



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE FOOD SECURITY RELATED INFORMATION

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Myanmar

Monsoon rains have caused seasonal floods across five states and six regions including the Union Territory. As of 3 August 2017, more than 72,000 people remained displaced in flood affected townships, according to the Relief and Resettlement Department (RRD). In July 2017, with a cumulative basis, above 200,000 people were displaced because of monsoon floods, however, in some areas, flood waters have receded and people returned to their homes. The RRD, local authorities, the military, Myanmar Red Cross and NGOs provided assistance to affected families

Source: United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) (2017, Aug 7). *Asia and the Pacific: Weekly Regional Humanitarian Snapshot (1 – 7 August 2017)*.

Thailand

Floods and flash floods due to heavy rain from 5 July to 8 August 2017 occurred in 44 provinces consisting of 300 districts and 12,949 villages. There were totally 29 deaths and 1.84 million affected people from 578,814 households. However, the situations remained in 10

provinces covering 998,634 affected people from 323,571 households across the northeastern and central regions such as Sakon Nakhon, Nakhon Phanom and Ayutthaya. In Sakon Nakhon, there were 11 deaths, 426,037 affected people from 135,044 households and 1,049 damaged houses. Personnel, evacuation centres, relief items, boats and water pumps were provided for the affected provinces by related units for disaster relief.

Source: Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation (DDPM), Ministry of Interior of Thailand (2017, Aug 8). *Disaster Report (Thai Version)*.

During the same period, in terms of agriculture, the floods totally affected 770,220 farmers across 39 provinces. In terms of affected crop, there were 671,139 farmers with 6.30 million rai (1 million hectares) of farmlands, of which paddy claimed by 5.71 million rai (913,600 hectares). In terms of affected fisheries, there were 40,027 farmers with 32,594 rai (5,215 hectares) of farmlands and 1,440 floating baskets. In term of affected livestock, there were 59,054 farmers with 1.53 million livestock. In addition, there were 300 cooperatives expected to be affected.

* 1 rai (Thai system) = 0.16 hectare

Source: Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives of Thailand (2017, Aug 8). *Report of disaster situation in agriculture (Thai Version)*.

Viet Nam

Deputy Prime Minister Trinh Dinh Dung pointed some shortcomings in the natural disaster rescue process nationwide. This was because localities were passive during emergency and some areas did not take disaster forecasts and warnings seriously. As compared with 2016 figures, in the first seven months of 2017, 1,768 natural disasters caused much severer impacts because the death increased from 42 to 511 while missing people increased from 45 to 145.

Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc ordered related units to respond to torrential rains and floods in the northern mountainous provinces. There were nine dead, 24 missing and 12 injured people whereas nearly 200 houses were swept away. Heavy human and property losses occurred in the provinces of Son La and Yen Bai. Total damage has amounted to above 538.2 billion dong (23.7 million USD).

Source: Viet Nam News (2017, Aug 5). *Deputy PM urges readiness for disaster response.*

P.R. China

There were seven dead and two missing people due to a flood in northwest Gansu province. Rainstorms hit three townships in Wenxian county in Lognan city, resulting in landslides. Nearly 1,000 residents have been relocated to safety. The rain also left roads blocked, house collapsed or damaged and power supply and communication interrupted. The local government has dispatched thousands of people to participate in rescue and relief work.

Source: Xinhua (2017, Aug 8). *Flood leaves 7 dead, 2 missing in NW China.*

Japan

Typhoon Noru caused two dead and nine injured people in Kagoshima. In neighbouring Miyazaki Prefecture, three people were injured. This typhoon made landfall on the Kii Peninsula near Osaka, caused evacuation advisories for tens of thousands of people in Shikoku, disrupted traffic along its path and caused flight cancellation.

Source: The Japan Times (2017, Aug 7). *Typhoon Noru hits Osaka, heads for eastern Japan.*

Republic of Korea

Typhoon Noru is expected to reach waters off the southern and eastern parts of South Korea this weekend, bringing strong winds and high waves. The typhoon is expected to influence the Jeju Island, Busan city and South Gyeongsang province after moving through Okinawa of Japan. The weather agency issued a preliminary warning of high waves. The Republic of Korea will likely be affected by about two typhoons this summer.

Source: Yonhap News Agency (2017, Aug 3). *Strong typhoon forecast to approach southern S. Korea this weekend.*

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