



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

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### Indonesia

***Floods were reported in Tolitoli Regency, Sulawesi Tengah province and in Kotamubagu City, North Sulawesi province.*** In Tolitoli Regency, there were 1 death, 56,000 affected households, thousands of inundated houses and damages on infrastructure. Emergency response and assessment are still being conducted. In Kotamubagu City, the flood affected 2,474 people from 664 families as well as public facilities. The authority has distributed logistics to affected residents while the flood has subsided.

**Source:** National Disaster Management Authority (BNPB) (2017, Jun 4). *Thousands of Houses Inundated in Sulawesi, 1 Dead and 3 Missing.* News.

### Myanmar

***The prices of essential items including rice, chickpea, edible oil and fish have been increasing in Maungdaw Townships during Ramadan period.*** Reportedly, a bag of 50 kg of rice is being sold at 23,000 kyat (17 USD) while it was sold at 20,000 kyat (15 USD) last month.

\* 1 USD = 1,355 kyat

**Source:** Kaladan Press Network (2017, Jun 10). *Prices of essential commodities increased in Maungdaw.*

### Philippines

***In Mindanao, floods occurred in Matalam, Cotabato province and in Maguindanao.*** In Matalam, Cotabato province, 1,274 people from 265 families were affected. The related authorities distributed family food packs to affected families and are still validating the damage in rice fields. In Maguindanao, 227,475 people from 45,495 families were affected. The state of calamity was declared in municipalities of Datu Piang and Kabuntalan on 29 May 2017. A total of 4.99 million peso (100,844 USD) worth of assistance has been provided to affected families. The damage on rice fields was worth 35.77 million peso (721,897 USD) covering 1,559 affected farmers with 1,583 hectares.

\* 1 USD = 49.55 Philippine peso

**Source:** National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council of the Philippines (NDRRMC) (2017, Jun 9). *Progress Report re Flooding in Mindanao.*

### Singapore

***Singapore has recently borne the brunt of significant swing in food prices, underscoring the importance of food security.*** Due to the United Nations, Singapore ranked last by arable land per capita. Thus, a vertical farming strategy and land reclamation on offshore islands are suggested for creating more farming spaces. Moreover, agricultural businesses and specialists in this key industry should be encouraged.

**Source:** The Straits Times (2017, Jun 5). *Do more to ensure Singapore's food security.*

## Thailand

***Due to heavy rain since 16 May 2017, floods affected 116,690 farmers across 22 provinces.*** In terms of affected crops, there were 99,419 farmers with affected farmlands of 925,838 rai (148,134 hectares) of which paddy claimed by 87 percent. In terms of affected fisheries, there were 8,488 farmers with a total area of 7,074 rai (1,131 hectares) and 80 m<sup>2</sup> of floating baskets. In terms of affected livestock, there were 8,783 farmers with 481,510 livestock. Financial assistance to those farmers has yet been reported.

\* 1 rai (Thai system) = 0.16 hectare

\*\* 1 USD = 33.99 baht

**Source:** Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives of Thailand (2017, Jun 13). *Report of disaster situation in agriculture (Thai Version)*.

## Viet Nam

***Floods in the Mekong Delta are expected to occur earlier this year due to higher than average rainfall.*** The flood peak is expected in the first half of October 2017 and early flooding could occur in provinces of Long An, An Giang and Dong Thap. Farmers might not be able to harvest rice before the floods arrive.

**Source:** Viet Nam News (2017, June 10). *Mekong floods likely to arrive early this year*.

## P.R. China

***Vice-Premier Wang Yang urged setting aside land for production of grain and cash crops.*** Establishing protection areas for rice, wheat, corn and cash crops is a crucial measure to promote agricultural supply-side structural reform. The arrangement should be completed in three years and all designated land should be upgraded into high-quality farmland within five years.

**Source:** The State Council of the People's Republic of China (2017, Jun 6). *Vice-premier urges promoting protection areas for grain*.

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