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Cambodia

A severe drought brought the great loss of agricultural sector. A prolonged drought that started in May 2021 took a heavy toll on farmers in Pailin Province of Cambodia as it destroyed 1,300 hectares of cassava and corn cultivating areas. The dry period in 2021 was said to be worse than last year which there were still intermittent rainfalls helping crops to be successfully harvested.

Source: Khmer Times. (2021, July 20). *Drought destroys 1,300ha in Pailin.*

Floods engulfed hundreds of houses in Cambodia. Incessant torrent since 14 July 2021 had triggered serious inundations in Phnom Preok District of Battambang Province, Cambodia destroying 656 houses. Regarding this, there were 74 houses along with roads and agriculture areas entirely submerged under the floodwater. Furthermore, flooding also trapped a woman undergoing labor pains and her husband inside their house. The authorities were able to safely rescue them on 15 July 2021. Fortunately, neither the mother nor the baby was harmed.

Source: Khmer Times. (2021, July 16). *Woman in labour pains rescued from flooded house.*

Indonesia

Destructive disasters induced misery in nine provinces of Indonesia. From 14-18 July 2021, widespread floods and landslides broke out in a total of seven provinces of Indonesia comprising Central Kalimantan, West Kalimantan, Gorontalo, Central Sulawesi, North Sulawesi, South Sulawesi and Southeast Sulawesi. The natural hazards were caused by intense downpours that triggered many local rivers to burst their banks. Meanwhile, torrential rainfalls accompanied by strong gusts of winds also inflicted damages to several houses, infrastructure as well as the public facilities in North Sumatra and Aceh provinces during the same period.

Although the calamities did not result in any deaths or injuries, as many as 56,679 people were badly affected. The incidents also forced 904 people in West Kalimantan and Gorontalo provinces to flee from their residences. In relation to this, there were 9,088 houses affected, of which 155 were partially damaged and 89 were entirely destroyed. Other infrastructures as well as public buildings received extreme impacts from the calamities as well.

Source: AHA Centre. (2021, July 18). *Indonesia, Flooding in Kolaka Regency, Southeast Sulawesi*; AHA Centre. (2021, July 12-18). *WEEKLY DISASTER UPDATE Week 28.*

Malaysia

Floods caused displacement of more than a hundred people in Malaysia. On 15 July 2021, violent floods struck three districts in two states of Malaysia namely Penampang District of Sabah State, and Kuching and Limbang Districts of Sarawak State. As a consequence, 136 affected people from 34 families had to leave their residences and took shelter in three evacuation centres. No deaths and injuries were reported.

Source: AHA Centre. (2021, July 12-18). *WEEKLY DISASTER UPDATE Week 28.*

The Philippines

The strong earthquake shook the Philippines. Residents in the Governor Generoso Municipality of Davao Oriental Province, the Philippines felt the strong trembling generated by the 5.4-magnitude earthquake on 18 July 2021. The epicenter of the quake was detected at 42 kilometres under the ground, 37 kilometres east of Governor Generoso Municipality. Besides, people in other municipalities in the Provinces of Davao Oriental, South Cotabato and Sarangani could sense the various intensities of tremor as well. There were no people harmed and no properties were damaged in this event.

Source: Philippine News Agency. (2021, July 18). *Magnitude 5.4 quake jolts Davao Oriental.*

Rescue teams saved a number of people from the deadly floods. Over 50 people were rescued by the Philippine Coast Guard after massive flooding took place in El Nido Municipality of Palawan Province, the Philippines on the night of 15 July 2021. The natural disaster was a result of heavy downpours generated by two low-pressure areas. Almost all of the rescued residents were able to go back homes as the floodwater in the province was already receded as of 16 July 2021.

Source: Manila Bulletin. (2021, July 16). *PCG rescues at least 50 residents as flooding hits El Nido, Palawan.*

China

Death toll piled up as fatal inundations and landslides ravaged China's central province. As of 21 July 2021, at least 25 people were killed and seven others went missing in China's central Henan Province due to severe floods and landslides caused by historic amount of precipitation.

From the total death toll, there were 12 people died in the metro flooding in Zhengzhou City, the capital city of Henan, as the unprecedented rainstorms caused subway passengers to be submerged in the water high up to their necks. Also, five people were injured in this incident.

Besides, four people were killed in Gongyi City after their houses were hit by landslides and collapsed down. About 200,000 residents in Zhengzhou City were also evacuated from their homes.

The torrential rainfalls had lashed several parts of Henan Province since 17 July 2021 triggering many rivers to overflow and causing floods in dozens of cities. The downpour in the City of Zhengzhou was the worst in several decades. The city saw 617.1 millimetres of rainfalls in just three days, which was nearly the city's average amount recorded in the entire year of 640.8 millimetres.

Source: Al Jazeera. (2021, July 20). *Central China: 25 dead in flooded Zhengzhou metro, landslides.*

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