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Indonesia

A flash flood has occurred at the districts of Kelumbayan and West Kelumbayan in Tanggamus Regency, Lampung province on 26 October 2017. Pekon Napal, Sinar Harapan and Sinar Maju are the worst affected areas with around 1,309 people. About 400 houses, one medical facility and two schools were inundated while a regional road was cut off. This flash flood also caused the loss of electricity and communication access, delaying the emergency response team.

Source: ASEAN Humanitarian Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre) (2017, Oct 26). *Indonesia, Flash flood in Tanggamus regency, Lampung.*

More than 10,000 residents of two districts in Wonogiri, Central Java are suffering from food shortages due to prolonged drought. Living below the poverty line is the other reason of food shortages and there are totally 10,780 suffering people from 2,695 households in Kismantoro and Paranggupito districts. Wonogiri Agriculture and Food Agency needed 37.7 tonnes of rice for helping five villages in the two districts.

Source: The Jakarta Post (2017, Oct 25). *Thousands of Wonogiri residents face food shortage due to drought.*

Malaysia

The number of flood victims in Kota Belud of Sabah State was 1,519 people based on the Malaysian Civil Defense Force. One of the seven evacuation centres was closed as floods already receded. The assistance included building new houses for flood victims. Besides, 323.38 million ringgit (76 million USD) was distributed from the National Disaster Relief Trust Fund for flood reliefs in Kelantan, Terengganu, Pahang and nationwide.

* 1 USD = 4.23 ringgit

Source: The Star Online (2017, Oct 24). *Floods still affecting more than 1,500 in Kota Belud.*

Myanmar

Aid from the government of Rakhine State reached victims due to a strong wind in Mrauk-U Township. The authorities provided 300,000 kyat (221 USD) each to seven houses that were completely destroyed and 100,000 kyat (74 USD) each to 15 houses that were partly damaged. Other assistances included five sacks of rice, 27 Family Kit boxes, 35 pieces of tarpaulin and construction materials. Schools will be reconstructed for teachers and school uniforms will be provided for students.

* 1 USD = 1,360 kyat

Source: Ministry of Information of Myanmar (2017, Oct 22). *Aid reaches to victims of strong wind in Mrauk-U.*

Philippines

Typhoon Lan affected 163,349 people and damaged 1,111 houses in Regions VI, VII, IX, XII, CARAGA and ARMM from 15 to 22 October 2017. Around 74 per cent of affected people was served by evacuation centres. Crops and properties in Zamboanga City and in the Siocon municipality of Zamboanga del Norte were damaged. The state of calamity was declared in Zamboanga City on 19 October 2017. The total assistance of 1.68 million peso (32,615 USD) was

given to affected families in Zamboanga del Sur, Negros Occidental and Sultan Kudarat provinces. However, Typhoon Lan exited the Philippine Area of Responsibility, already.

* 1 USD = 51.51 philippine peso

Source: National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council of the Philippines (NDRRMC) (2017, Oct 25). *SitRep No.08 re Preparedness Measures and Effects of Weather Disturbances in the Country enhanced by Typhoon "PAOLO" and a Low Pressure Area (LPA).*

Thailand

Floods totally caused 10 deaths and 324,962 affected people across 23 provinces from 10 to 27 October 2017.

This was due to Tropical Depression along with water releases from the Chao Phraya Dam and the Ubol Ratana Dam. Floods still remained in 19 provinces across northern, northeastern and central parts. Ayutthaya was hardest hit as shown by 97,403 people whereas floods also affected agricultural lands by 40,769 rai (6,523 hectares) in Kalasin, Ang Thong, Suphan Buri. Royal bags, water, medicine and boats were provided to those affected while soldiers and medical teams were deployed to assist in the affected areas.

* 1 rai (Thai system) = 0.16 hectare

Source: Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation of Thailand (DDPM) (2017, Oct 27). *Disaster Report (Thai Version).*

Viet Nam

Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc called upon flood-hit provinces suffering from food shortage to report to the Government for timely assistance to avoid hunger in post-flood period. PM Phuc also asked for reviewing disaster response activities for lessons and asked localities to pay special attention to winter-spring rice production during the meeting to surmount flood consequences in Hanoi on 26 October 2017. The meeting drew the attendance of ministerial and leaders from the provinces of Hoa Binh, Yen Bai, Son La and Thanh

Hoa seriously affected by heavy rains and floods. Reportedly, since the beginning of 2017, natural disasters left 245 deaths and missing, destroyed 4,600 houses and caused a total loss of over 36.5 trillion dong (1.6 billion USD) to localities.

Source: The Government of Viet Nam (2017, Oct 27). *PM asks for timely hunger relief in post-flood period.*

Japan

Typhoon Saola moved from the Pacific coast of Honshu towards Hokkaido on 30 October 2017 and bound to release heavy rain to northern regions.

Two people were injured in Miyazaki and Oita and transportation networks were disrupted in Kyushu and Okinawa. There were warnings of strong winds, floods and mudslides. Typhoon Saola was weakened into a low-pressure system after passing south of the Kanto region.

Source: The Japan Times (2017, Oct 30). *Typhoon Saola downgraded but expected to drench Pacific coastal areas as it nears Hokkaido.*

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