



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE FOOD SECURITY RELATED INFORMATION

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Indonesia

A flash flood was reported in Songjuruh District, Banyuwangi Regency of East Java Province. This was caused by extreme rainfall in the area of Mount Raung area. There were totally one missing, 2,745 affected people from 549 families and 150 displaced persons as well as damages on 415 houses and around 1,721 hectares of agricultural areas. The officers supported the affected people and cleared remaining debris. The status of emergency was declared for seven days by Banyuwangi Regent to speed up calamity fund disbursement.

Source: ASEAN Humanitarian Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre) (2018, Jun 22). *Indonesia, Flash Flood in Banyuwangi Regency.*

Myanmar

Monsoon seasonal floods have affected 11 states and regions of Myanmar since early June 2018. Water level are now receding in many of the affected areas and most of the 44,500 people who had been evacuated to safer areas have now been able to return to their homes. As of 22 June 2018, over 9,500 houses have been inundated or damaged, 24 people have died, and 4 people have been injured. The Department of Disaster Management, the Myanmar Red Cross Society, local organisations and private sector donors have provided assistance to affected people.

Source: United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (2018, Jun 25). *Asia and the Pacific: Weekly Regional Humanitarian Snapshot (19 – 25 Jun 2018)*

Philippines

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) reported the effects of southwest monsoon. There were 13,477 affected people from 3,599 families across Ilocos, Central Luzon as well as in Cordillera Administrative Region. Ninety-seven persons of 23 families were staying in 2 evacuation centres whereas there are 121 persons of 30 families were staying with their relatives in provinces of Pampanga, Zambales and Benguet. Southwest monsoon damaged 39 houses, as well. The assistance from the DSWD and the Local Government Units was given for the affected families in La Union, Pampanga, Zambales and Benguet. The authorities cooperated with related units for updating disaster preparedness and responses, monitoring weather for possible effects of monsoon rain and distributing aids. In addition, food and non-food items were prepositioned for possible resource augmentation.

Source: Department of Social Welfare and Development (2018, Jun 25). *DSWD DROMIC Report #14 on the Effects of Southwest Monsoon as of 25 June 2018, 6AM.*

Thailand

The Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives is planning to launch cloud-seeding operations in agricultural zones due to low precipitation in some regions in 2018. The Minister has asked all agencies to keep updating weathers and to lend supports. The Department of Royal Rainmaking and Agricultural Aviation will implement cloud-seeding operations in 8 provinces of Chiang Mai, Phitsanulok, Lop Buri, Kanchanaburi, Khon Kaen, Nakhon Ratchasima, Sa Keo and Songkhla in order to add water to swamps, canals, reservoirs and waterways especially those supplying water to plantations. The Minister added that the country has seen low precipitation compared to 2017, leading to the need for rainmaking operations. In March 2018, rain production was successfully carried out in Phetchabun, Phichit and Nakhon Sawan Provinces.

Source: National News Bureau of Thailand (2018, Jun 23). *Agriculture Min reaching out to drought-stricken zones.*

The Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation reported the effects on storms on 12 southern provinces from 17 to 20 June 2018. In total, storms affected 5,870 people and damaged 1,545 houses as well as 13 fishing vessels. The most affected province was Trang due to 2,441 affected people and 708 damaged houses, followed by Phang Nga with 1,969 people and 227 houses, Satun with 652 people and 261 houses and Krabi with 309 people and 129 houses. Related units have provided the assistance to affected provinces, already.

Source: Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation, the Ministry of Interior of Thailand (2018, Jun 21). *Disaster Report (Thai Version).*

Viet Nam

Heavy rain over the weekend has resulted in flash floods and landslides in northern mountainous provinces. In Lai Chau Province, there were 3 deaths, 3 missing, 5 injuries, damaged roads, traffic jams on national roads and 40 completely destroyed hectares of rice and other crops in Than Uyen and Muong Te Districts. The damages in those two districts were initially estimated at more than 20 billion dong (873,000 USD). In Lao Cai Province, there were damages on dozens of houses and 30 hectares of rice as well as traffic problems. Local people were struggling to recover and the traffic was unlikely to return to normal any time soon. In Dien Bien Province, there were flood and landslide warnings particularly in the districts such as Muong Nhe, Nam Po and Muong Lay Town. Traffic on highway and inter-provincial road has been interrupted due to landslides. Local authorities reported a rapid increase in water levels and warned local people not to venture near rivers.

Source: Viet Nam News (2018, Jun 25). *Floods and landslides ravage northern provinces.*

P.R. China

A yellow alert was issued for rainstorm by China's national weather observatory as heavy rain will sweep most parts of the country. Heavy rains or storms will hit parts of Shandong, Henan, Shanxi, Gansu, Sichuan, Guangdong and Heilongjiang with thunderstorms in some of these areas. It warned local authorities to reduce outdoor activities and to take precautions against floods, flash floods and landslides. P.R. China has a four-tier color-coded weather warning system with red for the most severe, followed by orange, yellow and blue.

Source: Chinadaily (2018, Jun 25). *China issues yellow alert for rainstorms.*

Japan

Authorities have confirmed that above 6,000 structures were damaged by the 6.1-magnitude earthquake in Osaka Prefecture. According to the Fire and Disaster Management Agency and Osaka Prefecture, the earthquake caused 5 deaths in Osaka and around 400 injuries in 7 prefectures. However, full-scale repair work to damaged buildings has not yet been carried out and residents are nervous about the annual rainy season. More than 500 residents are still staying at evacuation shelters mainly in the Osaka Prefecture cities of Takatsuki and Ibaraki. Gas supply and train services resumed their operations while other critical infrastructure services have recovered.

Source: The Japan Times (2018, Jun 25). *Local authorities say more than 6,000 structures were damaged in recent Osaka earthquake.*

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