



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE FOOD SECURITY RELATED INFORMATION

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Indonesia

Floods affected five districts in Central Kalimantan. Affected districts were Gunungmas, Katingan, Barito Utara, Murung Raya and Kapuas. Though the water receded in some areas, the impact was significant that emergency response period was declared by the authority of Katingan and Kapuas from 16 to 29 July 2017 and Gunungmas from 18 to 31 July 2017. In Kapuas, at least 3,534 families were reported affected. Relief efforts have been continuously conducted to help the flood affected people.

Source: ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre) (2017, Jul 16). *Indonesia, Flooding in Central Kalimantan Province.*

Lao PDR

Floods due to heavy rainfall inundated farmlands and cut off key routes in Khamkeuth district of Borikhamxay province. Farmlands, roads and communities on the low-lying ground in the district were flooded and officials are surveying to assess the damage. Until the end of July 2017, the public were warned to pay close attention to weather warnings and be alert of catastrophes.

Source: Vientiane Times (2017, Jul 18). *Heavy rain brings floodwaters to Borikhamxay.*

Myanmar

As of 21 July 2017, above 91,000 people had been temporarily displaced across Magway, Sagaing, Ayeyarwady and Bago regions as well as in Kayin state, due to monsoon season floods, with thousands more affected. The Government of Myanmar, local authorities, Myanmar Red Cross Society, NGOs and the private sector are providing cash assistance, food and other necessary support. As heavy rains continue, the UN and partners are closely monitoring the situation and stand ready to provide support to the Government's response, if required.

Source: United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) (2017, Jul 24). *Asia and the Pacific: Weekly Regional Humanitarian Snapshot (18 – 24 July 2017).*

Philippines

An earthquake with magnitude of 6.5 in Ormoc City, Leyte caused 3 deaths and 16,052 affected people from 4,130 families. Around 8,439 affected people from 2,070 families have been already served in 20 evacuation centres. This earthquake also damaged 3,639 houses in the province. Reportedly, damage costs were totally worth 220.21 million peso (4.34 million USD). The Department of Social Welfare and Development provided food and non-food items worth 18.79 million peso (370,173 USD) to affected population in Leyte province. The state of calamity was declared in the municipality of Kananga and in Ormoc City, respectively.

* 1 USD = 50.76 Philippine peso

Source: National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) (2017, Jul 23). *SitRep No.20 re Magnitude 6.5 Earthquake in Ormoc City, Leyte.*

Floods due to overflowing rivers by heavy rainfall occurred in Cotabato City, Soccsargen Region. Twenty-four of 37 barangays were inundated and a total of 18,684 families or 91,537 people have been affected. The city authority deployed health workers and distributed relief items. Advisory was also issued for the people living in the flood prone area for potential flooding and evacuation if necessary.

Source: ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre) (2017, Jul 20). *Philippines, Widespread flooding affected Cotabato City.*

Thailand

Tropical storm Sonca will trigger torrential rain in most parts of Thailand from 25 to 26 July 2017 and 43 provinces in the upper part are warned to brace for storm's impacts. People living in these provinces such as Chiang Mai, Sukhothai and Chon Buri are being advised to prepare for possible flash floods as well as for evacuation and a close watch for rising water levels. In Chiang Rai, certain parts have already experienced floods and landslides and around 70 households were forced to move their rice to higher ground.

Source: Bangkok Post (2017, Jul 25). *Downpours forecast from Sonca storm.*

Viet Nam

Tropical storm Talas caused one death and thousands of destroyed houses in the central region. The death and nearly 3,000 damaged houses were reported in Nghe An province. Thousands of hectares of crops were also destroyed. Localities in mountainous areas in the northern and north-central regions such as Son La, Lao Cai and Lang Son were put on high alert for landslides and flashfloods.

Source: Viet Nam News (2017, Jul 17). *Storm Talas kills one, destroys thousands of homes.*

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