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Indonesia

Almost 50,000 people in Indonesia fell victims to rain-induced disasters. Floods, landslides and strong winds caused by high-intensity downpours directly affected 46,735 residents in seven provinces, consisting of South Sulawesi, Southeast Sulawesi, Central Sulawesi, West Kalimantan, Aceh, East Java and North Sumatra during 7-12 July 2021. One person in Jeneponto Regency of South Sulawesi Province was killed, while 488 people, mostly in Aceh Province, were forced to evacuate. The natural calamities were also responsible for the partial damages of 93 houses and the total destruction of 30 houses. Public properties such as roads, bridges, government offices, schools and worship places were affected as well.

Source: AHA Centre. (2021, July 12). *Indonesia, Flooding and Landslide in North Konawe Regency, Southeast Sulawesi*; AHA Centre. (2021, July 12). *Indonesia, Flooding in Batu Bara Regency, North Sumatra*; AHA Centre. (2021, July 12). *Indonesia, Flooding in Parigi Moutong Regency, Central Sulawesi*; AHA Centre. (2021, July 5-11). *WEEKLY DISASTER UPDATE Week 27*.

Malaysia

Hundreds of people in Malaysia fled their homes to escape the flash floods.

Flash floods occurred in many areas of Raub District, Pahang State and Johor Bahru District, Johor State, following the torrential rainfalls on 12 July 2021. As of 13 July 2021, there were 241 people taking shelter in seven relief centres in Raub District.

Meanwhile, the Fire and Rescue Department rescued 16 people, who were trapped inside their houses by abrupt inundation, in Johor Bahru District. All of them were later safely taken to their relative homes. There was no one harmed during the onset of these events.

Source: The New Straits Times. (2021, July 13). *Firemen rescue 16 trapped at home during flash floods*; The New Straits Times. (2021, July 13). *Floods in Raub, 241 victims evacuated*.

The Philippines

Restless Taal Volcano put more than 1,200 families in evacuation centres. The continuously volcanic activities of Taal Volcano had already sent at least 4,496 people from 1,252 families in high-risk areas of Batangas Province in the Philippines to 27 evacuation sites, as of 13 July 2021. Besides, there were additional 8,895 evacuees staying at their relatives' houses in the safer municipalities.

Alert level 3 or magmatic unrest had been designated to the Taal volcano since 1 July 2021, suggesting the threat of possible eruptions. Concerning this, a total of 171 volcanic earthquakes were recorded within 24-hour period during 12-13 July 2021.

Source: Philippine News Agency. (2021, July 13). *Restive Taal brings over 1,200 families to evacuation sites*.

Nearly a thousand lost their homes due to sudden flooding. Floodwater swiftly entered areas in the Municipality of Bagumbayan in Sultan Kudarat Province and Bunawan and Paquibato Districts in Davao City after the said areas experienced moderate to high-intensity precipitation on 8 July 2021.

As a result, it collectively affected 21,945 people and caused 885 people to

evacuate from their homes. Fortunately, there were no deaths and injuries.

Source: AHA Centre. (2021, July 9). *Philippines, Flooding in Bunawan and Paquibato Districts, Davao City*; AHA Centre. (2021, July 8). *Philippines, Flooding in Bagumbayan, Sultan Kudarat*.

China

China was heavily hit by extreme rainstorms causing mass misery and destruction in various parts of the country. During 7-13 July 2021, catastrophic rainstorms induced inundations and strong winds to numerous areas of China, including the Provinces of Guizhou, Shanxi and Sichuan, and the Municipalities of Chongqing and Beijing along with its nearby areas.

In Guizhou, an acute flooding caused sufferings to 954,000 people, as of 13 July 2021. A total of 26,000 people were displaced and 19,300 houses sustained damages. Floodwater also submerged 67,900 hectares of crops.

In Shanxi, an intense rainstorm said to be the worst in the century struck the Cities of Xinzhou and Jincheng over 10-11 July 2021, resulting in five deaths and three injuries. The incident also caused 10 people to go missing.

In Sichuan, a total of 589,400 people encountered difficulties from rainstorms since 9 July 2021. There were 110,000 fled from their homes, as of 11 July 2021.

In Beijing, a heavy rainstorm with gale battered several of the capital's districts since 11 July 2021. It caused many suburban districts to upgrade their rainstorm warning level to the second-highest. Relative to this, the impacts of the storm could be seen in Beijing's nearby provinces including Hebei, Tianjin, Henan, and Shandong. Likewise, the massive amount of downpour during 7-8 July 2021 also increased water levels of four rivers in Chongqing above the safety guarantee level.

Source: Xinhua. (2021, July 13). *5 dead, 10 missing in China's Shanxi after rainstorm*; Xinhua. (2021, July 13). *Rain-triggered floods affect over 954,000 in China's Guizhou*; Xinhua. (2021, July 12). *China Focus: Heavy*

rainstorms hit Beijing; Xinhua. (2021, July 11). *Rainstorms hit half million people in southwest China's Sichuan*; Xinhua. (2021, July 8). *Heavy rains lash China's Chongqing*.

Japan

A devastating rainfall prompted an emergency evacuation in Japan. The preemptive evacuation for 300 residents in Kagoshima Prefecture was carried out as the rainfall of up to 96.5 millimetres within one hour threatened to a dam failure on 10 July 2021. Regarding this, there were 34 people left isolated after a road collapsed due to inundation.

The highest-level warning for torrential precipitation was issued for parts of southwestern Japan during 9-10 July 2021, covering Kumamoto, Miyazaki and Kagoshima prefectures.

Source: Floodlist. (2021, July 11). *Japan – Evacuations in Kagoshima After 95mm of Rain in 1 Hour*.

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