



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE FOOD SECURITY RELATED INFORMATION

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Brunei Darussalam

The country is currently facing uncertain weather conditions causing heavy downpour and thundershowers, leading to flash floods particularly at lowland areas. The Fire and Rescue Department has found a number of flood-affected roads in Tutong District. These roads are not accessible for low vehicles. Besides, this department has been put standby, carried out patrol on land and coastal areas to take extra precautions and advised residents around flood-prone areas to aware of their safety.

Source: Borneo Bulletin (2018, Jun 2). *Brunei experiences wet weather; floods hit several areas in Tutong District.*

Cambodia

The Ministry of Water Resources and Meteorology announced that most provinces especially in the central lowland areas are facing floods again in early June 2018. The announcement came as a warning to residents living in affected areas to be more cautious. The

country will face low pressure conditions causing heavy rain across the country from 1 to 8 June 2018. Prime Minister Hun Sen appealed to all authorities to brace for incoming floods and to prepare for helping villagers. Due to the National Committee for Disaster Management report, in 2017, floods hit 16 provinces, causing 17 deaths and 1,734 evacuees. Floods also affected 14,341 houses with 3,456 hectares of rice and damaged 355 hectares of other crops.

Source: Khmer Times (2018, May 30). *Further floods coming to Kingdom.*

Indonesia

Strong wind was reported in Simalungun Regency of North Sumatra Province on 2 June 2018. Due to this event, around 80 people from 20 families have been affected with houses partially damaged. Yet, there were no deaths or injuries reported.

Source: ASEAN Humanitarian Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre) (2018, Jun 2). *Indonesia, Strong Wind in Simalungun Regency.*

Malaysia

Floods due to continuous rains occurred in various districts of the Sabah State since 31 May 2018. Flash floods were reported in Penampang, Lido, Moyog, Telipok and Kota Belud among others. Response teams have been sent to evacuate the trapped victims in their homes. However, the numbers of victims and evacuees are not known as rescue teams are still carrying out operations. Response teams have been mobilised in all flood-hit areas. Local people were urged to be cautious for safety. Authorities including the police, fire department and civil defense department are also alert for any eventualities.

Source: The Star Online (2018, May 31). *Several areas in Sabah hit with flash floods due to continuous downpour.*

Philippines

Since 29 May 2018, floods due to heavy rains totally affected 16,695 people of 3,380 families and damaged one house in Davao City. The Local Government Units have coordinated with related units and stakeholders for monitoring the status of the affected families, operating mobile kitchen and providing food items for community cooking. Yet, the displaced families have already returned to their houses.

Source: Department of Social Welfare and Development (2018, Jun 2). *DSWD DROMIC Report #2 on the Flooding Incident in Davao City as of 2 June 2018, 7PM.*

Thailand

The Meteorological Department warned of monsoon conditions moving over the Andaman as well as the Gulf of Thailand. This is because of a low-pressure system in the South China Sea. The conditions will cause rain in all parts of the country and see waves in western and eastern coasts. The Royal Irrigation Department is preparing to handle the situations and is monitoring the reports from the Meteorological Department.

Source: National News Bureau of Thailand (2018, Jun 4). *Harsh weather anticipated across the nation this week.*

The Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives of Thailand reported that 30,879 farmers with 148,914 rai (23,826 hectares) of farmlands were affected by storms and floods from 21 February to 1 June 2018. There were 25,188 affected farmers with 98,616 rai (15,779 hectares) due to storms across 30 provinces such as Chiang Rai, Sukhothai and Chumphon. Floods affected 5,691 farmers with 50,298 rai (8,048 hectares) of farmlands across 12 provinces such as Chiang Mai, Nakhon Ratchasima and Prachuap Khiri Khan. In total, there were 1,819 rai (291 hectares) of damaged paddy fields and 1,728 killed livestock of 6,029 farmers by storms and

floods. Damages were estimated at 29.7 million baht (925,140 USD). However, the assistance which was worth 12.8 million baht (398,628 USD) has been provided to 2,632 farmers with 9,647 rai (1,544 hectares) and 564 dead livestock across affected provinces.

* 1 rai (Thai system) = 0.16 hectare

** 1 USD = 32.06 baht

Source: Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives of Thailand (2018, Jun 1). *Report of disaster situation in agriculture (Thai Version).*

Viet Nam

A low-pressure system near the Hoang Sa (Paracel) archipelago is likely to become a storm in the East Sea according to the National Centre for Hydro-meteorological Forecasting.

There will be heavy rains, winds and storms on the waters off the coast of the central and southern regions from Ca Mau to Kien Giang Provinces as well as in the Gulf of Thailand. Normal to heavy rains will occur in Quang Ngai and Binh Dinh where low-lying areas are at high risk of landslides and flash floods.

Source: Viet Nam News (2018, Jun 4). *East Sea tropical low pressure system gathers strength.*

Landslides along riverbanks and the coast in the Mekong Delta have been increasing as local authorities continue to struggle to find solutions amid a budget shortage. In May 2018, there were above 10 erosions in the Delta including Ca Mau, Hau Giang and Long An Provinces as well as in Can Tho City causing houses, areas and rural roads to collapse into the river. Local authorities had visited the sites for solutions to stop erosion incidences. They have also set up warning signs and barriers at the eroded site to ensure safety for transport and the public. Due to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, the Delta has 562 eroded sites along rivers and coasts with a total length of 786 kilometres. The

total investment in the Delta for solving eroded sites is expected to cost around 6.99 trillion dong (307.9 million USD). An Giang, Dong Thap, Ca Mau and Bac Lieu Provinces have been most affected by erosion in the Delta.

Source: Viet Nam News (2018, Jun 2). *Mekong Delta erosion incidents increase.*

P.R. China

More than 63,000 people in the southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region are affected by drought due to the regional civil affairs department. This is because of ongoing high temperatures with no precipitation. Among the affected people, around 1,400 people need subsidies for their lost crops and over 500 people are facing shortages of drinking water. Above 4,000 hectares of crops have been affected, leading to direct economic losses of 7.6 million yuan (1.2 million USD).

* 1 USD = 6.33 yuan

Source: Xinhua (2018, Jun 1). *Over 60,000 people hit by drought in SW China.*

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