



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

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### Indonesia

***On 15 January 2018, Mount Agung erupted again, sending ash up to 2,500 metres into the air on the northeast side of the volcano.*** A six-kilometre danger zone remains in place and almost 50,000 people evacuated from their homes are being hosted in 299 sites as of 14 January 2018.

**Source:** United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (2018, Jan 15). *Asia and the Pacific: Weekly Regional Humanitarian Snapshot (9 – 15 Jan 18)*.

### Malaysia

***The flood situation in Pahang State is showing some improvement although 1,506 people of 389 families remain at relief centres in two districts.*** The two affected districts are worst-hit Pekan with 1,212 evacuees from 308 families at 10 flood shelters and Rompin with 294 people from 81 families at four relief centres.

**Source:** New Straits Times (2018, Jan 15). *Little change in Pahang flood disaster; 1,506 remain at relief centres.*

### Myanmar

***A total of 14 moderate to strong earthquakes hit Myanmar in the first 12 days of 2018.*** The earthquakes ranged from 5.8 to 6 magnitudes. The Myanmar Earthquake Committee warned the public to take caution of the Sagaing Fault as big cities are located in its path including Bago, Phyu, Taungoo, Nay Pyi Taw, Yamethin, Tharsi, Mandalay and Sagaing. The eastern parts of Bago and Mandalay regions as well as the northern part of Sagaing region and the western part of Kachin State are also prone to earthquake dangers.

**Source:** The Myanmar Times (2018, Jan 15). *Fourteen earthquakes hit Myanmar so far this year.*

### Philippines

***The eruption of Mayon Volcano displaced people in Albay Province of the Bicol Region from 13 to 16 January 2018.*** There were 21,823 affected people of 5,318 families in the municipalities of Camalig, Guinobatan and Malilipot as well as the cities of Ligao and Tabaco. They were staying in 18 designated evacuation centres. The assistance worth 124,605 peso (2,475 USD) was provided by the Local Government Units (LGUs) to the affected families in Malilipot Municipality. The Department of Social Welfare and Development has stockpiles of 13,352 family food packs and non-food items ready for augmentation to the LGUs. As of 16 January 2018, the alert status of Mayon Volcano was at level 3, meaning that hazardous eruption is possible within weeks or even days.

\* 1 USD = 50.35 peso

**Source:** National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council of the Philippines (NDRRMC) (2018, Jan 16). *SitRep No.07 re Mayon Volcano Phreatic Eruption.*

## **Thailand**

***The warnings of flash floods, strong winds and rough sea in the Gulf of Thailand were issued for people in the South.*** This was due to the effect of monsoon wind prevailing over the Gulf of Thailand and the southern region. Heavy rains were expected in provinces of Phatthalung, Songkhla, Pattani, Yala and Narathiwat with danger of flash floods. Villagers along the coast were advised to be cautious due to possible high waves in the Gulf of Thailand.

**Source:** National News Bureau of Thailand (2018, Jan 14). *Heavy rains and flash floods warning for southern region.*

## **Viet Nam**

***Deputy Prime Minister Trinh Dinh Dung approved a draft national action programme on zero hunger towards 2025.*** The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, chairing the National Committee for Zero Hunger Action Programme, has been asked to work with related ministries for clarifying financial sources for the programme and submit to the Prime Minister for approval within the first quarter of 2018. Meanwhile, the National Steering Committee for Zero Hunger Action Programme is required to implement a mechanism of meeting, reporting, co-operating and combining national target programmes with national action programme. There are five specific targets of the action programme including ensuring food and nutrition for people, no malnutrition among children under two, sustainable food system development, increased productivity and income for small-scale farmers as well as no food losses.

**Source:** Viet Nam News (2018, Jan 4). *National Zero Hunger Action Programme urged to be implemented.*

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