



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE FOOD SECURITY RELATED INFORMATION

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Cambodia

As of mid-October 2016, around 17,500 hectares of Cambodian rice fields were affected by adverse weather, of which nearly 3,200 hectares were destroyed. Prey Veng and Kampong Speu were hit most. Such impacts came from drought and flood which could surpass those of last year and resulted in losses of farmers whose crops were uninsured. However, impact of flood damage has yet been assessed as heavy rains are expected to continue until the early November 2016.

Source: Sokhorng, C. (2016, Oct 24). *Soggy forecast for rice farmers.* The Phnom Penh Post.

Indonesia

From January to October 2016, 1,853 disaster incidents in Indonesia have killed 351 and displaced 2.4 million people as well as damaged 5,221 houses. This number of disaster incidents is the highest in the last five years and 89 percent are weather-related such as floods, landslides, and tidal waves. Central Java experienced most by 456 incidents and landslide was the most deadly disaster incident by killing 149 people. However, disaster in Indonesia will increase by rainfall intensity which will

be at peak from this December to February 2017. Preparedness and awareness of the public are encouraged against disasters.

Source: National Disaster Management Authority (BNPB) (2016, Oct 30). *1,853 Disasters Killed 351 People During 2016.* News.

Philippines

Typhoon Haima, locally known as Lawin, hit most of northern Luzon areas of the Philippines from 18 to 20 October 2016. Six areas in Region I and Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) were declared a state of calamity from 20 to 22 October 2016. Typhoon Haima caused 14 deaths and 4 injuries along with 90,035 damaged houses. It also affected 42,148 families and 205,328 people. Total damage on agriculture and infrastructure was worth 4,754 million peso (98 million USD). Fifty-five villages in Pangasinan, Bataan, and Pampanga were still flooded. Total worth of assistance from the Department of Social Welfare, local government units, and NGOs to affected families in Regions I, II, III and CAR was worth 36 million peso (740,000 USD).

* 1 USD = 48.29 Philippine peso

Source: Philippine National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) (2016, Oct 25). *SitRep No. 09 re Preparedness Measures and Effects of Typhoon "LAWIN" (I.N. HAIMA).*

Thailand

The Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation (DDPM) of Thailand reported that flash flood, flood, and landslide situations still remained in 8 provinces. There were 12 deaths in Nakornsawan, Ayutthaya, Sing Buri, and Ang Thong Provinces. Nakornsawan was affected most by 33,252 households and 269,474 rai (43,116 hectares) of farmlands. However, water levels have already been decreased except in northern Phichit and southern Krabi. Royal bags, food, medicine, sand

bags, and water pumps were distributed for assistances. Since 18 May 2016, there have been 20 provinces declared emergency for special assistances.

* 1 rai (Thai system) = 0.16 hectare

Source: Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation, Ministry of Interior of Thailand (2016, Oct 27). *Disaster Report (Thai Version)*.

Viet Nam

Flood in early October eroded significant parts of a dyke system in central Quang Tri Province, putting lives and crops on threat. This flood caused holes in the concrete surface and left only the steel frame of the dyke. If the dyke collapsed, local residents and 15,000 hectares of their rice and vegetables would be flooded. Related units were asked to urgently repair the dyke's damage and rock blocks were placed to fill holes and reinforce the bottom.

Source: Viet Nam News (2016, Oct 30). *Dyke breaks threaten thousand lives in Quang Tri*. Viet Nam News.

Sarika was forecasted to be the most dangerous and strongest storm to hit Viet Nam in recent years. This storm would affect northeastern and northern central parts. Authorities of 22 localities from Hai Phong to Quang Binh stayed alert for monitoring, warnings for ships, checking reservoirs, reviewing aquaculture farm situation and preparing for evacuation in vulnerable areas. Meanwhile, assistances by related units and donation were given to central provinces affected by previous flood claiming 25 lives, 18 injured and 4 missing people. Additionally, reservoirs in the Central Highland Region and south central provinces were at capacity after heavy rain in recent days.

Source: Viet Nam Disaster Management Center (2016, Oct 18). *Sarika, most dangerous storm in years, expected tomorrow*. News.

Japan

The 6.2-magnitude earthquake occurred in Western Tottori Prefecture of Japan. This earthquake caused 7 injuries, bullet train service suspension, power outages of 40,000 homes. However damages on residences and properties were minor. Importantly, there was no danger of tsunami and regional nuclear reactor was not affected.

Source: Mortimer, C. (2016, Oct 21). *Japan earthquake: 6.2 magnitude quake hits west of country*. INDEPENDENT.

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