



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE FOOD SECURITY RELATED INFORMATION

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Indonesia

A state of emergency was declared in Sumbawa regency of West Nusa Tenggara because of recurrent floods along with strong winds. Despite no fatalities, there were 21,243 affected people from 6,253 families. In addition, there were several damaged houses and landslides at some locations. This event prompted the administration to call for emergency measures.

Source: Nugraha, P. (2017, Feb 11). *Sumbawa declares state of emergency, as floods affect 20,000.* The Jakarta Post.

Myanmar

Above 7,000 internally displaced people from the Karen State are facing food shortages. Those displaced people fled from Mae Tha Wor of the Hlaingbwe township and are currently staying at three displacement camps in Myaing Gyi Ngu, Nawta-Hteetaykhee and Kalawdee amidst difficulty in food ration management.

Source: Burma News International (2017, Feb 9). *Over 7,000 IDPs at Mae Tha Wor facing food shortage.*

Philippines

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) drafted an action plan for assisting earthquake survivors in Surigao City. This plan aims to strengthen resource augmentation and technical assistance to its field office in the CARAGA region and to ensure the fast and efficient delivery of relief assistance to earthquake affected areas. There were 370 people from 74 families staying in tents at the Provincial Capital grounds and 7,835 people from 1,567 families staying in open areas near their houses. The DSWD has already provided a total of 6.98 million peso (139,871 USD) worth of assistance to families in Surigao City.

** 1 USD = 49.93 Philippine peso*

Source: Department of Social Welfare and Development of the Philippines (2017, Feb 14). *DSWD to raise 'Oplan Linog' in Surigao.*

The National Food Authority (NFA) provided 200 bags of rice for relief operations as the 6.7 magnitude earthquake hit Surigao del Norte province. The NFA Regional Office in CARAGA is coordinating with related units for further rice distribution. In addition, the NFA assured sufficient 232,000 bags of rice in the CARAGA region for more than two weeks and 8.88 million bags nationwide as of 10 February 2017. However, prevailing market rice price remains stable despite the declaration of state of calamity in Surigao City, based on the reports of the NFA monitoring teams.

Source: National Food Authority of the Philippines (2017, Feb 14). *NFA Releases Rice for Quake Victims in Surigao.*

Thailand

Floods totally claimed 99 lives and affected 1.82 million people of 587,544 households in 129 districts across 12 provinces in the southern part of Thailand since 1 December 2016. Flood situations have already been relieved and there are recoveries in all affected provinces.

** Flood situations in the southern part of Thailand are divided into two periods from 1 to 26 December 2015 and from 1 January 2017 to Present.*

Source: Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation (DDPM), Ministry of Interior of Thailand (2017, Feb 9). *Disaster Report (Thai Version).*

Since 1 December 2016, floods caused agricultural damages on 39,095 farmers across 12 provinces in the southern part of Thailand. In terms of damaged crops, there were 23,329 farmers with a total farmland of 126,190 rai (20,190 hectares) of which paddy claimed by 70 percent. In terms of damaged fisheries, there were 10,212 farmers with a total area by 15,564 rai (2,490 hectares) and 61,339 m² of floating baskets. Finally, in terms of livestock, there were 5,554 farmers with 312,309 dead livestock. A total assistance was worth 284.03 million baht (8.11 million USD) distributed to crop- and fishery-damaged farmers.

** 1 rai (Thai system) = 0.16 hectare*

*** 1 USD = 35.01 baht*

Source: Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives of Thailand (2017, Feb 9). *Report of disaster situation in agriculture (Thai Version).*

Viet Nam

The People's Committee of Dong Thap has approved 664 billion dong (29.40 million USD) to improve the drainage capacity and develop sustainable livelihoods in wetland areas. This project will be implemented from 2017 to 2020 in 22,000 hectares of area for reducing climate change risk, ensuring better livelihoods for households and regulating water sources as well as

flood controls for value-added agricultural production. The project also proposed sustainable livelihood models involving with intercropping rice plantation with fish and crayfish farming, upgrading the drainage systems, building cooperatives and instructing farmers on production and preservation.

Source: Viet Nam News (2017, Feb 6). *US\$29.4 million to improve livelihoods in southern wetland.*

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