



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE FOOD SECURITY RELATED INFORMATION

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Indonesia

Landslides by cracking slopes in Ponogoro caused evacuation of 269 people from 78 families. Evacuees stayed at four locations and were reluctant to return homes. Meanwhile, apart from preparation of family tents and logistics aid, local authorities encouraged people to stay alert and evacuate to safer places. However, there were still 25 missing victims and search operation will be continued.

Source: National Disaster Management Authority (BNPB) (2017, Apr 7). *Recent Cracking Slope in Ponogoro, 269 Local Residents Evacuate.* News.

Lao PDR

Above 20,000 under-five-year-old children are expected to benefit from the National Nutrition Initiative Programme executed by the UNICEF Lao PDR in targeted districts of Huaphan province over the next five years. The programme will place the nutritional intervention on children who are in their first 1,000 days of critical development for optimum growth across a lifespan. The implementation aims at

giving supplements along with adding micronutrient powder to complementary foods for children aged above 6 months.

Source: Lao News Agency (2017, Apr 7). *Houaphanh; over 20,000 Children Expected to Benefit from Nutritional Programme.*

Myanmar

The national government and international organisations continued humanitarian aid to communities in Maungtaw of Rakhine State by food and cash deliveries from 18 February to 5 April 2017. The aids include more than 439 million kyat (323,270 USD) and 1,831 bags of rice. Reportedly, the total aids from 4 October 2016 to 5 April 2017 has reached more than 736.62 million kyat (542,430 USD) and 29,380 bags of rice as well as other items such as 34,800 cans of fish, 77 packages of clothes and etc.

* 1 USD = 1,358 kyat

Source: Ministry of Information of Myanmar (2017, Apr 6). *Aid still flowing into Maungtaw villages.*

Philippines

6.0-magnitude earthquake in Mabini of Batangas province totally affected 6,022 people of 1,222 families. Those affected people were served inside 19 evacuation centres in the province. Meanwhile, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) have the total stockpiles and standby funds of 1,159.95 million peso (23.12 million USD) covering Family Food Packs by 46.44 million peso (925,653 USD).

* 1 USD = 50.17 Philippine peso

Source: National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council of the Philippines (NDRRMC) (2017, Apr 10). *SitRep No. 04 re Effects of Magnitude 6.0 Earthquake in Mabini, Batangas.*

Thailand

Thirteen provinces were hit by summer storms from 31 March to 7 April 2017, leading to one death and 296 damaged houses. The affected provinces, covering 71 villages in 22 districts, were in the Northern, the North-Eastern and the Central regions such as Chiang Rai, Khon Khaen and Nonthaburi. Related units provided assistance such as food, necessary items and housing materials apart from assessment of damage for arrangement of compensation payments.

Source: Bangkok Post (2017, Apr 9). *Storms hit 13 provinces last week, one killed.*

The Royal Irrigation Department is set to release water to Phitsanulok and Sukhothai provinces for rice farming ahead of rainy season. Released water is expected to benefit 260,000 rai of farmland (41,600 hectares) in both provinces and these particular areas will be used for water retention later during rainy season. In addition, water will be distributed to low-lying areas in Nakhon Sawan covering 1.10 million rais (176,000 hectares).

* 1 rai (Thai system) = 0.16 hectare

Source: National News Bureau of Thailand (2017, Mar 30). *Water to be distributed to rice paddies in Phitsanulok and Sukhothai.*

Viet Nam

Thousands of under-five-year-old children in drought-hit areas of the Central region are recovering from malnutrition based on an Emergency nutrition programme project. The programme with financial supports of 4 million USD from the UNICEF and the Government of Japan aims to improve nutrition conditions for 7,640 children in 6 provinces of Ninh Thuan, Kon Tum, Gia Lai, Tra Vinh, Hau Giang and Ca Mau. Those children were among 27,500 young

kids suffering from malnutrition and this was in an increasing trend at drought-affected regions.

Source: Viet Nam News (2017, Apr 5). *Viet Nam, UN fight drought malnutrition.*

P.R. China

The Ministry of Agriculture and the UN World Food Programme (WFP) launched a strategic plan for hunger reduction. This plan, ranging from 2017 to 2021, aims at ending hunger, achieving food security, improving nutrition and promoting sustainable agriculture. These two agencies hope to reduce the stunting rate among children, provide smallholder farmers with better market access as well as the South-South cooperation between China and other developing countries. Reportedly, more than 30 million Chinese people were assisted by the WFP projects from 1979 to 2005. Then, China became the world's third largest food aid donor after the US and the EU.

Source: China Daily (2017, Mar 29). *China, UN launch new plan for hunger reduction cooperation.*

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