



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

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### Malaysia

**Flash floods and floods were reported in Johor Bahru, Taiping, and Klang, respectively.** Flash flood in Johor Bahru was caused by heavy rainfall and high tide due to supermoon phenomena, prompting several personnel to keep monitoring the coastlines. Meanwhile, in Taiping, there were 1,000 affected houses and submerged vehicles. In Klang, rising tides were expected and four evacuations centres were activated. Small bunds were built to prevent flood in low-cost housing areas of this city, as well.

**Source:** Malaysia Updates (2016, Nov 15). *Rain and high tide cause floods in Johor Supermoon effect to worsen things.*

### Myanmar

**Since 9 October 2016, around 30,000 people were displaced in Rakhine State.** This number could not be verified due to lack of access for humanitarian agencies. Thousands of people were also crossing the border into Bangladesh. Former-existing humanitarian services had been resumed for more than 19,000 people. However, around 130,000 people were still unable to access regular

food, cash, and nutrition assistances. Some 300 ethnic Rakhine and Mro people remained displaced in Buthidaung and Maungdaw, of which 120 people received food and other relief items from UN agencies last week.

**Since 20 November 2016, 6,500 people were displaced by the internal conflict in Shan State.** Around 3,500 people have been internally displaced to various locations around Muse area. Humanitarian assistance was still limited due to security operations. Additional 3,000 people have crossed the border into Yunnan province.

**Source:** United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) (2016, Nov 28). *Asia and the Pacific: Weekly Regional Humanitarian Snapshot (22-28 November 2016).*

### Philippines

**Typhoon Tokage hit the Philippines at the East of Mindanao since 23 November 2016, and moved northwest, affecting 2,980 families / 14,309 people across Western Visayas, MIMAROPA, and CARAGA Regions.** Rice fields were damaged by 55 hectares in Iloilo province while damage cost on infrastructure was worth 1.50 million peso (30,048 USD). Evacuations were operated while relief assistance from the Department of Social Welfare was given to affected families in Surigao del Norte and Surigao del Sur. All warnings had been lifted and Typhoon Tokage was expected to exit the Philippines on 28 November 2016.

\* 1 USD = 49.92 Philippine peso

**Source:** Philippine National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) (2016, Nov 27). *SitRep No. 04 re Preparedness Measures and Effects for Tropical Storm "MARCE" (I.N. TOKAGE)*

## Thailand

### ***Rice fields across 43 provinces were severely damaged by floods.***

It was updated that, since September 2016, floods affected rice fields by 1.47 million rai (235,304 hectares) and severely damaged 734,699 rai (117,552 hectares). The total assistance was worth 1,240 million baht (35 million USD).

***The implementation results of water management plan for drought season 2016/17 starting from 1 November 2016 to 30 April 2017, were reported.*** Since 1 November 2016, the total used amount of water was 2,749 million m<sup>3</sup> out of the planned amount of 17,661 million m<sup>3</sup> or 16 percent. This plan has been set forth by 9,579 m<sup>3</sup> and 2,339 m<sup>3</sup> or 54 and 13 percent of the total for agriculture and consumption, respectively.

\* 1 rai (Thai system) = 0.16 hectare

\*\*1 USD = 35.61 baht

**Source:** Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives of Thailand (2016, Nov 29). *Report of disaster situation in agriculture (Thai Version)*.

## Viet Nam

***Saltwater intrusion into a local major river in Viet Nam's Mekong Delta threatened livelihoods and agriculture, prompting efforts to preserve water in some provinces.*** The coping measures were by irrigation and water supply management as well as advice on crop rotation and raising awareness of minimal water uses in Tien Giang, Long An, and Ben Tre. Meanwhile, farmers in Dong Thap, which has never been impacted by this situation, had been urged to start growing crops for an early harvest.

**Source:** Tuoi Tre News (2016, Nov 22). *Salinisation threatens Vietnam's Mekong Delta*.

## China

### ***A blue warning of Typhoon Tokage has been launched since 28 November 2016.***

The center of Typhoon Tokage was situated at about 210km north of Huangyan Islands. This typhoon was forecasted to move west with continuous weakened intensity and hit China at the coastal areas of Zhejiang Fujian, and Hainan provinces.

**Source:** China Meteorological Administration (CMA) (2016, Nov 28). *The National Meteorological Center released blue warning of typhoon for addressing Tokage*. News.

## Japan

### ***On 22 November 2016, a 7.4 magnitude earthquake struck off the coast of Fukushima Prefecture at a depth of 25 km.***

The quake triggered 1.4 metre tsunami waves which hit Sendai Port. Tsunami warnings and evacuation orders issued by authorities following the quake were lifted several hours after the event. As of 24 November 2016, all evacuation centres were closed and people who temporarily relocated returned to their homes. While the quake caused 20 injuries across Miyagi, Fukushima, Chiba and Tokyo, no fatalities were reported. Transport networks are fully operational and roads are accessible

**Source:** United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) (2016, Nov 28). *Asia and the Pacific: Weekly Regional Humanitarian Snapshot (22-28 November 2016)*.

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