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### Lao PDR

***Lao PDR and the United States are working to reduce malnutrition through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Nurture programme which is worth 3.70 million USD.*** Save the Children is the prime programme implementing partner with Laotian officials and communities for improving nutrition, water and hygiene in six districts across Savannakhet and Khammouan provinces. This programme also aims to educate mothers about infant feeding practices. Reportedly, children in Lao PDR remain undernourished at 36 percent despite progress in recent years.

**Source:** Lao News Agency (2017, Feb 3). *Laos, US Cooperate to Reduce Malnutrition through A US\$ 3.7 Million Project.*

### Malaysia

***There were 5,436 evacuees in the states of Kelantan, Terengganu, Perak, Pahang, Johor, Sabah and Selangor due to seasonal floods since 23 January 2017.*** Around 80 percent of evacuees returned homes but there could be other floods by more rain and critical river conditions in Pahang, Kelantan, Johor and Perak. The Malaysian Red

Crescent has coordinated with national authorities for evacuation, search and rescue, provision of food and items, relief assistance and recovery efforts.

**Source:** International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (2017, Feb 2). *Information bulletin No. 3 Malaysia: Seasonal Flooding.*

### Myanmar

***The World Food Programme (WFP) has resumed aid deliveries to the northern Rakhine State, signaling an end to access restrictions.*** The WFP was able to distribute food and supplies to 35,000 people and was carrying out emergency food releases in Maungdaw township of the Rakhine State. However, the school meal programme is not fully operated as many schools in the area remained closed.

**Source:** Moon, S. A. (2017, Jan 31). *WFP resumes food support in Northern Rakhine State.* Myanmar Times.

### Philippines

***The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) maintained close cooperation with the Local Government Units in the Northern Mindanao and CARAGA regions due to massive floods caused by a cold front.*** Reportedly, there were totally 214,433 affected people from 55,824 households in 182 villages. In the CARAGA region, there were still 61,364 people in 212 evacuation centres and a total assistance worth 8.44 million peso (169,597 USD) has been provided to affected families.

\* 1 USD = 49.78 Philippine peso

**Source:** Philippine Information Agency (2017, Feb 2). *DSWD maintains coordination with LGUs in CDO, CARAGA as heavy rains bring flooding anew.*

## **Thailand**

***Floods totally claimed 96 lives and affected 1.82 million people of 587,544 households in 129 districts across 12 provinces in the southern part of Thailand since 1 December 2016.*** Floods still remained and affected 11,269 people from 3,412 households in 6 districts across 3 provinces of Nakhon Si Thammarat, Surat Thani and Phatthalung. In Nakhon Si Thammarat, there were 28 deaths and 175 evacuees. Royal bags, needed items, life-saving boats as well as water pumps and impellers were provided to those provinces while all transportation has already resumed normal operations.

*\* Flood situations in the southern part of Thailand are divided into two periods from 1 to 26 December 2015 and from 1 January 2017 to Present.*

**Source:** Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation (DDPM), Ministry of Interior of Thailand (2017, Feb 2). *Disaster Report (Thai Version).*

***Since 1 December 2016, floods caused agricultural damages on 31,347 farmers across 12 provinces in the southern part of Thailand.*** In terms of damaged crops, there were 19,101 farmers with a total farmland of 106,045 rai (16,967 hectares) of which paddy claimed by 73 percent. In terms of damaged fisheries, there were 7,705 farmers with a total area by 10,870 rai (1,739 hectares) and 11,756 m<sup>2</sup> of floating baskets. Finally, in terms of livestock, there were 4,541 farmers with 226,804 dead livestock. A total assistance was worth 204.80 million baht (5.84 million USD) distributed to crop- and fishery-damaged farmers.

*\* 1 rai (Thai system) = 0.16 hectare  
\*\* 1 USD = 35.09 baht*

**Source:** Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives of Thailand (2017, Feb 2). *Report of disaster situation in agriculture (Thai Version).*

***The Cabinet approved projects which are totally worth 2,514.77 million baht (71.66 million USD) for assisting flood-affected farmers in the southern part of Thailand.*** Proposed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, the projects include flood loss prevention,

rehabilitation and recovery as well as relief assistance. Firstly, wastewater treatment, irrigation management, maintenance of small-scale agricultural machinery and mobile clinics for farmers will be operated for preventing flood loss. Secondly, apart from rehabilitation and recovery for affected crops, livestock and fisheries, there are debt relieves by repayment period extension, interest subsidies and credit limit increase, respectively. Finally, relief assistance includes 3,000 baht (85.49 USD) for each affected household.

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**Source:** Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives of Thailand (2017, Feb 2). *MOAC reveals the cabinet approved assistances for flood-affected farmers in the southern part of Thailand by 17 projects worth 2,517 million baht (Thai Version).* News

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