



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE FOOD SECURITY RELATED INFORMATION

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Indonesia

Landslides and floods due to heavy rainfall totally caused 9 deaths and 14,457 affected people across Bogor, Tangerang and Jakarta. In Bogor City of West Java Province, landslides blocked the main road and the bridge in Mandey was washed away. Related units were on the ground for rescue operations and assessing damages. In Tangerang City of Banten Province, heavy rainfall caused a landslide in the road to the International Airport. In Jakarta, several locations in eastern and southern parts were flooded while agencies were on alert and assisting evacuation for people.

Source: ASEAN Humanitarian Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre) (2018, Feb 5). *Indonesia, Landslide and floods in Bogor, Jakarta and Tangerang.*

Strong wind caused one death, around 915 affected people and 183 damaged houses in Cilacap Regency, Central Java Province. Damaged houses were found in Dayeuhluhur, Wanareja and Majenang Districts. The local disaster management agency of Cilacap provided relief items and shelter repair kit to the affected population.

Source: ASEAN Humanitarian Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre) (2018, Feb 2). *Indonesia, Strong Wind in Cilacap.*

Lao PDR

Officials of Lao PDR reviewed achievements with the United Nations at the steering committee meeting of the Laos – UN Partnership Framework (UNPF) for 2017 – 2021 on 2 February 2018. The key achievements of moving the country closer towards graduation from the Least Developed Country status and fulfilling the Sustainable Development Goals were noted. Regarding progresses on food and nutrition security, provincial and district multisectoral coordination committees were set up in all provinces and 44 districts while strategy investment plans for the sustainable production and commercialisation of 10 commodities were developed. In addition, the UNPF aims to address social protection especially for the poor and to decrease climate change and disaster vulnerability, as well.

Source: Vientiane Times (2018, Feb 5). *Laos reviews key achievements with UN support.*

Malaysia

A total of 2,320 flood victims from 624 families were staying at 20 relief centres in Sarawak State. Flood was caused by continuous downpour over the past four days. The victims were from Kuching, Samarahan, Serian, Bintulu and Mukah Districts. Schools in those areas were forced to be closed. The yellow alert for heavy rain advisory was raised for several parts of Sarawak State by the Meteorological Department.

Source: New Straits Times (2018, Feb 5). *Sarawak flooding forces 2,320 from homes.*

Philippines

Mayon Volcano eruption led to 86,056 affected people from 22,398 families in Albay Province whereas the alert level 4 was still effective for Bicol Region as of 5 February 2018. Of the affected people, 64,925 persons from 17,141 families were being served inside 59 evacuation centres. This event also led

to livestock evacuation, flight cancellations and transportation disruption. Schools and personnels located within Permanent Danger Zone were affected while classes were suspended in Albay and Camarines Sur Provinces. On 16 January 2018, the state of calamity was declared for Albay Province. Damages on rice were worth 160.7 million peso (3.1 million USD) with a total of 10,279 affected farmers. A total of 113.5 million peso (2.2 million USD) worth of assistance was provided by related units to the affected families in Albay Province.

* 1 USD = 51.66 peso

Source: National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council of the Philippines (2018, Feb 5). *SitRep No.27 re Mayon Volcano Eruption*.

Thailand

From 2 to 6 February 2018, the upper part of Thailand will be affected by continuous cold weather due to the high-pressure area from P.R. China. Strong wind and high tides are anticipated in the Gulf of Thailand and in Andaman Sea, as well. Thus, farmers are warned of damages on agricultural outputs while residents along the coast are cautioned of strong wind and high tides.

Source: Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation, the Ministry of Interior of Thailand (2018, Feb 2). *Disaster Report (Thai Version)*.

Viet Nam

A strong cold spell continues to disrupt northern and central provinces as well as the Central Highlands of Viet Nam. There were damages on agricultural production and animal breeding. The cold spell killed above 2,000 cattle with farmers in the mountainous province of Cao Bang were the worst hit. Due to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, local authorities were asked to immediately deploy measures to protect animals from the cold and starvation, to maintain larger feeds and to give financial assistance to poor households. Yet, the exact loss on agriculture has not been calculated so far.

Rice farmers in the Red River Delta and the northern central region were asked to halt cultivation and wait for warmer weather for avoiding losses.

Source: Viet Nam News (2018, Feb 2). *Farmers incur losses due to intense cold*.

Japan

Heavy snow along the Sea of Japan coast disrupted transportation and prompted authorities to request for the dispatch of the Self-Defense Forces for disaster relief after around 1,000 vehicles were stranded in Fukui Prefecture. Snow continued to fall mainly in the Hokuriku Region which has seen heavier snow than in average years. The Meteorological Agency warned the public of continuous heavy snowfall from northern to western Japan, mainly in the areas along the Sea of Japan coast. Disruptions on transportation were by reduced speeds of trains and flight cancellations.

Source: The Japan Times (2018, Feb 6). *Heavy snow strands 1,000 vehicles on Fukui Prefecture road*.

Republic of Korea

More than 100 flights to and from Jeju Island were cancelled or delayed amid heavy snow, the second major disruption in less than a month. Forecasters on 4 February 2018 issued warnings for snow and high winds on the island.

Source: The Straits Times (2018, Feb 5). *Snow on South Korea's Jeju Island hits world's busiest air route, affecting more than 100 flights*.

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