



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE FOOD SECURITY RELATED INFORMATION

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Indonesia

Floods were reported in West Aceh Regency, Aceh Province. High intense rain caused 30 – 85 centimetres deep floods in Woyla and Bubon Districts. In total, 523 people from 183 families were affected. The local health agency was deployed for providing assistances and responding through local hospitals.

Source: ASEAN Humanitarian Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre) (2018, Apr 13). *Indonesia, Flood in Aceh Barat regency.*

Strong wind totally affected 385 people in Sukabumi Regency, West Java Province. Strong wind and heavy rainfall caused damages in Warungkiara and Palabuhan Ratu Districts. There were 265 affected people from 64 families in Warungkiara and there were 120 affected people from 30 families in Palabuhan Ratu. Yet, no casualties were reported.

Source: ASEAN Humanitarian Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre) (2018, Apr 13). *Indonesia, Strong wind in Sukabumi regency.*

Philippines

The 5.4-magnitude earthquake occurred with the epicenter in Gonzaga Municipality of Cagayan Province on 16 April 2018. The second quake happened at the southeastern part of the province in two hours later. However, there are no expected damages, aftershocks and disruption on electric power transmission by two consecutive quakes. Besides, the Intensity 1 was also felt in Santiago City of Isabela Province and in Laoag City of Ilocos Norte Province.

Source: Philippine Information Agency (2018, Apr 16). *Magnitude 5.4 quake hits Cagayan town.*

The Orange Warning Level of heavy rain was raised in Davao Region because of the low-pressure area. The National Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council raised the Orange Warning in Davao Oriental, Davao del Norte, Davao del Sur, Compostela Valley as well as Davao City, South Cotabato and Sarangani. People in these areas were alerted for floods and landslides due to continued heavy rain. The Office of Civil Defense is keeping a close watch on the Saug River in Davao del Norte and the Tuganay, Libuganon and Lasang rivers in Davao City which may cause floods in residential areas.

Source: Philippine News Agency (2018, Apr 16). *Orange warning up in Davao areas due to heavy rains.*

Singapore

The alert of heavy rain was issued by the National Environment Agency on 14 April 2018 with the Public Utilities Board adding that flash floods may occur. Within the same day, there were high flood risks at Tanjong Penjuru and Penjuru Road while rain with thundery showers were forecast over most of the island except the southern tip. The country is facing inter-monsoon conditions of warm weather as well as thunderstorms and high tendency of lightning activity.

Source: The Straits Times (2018, Apr 14). *NEA issues heavy rain alert, PUB says flash floods may occur.*

Thailand

The Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation has advised people to be cautious after a tropical storm wreaked havoc in many areas of the country. Reportedly, 892 homes in 19 provinces have been affected by summer storms. For example, storms caused damages on the municipality office, a temple and several homes as well as uprooted trees in Khon Kaen Province whereas there were 41 damaged homes because of hailstorms in Nong Khai Province. Local authorities nationwide are on high alert for assisting people until the situation becomes normal. Tropical storms are likely to last until 18 April 2018.

Source: National News Bureau of Thailand (2018, Apr 17). *Tropical storms wreak havoc in many provinces.*

Viet Nam

There is a water shortage this summer in southern An Giang Province due to saltwater intrusion and drought according to the province's Agriculture and Rural Development Department. Some 20,000 people in Thoai Son and Tri Ton Districts would lack water for daily use in March and April 2018 because of saltwater intrusion. Around 45,000 people in Tinh Bien and Tri Ton may get little water due to drought whereas 150,000 people were affected as they were located away from water supply plants. Saltwater intrusion and drought would also likely hit above 74,000 hectares of farming areas. The province was taking measures to minimise the impacts by improving the water pipe network and dredging canals and reservoirs as well as by instructing local people about desalination.

Source: Viet Nam News (2018, Apr 13). *Saltwater intrusion creates water shortage in An Giang.*

Meteorologists will now be able to predict storms five days in advance instead of the current three-day early prediction based on the Meteorological and Hydrological Forecasting Centre. Development of a tropical low pressure will also be forecast three days in advance instead of one day. However, prediction of severity of storms and rainfall levels was limited and the country faces challenges particularly with the lack of observation station networks. Reportedly, in 2018, 12 - 13 typhoons and tropical depressions are expected to form in the East Sea with up to six are predicted to have a direct impact on the mainland, especially the central region. The total amount of rainfall is also expected to be 15 – 30 per cent higher than in 2017 in the northern, central and southern regions.

Source: Viet Nam News (2018, Apr 13). *Weather forecast set to improve in 2018.*

P.R. China

The National Meteorological Centre (NMC) reported that a cold front will cause temperature drops and rain in the South for the next few days. Temperatures in southern areas of Fujian, Guangdong and Guangxi will drop by 6 to 10 degrees Celsius. Rain will be seen in the South with some parts of Guangdong and Guangxi to be hit by heavy rains. The NMC added that it will pay close attention to the influence of the strong precipitation in the South of the country.

Source: Xinhua (2018, Apr 14). *Cold front to bring rain to south China.*

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