

# **Australia provides assistance as natural disasters strike the region**

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On 30 September 2009 (AEST) an earthquake near Samoa caused a devastating tsunami to strike Samoa, American Samoa and parts of Tonga.

Australia is in contact with the governments of Samoa and Tonga and providing assistance in dealing with the aftermath of this natural disaster.

Australia also stands ready to respond to any calls for assistance from the governments of Vietnam and Cambodia who have experienced flooding and landslides caused by Typhoon Ketsana which hit them on the evening of 29 September.

Australia has also pledged \$1 million to support the Philippines following floods caused by Tropical Storm Ondoy (Ketsana) which hit the island of Luzon on 26 September.

Australians with concerns for family or friends should refer to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade website.

## **More information:**

Media release: [Australia to help victims of Tropical Storm Ondoy](#)