



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

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### Lao PDR

***The Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare donated above 30 tonnes of rice to flood-affected families in Hongsa district, Xayabury.*** Donation was worth 300 million kip (36,317 USD) for over 170 families from four villages suffered from a bad flooding in 2016.

**Source:** Lao News Agency (2017, Jun 16). *Xayabury: About 160 Flood-Affected Families Receive Rice.*

### Myanmar

***The Myanmar Southeast Asia Disaster Risk Management Project, approved by the World Bank, aims at strengthening national capacity for disaster risk responses.*** The World Bank contributed 116 million USD for the project to reduce the flooding impacts, improve resilience of selected facilities in Yangon and enhance the government's capacity to finance disaster responses.

**Source:** The World Bank (2017, Jun 15). *Myanmar Enhances Resilience to Natural Disasters With World Bank Support.* Press Release.

### Philippines

***Floods affected 302,337 people from 60,538 families in Maguindanao province.*** The state of calamity was declared in municipalities of Datu Piang and Kabuntalan on 29 May 2017. The damage on rice fields was worth 35.77 million peso (722,626 USD) covering 1,559 affected farmers with 1,583 hectares. A total of 4.99 million peso (100,808 USD) worth of assistance has been provided to affected families. In addition, there were augmentation of food packs, logistical facilitation, assessment of impacts and needs

\* 1 USD = 49.50 Philippine peso

**Source:** National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council of the Philippines (NDRRMC) (2017, Jun 15). *Progress Report re Flooding in Maguindanao.*

### Thailand

***The Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives reported flood situations and launched preparation plans for reducing flooding risks in agriculture in 2016/2017.*** Reportedly, there were 27 provinces affected by floods since 16 May 2017. Flood situations relieved but still remained in Ayutthaya, Suphanburi and Chonburi. Regarding preparation plans, there are water management, monitoring of rainfalls as well as irrigation and flood way construction.

**Source:** Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives of Thailand (2017, Jun 14). *MOAC pushed forward for preparation plans for reducing flooding risks in agriculture (Thai Version).*

## **Viet Nam**

***Viet Nam risks a loss of 7.2 million tonnes of rice yield and 3.2 percent of its agricultural land by the late 21<sup>st</sup> century as a result of climate change.*** The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development has targeted effective rice cultivation in response to climate change and development of drought or saline-resistant plants. In addition, crop diversification is another solution as Vietnamese farmers rely on a sole agro-product, making them highly vulnerable to extreme weather events.

**Source:** Viet Nam News (2017, June 16). *Climate change forecast to shrink rice yield.*

## **P.R. China**

***BRICS agriculture ministers underlined cooperation and importance of food security.*** BRICS is committed to technological innovation on food security, green agriculture and environment improvement. The ministers also agreed to promote multilateral coordination and guard against protectionism.

**Source:** Xinhua (2017, Jun 17). BRICS agriculture ministers highlight cooperation, food security.

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