



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

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### Brunei Darussalam

***The Community-Based Disaster Risk Management programme was introduced by the National Disaster Management Centre (NDMC) for reducing disaster risk.*** This programme is one of the prioritised NDMC activities. In collaboration with the Brunei-Muara District Office and related units, this two-day programme included the sessions of discussion and practices on disaster management for Mukim Kianggeh and Mukim Kota Batu.

**Source:** Tanjong, A. (2017, Feb 28). *Tackling challenges posed by natural disasters.* Borneo Bulletin.

### Indonesia

***Emergency response for flood and landslide has been conducted in Limapuluh Kota, West Sumatera until 9 March 2017.*** There were 6 deaths and access to the national road linking West Sumatera and Riau was cut off. The National Disaster Management Authority provided 500 million rupiah (37,414 USD) for operations due to cooperation with related units. Recently,

most people have returned homes and floods have been receded.

\* 1 USD = 13,364 Rupiah

**Source:** National Disaster Management Authority (BNPB) of Indonesia (2017, Mar 5). *Flood and Landslide Victims in Limapuluhkota Increase, 6 Killed and 2 Serious Injured.* News.

### Lao PDR

***The Global Environment Facility provided more than 5.4 million USD for supporting the project of agro-climatic monitoring and information systems to improve climate change adaptation and food security in Lao PDR.*** From 2017 to 2021, this project is divided into three phases aiming at enhancing planning and decision-making for agricultural production and food security at all levels. At the first phase, the agro-climatic monitoring and use of information for decision-making will be strengthened by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment. Next, institution and capacity development will be implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry at the second phase whereas knowledge management and application will be conducted by the Food and Agriculture Organisation in Lao PDR at the final phase.

**Source:** Vientiane Times (2017, Mar 1). *GEF grant to enhance agro-climatic monitoring.*

### Myanmar

***The World Food Programme (WFP) launched the pilot programme of mobile cash transfers for humanitarian assistance in Myanmar.*** By using mobile phones for transferring money to buy food in local markets, this programme is fast and convenient. Credits were allocated to displaced people in Myitkyina Township of Kachin State by 9,000 kyat (7 USD) and by 13,000 kyat (10 USD) per person due to vulnerability with a monthly basis.

Moreover, the WFP will provide mobile cash transfers to other 456 families until April 2017 and evaluate feedbacks for expanding the system.

**Source:** World Food Programme (2017, Mar 6). *WFP Launches First Mobile Cash Transfers For Humanitarian Assistance in Myanmar*. News.

## **Philippines**

***The 6.7-magnitude earthquake caused 8 deaths, 202 injuries and 37,510 affected people from 7,502 families along with 7,391 damaged houses in Surigao del Norte province.***

The state of calamity was declared in the entire province of Surigao del Norte on 13 February 2017. Cost of damages on infrastructure was 719.56 million peso (14.28 million USD) whereas the total assistance for affected families was 23.91 million peso (474,593 USD). The Department of Social Welfare and Development in the CARAGA region has a total of 3,900 Family Food Packs worth 1.32 million peso (26,201 USD) which are ready for distribution to affected families in Surigao City.

\* 1 USD = 50.38 Philippine peso

**Source:** National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council of the Philippines (NDRRMC) (2017, Mar 7). *SitRep No. 15 re Effects of Magnitude 6.7 Earthquake in Surigao City, Surigao Del Norte*.

## **Thailand**

***The Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives of Thailand officially launched the artificial rain strategy for dealing with a drought in 2017.***

This strategy highlights on replenishing water in reservoirs nationwide, increasing soil moisture and preventing hailstorms. The operation will start from March to October 2017.

**Source:** Royal Thai Government (2017, Mar 3). *MOAC officially announces the artificial rain strategy dealing with drought 2017 (Thai Version)*. News.

## **Viet Nam**

***Due to the Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc, Viet Nam is ready to provide rice for Brunei in a long-term and stable manner for ensuring food security.*** This is because Brunei pays special attention to food security in the bilateral cooperation with Viet Nam. Meanwhile, Viet Nam shall provide assistance on rice cultivation and welcome investments from Brunei in agriculture and food processing for exports as well as in other potential areas.

**Source:** The Government of Viet Nam (2017, Feb 28). *VN willing to help Brunei ensure food security: PM*. News.

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