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Lao PDR

The Ministry of Health and the United Nations World Food Programme have reviewed a progress report on nutrition programmes in Lao PDR for the next five-year plan. The report supports implementation of the National Nutrition Strategy and Plan of Action to reduce the level of chronic malnutrition from 35.6 percent in 2017 to 25 percent by 2025. Good nutrition in the first 1,000 days of an infant's life is vital to meet these goals. This report also shows varied cost and availability of nutritious diets across the country and suggests exploring food fortification options and engaging in social behavior change communication. Recommendations in the report would assist Lao PDR to eliminate malnutrition and meet the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Target.

Source: Vientiane Times (2017, Sep 15). *Ministry, WFP discuss nutrition project.*

Myanmar

The government's Rakhine State committee began a visit to Maungdaw and Buthidaung townships of northern Rakhine on 18 September 2017. This committee was formed on 12 September 2017, led by Vice President U Myint Swe and permanent secretaries from various ministries. This committee will review recommendations for their ministries based on the situation in northern Rakhine State. Reportedly, there are hundreds dead and over 400,000 Muslims have fled across the border to Bangladesh whereas 30,000 Buddhists, Hindus as well as sub-ethnic residents also fled violence but nearly 4,300 returned to their homes last week.

Source: The Irrawaddy (2017, Sep 18). *Rakhine Committee to Visit Maungdaw.*

Philippines

Typhoon Talim and Tropical Depression Maring led to eight deaths, five missing, 40,966 affected people from 9,432 families and 1,822 damaged houses in the Region III, NCR and CALABARZON. Laguna, Cavite and Gumaca of Quezon province declared the state of calamity on 12 September 2017 while Noveleta of Cavite province also declared the state of calamity on 13 September 2017. The cost of damages on infrastructure and agriculture was worth 267.04 million peso (5.22 million USD) of which damages on rice claimed by 66 percent. The cost of assistance was worth 1.06 million peso (20,711 USD) provided to the affected families in the provinces of Laguna and Quezon. However, Typhoon Talim and Tropical Depression Maring has already exited the Philippine Area of Responsibility.

* 1 USD = 51.18 Philippine peso

Source: National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) (2017, Sep 19). *SitRep No. 09 re Preparedness Measures and Effects of Typhoon "LANNIE" (I.N. TALIM) and Tropical Depression "MARING".*

Thailand

Floods and flash floods due to Typhoon Doksuri affected 12 provinces covering 34 districts and 320 villages from 15 to 17 September 2017. Yet, flood and flash floods situations remained across 7 provinces including Kalasin, Phitsanulok, Phetchabun, Satun, Chiang Rai, Lampang and Chaiyaphum covering 20 districts and 247 villages. Reportedly, there were 2,120 affected people from 787 households in Satun while damages were still being assessed for the rest. Apart from evacuation, boats, relief items and personnel were deployed for assistances.

Source: Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation (DDPM) (2017, Sep 18). *Disaster Report (Thai Version)*.

Viet Nam

The Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc on 16 September 2017 visited the central provinces hardest hit by Typhoon Doksuri to inspect recovery efforts. The Prime Minister visited Nghe An, Ha Tinh, Da Nang and Quang Binh provinces. More than 350 houses in Nghe An were destroyed while damages in Ha Tinh were by 60,000 destroyed houses and 1,000 submerged hectares of rice. As emergency aid, tonnes of rice were allocated to Ha Tinh while 3,000 tonnes of rice from the national reserve were given to Quang Binh. Other actions were by urging for cleaning environment, repairing houses, ensuring access to power and fresh water as well as helping manufacturers to resume production. Reportedly, Typhoon Doksuri caused at least nine dead, 112 injured and four missing people.

Source: Viet Nam News (2017, Sep 18). *PM oversees repairs in storm-damaged provinces, allocates aid.*

P.R. China

Up to half a million people were expected to be evacuated in south-eastern China due to Typhoon Talim. This typhoon was forecast to hit several cities along the central and northern sections of the Fujian coastline including Fuzhou and Ningde. The meteorological agency issued a blue alert, the lowest in a four-tier colour-coded system for severe weather. The lowest Grade IV emergency response was initiated in the provinces of Fujian and Zhejiang whereas relevant agencies were told to monitor Typhoon Talim and take emergency measures in a timely manner.

Source: The Strait Times (2017, Sep 12). *Up to half a million people to be evacuated as giant Typhoon Talim approaches south-eastern China.*

Japan

Typhoon Talim made landfall in Hokkaido after causing two deaths in Shikoku on 17 September 2017. Three people were missing in Kochi and Oita Prefectures. In Oita, around 1,200 people remained stranded in Saiki and Tsukumi cities as floods and mudslides cut off some roads. Evacuation instructions were issued to about 2,000 households in Otsuchi town of Iwate Prefecture while a train service was suspended in Yamagata Prefecture.

Source: The Japan Times (2017, Sep 18). *Typhoon Talim rumbles through Hokkaido after leaving two dead in Shikoku.*

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