



## WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE FOOD SECURITY RELATED INFORMATION

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### Cambodia

Due to rice crop damaged by flood, the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries (MAFF) urged all related units to sustain food safety and to achieve rice production and export goals. Reportedly, the recent flood affected 17,571 hectares of rice fields of which 3,186 hectares were severely damaged. The actions were taken by rapid assessment of affected rice areas for rehabilitation, management and control of farming situations, and search of locations for seeding areas for affected farmers after recovery. Additionally, at least 18 provinces suffered flood damage and rain would continue across the country.

**Source:** Kunmakara, M. (2016, Oct 28). *Rice Crop Damaged by Floods*. Khmer Times.

### Indonesia

**Flood in Gorontalo province caused 3 deaths and affected 5,903 families or 18,022 people across 5 districts.** The casualties and affected 4,791 families or 15,959 people of 31 villages were found in Gorontalo district whereas there were affected 11 villages among the rest. Local government and related agencies assisted victims by

distribution of needed items and other logistics as well as evacuation.

**Source:** Disaster Management Centre DOMPET DHUAFA (2016, Nov 1). *Situation Report 1 Flooding in Gorontalo Province*.

### Malaysia

**Penang was hit by the worst landslides and floods caused by heavy rainfall.** Teluk Bahang area was most affected because the main road was cut off by landslides and education was disrupted by floods. However, local authorities cleared and repaired the road while schools still operated as usual. Also, several parts of George Town were flooded by heavy rainfall and high tide.

**Source:** Bernama (2016, Nov 7). *Penang hit by landslides, flash floods yet again*. FreeMalaysiatoday.

### Myanmar

**The United Nations (UN) has been granted access for humanitarian assistances for the first time to affected areas of Maungdaw Township in Rakhine State since the violence erupted on 9 October 2016.** After the visit by the UN Resident/Humanitarian Coordinator and ambassadors, the World Food Programme has been granted access for food delivery to four affected villages in the north of Rakhine where security operations have been underway for a month. Moreover, the UN continues to strongly advocate for full access for humanitarian assistances to all affected areas and to resume pre-existing humanitarian activities. For the past month, assistance benefiting around 150,000 people has been suspended.

**Source:** United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) (2016, Nov 7). *Asia and the Pacific: Weekly Regional Humanitarian Snapshot (1-7 November 2016)*.

## Philippines

***The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) continued assisting flood-affected people in Sultan Kudarat province.*** The DSWD cooperated with the local government unit of Kalamansig, Sultan Kudarat to channel additional resource and to assess the damages for proper distribution of assistance. Reportedly, there were 4,214 affected families or 21,070 peoples in Kalamansig. The aid was totally worth 1.68 million peso (34,549 USD).

\* 1 USD = 48.63 Philippine peso

**Source:** Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) of the Philippines (2016, Nov 9). *DSWD extends aid to families displaced by flooding in Sultan Kudarat town.*

rainfall reached 55.4 mm with high distribution in northern and southern parts. Moreover, days of consecutive rainfall were extreme and broke historical records in Anhui by 12 days and in Henan by 10 days, as well as in Shandong, Jiangsu, and Hubei.

**Source:** China Meteorological Administration (CMA) (2016, Nov 8). *Rainfall in October over China is the most since 1951.* News.

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## Thailand

***Floods remained in 3 provinces and caused severe damages on rice fields across 32 provinces.*** Northern Mae Hong Son, Tak, and Uthai Thani were flooded but water levels already decreased. Reportedly, from September 2016 to present, affected rice fields were 1.22 million rai (194,746 hectares) of which 442,738 rai (70,838 hectares) were severely damaged. The total assistance to farmers was worth 802 million baht (23 million USD). Moreover, 250,165 tonnes of rice were damaged due to floods since May 2016.

\* 1 rai (Thai system) = 0.16 hectare

\*\*1 USD = 35.43 baht

**Source:** Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives of Thailand (2016, Nov 14). *Disaster situation in agriculture (Thai Version).*

## China

***As of October 2016, average temperature was relatively high except in Northeast China and Xianjiang and average rainfall was the most since 1951 with uneven distribution.*** Average temperature was 10.9 celcius and average