



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE FOOD SECURITY RELATED INFORMATION

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Cambodia

The Ministry of Water Resources warned that seven provinces will face floods again this week. Those provinces are Oddar Meanchey, Pursat, Battambang, Preah Vihear, Kampong Thom, Kampong Cham and Banteay Meanchey. Floods will be caused by heavy rain throughout the week and by the Mekong river. Water level is few points of danger zone in Stung Treng whereas it is rising in Kratie. Families living along the Mekong River in Kampong Cham are prone to floods due to their closeness to river banks. In response, the government has decided to create a working group for finding solutions for the families. Besides, there were 30 deaths across Kampong Cham, Prey Veng, Kratie, Stung Treng and Tboung Khmum, 8,000 displaced people, 90,000 affected people and 9,000 affected hectares of land due to recent floods as reported by the National Committee for Disaster Management. Safety guidelines from the Ministry of Health were issued to flood-affected people to avoid getting sick.

Source: Khmer Times (2018, Sep 10). *Floods to slam seven provinces.*

Indonesia

Landslide was reported in Tasikmalaya regency, West Java province on 6 September 2018. The most affected area was at Karang Mukti village, Salawu district. This landslide was caused by intense rainfall from the previous night. Reportedly, there were 103 affected people from 25 families, 6 injured people and 8 damaged houses. The local disaster management agency (BPBD) has rescued all victims and provided necessary relief items.

Source: ASEAN Humanitarian Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre) (2018, Sep 6). *Indonesia, Landslide in Tasikmalaya Regency.*

Lao PDR

Local authorities in the province of Luang Prabang was told by the Deputy Prime Minister that monitoring, vigilance and sufficient warning were essential to prevent natural disasters. DPM visited the province to monitor flood situations since July 2018 which affected 11 districts. He also noted importance of rapid assessment for needed assistances, calculation of losses for compensation and self-reliant recovery. Meanwhile, provincial governor reported that there were 8,000 affected people and estimated losses at 57 billion kip (6.5 million USD).

* 1 USD = 8,755 kip

Source: Vientiane Times (2018, Sep 11). *DPM advises Luang Prabang authorities on disaster response.*

Myanmar

River bank erosion in the region of Ayeyarwady is four times worse in 2018 according to the Natural Disaster Management Centre. The number of bank erosion cases increased from 57 in 2016-17 fiscal year to 266 in 2017-18. Of the six districts in Ayeyarwady region, Hinthada district recorded highest number of bank erosions with 191 cases, followed by fewer

cases from Maubin, Pathein, Myaungmya and Labutta while Pyapon experienced no erosion at all. Bank erosion caused many locals to lose their homes and farmlands. Schools and monasteries have also been affected. Reportedly, above 92,705 people from 23,000 households were affected by natural disasters in Ayeyarwady region. The government gave over 464,000 USD for the victims in the 2017-18 fiscal year.

Source: The Irrawaddy (2018, Sep 10). *Severe Delta Erosion Uproots 200 Households.*

Philippines

Typhoon Mangkhut continued to intensify over the Pacific and expected to enter the country on 12 September 2018. Typhoon Mangkhut is likely to make landfall over the Cagayan-Batanes area. Heavy rains and strong winds will be felt in Northern and parts of Central Luzon. This typhoon could still intensify into a super typhoon while it is over the sea. The public was urged to prepare for this typhoon by looking for safe areas. The government is bracing for Typhoon Mangkhut, putting in place necessary measures and notifying all agencies for the proper response.

Source: The Philippine Star (2018, Sep 11). *Potential super typhoon approaching Philippines.*

The provincial government of Davao Oriental is assessing the damage due to the 6.4-magnitude earthquake. The Councils of Disaster Risk Reduction and Management conducted assessment of damage at the provincial level. There were minor damages in Manay municipality where cracks were detected in the walls of the district hospital. Coastal residents have been advised to watch coastlines although there was no threat of tsunami. Several villages faced damages on houses and roads while there was no damage reported in the municipalities such as Banaybanay, Lupon, Cateel and Caraga.

