



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

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### Cambodia

**Prime Minister Hun Sen ordered local authorities to look out for residents as water levels in the Mekong River in Stung Treng province climbed to emergency levels.** Tropical storm Sonca, now downgraded to a low-pressure system, is continuing to cause some flooding in lowland areas near the Mekong and Stung Sen rivers, even as waters recede in the northern and northwest regions. In Stung Treng, 121 houses in lowland areas were slightly flooded and the authorities are preparing to evacuate villagers. Water levels are also expected to reach emergency levels in Kratie province whereas floods have retreated in Oddar Meanchey and Preah Vihear province.

**Source:** The Phnom Penh Post (2017, Jul 28). *PM weighs in as floods continue in Kingdom.*

### Lao PDR

**Flash flood due to heavy rain caused one death, over 900 affected families in 43 villages and property damage estimated at 4 billion kip (483,675 USD) of Borikhamxay province.** Flooded areas include 100 hectares of rice fields and 449 hectares of cassava, corn, chili and peanuts. The local authorities are assessing the damage of farmlands and seeking way to help residents in the district. The public are warned to be alert for the tropical storm Sonca which is the first storm bringing heavy rain and wind to hit the country in 2017.

\* 1 USD = 8,270 kip

**Source:** Vientiane Times (2017, Jul 25). *Flash flooding kills teenager in Borikhamxay.*

### Philippines

**As of 1 August 2017, Typhoon Gorio caused 7,339 affected people from 1,656 families as well as damages on houses and agriculture.** The affected people are in National Capital Region, Region I, III, CALABARZON and CAR while a total of 535 people from 135 families are served inside 7 evacuation centres. There are 166 damaged houses and 2.58 million peso (51,089 USD) of damage costs on rice, corn and high-value crop in the provinces of Benguet and Ifugao. The Department of Social Welfare and Development has a total of 478,840 Family Food Packs amounting to 164.65 million peso (3.26 million USD). Typhoon Gorio is now outside the Philippine Area of Responsibility, already.

\* 1 USD = 50.50 Philippine peso

**Source:** National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) (2017, Aug 1). *SitRep No.8 re Preparedness Measures and Effects of Southwest Monsoon enhanced by Typhoon "Gorio" (I.N. NESAT).*

## Thailand

***Floods and flash floods due to heavy rain from 5 July to 1 August 2017 occurred in 43 provinces consisting of 221 districts and 5,366 villages.*** Yet, the situations remain in 10 provinces across the northeastern and central regions such as Sakon Nakhon, Nakhon Ratchasima, Amnat Charoen and Ayutthaya. There are 7 deaths, 68,051 affected households and 52,359 rai (8,377 hectares) of damaged agricultural areas. The DDPM has been coordinating with related authorities for monitoring the situations closely and preparing machines and tools for assisting victims in time.

\* 1 rai (Thai system) = 0.16 hectare

**Source:** Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation (DDPM), Ministry of Interior of Thailand (2017, Aug 1). *DDPM reports flood situations in 10 provinces and integrates related units for assisting victims.*

## Japan

***Typhoon Noru could hit Japan by this weekend.*** The storm's trajectory was highly uncertain. But the Japan Meteorological Agency was forecasting it might hit the southern island of Kyushu by the weekend. The Weather Channel said the storm strengthened rapidly into a Category 5 cyclone at its peak on Monday, as its wind speeds more than doubled to 257 kilometres (160 miles) an hour. By Tuesday afternoon it was the equivalent of a high Category 3 or low Category 4 cyclone, swirling across a wide swath of open ocean.

**Source:** Japan Today (2017, Aug 1). *Typhoon weakens but could hit Japan by weekend.*

## Republic of Korea

***President Moon Jae-in declared three areas recently hit by torrential rain as disaster areas, enabling special government support for the regions.*** The three regions are Cheongju, Cheonan and Goesan, all located in the central Chungcheong provinces. Cheongju alone reported 57.3 billion won (51.5 million USD) in damage. As a special disaster area, the city with a population of some 830,000 and its people are now entitled to a wide range of government support, including a large support fund.

**Source:** Yonhap News Agency (2017, Jul 27). *Moon declares Cheongju and two others disaster areas.*

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