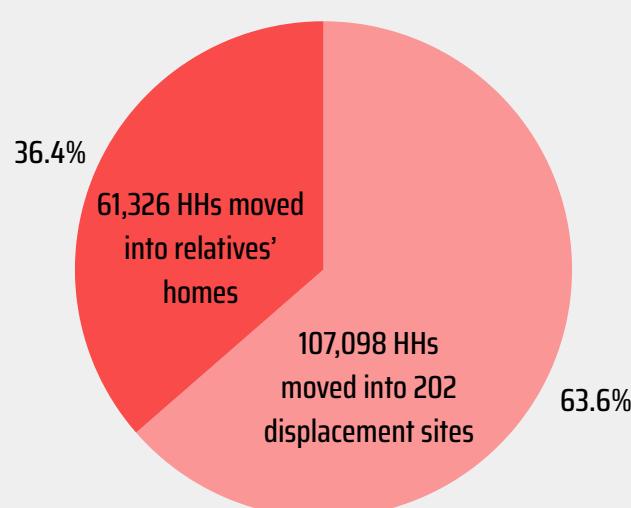


On 7 December, long-standing tensions between Cambodia and Thailand along their disputed border erupted into a major renewed conflict, breaking a fragile ceasefire that had been negotiated earlier in the year. Hostilities included artillery exchanges, air strikes, and heavy fighting in multiple frontier areas, with both sides blaming the other for initiating violence.

The humanitarian impact of the current crisis has significantly exceeded the impact experienced in the previous flare-up in July. As of 21 December, 525,231 people stand displaced from their homes along the border, which is three times more than the 172,000 people who were displaced in July. More displacements are taking place every day and is now spreading beyond border regions.

Displaced Households

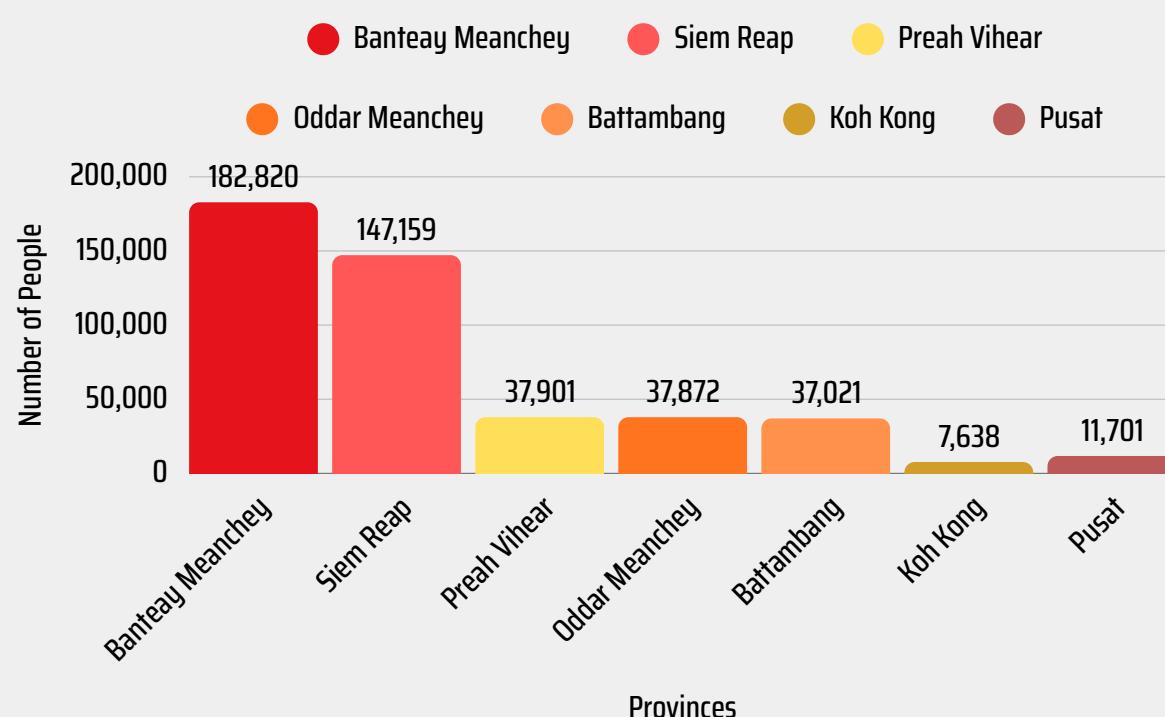
Total 168,424 HHs



Data by the National Committee for Disaster Management
22 December 2025

Displaced People by Provinces

Total 544,703 People



1,163 schools closed



52 health facilities closed



21 civilian lives lost



83 people injured

In response to the displacements in July 2025, DCA responded with unconditional cash support to 861 households. Following the new displacements, which are still continuing, DCA and its partners Banteay Sei and Action for Development in coordination with the national provincial, district and commune authorities carried out a rapid assessment in 5 communes in Banteay Meanchey (BMC) and Preah Vihear (PVH) to understand the immediate needs of displaced and availability of essential items in local markets.

A Concept Note was submitted to the DCA-HQ, which promptly approved and released a grant of DKK700,000 (approximately USD110,000) to respond to the second wave of displacements.

The most urgent needs identified according to the rapid assessment include:



hygiene kits



protective equipment



blankets



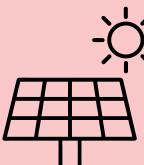
cooking supplies
and food



psychological
support



plastic sheets



solar light



plastic water
tanks

Our assessment also showed that the markets were still functional in all displaced areas and had all essential items in stock. DCA and its partners Banteay Srei and AFD decided to provide an unconditional cash assistance, at an amount decided based on the individual household need as well as the scale of the displacement. This assistance supplements what the displaced people are receiving from other agencies, but more importantly from the authorities and private citizens. Cash ensures we treat the displaced people with respect and dignity.

Vulnerability Criteria



Women-headed households



HH member has a disability



HH member aged 60+



HH member aged 0 month - 5 years



Indigenous Peoples

- Selection of households (HHs) to be supported was based on a vulnerability criteria.

Implemented by



The Support



1,700 HHs (estimated)



50 USD/HH



2 provinces

- DCA continues to explore additional funding opportunities to provide further assistance to meet the immediate, medium, and long-term needs of the affected populations.

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DCA, along with World Food Program (WFP), co-chairs the Humanitarian Response Forum (HRF). The HRF has over 100 UN & NGO members and is responsible for coordination of all humanitarian responses in Cambodia. HRF collects and disseminates information on humanitarian needs and responses and works in close collaboration with national authorities to avoid duplication.

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