Source: Manila Bulletin (2018, Sep 9). *Authorities assessing effects of 6.4-quake in Davao Oriental.*

Thailand

According to the Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation of Thailand, southwest monsoon from 17 August to 7 September 2018 totally led to 4 deaths and 196,793 affected people from 62,207 households in 20 provinces in northern and northeastern provinces. Four deaths were reported in Phayao, Nan, Chiang Rai and Nong Khai. The situations remained in Nong Khai, Saraburi, Kalasin, Bueng Kan, Nakhon Nayok, Phetchaburi, Ubonratchathani, Nakhon Phanom, Sakon Nakhon and Prachinburi. Water levels were still increasing in Nakhon Nayok with 30,917 affected people from 8,163 families and in Prachinburi including 9,102 affected people from 2,660 families. The areas of agriculture were affected by 232,902 rai (37,264 hectares). The authorities have already provided assistances to the victims in affected provinces.

* 1 rai (Thai system) = 0.16 hectare

Source: Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation, the Ministry of Interior of Thailand (2018, Sep 7). *Disaster Report (Thai Version).*

Deputy Prime Minister General Chatchai Sarikalaya has inspected all three major dams in Kanchanaburi and given directions concerning discharges of water. He discussed water discharges from Vajiralongkorn Dam which increased its release rate on 4 September 2018 and traveled to Sri Nakarin and Mae Klong dams. The Kanchanaburi districts of Thong Pha Phum, Sai Yok, Ta Maung, Muang and Ta Maka have been put on alert against the results of overflows. The Mae Klong river however is not expected to cause floods to Ratchaburi and Samut Songkram. In the meantime, the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives has ordered related agencies to provide aid and rehabilitation to flooded farmlands, to provide damage survey and to provide helps to needed farmers.

Source: National News Bureau of Thailand (2018, Sep 6). *DPM inspects dams in Kanchanaburi; discusses water management.*

Viet Nam

Authorities in the Mekong Delta are setting up safe sites for children in flooded areas and ensuring the safety of students going to school. The annual flood in the delta was caused by the rising level of the Mekong river. Floods affected most in An Phu district, An Giang province with above 1,000 primary school students. The district has set up 5 sites for providing daycares and free meals for children. In Dong Thap province, local authorities have been giving swimming lessons to children apart from special sites. Meanwhile, floods also caused damages on thousands of rice, vegetable and fruits in the low-lying areas in the delta. In Kien Giang province, there were 1,100 damaged hectares of summer-autumn rice planted outside embankment, 20,000 flooded summer-autumn rice in the districts of Giang Thanh, Kien Luong and Hon Dat and 11,500 inundated hectares of rice in Tan Hiep district. In addition, there were more than 50 damaged hectares of rice and dozens of inundated hectares of fruits in Dong Thap province. It is predicted that floods will affect 13,000 hectares of autumn-winter rice, in Tam Nong and Thap Muoi districts and Hong Ngu towns.

Source: Viet Nam News (2018, Sep 6). *Delta takes steps to protect children in flooded areas.*

P.R. China

At least 28 people sustained minor injuries in Southwest China on 8 September 2018 when Yunnan province was hit by the earthquake. It was the 5.9-magnitude earthquake striking Mojiang Hani autonomous county. Reportedly, there were almost 25,000 affected people in 15 townships. Local authorities had set up tents in temporary shelters for accommodating 5,000 evacuees. Besides, the quake severely damaged thousands of houses, infrastructure for power supplies and telecommunications although these were restored in most of the affected areas.

Source: Chinadaily (2018, Sep 10). *At least 28 hurt in Yunnan earthquake.*

Japan

According to the police and local government officials, the death toll from the earthquake and mudslides has risen to 40 people in Hokkaido. This earthquake occurred with the 6.7-magnitude and led to hundreds of injured people. Most fatalities were in Atsuma where massive landslides killed 36 people. The landslides destroyed houses and left roads and paddies covered in mud. The authorities of Hokkaido reported that there were 2,600 people in the evacuation shelters whereas the number of damaged building is at least 70. Public transport is gradually being restored and distribution of goods is expected to improve as freight train services have resumed.

Source: NHK WORLD (2018, Sep 10). *Death toll has risen to 40 in quake-hit Hokkaido.*

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