



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE FOOD SECURITY RELATED INFORMATION

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Indonesia

Amid increased volcanic activity, people are prohibited from coming within a 1.5-kilometre radius from the crater of Mount Lokon in Tomohon, North Sulawesi. There were tremors and five small earthquakes since 2 November 2017 but the eruption cannot be predicted. The related authorities have issued the alert level two, coordinated for taking preventive measures and kept monitoring the volcano.

Source: The Jakarta Post (2017, Nov 5). *Warning issued amid seismic activity from Mt. Lokon.*

Lao PDR

About 40 billion kip (4.8 million USD) will be needed to repair 2017 flood damages based on the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare. The government already allocated 977 million kip (117,846 USD) and released above 836 tonnes of rice from the National State Reserve to help suffering communities. Moreover, private donations amounted to around 300 million kip (36,202 USD) including consumer goods while provincial

authorities are repairing bridges and roads and facilitating assistances. Reportedly, there were 254,971 affected people in 53 districts and 150,000 people still need general consumer items, health services as well as hygiene and sanitation.

* 1 USD = 8,287 kip

Source: Vientiane Times (2017, Nov 3). *Govt seeking 40 billion kip to help flood victims.*

Malaysia

Flood caused seven deaths and more than 3,500 evacuees in Penang. The situation has become more critical because of rising water and strong wind on 5 November 2017 but there was no need to declare an emergency due to the federal government. Aid will be sent from the federal government in coordination with the National Security Council while police and military are enlisted for relief efforts to help victims.

Source: The Straits Times (2017, Nov 6). *Seven dead in worst floods to hit Penang.*

Philippines

Families affected by floods in 30 of 36 municipalities in Maguindanao province received food assistance from the provincial government. This food aid is a complimentary assistance because the Local Government Units have first responded. Emergency relief assistance has been extended to some 211,000 displaced people in affected towns but many victims still need food and relief aid.

Source: Manila Bulletin (2017, Nov 3). *Maguindanao flood victims get food aid.*

Thailand

The Meteorological Department warned of Typhoon Damrey as well as heavy rain and strong wind at the southern part of Thailand, as of 6 November 2017.

Reportedly, floods caused 10 deaths and 327,420 affected people across 23 provinces from 10 October to 6 November 2017. This was because of Tropical Depression along with water releases from the Chao Phraya Dam and the Ubol Ratana Dam. However, floods remained in 15 provinces across central and northeastern parts such as Pathum Thani and Roi Et. The hardest hit province was Ayutthaya due to 97,403 people and there were 47 evacuated households in Maha Sarakham. Floods totally affected agricultural lands of 40,906 rai (6,545 hectares). Relief assistances for affected people were provided by royal bags, medicine, boats and personnel.

Source: Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation, the Ministry of Interior of Thailand (2017, Nov 6). *Disaster Report (Thai Version)*.

Viet Nam

Typhoon Damrey has wreaked havoc in the central and south central coast of Viet Nam, causing 29 deaths and 29 missing people. This typhoon hardest hit the Central Highlands as well as the central and the south central provinces. Nearly 40,000 homes were damaged and around 30,000 hectares of rice vegetables and other crops were flooded. The road network suffered losses of 70 billion dong (3 million USD) while there were blackouts and disruption on transportation. The danger level of this typhoon was even higher than that of Typhoon Doksuri in September 2017. Yet, Typhoon Damrey has weakened into a low pressure and entered Cambodia. The government urged all authorities to repair damages, rescue people, provide food aid. The Viet Nam Red Cross Society released emergency aid, valued at 1.1 billion dong (48,956 USD) to help the provinces of Khanh Hoa, Binh Dinh, Phu Yen and Dak Lak.

* 1 USD = 22,469 dong

Source: Viet Nam News (2017, Nov 6). *Typhoon Damrey leaves 29 dead, 29 missing*.

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