



## WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE FOOD SECURITY RELATED INFORMATION

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### Indonesia

**Floods due to continuous rain hit Jakarta on 21 February 2017.** Floods were reported in 54 areas of Jakarta and also in Bekasi with 1 death, 119 displaced people and thousands of flooded homes. Recently, as of 27 February 2017, floods in Bekasi totally claimed 2 lives, displaced 400 people staying in temporary shelters and affected 1,341 families.

**Source:** Davies, R. (2017, Feb 21). *Indonesia – Deadly Flooding in Jakarta After 180 mm Rain in 24 Hours (Updated)*. FloodList.

### Lao PDR

**An agricultural service centre, which is being constructed in Huaphan province, aims at improving crop and animal production for exporting to Viet Nam.** This centre, covering the area of 12 hectares by total investment of above 1.91 million USD, is designed to improve agricultural development and knowledge for local farmers towards their higher incomes. This centre is set to be completed and put into operation in 2018. Reportedly, this province exports rice, sweet corn and livestock to Viet Nam with limitations on quantity and quality.

**Source:** Pongkhao, S. (2017, Feb 23). *New agriculture centre to improve crop production*. Vientiane Times.

### Myanmar

**Emergency Grant Aid has been extended by 10 million USD for residents and displaced people in Rakhine State due to the Japanese Government's decision on 24 February 2017.** This aid is to provide humanitarian assistances such as provision of food, non-food items and shelters as well as cooperation for development through international organisations. This aid is for education and vocational training, also.

**Source:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (2017, Feb 24). *Emergency Grant Aid to residents and displaced persons in Rakhine States, Republic of the Union of Myanmar*. News.

### Philippines

**The 6.7-magnitude earthquake caused 8 deaths, 202 injuries and 32,360 affected people from 6,472 families along with 6,398 damaged houses in Surigao del Norte province.** The state of calamity was declared in the entire province of Surigao del Norte on 13 February 2017. Cost of damages on infrastructure was 719.56 million peso (14.33 million USD) whereas the total assistance for affected families was 23.91 million peso (476,010 USD). The Department of Social Welfare and Development in the CARAGA region has a total of 3,900 Family Food Packs worth 1.32 million peso (26,279 USD) which are ready for distribution to affected families in Surigao City.

\* 1 USD = 50.23 Philippine peso

**Source:** National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council of the Philippines (NDRRMC) (2017, Feb 24). *SitRep No. 14 re Effects of Magnitude 6.7 Earthquake in Surigao City, Surigao Del Norte*.

## **Thailand**

***Disaster situations in agriculture according to a drought and floods in the southern part of Thailand have been reported.*** Firstly, since November 2016, a drought damaged 100,477 rai (1,608 hectares) of paddy from 6,106 farmers in the eastern Sa Keo province. The assistance was worth 111.83 million baht (3.20 million USD). Secondly, since December 2016, floods caused damages on 48,032 farmers across 12 provinces in the southern part of Thailand. In terms of damaged crops, there were 31,431 farmers with a total farmland of 166,355 rai (26,617 hectares) of which paddy claimed by 60 percent. In terms of damaged fisheries, there were 13,505 farmers with a total area by 22,825 rai (3,652 hectares) and 82,812 m<sup>2</sup> of floating baskets. Finally, in terms of livestock, there were 3,096 farmers with 218,840 dead or lost livestock. A total assistance of 92.52 million baht (2.65 million USD) has already been distributed to 17,283 farmers in all aforementioned terms.

\* 1 rai (Thai system) = 0.16 hectare

\*\* 1 USD = 34.96 baht

**Source:** Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives of Thailand (2017, Feb 24). *Report of disaster situation in agriculture (Thai Version)*.

## **Viet Nam**

***Hundred metres of land along rivers and coastlines in the southern Ca Mau province are being destroyed due to rising tides together with strong winds and waves.*** At least, there were 132 households living in dangerous areas at a high risk of erosion and a number of areas in this province as well as dozens of metres of protective forest and shrimp farms were damaged. The situation is getting worse while related units have already issued warnings to people.

**Source:** Viet Nam News (2017, Feb 25). *Unusually strong tides erode coastal land*.

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