



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE FOOD SECURITY RELATED INFORMATION

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Indonesia

Since 13 November 2016, flood in West Java province displaced people and damaged homes and agriculture. There were 19,669 affected people and 6,373 displaced people. This flood also damaged 5,776 homes and 133 hectares of rice fields. Evacuations were operated by local agencies and related units. However, flood situations were relieved and no casualties were reported for the capital city of Bandung.

Source: Davies, R. (2016, Nov 15). *Indonesia – 6,000 Displaced by Floods in West Java*. FloodList.

Myanmar

Due to the internal conflicts in Shan State, Burmese people fled to neighboring China in search of safety. Several hundred Burmese refugees attempted to cross the Chinese border, prompting Chinese military to stay alert at the border. Refugee camps were built and water and food were provided to those refugees.

Source: Sally, P. (2016, Nov 21). *Flare-up in Myanmar violence send refugees over Chinese border*. GoKunming.

The internal conflict and later security operations in Rakhine State caused 30,000 displaced and thousands affected people. The clash erupted again between 12 and 13 November 2016. Around 350 ethnic Rakhine and Mro IDPs were being hosted in Buthidaung and Maungdaw. Above 150,000 people were left without needed items for six weeks as humanitarian remained suspended from the start. Advocacy efforts continued with the Government for urgent humanitarian access for need assessment and delivery of life-saving assistance.

* Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)

Source: United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) (2016, Nov 15). *Asia and the Pacific: Weekly Regional Humanitarian Snapshot (15-21 November 2016)*.

Philippines

PAGASA will continue to closely monitor the likelihood of La Nina and updates shall be issued as appropriate despite no signs since October 2016. Damages on agriculture and infrastructure due to Typhoon Lawin were confirmed at about 3.73 billion peso (77 million USD) as well as declarations of state of calamity in northern Luzon areas. In October 2016, rainfalls were above normal conditions except Romblon, Eastern Samar, and Sulu Island while temperature was slightly warmer than normal in most parts of the country. In November 2016, up to three typhoons were expected with near-to-above normal condition of rainfall in southern Luzon, western and central Visayas, and northern and western Mindanao. Temperature would be warmer than average in Luzon and Visayas.

* 1 USD = 48.45 Philippine peso

Source: Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) (2016, Nov 3). *Monthly Climate Assessment and Outlook – La Nina Watch*.

Thailand

Floods remained in 3 provinces and caused severe damages on rice fields across 37 provinces. Farmlands in northeastern Khon Kaen and Nong Bua Lam Phu were flooded while those flooded in central Suphan Buri were already harvested. Since September 2016, floods affected rice fields by 1.29 million rai (206,530 hectares) and severely damaged 616,541 rai (98,647 hectares). The total assistance was worth 1,040 million baht (29 million USD). Economically, 171,264 tonnes of rice were damaged, accounting for 2,852 million baht (80 million USD).

* 1 rai (Thai system) = 0.16 hectare

**1 USD = 35.54 baht

Source: Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives of Thailand (2016, Nov 21). *Report of disaster situation in agriculture (Thai Version)*.

Viet Nam

Damages by flood on lives, houses, and agriculture were reported across 13 provinces in the central and the Central Highland regions while prolonged rain in Mekong Delta damaged thousands of hectares of the 2016-17 winter-spring rice season in 3 provinces. Reportedly, by flood, there were 15 deaths, 6 missing people, 41,000 flooded houses, 12,000 affected hectares of rice and vegetable, and 43,164 drowned livestock. The economic damage was worth 492 billion dong (21.8 million USD). Phu Yen province suffered the greatest losses by 7 dead and 33,600 affected people with 70 percent of the total economic value. Meanwhile, continuous rainfall in Mekong Delta flooded 460 hectares of rice in Hau Giang and Dong Thap provinces and damaged 7,500 hectares of rice in Long An province.

Source: Viet Nam Disaster Management Center (2016, Nov 14). *Flood toll: 15 dead, 6 missing*. News.

China

CMA activated the level three emergency response to address the cold wave in China. This covered the potential affected areas of Beijing, Tianjin, Hebei, Shanxi, Shandong, Henan, Jiangsu, Anhui, and Hubei provinces. Also, blue warning of snowstorm was issued for Inner Mongolia, Tianjin, and Hebei provinces whereas yellow warning of cold wave was issued for the central and eastern parts of China.

Source: China Meteorological Administration (CMA) (2016, Nov 20). *CMA activated the level three emergency response to address the cold wave*. News.

Japan

Aftershocks were expected for days after 6.9-magnitude earthquake struck at the central island of Japan. Small tsunamis occurred at the coasts of Fukushima and Miyagi prefectures. Although this earthquake was smaller than the 2011 event, it raised concerns over the stability of Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant and mental health of those survived since 2011. Reportedly, 3 people were injured and 1,900 homes were temporarily out of power.

Source: Grinberg, E. and Westcott, B. (2016, Nov 22). *6.9-magnitude earthquake strikes off Japan*. CNN.

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