



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

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### Indonesia

**Residents of 13 villages in Klaten, Central Java are being forced to buy clean water, as the dry season has caused wells and rivers to dry out.** The water price skyrocketed up to 300,000 rupiah (22.49 USD) for each 5,000-liter tank. Clean water normally costs from 100,000 to 150,000 rupiah (7.50 to 11.25 USD) per tank. Reportedly, in Sidorejo village, each household spends between 600,000 and 1 million rupiah (45 and 75 USD) per month on clean water.

\* 1 USD = 13,339 rupiah

**Source:** The Jakarta Post (2017, Sep 4). *Central Java villagers face skyrocketing water price amid drought.*

### Lao PDR

**The World Bank has provided financing of more than 250 billion kip (31 million USD) to Lao PDR to implement the Lao Southeast Asia Disaster Risk Management Project.** This project will invest in urban flood risk management in Oudomxay province and in more reliable hydro-meteorological services across the country. This project is

also to support national disaster resilience which is well aligned with the aims of the 8<sup>th</sup> national socio-economic plan for 2016-2020.

\* 1 USD = 8,286 kip

**Source:** Vientiane Times (2017, Aug 31). *World Bank provides 250b kip for prevention of natural disasters.*

### Myanmar

**Authorities from the Rakhine State government explained security situation, provided food and spoke of future works in Maungtau, Buthidaung and Yethadaung townships in Rakhine State.** Authorities provided 500,000 kyat (368 USD) to people to purchase food in Ponnagyun Town. Afterwards, authorities provided 1 million kyat (736 USD) to displaced people in the Dukkan Chaung Monastery, followed by a donation of 500,000 kyat to displaced people in the Township Sasana Beikmen in Kyauktaw. Authorities will continue to provide aid for a week to displaced people who arrived at Sittway, Kyauktaw and Ponnagyun.

\* 1 USD = 1,359 kyat

**Source:** The Global New Light of Myanmar (2017, Sep 3). *Donations for displaced people by Rakhine State government.*

### Philippines

**Tropical Depression Kiko has maintained its strength and continues to pose a threat over extreme Northern Luzon.** It is expected to be near Batanes area and to exit the Philippine Area of Responsibility on 6 September 2017. In Batanes and Babuyan Group of Island, rice crops may suffer significant damage when it is in its flowering stage while there might be light damages on structures.

**Source:** National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) (2017, Sep 5). *Severe Weather Bulletin No. 06 re Tropical Depression "KIKO".*

## Thailand

***Floods and flash floods due to Typhoon Talas and Sonca from 5 July to 15 August 2017 occurred in 44 provinces consisting of 302 districts and 14,105 villages.*** There were totally 42 deaths, 1.90 million affected people from 609,425 households and 3,984 damaged houses. However, the situations remained in Kalasin, Roi Et, Yasothon, Ubonratchathani and Ayutthaya, covering 23 districts and 535 villages. Due to those flood-remained provinces, there were 8,952 affected people from 2,749 households whereas 8 evacuation points have already served 3,118 people from 866 households.

**Source:** Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation (DDPM), Ministry of Interior of Thailand (2017, Sep 5). *Disaster Report (Thai Version)*.

***From 5 July to 5 September 2017, damages due to floods were detected on 331,427 farmers across 45 provinces.*** In terms of damaged crops, there were 316,503 farmers across 43 provinces with 2.51 million rai (401,600 hectares) of farmlands, of which paddy claimed by 93 percent. In terms of fisheries, there were 13,791 farmers across 33 provinces whereas, in terms of damaged livestock, there were 1,133 farmers across 29 provinces with 45,706 dead and lost livestock.

Assistances were being provided for flood-damaged farmers by water pumps, repair of levees and dykes as well as feeds, healthchecks and evacuation for livestock. The Department of Agricultural Extension opened the centre for assisting the victims. Moreover, financial assistance by 3,000 baht (90 USD) per household was approved for 109,069 households within a limit of 327.21 million baht (9.86 million USD). Due to the regulation of the Ministry of Finance of Thailand, the provincial governors provided financial assistances to 11,975 farmers with 71,925 rai (11,508 hectares) of farmlands across

12 provinces within a limit of 80 million baht (2.41 million USD) in terms of crops.

\* 1 rai (Thai system) = 0.16 hectare

\*\* 1 USD = 33.17 baht

**Source:** Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives of Thailand (2017, Sep 5). *Report of disaster situation in agriculture (Thai Version)*.

***People in the North and Northeast, especially along the Mekong River, have been warned to brace for possible flooding although Tropical Storm Pakhar has been downgraded to a low-pressure system.*** In Nakhon Phanom, 100,000 rai (16,000 hectares) of rice fields along the Mun and Songkram rivers are at high risk of inundation while 200 rai (32 hectares) of plantations and roads in Uthai Thani were already submerged. People in Ubonratchathani and Chiang Mai are warned of heavy downpours and flash floods. In addition, the water level in the Chao Phraya dam is rising continuously because of inflows from the North. People living in Sing Buri, Ang Thong, and Ayutthaya were advised to closely monitor the situation. All agencies were urged to be ready to assist flood-affected people.

\* 1 rai (Thai system) = 0.16 hectare

**Source:** Bangkok Post (2017, Aug 29). *North, Northeast warned to brace for floods.*

## Viet Nam

***Two or three storms are forecast to directly affect Viet Nam, especially the central region.*** It is predicted that the central region will see much lower rainfall than usual. However, flood season in the central and Central Highlands regions may come earlier than other years from early October while the southern coastal region may experience a high tidal level at the end of the year.

**Source:** Viet Nam News (2017, Sep 5). *Up to three storms to hit Viet Nam by year-end.*

***A landslide caused 2 deaths and 7 injuries in the northern province of Yen Bai.*** The authorities provided the clean-up of the landslide and visited the affected households. Financial support of 5.4 million dong (238 USD) was given to families of each of the deceased and 2.7 million dong (119 USD) was granted to families of those injured. In addition, a landslide occurred in northern Dien Bien province.

**Source:** Viet Nam News (2017, Sep 5). *Two died, seven injured in northern landslide.*

## **P.R. China**

***China's National Meteorological Centre renewed the yellow alert for Typhoon Mawar, which was expected to hit southern Guangdong province.*** As at 5 am of 3 September 2017, the eye of Typhoon Mawar was above the South China Sea at some 135 km south-east of Guangdong. The Chinese authorities activated a national disaster alert and response mechanism to help local departments prepare for relief work. Local authorities were asked to publicise forecasts regarding Typhoon Mawar and its predicted routes to enable residents to move to safe places and ships to return to harbor.

**Source:** The Strait Times (2017, Sep 4). *China renews yellow alert for Typhoon Mawar.*

***Typhoon Pakhar killed 3 people in Guangxi province.*** Typhoon Pakhar hit nine counties in Guangxi after Typhoon Hato made landfall. This typhoon also led to 213 evacuated people and 140 damaged houses while direct economic losses were over 25 million yuan (around 3.8 million USD). China's national observatory issued a yellow alert for Typhoon Pakhar on 25 August 2017 and forecast that it would bring heavy rain to Guangdong, Guangxi, Hainan and Yunnan provinces.

**Source:** China Plus (2017, Aug 30). *Typhoon Pakhar kills 3 in South China*

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