



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE FOOD SECURITY RELATED INFORMATION

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Myanmar

Dr. Win Myat Aye, the Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement met local residents to oversee preparation works and to ensure a proper response to natural disasters. Reportedly, Myanmar ranked 42nd of 171 countries at risk to natural disasters and 15th highest in the world for a lack of readiness. The new government is working on natural disaster response preparation including strengthening roads and bridges, improving communication and increasing the usage of electric power.

Source: Ministry of Information of Myanmar (2017, Apr 24). *Minister urges locals to prepare for natural disasters.*

Philippines

The 6.0 magnitude earthquake shook the Mindanao Island with the highest intensities in Lanao del Sur and Bukidnon provinces. There were 471 aftershocks recorded as of 18 April 2017. This earthquake affected 5,765 people from 1,342 families and damaged 869 houses across the two provinces whereas 231 people from 53 families were

already served inside evacuation centres in Bukidnon. The states of calamity were declared in Wao municipality of Lanao del Sur and in Kalilangan municipality of Bukidnon. Stockpiles of the Department of Social Welfare and Development for a total of 114,319 Family Food Packs was worth 54.93 million peso (1.11 million USD) and for Non-Food Items by 93.60 million peso (1.88 million USD).

* 1 USD = 49.71 Philippine peso

Source: National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council of the Philippines (NDRRMC) (2017, Apr 20). SitRep No.09 re Magnitude 6.0 Earthquake in Wao, Lanao del Sur.

Thailand

A tropical storm has damaged more than a thousand homes in several districts of Phetchabun and Kalasin provinces. In Phetchabun, a total of 1,107 houses were affected by a storm and the province is planning to declare eleven sub-districts disaster zones in order to seek a budget for rehabilitation. In Kalasin, the Provincial Administrative Organisation has already started the recovery process. Meanwhile in Lampang, officials are assessing the damage in detail to offer better assistance measures.

Source: National News Bureau of Thailand (2017, Apr 25). *Tropical storm wrecks Phetchabun, Kalasin, Lampang.*

Viet Nam

The El Nino phenomenon is likely to occur late in 2017, causing unpredictable storms during the second half of the rainy season in the autumn months. Some 3-4 storms will affect the central provinces' mainland while, in the northern region, rainy season will start late and the average temperature will be higher than previous years from May to October. Thunderstorm, cyclone and hail are also likely to occur during the

transition period between seasons (April-May) across the country. Floods and landslides are predicted to occur more than last year in the northern and central regions as well as the Central Highlands.

Source: Viet Nam News (2017, Apr 17). *Unpredictable storms forecast.*

P.R. China

The average food price in 50 Chinese cities continued to drop between 11 and 20 April 2017. Beans led the fall in vegetable prices by losing 6.8 percent. This could reflect the trend in consumer price index (CPI), gauging inflation, as food prices account for nearly one-third of the prices used in index calculation. The lower CPI was attributed to lowered food prices by 1.9 percent in March. Vegetable prices dropped the most, by 7.9 percent from February.

Source: China Daily (2017, Apr 25). *China's food prices continue to dip.*

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