



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE FOOD SECURITY RELATED INFORMATION

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Cambodia

The Ministry of Water Resources reported that floodwaters in the Mekong River are receding and below the danger mark. The authorities provided aids to 118 affected households from Siem Bok District of Stung Treng. In Phnom Penh, riverbank in Russey Keo District was repaired while water pumps were given in case of floods in Chbar Ampov District. People staying along waterways were still suffering from floods. In Kampong Cham, 27,000 families were affected, as well. So far, floods have hit Prey Veng, Kandal, Kratie, Stung Treng, Tbong Khmum and Kampong Cham due to the report from the National Committee for Disaster Management. There were totally 15 deaths and evacuated families from 228 affected communes across the country to 53 different shelters.

Source: Khmer Times (2018, Aug 14). *Ministry says Mekong floodwaters are receding.*

Indonesia

The earthquakes that hit Lombok Island of West Nusa Tenggara Province since 29 July 2018 caused 392 deaths 1,353 injuries, 387,067 displaced people and 67,875 damaged houses. Most of the

casualties were reported in North Lombok Regency which in needs for protection and immediate access to temporary shelters, followed by West Lombok Regency, East Lombok Regency and Mataram City. The economic losses were estimated at around 2.3 billion rupiah (138 million USD). The state of calamity has been declared and extended from 12 to 25 August 2018 for evacuating people from hazardous areas and ensuring the access to government supports and resources. The government of Indonesia has stated that international assistance is not required at this point of time and has taken measures to establish the national assisting post, to arrange for coordination and emergency responses and to conduct analysis and assessment. Further assistances came from the ASEAN Dialogue Partner as well as national and local humanitarian partners.

Source: ASEAN Humanitarian Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre) (2018, Aug 13). Situation Update No. 5 M 6.4 Lombok Earthquake (29 Jul 2018) & M 7.0 Lombok Earthquake (5 Aug 18), Indonesia.

Lao PDR

There were 39 deaths, 97 missing and 221 injured people due to floods in Sanamxay District of Attapeu Province. Some of the injured people were still in the hospitals while the others have recovered and returned to their homes. According to the District Governor, army personnel has been conducting search and rescue for the missing people while the authorities are speeding up construction of the temporary houses in Hadyao Village, restoring road access from Nongbok and Mai Villages to Tamoyoth and Pindong Villages in which supplies are delivered. People staying in temporary centres in the two villages need more rice, other food, water, clothes and essential items. However, they have not received sufficient supplies due to difficult road conditions.

Source: Vientiane Times (2018, Aug 14). *Attapeu hospitals treat 221 injured flood victims.*

Myanmar

Monsoon floods and landslides totally led to 17 deaths, 152,541 affected people from 32,925 households and 30 damaged houses from 9 of 14 regions and states. The Department of Disaster Management of Myanmar, as of 6 August 2018, updated that there were 388 camps for sheltering 152,541 affected people from the states of Kayin and Mon as well as the regions of Tanintharyi, Bago and Magway. The number was increasing though floods in some regions have receded and people returned to their houses. The government of Myanmar provided financial assistance, shelters as well as food and non-food items to the affected people. The government is also preparing seeds to help rice farmers to replant their fields after it was destroyed by floods.

Source: ASEAN Humanitarian Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre) (2018, Aug 9). Myanmar Floods Situation Updates #3 9 August 2018.

Philippines

Due to the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council, a total of 691,574 people from 154,671 families were affected by the southwest monsoon enhanced by Tropical Storm Yagi. Those affected people were reported from the regions of Ilocos, Central Luzon, CALABARZON, National Capital Region and Cordillera Autonomous Region. Of the total number, 173,255 people from 36,877 families were being served by evacuation centres. This event caused 41 damaged houses, suspension of classes along with disruptions on transportation and power supply. The Department of Social Welfare and Development, the Local Government Units and nongovernment organisations provided assistances to people in affected regions. The Operation Centre is currently on Red Alert status.

Source: Manila Bulletin (2018, Aug 14). *Over 150K families were affected by Habagat enhanced by TS 'Karding' – NDRRMC.*

Thailand

The water situation in Petchaburi Province remained within an acceptable range with the alerts reduced to yellow whereas drainage proceeded smoothly. Petchaburi Dam is releasing water at the reduced rate compared to previous weeks. This allowed water levels in Ta Yang, Baan Lad and Muang Districts to be at normal levels. The water level at Kaeng Krachan Dam has dropped and is considered back under control, allowing the Red Flag alert to be reduced to the Yellow Flag, meaning caution. Meanwhile, in Ranong Province, heavy rains and high tide resulted in the overflowing drainage system impacting all roads in its Muang District. Water levels are expected to rise if rain continues.

Source: National News Bureau of Thailand (2018, Aug 13). *Water situation in Petchaburi province deescalates.*

Viet Nam

Provincial and city authorities are planning to evacuate people from areas before Typhoon Bebinca enters the Gulf of Tonkin and bring heavy rain to northern and north central provinces in coming days. Typhoon Bebinca is likely to cause heavy rain and to worsen the situation in areas recovering from recent storms. The authorities should prepare for further flash floods, landslides and damage on dykes. Mainland provinces were asked to closely monitor floods, prevent urban floods and ensure agricultural production especially in Ha Noi. The Northern and north central provinces will experience heavy rain whereas there is the high risk of landslides and flash floods in northern mountainous provinces including Lai Chau, Son La and Yen Bai.

Source: Viet Nam News (2018, Aug 14). *Provinces prepare for typhoon.*

P.R. China

Typhoon Yagi which is a severe tropical storm scale made landfall in coastal areas of Wenling, Zhejiang and it is predicted to move with northwest direction and a diminishing intensity.

Coastal regions of Jiangsu and Shanghai, Hangzhou Bay, northern coastal regions of Zhejiang, western coastal Guangdong and eastern coastal Hainan Island will be exposed to this typhoon. Heavy rains and rainstorms are also expected in mentioned areas.

Source: China Meteorological Administration (CMA) (2018, Aug 13). *This year's 14th typhoon Yagi made landfall in coastal areas of Wenling, Zhejiang.*

Republic of Korea

At least 42 people have died due to the heatwave unseen in more than 100 years. This is the highest number of deaths since the country began officially counting casualties according to heatwave in 2011. More than 3,400 people have been treated for heat-related illnesses such as heatstroke since the end of May 2018. This also wreaked havoc on crops. In addition, the government plans to revise its laws to include extreme heat as a form of natural disaster, allowing victims of heat-related deaths or illnesses to get compensation.

Source: The Guardian (2018, Aug 9). *South Korean heatwave causes record deaths.*

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