



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE FOOD SECURITY RELATED INFORMATION

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Lao PDR

Luang Prabang, Oudomxay, Xayaboury, Xieng Khuang, and Saravan provinces were still in need of relief assistances although monsoon flood since mid-August 2016 receded.

There were 4 deaths and various damages on agriculture, infrastructure, property, and residence. Oudomxay was hit hardest with more than 12,000 affected households. Total worth of relief assistance from the European Union's funding and national government sectors was over 942 million kip (116,067 USD).

* 1 USD = 8,116 kip

Source: Pongkhao, S. (2016, Oct 11). *Flood victims still in need of assistance*. Vientiane Times.

Malaysia

Related agencies in Pahang, Kelantan, and Terengganu prepared for approaching monsoon flood in mid-November 2016. These eastern states were expected to be affected most by flood with possible mudflows particularly in Pahang. However, the Civil Defense Force will act as the secretariat for overseeing relief operations while rescue personnel, evacuation, relief centres and

items, and issuance of early warning have already been prearranged.

Source: Hui, B. Y., Khoo, S., and Habibu, S. (2016, Oct 31). *Malaysia all set for major floods to hit*. asiaone.

Philippines

Typhoon Haima (Lawin), attacking the Philippines since 19 October 2016, caused 15 dead, 4 injured, and over 200,000 displaced people along with 198,000 damaged houses in Luzon Areas. Damaged houses were concentrated in Isabela and in poor rural areas in Cagayan. The cost of damage on agriculture was worth 212 million USD. However, the situation was manageable within local authorities with regional and national government supports. Total worth of relief assistance by government was 2.2 million USD.

Source: United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) (2016, Nov). *Humanitarian Bulletin Philippines*. Issue 10, 1 – 31 October 2016.

Thailand

The Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation (DDPM) of Thailand reported that **flash flood, flood, and landslide situations in Nakhon Sawan, Ang Thong, Ayutthaya, Kancharaburi, and Phichit provinces were relieved.** Still, low-lying areas in central Nakhon Sawan and northern Phichit remained flooded. Reportedly, Nakhon Sawan was affected most by 33,252 households and 269,474 rai (43,116 hectares) of farmlands while damages in Kancharaburi were being assessed. The DPPM has coordinated with related units for assistance to victims and recovery to normal stage with an urgent basis.

* 1 rai (Thai system) = 0.16 hectare

Source: Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation, Ministry of Interior of Thailand (2016, Nov 1). *DDPM reports flood situation in 5 provinces (Thai Version)*. Disaster News.

Viet Nam

Flood in central provinces of Ha Tinh, Quang Binh, and Quang Tri caused 2 deaths and more than 4,000 damaged houses. These three provinces had barely recovered from flood incurred by previous depression and newcomer Typhoon Sarika since mid-October 2016. However, apart from the forecast of higher water level of local rivers in the three provinces, the central areas from Quang Tri to Phu Yen were warned of a flood risk.

Source: Davies, R. (2016, Nov 2). *Vietnam – Further Flooding in Central Provinces Leaves 2 Dead and Thousands of Homes Damaged.* FloodList.

China

Typhoon Sarika hit the southern Hainan province, causing landfall, 520,000 evacuated people, and flight cancellation. Typhoon Sarika would then head northwestwards to the China-Viet Nam border with possibility of flood and landslide in Guangxi and Guangdong provinces. However, another powerful typhoon called Haima was forecasted to hit China at Guangdong, later.

Source: WEATHER (2016, Oct 18). *Typhoon Sarika batters China's Hainan.* ALJAZEERA.

Typhoon Meranti hit the southeast coast of China, causing 10 dead, 11 missing, and millions more homeless people. The deaths were distributed in Fujian and Zhejiang provinces. In addition, 1.65 million homes in Fujian were out of electricity. Local authorities already operated for rescues and power restoration.

Source: Sehwat, Y. (2016, Sep 16). *China hit by world's strongest typhoon this year: 11 dead, millions stranded, streets flooded.* Indiatoday.

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