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Lao PDR

The government provided a relief package worth 140 million kip (16,867 USD) for victims due to Typhoon Sonca in Khammouan and Savannakhet provinces. The relief aid is divided equally for those two provinces. Reportedly, more than 1,600 hectares of farmlands have been flooded when Typhoon Sonca hit the provinces last month. Moreover, there were above 3,700 flood-affected families in Khammouan.

* 1 USD = 8,300 kip

Source: Lao News Agency (2017, Aug 22). Gov't Provides Relief Aid to Flood Victims.

Myanmar

Thousands of people are facing a food crisis in the remote Naga Self-Administered Zone on the Myanmar-India border in the northern Sagaing Region. The mountainous townships of Lahe and Namyun routinely deal with food shortages, particularly during wet season. The situation has been intensified due to the aftermath of a measles outbreak, destruction of more than 1,000 acres of paddy fields by insects and military blocks on the borders cutting off supplies. There

was the attempt to allow the villagers to cross the border on humanitarian grounds because basic needs can be retrieved on the Indian side of Nagaland.

Source: The Irrawaddy (2017, Aug 21). *Food Crisis Ravages Nagaland.*

Philippines

Due to Tropical Storm Hato, the DSWD predicts exposures of 1.26 million people from 252,223 families and of 54,802 poor families. The DSWD Central Office, concerned Field Offices and National Resource Operations Centre have stockpiles and standby funds amounting to 1,452.33 million peso (28.21 million USD). There are 371,033 Family Food Packs worth 132.89 million peso (2.58 million USD), Food and Non-food Items worth 404.52 million peso (7.86 million USD) and standby funds of 914.92 million peso (17.77 million USD).

* 1 USD = 51.49 Philippine peso

Source: Department of Social Welfare and Development of the Philippines (2017, Aug 21). *DSWD DROMIC Preparedness for Response Report #2 on Tropical Storm "Isang" (I.N. Hato).*

Thailand

Floods and flash floods due to Typhoon Talas and Sonca from 5 July to 15 August 2017 occurred in 44 provinces consisting of 302 districts and 14,105 villages. There were totally 36 deaths, 1.90 million affected people from 609,425 households and 2,574 damaged houses. However, the situations remained in Kalasin, Roi Et, Yasothon, Ubonratchathani and Ayutthaya, covering 23 districts and 910 villages. Due to those flood-remained provinces, there were 95,991 affected people from 31,759 households whereas 12 evacuation points have already served 3,489 people from 943 households.

Source: Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation (DDPM), Ministry of Interior of Thailand (2017, Aug 22). *Disaster Report (Thai Version).*

During the same period, in terms of agriculture, the floods totally affected 767,376 farmers across 43 provinces. In terms of crop, there were 667,292 affected farmers with 6.40 million rai (1.02 million hectares) of farmlands. Damages were found for 226,174 farmers with 1.78 million rai (284,800 hectares) of paddy. In terms of fisheries, there were 36,299 affected farmers with 32,992 rai (5,279 hectares). In term of livestock, there were 63,785 affected farmers with 1.67 million livestock. Assistances are being provided for farmers with assessed damages across all aforementioned types.

* 1 rai (Thai system) = 0.16 hectare

Source: Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives of Thailand (2017, Aug 22). *Report of disaster situation in agriculture (Thai Version).*

Viet Nam

The General Department of Disaster Prevention and Control has just officially launched under the Prime Minister's decision. This unit is under the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) which is the standing body of the Central Steering Committee for Natural Disaster Prevention and Control. This unit will be consultation agency for MARD, promulgation of legal documents, mechanisms and policies on natural disaster prevention and control as well as for mobilization of resources. In addition, this unit has the task of promoting international cooperation with countries such as Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand and P.R. China.

Source: Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of Viet Nam (2017, Aug 21). *Launched the General Department of Disaster Prevention and Control.*

P.R. China

Tropical Storm Hato will bring heavy rainfall and damaging winds on southeastern China this week. Tropical Storm Hato will also continue to bring a high risk of floods to parts of southeastern China as far inland as eastern Yunnan province. Heightened risks of floods and mudslides are expected in Guangdong, Guangxi and eastern Yunnan, as well.

Source: AccuWeather (2017, Aug 22). *Hato to heighten flood risk from Taiwan to China, Hong Kong.*

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