



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE FOOD SECURITY RELATED INFORMATION

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Indonesia

East Luwu Regency has stated the emergency status due to landslide for 7 days from 12 to 18 May 2017.

The priority during the emergency status includes search, rescue, evacuations, basic needs for affected people and infrastructure improvement. Reportedly, landslide caused 7 deaths, 11 injured people and 14 affected families.

Source: National Disaster Management Authority (BNPB) (2017, May 13). *Emergency Status of Landslide Luwu Timur for 7 Days*. News.

Myanmar

The Vice President U Henry Van Thio assisted in natural disaster preparedness undertaking in Bago Region. He was informed about the work progress on repairing damaged banks, providing rice seeds for damaged crops and rebuilding. He also stressed durability of the facilities and the need to listen to the public voices. In addition, the Irrigation and Water Utilisation Management Department is building dams and banks to prevent floods caused by the Ayeyawady river and downhill streams.

Source: Ministry of Information of Myanmar (2017, May 14). *Vice President U Henry Van Thio inspects natural disaster preparedness in Bago Region*.

Philippines

The 7.2-magnitude earthquake hit Sarangani, Davao Occidental.

There were 442 aftershocks recorded. The earthquake caused 15 displaced people from 3 families and 5 injured people across Sarangani and South Cotabato provinces. Stockpiles of the Department of Social Welfare and Development for a total of 163,902 Family Food Packs was worth 61.54 million peso (1.23 million USD) whereas food and non-food items were worth 143.38 million peso (2.87 USD).

* 1 USD = 49.90 Philippine peso

Source: National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council of the Philippines (NDRRMC) (2017, May 2). *SitRep No.04 re Magnitude 7.2 Earthquake in Sarangani, Davao Occidental*.

Thailand

The Department of Royal Rainmaking and Agricultural Aviation plans to conduct cloud-seeding operations to assist local farmers and replenish 16 reservoirs in Sa Kaeo province. Meanwhile, the water level in the Chao Phraya Dam in Chai Nat province was recorded at 15.89 meters at its highest point. The local irrigation office reported that the dam will be able to supply enough water to 1.15 million rai (184,000 hectares) of farmlands and expects more rain in mid-May.

* 1 rai (Thai system) = 0.16 hectare

Source: National News Bureau of Thailand (2017, May 9). *Royal Rainmaking Dept to conduct cloud seeding over Sa Kaeo*.

Viet Nam

Dong Thap province extended its state of emergency as the erosion of riverbank worsened. River erosion has been repeatedly occurring in the area since last month, triggering a state-of-emergency declaration on 28 April 2017 when some 227 households were believed to be in danger. Dong Thap has already asked the government for 3.6 million USD to address the erosion issue

Source: Viet Nam News (2017, May 11). *Dong Thap extends state of emergency, erosion continues.*

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