



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

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### Cambodia

***Siem Reap provincial authorities evacuated 168 families after floods hit Chikreng district on 19 September 2018.***

Due to the provincial deputy governor, the authorities evacuated the flood-hit families in districts of Sangvœuy, Anlong Samnar and Chikreng. They stayed at relief centres and were advised to take care of health by drinking clean water. In Kampong Chhnang province, there were above 130 evacuated families and 145 destroyed hectares of rice fields in Boribo district. Meanwhile, Prime Minister Hun Sen called on the authorities to repair the systems of infrastructure and irrigation. The Ministry of Water Resources and Meteorology announced that the whole country will face rainfall until 26 September 2018 and provinces along central lowlands are expected to be flooded. The National Committee for Disaster Management has reported that recent floods killed 52 people and led to 121,720 affected families as well as 11,000 evacuated families. Dead people were reported from provinces of Kampong Cham, Prey Veng, Stung Treng, Kratie and Tboung Khmum.

**Source:** Khmer Times (2018, Sep 21). *Hundreds of Siem Reap families flee floods.*

### Indonesia

***Strong wind struck the regency of Takalar, South Sulawesi province on 16 and 19 September 2018 reported by the Ministry of Health and news media.***

Strong wind destroyed houses of people in the district of South Polongbangkeng on 16 September 2018. On 19 September 2018, strong wind damaged houses in the district of North Galesong. In total, there were 165 affected people and 12 damaged houses in both districts. Relevant units have provided assistance to the affected people.

**Source:** ASEAN Humanitarian Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre) (2018, Sep 19). *Indonesia, Strong Wind in Takalar Regency.*

### Lao PDR

***Government officials met with development partners for brainstorming on ways to assist flood victims and to estimate damages by recent disasters across Lao PDR.*** The meeting discussed and evaluated rehabilitation requirements, planning, recovery needs and guidance of donor funding. According to the Minister of Labour and Social Welfare and Chairman of the National Disaster Prevention and Control Committee, assessment of post-disaster needs will cover the entire country and the focus will be put on most affected people. Reportedly, a total of 2,409 villages with 113,507 families are affected across the nation. There were 100 missing people in Attapeu and Luang Prabang provinces. Temporary accommodations have been arranged by authorities for 3,616 families after their homes were destroyed. Some 62 million dollars worth of crops and farmlands have been harmed in Lao PDR, estimated by the United Nations.

**Source:** Vientiane Times (2018, Sep 25). *Flood victim assistance efforts considered in depth.*

## Philippines

***Typhoon Mangkhut was updated to cause 23 deaths, 134 injured people, 2 missing people and around 2.1 million affected people from 510,151 families as of 25 September 2018.*** The affected people were reported from Ilocos, Cagayan Valley, National Capital Region, Central Luzon, CALABARZON, MIMAROPA and Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR). Of the affected people, 27,542 people were being served by the evacuation centres. In addition, 121,715 houses were damaged. Some of the affected sections of roads and bridges were now passable while classes, flights and power supplies resumed their operations. Damages on infrastructure and agriculture were estimated at 21.2 billion peso (391 million USD). In the meantime, around 171,932 farmers were affected in CAR. A total of 8 provinces and 7 cities/municipalities were declared under state of calamity. The assistances were provided by related units to affected regions.

\* 1 USD = 54.21 philippine peso

**Source:** National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council of the Philippines (2018, Sep 25). *SitRep No. 40 re Preparedness Measures and Effects for Typhoon "OMPONG" (I.N. "MANGKHUT")*

***Landslide in Naga city of Cebu province caused 29 deaths, 7 injuries, 57 missing people and 6,208 affected people from 1,493 families.*** The affected people were evacuated to 10 evacuation centres. Landslide damages 57 houses, as well. The city of Naga, Cebu province was declared under the state of calamity on 21 September 2018 due to damages brought by the occurrence of a massive landslide. The related agencies have provided search and rescue supports, continuous situation monitoring, bereaved family management and provisions of food, non-food items and financial assistances to affected families. There were management of medical needs at evacuation centres, disease surveillance team deployment and assistance to set the access in the affected areas.

**Source:** National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council of the Philippines (2018, Sep 25). *SitRep No. 06 re Landslide Incident in Naga City, Cebu (Region VII)*.

## Thailand

***Rainy conditions are expected to continue across Thailand this week.*** All parts of Thailand will face continuous downpours by impacts of the southwest monsoons over the Andaman Sea and the Gulf of Thailand, coupled with low-pressure system across northern and northeastern regions. Rain is expected to linger in these two regions. However, the Meteorological Department reported that Typhoon Trami is not expected to have impacts on Thailand. Special attention is about management of water by 7 important dams including Nam Un Dam in Sakon Nakhon, Kaeng Krachan Dam in Phetchaburi, Kiew Kho Ma Dam in Lampang, Naruebodindarachinta Dam in Prachin Buri, Khun Dan Prakan Chon Dam in Nakhon Nayok, Lam Takhong Dam in Nakhon Ratchasima and Khlong Siyat Dam in Chachoengsao. The Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation reports that floods have already subsided in 20 provinces but almost 11,000 households remained affected in provinces of Nakhon Nayok, Prachin Buri and Chachoengsao. The department is cooperating with related units to distribute aids, deploy drainage and conduct damage assessment.

**Source:** National News Bureau of Thailand (2018, Sep 24). *Rain forecast to continue nationwide till Sep 26.*

## Viet Nam

***Dong Thap province is urging farmers to stop sowing the winter-spring rice as floods are rising rapidly and could overflow embankments into rice fields.*** This flood was caused by the rising Mekong river, threatening rice fields with low embankments in Dong Thap. More than 36,400 hectares of winter-spring rice has been planted in Thap Muoi district which accounts for the largest area of the province. Farmers have harvested around 2,000 hectares but 8,000 hectares are at risk of floodwaters and can be wiped out if embankments break. On 12 September 2018, 150 hectares of rice were destroyed by the collapsed embankment in Thanh Loi

commune, leading to damage of 172,000 USD. The district authorities have set up 107 teams with 900 people to protect those embankments while farmers harvested rice earlier to avoid flood damage. This early rice harvests, however, has caused decline in yield of 40 per cent compared to 2017. Due to the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, the localities should strictly monitor rice planting schedules and forecasts for supporting farmers of early rice harvests.

**Source:** Viet Nam News (2018, Sep 24). *Dong Thap stops sowing winter-spring rice to avoid flood damage.*

## **P.R. China**

***The central government of P.R. China has distributed funds around 21.9 million USD in disaster relief to areas in Yunnan province hit by the earthquake according to the Ministry of Emergency Management.*** The fund was allocated to Mojiang county which was struck by the 5.9-magnitude earthquake on 8 September 2018, leading to 28 injuries and nearly 5,000 relocated residents. The funds will be used for relocation, emergency livelihood support, rebuilding damaged homes and compensation for the injured people. China's disaster relief authorities have launched a level IV emergency response in the area, sending the multiple workgroups to assist with local disaster relief work.

**Source:** Chinadaily (2018, Sep 19). *China allocates 150 mln yuan for disaster relief.*

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