



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE FOOD SECURITY RELATED INFORMATION

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Indonesia

Drought affected 2,726 villages across 105 regencies in Java and Nusa Tenggara. Around 3.90 million people are exposed to drought that requires water assistance while there were 18 hectares of crop failure. Central Java was affected most by 1.41 million people in 1,254 villages across 30 regencies. The provincial governor stated a disaster preparedness status until October 2017. Related agencies have delivered million gallons of water to affected communities.

Source: National Disaster Management Authority (BNPB) (2017, Sep 8). *Drought in More than 2.726 Villages, Million People Exposed in Java and Nusa Tenggara.*

Myanmar

The World Food Programme (WFP) is distributing food to people fleeing into Bangladesh according to the situations in Rakhine State. An estimated 146,000 people have streamed across the border into the district of Cox's Bazar since 25 August 2017. So far, WFP provided above 28,800 new

arrivals with a three-day supply of high-energy biscuits while 28,000 people have received a hot meal of khichuri, a kind of rice and lentil dish, through communal kitchens where WFP supplies rice. Action Contre la Faim, the Red Crescent Society and the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies are providing food to people. WFP plans to reach more people and continues to provide energy biscuits, followed by 50 kg of rice per month for four months. Reportedly, WFP has been providing food assistance to around 72,500 people in camps since October 2016, plus some 34,000 registered refugees.

Source: United Nations World Foods Programme (2017, Sep 6). *WFP Provides Food To People Fleeing Myanmar Violence.*

Thailand

Floods and flash floods due to Typhoon Talas and Sonca from 5 July to 15 August 2017 caused 44 deaths, 1.90 million affected people from 609,425 families and 3,984 damaged houses across 44 provinces. However, the situations remained in Roi Et, Kalasin, Yasothon, Ubonratchathani and Ayutthaya provinces, consisting of 2,910 affected people from 761 households until 11 September 2017. In addition, 1.29 million rai (205,990 hectares) of paddy fields were flood-affected in the first three aforementioned provinces. Assistances were provided to families of dead people as well as of damaged houses and by 8 evacuation points for serving 3,118 affected people from 866 households.

* 1 rai (Thai system) = 0.16 hectare

Source: Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation (DDPM), Ministry of Interior of Thailand (2017, Sep 11). *Disaster Report (Thai Version).*

From 5 July to 11 September 2017, agricultural damages due to floods were found on 360,653 farmers across 45 provinces. In terms of damaged crops, there were 344,728 farmers with 2.54 million rai (406,400 hectares) of paddy fields. In terms of fisheries, there were 14,822 farmers whereas, in terms of damaged livestock, there were 1,103 farmers with 43,317 dead and lost livestock.

Financial assistance by 3,000 baht (91 USD) per household was approved for 321,754 households within a limit of 965.26 million baht (29.14 million USD). Moreover, based on the regulation of the Ministry of Finance of Thailand, the provincial governors provided financial assistances to 12,629 farmers with 73,672 rai (11,788 hectares) of farmlands within a limit of 82.26 million baht (2.48 million USD).

* 1 rai (Thai system) = 0.16 hectare
** 1 USD = 33.13 baht

Source: Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives of Thailand (2017, Sep 11). *Report of disaster situation in agriculture (Thai Version)*.

Viet Nam

Northern provinces are expected to experience heavy rain until 12 September 2017, possibly causing landslides and flash floods. Northern mountainous provinces such as Quang Ninh, Ha Giang and Lao Cai are on the alert for landslides and flash floods in river-side areas. Hydropower plants in Son La and Hoa Binh provinces were asked to release water to lower the volume. In addition, there were landslides, blocking traffic in Bac Kan province.

Source: Viet Nam News (2017, Sep 11). *Northern provinces brace for heavy rain, landslides*.

P.R. China

The national observatory issued a blue alert for Typhoon Guchol, which is expected to affect waters near southern provinces. The eye of Guchol was over water some 400 km southeast of the border of the provinces of Guangdong and Fujian and this typhoon would move northwestward with weakened powers. It was warned that the coast of central Fujian will experience gales during 6-7 September 2017. Local governments were suggested to take precautions against possible disasters.

* *There is a four-tier colour-coded system for severe weather, with red being the most serious, followed by orange, yellow and blue.*

Source: Xinhua (2017, Sep 6). *China on blue alert for Typhoon Guchol*.

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