



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

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### Indonesia

***On 1 December 2018, floods were reported in East Kalimantan province.*** This was due to rain with high intensity and length together with the tide of sea water. Four villages of Desa Bukit Raya, Sepaku, Sukaraja and Bumi Harapan were flooded. In total, those villages accounted for 1,324 affected people from 331 families whereas 5 hectares of rice fields were submerged. However, there were no reports of dead or displaced people, so far.

**Source:** ASEAN Humanitarian Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre) (2018, Dec 1). *Indonesia – Flooding in East Kalimantan.*

### Lao PDR

***Lao PDR received the grant from the United Nations Central Emergency Response Fund to support emergency response and humanitarian efforts due to recent floods across the country.*** The grant of 3.5 million USD will be used for the hardest-hit districts of Nongbok, Hinboun, Boaulapha, Mahaxay, Sebangfai

as well as Yommalath in Khammuan province. Floods totally destroyed 26,590 hectares of paddy fields, 203 hectares of maize, 240 hectares of vegetable and 21 hectares of cassava in this province. With leadership of ministries and district offices along with international supports, this grant will be used to restore livelihood of the affected people and to provide nutritious food with education to the targets of 136,565 people of 302 villages. In addition, the UN agencies collaborated with the Lao government for implementing relief assistance and improving nutrition, healthcare, education and management of debris after floods. Those interventions are possible for being scaled up across other flood-affected areas of Lao PDR.

**Source:** Lao News Agency (2018, Nov 30). *Lao PDR Receives UN Emergency Funding for Assistance to Flood Victims in Khammuan.*

### Singapore

***The national water agency has stepped up flood protection measures as the north-east monsoon sets in.*** The country will face wet weather and possible flash floods over the next four months due to the monsoon season. This agency has issued the advisories to those living in low-lying, flood-prone areas and has offered sandbags to residents for guarding floods. It will also be working with the Automobile Association of Singapore to provide the tips of safety to members, checking drainage system and carrying out flood monitoring using water-level sensors and cameras. Moreover, the Quick Response Team will be on standby during the monsoon season to check drains and to render assistance during flash floods. The agency has also completed major drainage projects in 2018 including one in September that reduced flood risks in Orchard Road. Improvement of drainage are currently whereas works to enhance flood protection for Bukit Timah area will start in the first quarter of 2019. In November

2018, there were flash floods in Choa Chu Kang, Bukit Batok and Geylang.

**Source:** The Straits Times (2018, Dec 1). *PUB steps up flood protection efforts ahead of monsoon.*

## Thailand

**Prime Minister General Prayut Chan-o-cha has visited the project of water management in Chaiyaphum province to confirm the government's commitment to resolve floods and the effects of drought.** He led the inspection team on the visit to the Lam Saphun reservoir holding up to 46.7 million cubic metres of water for agricultural purposes and drought prevention. The project is to be completed in 2021. He also traveled to the Ngam Morakot cliff at Tat Ton National Park to visit the exhibition of water management and to chair the opening of water distribution and reforestation projects.

**Source:** National News Bureau of Thailand (2018, Dec 3). *Water management projects in Chaiyaphum.*

## Viet Nam

**Typhoon Usagi which has been weakened into tropical depression, hit Ho Chi Minh city hard on 25 November 2018, damaging electrical cables, stranding cars on streets and flooding basements.** Local authorities in Ho Chi Minh and neighbouring provinces such as Binh Duong, Long An and Ba Ria-Vung Tau start to clean streets, repair damages and pump water out of schools and basements. Plus, the electricity system has resumed operation whereas all health centres at the district level had been asked to be on alert for potential disease outbreaks. To prevent loss of life and property, reservoirs and other water supply as well as sewage systems would operate at full capacity. Due to the National Centre for Hydro-Meteorological Forecasting, Typhoon Usagi is the 9<sup>th</sup> storm to hit Viet Nam in 2018 and several

more may occur before the end of this year.

**Source:** Viet Nam News (2018, Nov 28). *City repairs damage caused by Typhoon Usagi.*

## P.R. China

**The temperature in P.R. China will drop due to influence of stronger cold air.** The drop will be 6 – 8 Celcius in central-eastern Inner Mongolia, North China and the Yellow-Huaihe basin while the temperature will be reduced by 10 – 14 Celcius in eastern Inner Mongolia and Northeast China. Strong winds will blow these areas. In addition, as of 3 December 2018, the National Meteorological Centre continued to issue the yellow warning of heavy fog. This is because heavy fog will cover Hubei, Hunan, Jianxi and Fujian. The visibility will be less than 500 metres or even 200 metres. Light to moderate haze will hit southern North China and northwestern Yellow-Huaihe basin. In the meantime, blowing dust or floating sand will be experienced in the areas such as South Xinjiang basin, Beijing and Tianjin while there will be more rain in the Yangtze river area and central-northern South China.

**Source:** China Meteorological Administration (2018, Dec 3). *Stronger cold air hit the Yellow-Huaihe basin, North and Northeast China.*

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