



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

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### Indonesia

***Measles and malnutrition in the remote Asmat District, Papua Province has killed around 100 children since October 2017.*** The emergency response to the situation is being led by the Ministry of Health with other stakeholders. The Indonesian military has sent 53 personnel to the area including paramedics, as well as medical equipment, vaccines and 11,100 packages of instant food.

**Source:** United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (2018, Jan 22). *Asia and the Pacific: Weekly Regional Humanitarian Snapshot (16-22 Jan 18)*.

### Malaysia

***The floodwaters in Pahang have completely receded and the remaining three flood relief centres in Raub were closed today.*** State Civil Defence Force reported that 64 victims and 21 families began cleaning their homes and all the flood shelters were closed. There were no more flood victims in Pahang.

**Source:** New Straits Times (2018, Jan 19). *No more flood victims in Pahang: Civil Defence Force.*

### Philippines

***On 22 January 2018, the alert level of Mayon Volcano in Albay Province of Bicol Region was raised from level 3 to 4 indicating imminent hazardous eruption.*** The danger zone was extended to 8 kilometres radius from the summit and the public was strongly advised to be vigilant. Reportedly, 3,904 families were already evacuated whereas 48,614 people of 12,214 families were reported affected. Albay Province was declared under the state of calamity on 16 January 2018. The related units provided assistance totally worth 26.88 million peso (528,718 USD) to the affected families in Albay Province.

\* 1 USD = 50.84 peso

**Source:** National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council of the Philippines (NDRRMC) (2018, Jan 23). *SitRep No. 14 re Mayon Volcano Phreatic Eruption.*

***Additionally, it was updated that heavy rains, flash floods and landslides due to a cold front and low-pressure area led to 4 missing, 179,550 affected people of 39,210 families as well as damages on houses and agriculture in the regions of Bicol, Western Visayas, Eastern Visayas, Northern Mindanao and Davao from 13 to 17 January 2018.*** Of the affected people, 108 persons of 16 families were being served inside one evacuation centre. A total of 1,862 houses were damaged. The agricultural damages were at 9.74 million peso (191,658 USD) in Western Visayas and Eastern Visayas. Yet, almost all reported flooded areas have been subsided. The Department of Social Welfare and Development as well as the Local Government Units provided assistance to the affected families in Western Visayas, Northern Mindanao and Davao. Public offices, power supplies and transportation resumed operations.

\* 1 USD = 50.84 peso

**Source:** National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council of the Philippines (NDRRMC) (2018, Jan 23). *SitRep No. 09 re Effects of Tail-end of a Cold Front (TECF) and Low Pressure Area (LPA).*

## Singapore

**Heavy morning downpour that flooded 9 areas damaged cars and disrupted some businesses and bus services.** The flooded areas included Tampines Road, Sims Avenue, Upper Changi Road and Arumugam Road near Paya Lebar. Drainage improvement works were taken place in eight of the nine affected areas by the national water agency and expected to be completed by March 2019 for reducing the chance of flash floods.

**Source:** The Strait Times (2018, Jan 10). *Towing services kept busy in Monday's floods.*

## Thailand

**The Meteorological Department informed that heavy rains due to the northeastern monsoon will occur in the southern part of Thailand from 20 to 21 January 2018.** There will also be cold weather and heavy fog in the northern, northeastern, eastern and central parts of the country due to the influence of the high-pressure area in the North of Viet Nam and the South China Sea.

**Source:** Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation, the Ministry of Interior of Thailand (2018, Jan 19). *Disaster Report (Thai Version).*

## Viet Nam

**The lives and crops of residents living near the Bo River bank in central Thua Thien-Hue Province are being threatened by riverbank landslides.** The landslides affected 1,000 hectares of land areas and reduced planting areas in the villages. The situation is getting worsened since the flood in November 2017. Moreover, if the next flood comes, the dike system will be totally collapsed and villages will be washed away.

**Source:** Viet Nam News (2018, Jan 22). *Landslide threaten lives, crop of Hue residents.*

## Japan

**The eruption of Mount Kusatsu-Shirane and avalanche caused 1 death, 12 injuries and 100 evacuated people in Gunma Prefecture.** After the eruption, the weather agency raised the alert status to level 3, restricting entry to the mountain. The alert status could not be raised earlier due to unobserved volcanic activity prior to the eruption. The central government has set up a liaison office at the Prime Minister's Office to gather information on the eruption while Gunma's governor requested the dispatch of the Ground-Self Defense Force.

**Source:** The Japan Times (2018, Jan 23). *One killed and 10 injured after Gunma's Mount Kusatsu-Shirane erupts.*

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