



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE FOOD SECURITY RELATED INFORMATION

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Indonesia

It was updated that floods in Karawang Regency of West Java Province caused 3,450 affected people and 1,415 damaged houses. Flooded areas include four zones in two districts of Cikampek and Kotabaru. In Cikampek, 915 houses have been inundated and 2,250 persons evacuated. Meanwhile, there were 1,200 evacuees and 500 flooded houses in Kotabaru. There were evacuations for affected people to safe mosques and setup of evacuation tents.

Source: ASEAN Humanitarian Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (2018, Jan 4). *Indonesia, Flood in Karawang.*

Lao PDR

Prices of goods including rice and foodstuffs remained stable despite continuing imports from neighbouring countries according to the Ministry of Industry and Commerce. Prices of rice remained stable in Vientiane markets but still higher than in Thailand. By selling one kilogramme, grade A white polished rice is at 10,000 kip (1.20 USD) while grade A sticky rice is at 8,750 kip (1.05 USD). Such prices are under government control and depend on neighbouring countries. Yet, prices of foodstuffs at markets around the country increased by an average up to 4 per cent over the five-year period from 2013 to 2017.

* 1 USD = 8,299.40 kip

Source: Vientiane Times (2018, Jan 2). *Food prices remain stable throughout 2017.*

Malaysia

The States of Pahang, Johor and Terengganu were hit by floods due to the north-eastern monsoon since the start of 2018. In Pahang, there were two deaths, 25 displaced people and 10,000 people in emergency accommodations. Kuantan, Rompin, Pekan, Jerantut, Lipis and Bera Districts were worst hit. In Johor, around 250 people were staying in relief centres although the situations improved. In Terengganu, there were around 2,500 evacuees while Kemaman and Dungun Districts were worst hit. Meanwhile, floods also affected the Sabah State, displacing 500 people.

Source: FloodList (2018, Jan 5). *Malaysia – Floods Worsen Leaving 2 Dead and 12,000 Evacuated.*

Philippines

Tropical Depression Bolaven led to 3 deaths, 83,772 affected people of 18,513 families as well as 179 damaged houses across MIMAROPA, Western Visayas, Central Visayas, Eastern Visayas, Northern Mindanao and Caraga Regions. Of the affected people, there were 1,278 affected persons of 323 families served inside 11 evacuation centres. The state of calamity was declared in Panitan and Pontevedra Municipalities, Capiz Province. Some of reported flooded areas including rice fields in Capiz already subsided. A total of 2.03 million peso (40,788 USD) was provided by the Department of Social Welfare and Development, the Local Government Units and NGOs for affected families. However, Tropical Depression Bolaven already exited the Philippine Area of Responsibility on 3 January 2018.

* 1 USD = 49.77 peso

Source: National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council of the Philippines (NDRRMC) (2018, Jan 7). *SitRep No.09 re Preparedness Measures for Tropical Depression "AGATON" as of 8:00 AM.*

Thailand

Floods due to the north-eastern monsoon since November 2017 in the southern region totally affected 623,835 farmers. Reportedly, there were 429,456 affected farmers with 2.02 million rai (323,200 hectares) of farmlands in terms of crops across 13 southern provinces. Paddy fields were damaged by 64,886 rai (10,382 hectares).

* 1 rai (Thai system) = 0.16 hectare

Source: Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives of Thailand (2017, Jan 9). *Report of disaster situation in agriculture (Thai Version).*

Viet Nam

Typhoon Bolaven weakened into a tropical low-pressure system on 4 January 2017 after causing landfall on coastal areas from Phu Yen to Ninh Thuan Provinces. There were rains on localities from Da Nang to Binh Thuan on the same date.

Source: Viet Nam News (2018, Jan 4). *Typhoon Bolaven weakens.*

P.R. China

The National Commission for Disaster Reduction and the Ministry of Civil Affairs allocated over 8.06 billion yuan (1.24 billion USD) to provide support for disaster victims in 2017. The two units initiated disaster emergency responses and sent work teams to help disaster relief. Furthermore, P.R. China has built up a disaster reporting network covering the township level and built over 2,300 storage depots for relief supplies at the country, city, provincial and central levels.

Source: Xinhua (2018, Jan 3). *China allocates 8.06 bln yuan for disaster victims.*

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