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Cambodia

Several parts of Cambodia were hard hit by flash floods. Flash floods triggered by heavy downpours killed at least four people, and submerged 151,412 hectares of rice paddy and 41,024 hectares of other crops in Cambodia as of 8 October 2022. A number of families were affected and forced to evacuate to higher ground. Although floodwaters in some parts of the country were receding, more rains were forecast. The authorities estimated damages to crops, and planned to compensate the affected farmers by providing seeds for replanting.

Sources: The Star. (2022, Oct 9). *Heavy rain and flash floods hit parts of Cambodia, killing four people, says PM Hun Sen.*

Indonesia

Floods submerged six sub-districts in Aceh. According to the National Disaster Mitigation Agency (BNPB)'s statement as of 9 October 2022, nearly 5,000 people in six

sub-districts of East Aceh district, Aceh Province, Indonesia; namely Pante Bidari, Punaron, Birem Bayeun, Indra Makmur, Nurussalam, and Banda Alam, were affected by flooding occurring on 7 October 2022. As the result, 2,436 people had to flee their houses, and stayed at the shelters. Road sections and six power poles were also damaged. The East Aceh District Disaster Mitigation Agency (BPBD) coordinated with several agencies to speed up emergency response. Also, some officers were set to stand by for monitoring the situations. Residents were advised to check the water level when heavy rains occurred for a long period of time, and evacuate to safer zones, if necessary.

Sources: Antara News. (2022, Oct 9). *East Aceh flooding displaces 2,436 people: BNPB.*

Viet Nam

Downpours triggered floods, and landslides in central Viet Nam. According to the National Center for Hydro-Meteorological Forecasting, heavy rains, caused by a combination of the northeast monsoon and a cold spell from the north, pounded central region of Viet Nam, and triggered floods and landslides during 9-10 October 2022. There were reported of one dead and two missing in Quang Nam province. Meanwhile, many areas in mountainous districts of Son Ha, and Tra Bong, Quang Ngai province were also hit by flooding. Roads and bridges were submerged by about a meter of floodwaters. The agency warned people of more flash floods and landslides.

Sources: VN Express. (2022, Oct 10). *One dead two missing as floods landslides ravage central Vietnam.*

Thailand

A number of people in Thailand were affected by floods. Widespread flooding continued to strike Thailand, especially in the northeast, and central regions after the seasonal rains lashed the country again on 9 October 2022. According to the Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation, Ubon Ratchathani was one of the provinces in northeastern Thailand where 20,000 people had to evacuate to 85 temporary shelters. Floodwater inundated over 1,000 villages. Besides, more than 200,000 households in 54 provinces were affected by floods for over 10 days until 8 October 2022. The authorities warned people who live in Bangkok, and other provinces along the Chao Phraya River in central region to aware of the volume of water flowing from the upstream. Meanwhile, floodwaters in Chiang Mai, the north of Thailand, was draining from Muang district to downstream districts namely Saraphi, and Hangdong on 5 October 2022. People living in those districts had to face chest-deep floodwaters. Many homes and farm fields were damaged.

Sources: Bangkok Post. (2022, Oct 6). *Flood draining from Chiangmai city hit downstream communities.*; ABC News. (2022, Oct 9). *Rains feeds floods northeastern Thailand.*

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