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Cambodia

Continued heavy rains and floods killed two people in Cambodia. According to the National Committee for Disaster Management (NCDM), two drowning deaths occurred in Battambang and Preah Vihear provinces of Cambodia amid the heavy rains, floods and landslides as reported on 23 August 2022. In this regard, the NCDM called for an extra caution for people living in flood-prone areas, especially near border zones, as floods induced by rains or released water from reservoirs could happen at any time. The water levels in the Mekong, Tonle Sap and Tonle Bassac rivers also began to increase in recent days.

Source: The Phnom Penh Post. (2022, Aug 23). *NCDM calls for extra flood caution after deaths.*

Lao PDR

Devastating rains lashed Lao PDR and triggered floods in some provinces. On 21 August 2022, several hours of torrential rainfalls caused a river to burst its bank and flood in low-lying areas of Vientiane, Lao PDR. Households, farmland and roads were flooded while some villagers also had to relocate to higher ground. Likewise, a flash flood inundated Viengphoukha district in Luang Namtha province on the same day. Many families, crops and livestock were severely affected and most victims

were unable to move their belongings away as flooding caught them off guard. However, there were no reports of any loss of lives.

Source: Vientiane Times. (2022, Aug 23). *Villages inundated as heavy rain lashes Laos.*

Myanmar

Deluges submerged multiple areas in Mon State of Myanmar. Extensive flooding broke out in numerous parts of Mon State, Myanmar on 16 August 2022, following intense precipitation since the day prior. Flood-hit areas included Zeya Myine, Thiri Myine, Thiri Minglar, Myain Thayar, Shwe Pyae Aye, Zeya Thiri, and Phaekhin wards as well as Beilin, Paung, Thanphyuzayat, and Ye townships. Social relief members from Mawlamyine township were dispatched to the affected neighborhoods for providing assistance including the distribution of food and drinking water.

Source: Burma News International. (2022, Aug 17). *Flooding hits many parts of Mon State.*

The Philippines

Destructive tropical storm Florita prompted preemptive evacuation for 180 families in the Philippines. According to the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) on 23 August 2022, around 180 families were preemptively evacuated to safer areas as Northern Luzon and other nearby provinces of the Philippines continued to experience inclement weather caused by the severe tropical storm Florita. The evacuated households consisted of 70 families in Region 2 and 110 in the Cordillera Administrative Region. Relating to this, there were a report of three landslides triggered by downpours in Region 1 and Region 5. The NDRRMC has still recorded any casualties or damage caused by Florita while 392 personnel were deployed in evacuation centres, low-lying and flood-prone areas in Regions 1 and 2.

Source: Philippine News Agency. (2022, Aug 23). *180 families in CAR, Region 2 evacuated due to 'Florita'.*

Thailand

More heavy precipitations were forecast in already-flood-hit Thailand. According to the Meteorological Department, Thailand would continue to encounter heavy rains nationwide from 22 August to 27 August 2022. This was due to the influences of monsoon trough in upper northern Thailand and over upper Lao PDR, and the southwestern monsoon over the Andaman Sea and the Gulf of Thailand together with a low-pressure area in upper Viet Nam. In relation to this, the Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation reported that 339 villages in 12 provinces had already been affected by widespread floodings.

Source: Bangkok Post. (2022, Aug 22). *Heavy rain widespread until Saturday.*

China

A deadly torrent struck China's Qinghai province causing a massive death toll. According to the local authorities, a mountain torrent, set off by heavy downpours in northwest China's Qinghai province on 17 August 2022, killed 26 people as of 21 August 2022. There were 23 people rescued while five others still remained missing. The emergency response headquarters for the natural disaster stated that the high-intensity rainfalls caused miseries to 6,245 people in six villages in the Datong Hui and Tu Autonomous County after triggering flash floods and mudslides as well as changing rivers' courses to strike villages. Important infrastructure such as electricity, transportation and communication in the affected areas later was restored and resumed their services.

Source: Xinhua. (2022, Aug 21). *Death toll from NW China flood rises to 26.*

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