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Cambodia

Cambodia struggled with flash flood problems. Flash floods were witnessed by people in 16 provinces, mostly in northwestern part of the country. As of 12 October 2020, 16 people were reported dead while more than 100,000 people were affected. Additionally, almost 10,000 people had to flee from their homes.

Furthermore, about 25,000 houses as well as 73,000 hectares of crops, more than half were rice fields, were inundated.

Source: Khmer Times. (2020, Oct 13). *16 provinces and capital inundated by flash floods.*

Indonesia

Several provinces of Indonesia faced severe flash floods and landslides. Flash floods and landslides wreaked havoc in many provinces comprising West Java, Central Java, Greater Jakarta, North Sumatra, Bengkulu, Bali, West Sulawesi and Central Sulawesi during 7-13 October 2020.

The catastrophes were generated by the overflowing of various rivers in local regions after receiving a massive amount of water from torrential rainfalls. There were at least 3 people died, thousands of people experiencing difficulties. Hundreds of people had to flee their homes while more than 300 homes were damaged.

Source: Floodlist. (2020, Oct 13). *Indonesia – Heavy Rain Triggers Floods and Landslides in 8 Provinces.*

Lao PDR

Floods deadly hit in two provinces of Lao PDR. Sekong Province experienced a serious flooding during 7-11 October 2020. Similarly, torrential downpours also triggered flash floods in Savannakhet Province from 8 October to 11 October 2020.

As a result, the disasters left one person dead and three missing. The total number of affected persons was more than 10,000 and around 7,000 had to be evacuated. Likewise, above 600 houses and almost 6,000 hectares of crop fields were partially damaged.

Source: Reliefweb. (2020, Oct 14). *Lao PDR, Flooding in Savannakhet and Sekong (15:06 Oct 13 2020)*; The Star. (2020, Oct 11). *Laos: Savannakhet region suffers heavy flash flooding, more storms inbound.*

The Philippines

The Low-Pressure Area together with the Southwest Monsoon caused chaos in several parts of the Philippines. On 9 October 2020, CALABARZON and Camarines provinces encountered heavy downpours brought by the Low-Pressure Area and the Southwest Monsoon. This forced more than 10,000 people in Lucena City of Quezon, to evacuate to the evacuation centers set up by government agency or stay with their relatives' houses.

Source: AHA Centre. (2020, Oct 9). *Philippines, Flooding and Storms in Lucena City, Quezon.*

Thailand

Pak Chong district was hit by the worst flood in 15 years. Prolonged heavy rains hitting the areas of Khao Yai National Park since 7 October 2020 triggered a massive forest runoff flowing into Lam Takhong River. It caused several canals in Pak Chong district to overflow and flood many areas in Pak Chong district, Nakhon Ratchasima province.

More than 200 houses were inundated with water. Some areas were estimated to be as deep as one metre. Main roads as well as several hotels, temples and police station were also affected. Relative to this, the authorities established five temporary shelters to help people evacuating from affected areas.

Source: Bangkok Post. (2020, Oct 11). *'Worst flood in 15 years' near Khao Yai park.*

Viet Nam

Death toll rose to 20 in central Viet Nam due to the deadly tropical storm. A continuously incessant downpour, as a result of tropical storm Linfa, made severe landfalls and floods in Quang Nam and Quang Ngai on 11 October 2020 killing at least 20 people and leaving 14 persons missing in the central region.

Over 100,000 houses were submerged with 4-metre inundation recorded in some areas, prompting the authorities to evacuate around 50,000 people to safety and provide food and necessary supplies to affected families.

Source: VnExpress. (2020, Oct 12). *20 dead, 14 missing in central Vietnam floods.*

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