



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

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### Indonesia

**Strong Wind affected around 215 people of 43 families in Sindenreng Rappang Regency of South Sulawesi Province.** According to the initial report, 215 people were temporarily displaced whereas 43 houses were damaged in the districts of Pitu Riawa and Watang Sindenreng. Those damaged houses were divided into 11 houses in Ana Banna Village, 12 houses in Lasiawala Village and 10 houses in Empagae Village.

**Source:** ASEAN Humanitarian Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre) (2018, Apr 20). *Indonesia, Strong Wind in Sindenreng Rappang Regency.*

**The 4.4-magnitude earthquake caused two deaths and 3,506 displaced people in Banjarnegara Regency of Central Java Province.** The earthquake also resulted in 21 injuries, 201 destroyed houses as well as damages on mosques and a school. The assistances included damage assessment, evacuation sites, treatment for injured people at the local health centre and personnel deployment. However, water, food, family kit, hygiene kit, diapers and tarpaulin are immediate needs for the affected people.

**Source:** ASEAN Humanitarian Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre) (2018, Apr 18). *Indonesia, M 4.4 Earthquake in Banjarnegara Regency.*

### Myanmar

**The Department of Disaster Management of Myanmar issued an alert over gales which are common in April.** Gales already caused one death, damaged houses and monasteries in the townships of Paungde, Nattalin, Hinthada, Homalin and Gangaw in Bago Region. Rice and relief goods were given to the affected people. Plus, thunderstorms are expected to hit many parts of the country until the end of April. Monitoring of unstable weather conditions is needed although there is no chance of a storm to form in the Bay of Bengal.

**Source:** Myanmar Times (2018, Apr 20). *Government agencies raise alert for gales.*

### Thailand

**Residents in the upper part of Thailand have been warned of another round of summer thunderstorms and strong winds in next week.** There will be thunderstorms, strong winds and hails in the Northeast as well as storms in the North, the Central and the East from 25 to 27 April 2018. Nakhon Phanom, Sakon Nakhon, Kalasin and Khon Kaen will face the situations first. Local people are urged to take precautions and farmers should be aware of crop damage.

**Source:** Bangkok Post (2018, Apr 21). *More storms on the way.*

**Storms totally led to five deaths and seven injuries as well as 3,758 affected houses across 36 provinces in northern, northeastern, central and eastern regions from 13 to 20 April 2018.** Deaths were reported in Buri Ram, Maha Sarakham, Phichit, Chachoengsao and Chiang Mai while the most affected houses at 779 houses were recorded in Lampang. Storms also affected granaries and farms in some provinces such as Kalasin, Buri Ram and Nong Bua Lam Phu. Related units have already assessed situations and provided assistances to affected provinces.

**Source:** Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation, the Ministry of Interior of Thailand (2018, Apr 20). *Disaster Report (Thai Version).*

## Viet Nam

**Some 11 reservoirs and several seasonal dams in southern Ninh Thuan Province have dried out, leaving 1,700 households without clean water.** Due to drought effects, 7,500 people mostly in Ninh Hai, Ninh Son and Bac Ai Districts lack clean water access for daily use and 785 cattle have died during February to April 2018. District authorities have asked people to stop planting summer-autumn crops and to save water for daily activity and for livestock. It was estimated that an area of 6,000 hectares will not be planted in 2018. The government was asked to support Ninh Thuan Province by water supplies for people and investment of pumping system for the dried reservoirs. Meanwhile, Ninh Thuan Province was also recommended to update and compare data of drought and water resources in the first quarter of 2018 with the severe drought in 2015-16 for water supplies for people and for distribution to localities engaged in agricultural activities.

**Source:** Viet Nam News (2018, Apr 19). *Ninh Thuan Province seeks support to fight drought.*

## P.R. China

**Heavy downpours in Northwest China's Gansu Province have killed one person due to the Department of Civil Affairs.** Above 20,000 people have been affected by the bad weather. Strong rain mixed with hail damaged more than 800 hectares of crops in nine counties. There were also more than 300 damaged houses.

**Source:** Chinadaily (2018, Apr 20). *1 killed, more than 20,000 affected by downpours in Gansu.*

**The new Ministry of Emergency Management will help integrate China's scattered disaster-relief resources to cope with frequent national disasters.**

This ministry has begun functioning on 16 April 2018 and will take responsibility of the former State Administration of Work Safety, with functions from other ministries such as disaster relief from the Ministry of Civil Affairs, geological disaster prevention from the Ministry of Land and Resources, drought and flood control from the Ministry of Water Resources and prairie fire control of the Ministry of Agriculture. The Ministry of Emergency Management will also help in integrating and applying emergency-related data.

**Source:** Chinadaily (2018, Apr 18). *Ministry to improve emergency response.*

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