



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE FOOD SECURITY RELATED INFORMATION

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Cambodia

The Ministry of Water Resources announced that floods will hit several provincial areas due to strong weather and water flow. Heavy water flow affected areas surrounding the Stung Takouy River in Pailin Province whereas there was one death as well as flooded national road in Preah Sihanouk Province. The Ministry of Water Resources issued the flood alerts in some provinces while dam gates in Kampot and Battambang were opened for releasing excess water. Reportedly, natural disasters led to at least 103 deaths, 120 injuries and thousands of damaged houses, crops and infrastructure in the last year.

Source: Khmer Times (2018, Jul 16). *Floods to hit provinces.*

Indonesia

The eruption of Mount Krakatau in Banten Province was reported on 11 July 2018. It erupted 56 times in 24 hours and sent grey ashes above the crater up to 1,000 metres. There were volcanic ashes, sands and lava avalanche which could be seen glowing at night. People have been

reminded to stay away from the island and no activities are permitted within a radius of one kilometre from the crater. Yet, there is no danger to aviation.

Source: United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (2018, Jul 16). *Asia and the Pacific: Weekly Regional Humanitarian Snapshot (10 – 16 July 2018)*

Drought was reported in Jenar District, Sragen Regency, Central Java Province on 12 July 2018. According to low rainfall intensity and reduction of the groundwater levels, 560 people among 144 families were affected by this incidence. Initial response by related units including disaster management officers, government institution and private sector is to supply water to the affected areas.

Source: ASEAN Humanitarian Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre) (2018, Jul 12). *Indonesia, Drought in Sragen, Central Java.*

Myanmar

Landslide caused 15 deaths and around 40 injuries at Mahar Gem block near Sankhar Village in Kachin State. The officials were still collecting the exact number of victims while the death toll was expected to exceed 50 people. Reportedly, there are above 200,000 migrant workers in Hpakant, Kachin State. More than 300 people were killed every year by frequent landslides.

Source: ASEAN Humanitarian Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre) (2018, Jul 14). *Myanmar, Landslide in Sankhar village.*

Philippines

Tropical Depression Son Tinh was reported to affect 7,476 people from 2,300 families across Central Luzon and MIMAROPA Regions as of 17 July 2018. Despite no casualties, this incidence also led to 23 damaged houses and 55 flooded villages along with landslides occurring in Coron Municipality of Palawan Province

and Olongapo City of Zambales Province. There were class suspensions across 146 cities and municipalities in Central Luzon and Cagayan Valley Regions whereas the passengers and vessels at seaports were stranded. Relevant authorities have been monitoring the weather for issuing warning and setting standby funds as well as the stockpiles of family food packs for providing to affected people at any given time. Yet, Tropical Depression Son Tinh intensified into a tropical storm and is outside the area of responsibility, already. There will be rain due to southwest monsoon over provinces such as Metro Manila, Bataan and Cavite as well as Western Visayas.

Source: National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council of the Philippines (2018, Jul 17). *SitRep No. 02 re Preparedness Measures and Effects of Southwest Monsoon Enhanced by Tropical Depression "HENRY" for the period of 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM, 17 July 2018.*

Thailand

Floods have hit province in the northeastern region of Thailand due to the influence of a low pressure from the South China Sea. Heavy rainfalls led to flooded homes and roads as swelled local waterways across the provinces of Nakhon Panom and Bueng Kan. The Department of Royal Irrigation has ordered all of offices in the northeast to step up drainage into the Mekong River and set urgent plans to slow waters from the Chi River entering into Roi Et Province. Besides, works is in response to expected higher rainfalls across Roi Et, Nakhon Panom, Yasothon, Mahasarakam and Kalasin. Most floods so far have been in low lying areas and expected to subside.

Source: National News Bureau of Thailand (2018, Jul 17). *Floods reported across northeast due to low pressure front.*

The Meteorological Department of Thailand has warned of flash floods and strong winds in the Andaman Sea and the upper Gulf of Thailand that will cause two to three metres high waves. Heavy rainfalls will occur in the northern, northeastern, eastern and southwestern regions of Thailand. The department has

advised vessels in the Andaman Sea and the upper Gulf of Thailand to proceed with caution while small boats should stay in the ports. Residents in the eastern and in the southwestern regions should be cautious of strong winds blowing into coastal areas.

Source: National News Bureau of Thailand (2018, Jul 17). *Meteorological Dept warns of heavy rainfall.*

Viet Nam

As of 17 July 2018, tropical low-pressure system has gained strength and become Tropical Storm Son Tinh. For responses, the Steering Committee for Natural Disaster Prevention and Control and Search of Thanh Hoa Province told relevant units to inform all offshore vessels about storm to find safe shelters. The local administration dispatched teams to ensure the safety of the local dyke systems and to evacuate local people living in areas at high risks of flash floods and landslide to safer places. Plus, torrential rains are predicted to continue hitting provinces of Hoa Binh as well as the northern delta from Thanh Hoa to Thua Thien Hue. Meanwhile, low land and urban areas of provinces of Hai Duong, Ha Nam, Nam Dinh, Ninh Binh, Thai Binh, Hoa Binh, Ha Noi and localities from Thanh Hoa to Quang Binh are advised to be ready for inundation.

Source: Viet Nam News (2018, Jul 17). *Storm Son Tinh hits East Sea, brings heavy rain to northern and central provinces.*

P.R. China

Floods caused by heavy rainfalls were reported in Sichuan and Gansu Provinces. In Sichuan, floods have led to 3 deaths and 932,000 affected people across 62 cities, districts and counties with direct economic loss up to 2.4 billion yuan (360 million USD). There were also 8,800 damaged houses and 101,000 evacuees whereas a total of 36,900 hectares of crops has been affected and 5,200 hectares will have no harvest in 2018. In the meantime,

Gansu was hit even harder by 12 deaths, 4 missing and more than 1 million affected people as well as 27,000 evacuees and damages on 7,700 houses. The authorities have sent the work group for disaster relief and allocated financial aids for evacuation and for rebuilding damaged houses.

* 1 USD = 6.67 yuan

Source: Chinadaily (2018, Jul 13). *Sichuan, Gansu bear brunt of deadly floods.*

Japan

Damages on agriculture, forestry and fisheries sectors from the recent torrential rain that hit mainly western Japan was estimated at 48.05 billion yen (425 million USD). Concerns are growing over adverse effects on production. The damage from floods and landslides breaks down into 2.24 billion yen for farm products including vegetables and fruits, 8.13 billion yen for farmland and 12.46 billion yen for agricultural facilities including farm roads and reservoirs. In addition, forest damage caused by fallen trees and landslides stood at 15.78 billion yen whereas damages on forestry roads were 7.35 billion yen and on ports were 780 million yen. Damages on agricultural products were the highest in Okayama Prefecture and the figures seem to rise.

* 1 USD = 112.99 yen

Source: The Japan Times (2018, Jul 16). *Farm damage from Japan's rain disaster put at ¥48.1 billion.*

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