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Cambodia

Around 3,000 MT of rice seeds will be distributed to the flood-affected farmers across the country. Rice seeds were prepared by the Agriculture Ministry. The Ministry will transport and give 200 MT of rice seeds to farmers in Kratie province. Provincial authorities in Kratie will distribute rice seeds to 2,264 families in four flood-hit districts covering 2,149 damaged hectares of farmlands. The distribution of rice seeds will rehabilitate damaged paddy fields. The number of rice seeds is determined by the requests from affected farmers to the local authorities and is higher than in 2017. Rice seeds will be transported to other provinces such as Kampot, Koh Kong and Prey Veng, as well. So far, floods have hit 23 provinces across the Kingdom, resulting in 61 deaths, 105,013 hectares of rice fields and 134,857 affected families, reported by the National Committee for Disaster Management.

Source: Khmer Times (2018, Oct 4). *Rice seeds to be distributed to flood victims this weekend.*

Indonesia

As of 8 October 2018, Earthquake and tsunami in Central Sulawesi were updated to kill 1,948 people and cause 835 missing people and 10,679 injuries as well as 74,444 displaced people. The

most affected area was Palu city with 1,539 deaths along with 38,621 displaced people, followed by the regencies of Donggala, Sigi and Parigi Moutong. In addition, there were 2,736 damaged schools in Palu, Sigi and Donggala and 66,926 damaged houses in Central Sulawesi province. The authorities confirmed 688 damaged houses in West Sulawesi, as well. It is currently the second week from initial decision of the governor of Central Sulawesi on 14 days of emergency response period from 28 September to 11 October 2018. There were actions from the government by search and rescue efforts, medical services in affected areas, logistic supports and information updates to the public. Other supports came from the AHA Centre, the ASEAN Member States and relevant humanitarian actors.

Source: ASEAN Humanitarian Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre) (2018, Oct 8). *Situation Update No. 9 – M 7.4 Earthquake & Tsunami Sulawesi, Indonesia.*

Lao PDR

Two tropical storms and heavy rains since July 2018 affected around 2,400 villages and 132,000 households. Around 90,000 hectares of paddy and over 10,000 hectares of crops fields across the country were damaged, leading to food insecurity and disease outbreak in province of Khammouane. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs expanded its request for assistance to the entire country on 1 October 2018. The Humanitarian Country Team in Lao PDR has selected the hardest-hit districts in Khammouane, focusing on the activities for lifesaving. The team also have applied to the Central Emergency Response Fund to address the life-threatening impacts of the floods in the province.

Source: United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (2018, Oct 8). *Asia and the Pacific: Weekly Regional Humanitarian Snapshot (02 – 08 Oct 2018).*

Malaysia

Thunderstorms, heavy rains and strong winds are expected to happen in waters of Perlis, Kedah, Penang, Perak, Negeri Sembilan, Melaka and Johor. The

similar situation was also expected to occur in Melaka Straits, Bunguran and Condore due to the statement from the Malaysian Meteorological Department. This will result in strong winds and high waves, posing a danger to small boats, as well.

Source: New Straits Times (2018, Oct 9). *Thunder storm alert in seven states in West Coast.*

Myanmar

The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology reported that there were 8 states and regions including Nay Pyi Taw council area facing more rain due to the depression in the Bay of Bengal. This depression was stemmed from the low pressure area with the danger levels of yellow stage. Rain will be isolated in Kayah and Kayin states and scattered in Nay Pyi Taw and in regions of Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway regions as well as in states of Rakhine, Kachin, Shan and Chin. Other areas will see widespread and heavy rains from 9 to 13 October 2018. According to the Department, there will be rough seas in Myanmar waters and fishing vessels are warned of the harms from this depression.

Source: Eleven Myanmar (2018, Oct 9). *Eight States and Regions may get more rain due to depression.*

Philippines

As of 6 October 2018, Typhoon Mangkhut was updated to kill 82 people and lead to 138 injuries, 2 missing and around 3 million affected people from 730,596 families across Ilocos, Cagayan Valley, National Capital Region, Central Luzon, CALABARZON, MIMAROPA and Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR). Of the affected people, 14,752 people were being served by the evacuation centres. A total of 210,500 damaged houses was from Ilocos, Cagayan Valley, Central Luzon and CAR. All classes and flights resumed their operations whereas power supplies were restored and roads were now passable in most of the affected areas. The cost of damages was totally estimated at around 33.9 billion peso (625 million USD) on infrastructure and agriculture together with 171,932 affected farmers in CAR. Under Proclamation No. 593 dated 25 September

2018, the President declares a state of calamity in the regions of Ilocos, Cagayan Valley, Central Luzon and CAR. The assistances were provided by related units to affected regions.

* 1 USD = 54.28 philippine peso

Source: National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council of the Philippines (2018, Oct 6). *SitRep No. 57 re Preparedness Measures and Effects for Typhoon "OMPONG" (I.N. "MANGKHUT")*

Thailand

Warning of heavy rain and runoff are being maintained in many areas, consisting of those downstream from Kaeng Krachan Dam. The high volumes of water are expected to swell waterways in Petchaburi's Ta Yang and Baan Lad districts, prompting a warning for riverside communities. Meanwhile, in Yala province, Baan Wang Kra Irrigation Dam has risen beyond its spillway and flooded a road in The Sa sub-district of Muang district. The Royal Irrigation Department has ordered all of its personnel to focus on managing high volumes of water and to monitor situations for responses.

Source: National News Bureau of Thailand (2018, Oct 8). *Monitoring of dams to continue as heavy rains cause overflows.*

Floods in the southern provinces of Prachuab Khiri Khan and Surat Thani already receded but the ad hoc crisis management centre warns that rainfall will still cover the southern region. In Prachuab Khiri Khan, the districts of Hua Hin, Sam Roi Yot, Kui Buri and the capital district were flooded. In Surat Thani, floods killed one person and hit five districts of Khian Sa, Phra Saeng, Khiri Rat Nikhom, Phanom and Phun Phin, causing damages on houses, infrastructure and more than 700 acres of farming areas. However, the Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation and relevant units are speeding up the relief efforts. The ad hoc crisis management centre has told 14 southern provinces to brace themselves for heavy rains. Besides, rainfall started to subside in the North, Northeast and central region.

Source: National News Bureau of Thailand (2018, Oct 7). *Southern floods recede; rain forecast for 14 provinces.*

Viet Nam

Thanh Hoa Province People's Committee plans to give some 1,500 MT of rice to 21,000 students during the first semester of the 2018-19 academic year.

Students will receive 15 kg of rice per month from the national rice reserve depot. Torrential rain in August 2018 led to serious flash floods in the mountainous districts of Muong Lat, Quan Son, Quan Hoa, Ba Thuoc, Cam Thuy, Thach Thanh, Vinh Loc and Yen Dinh. Muong Lat was among the most affected localities whereas landslides destroyed 15 schools and buried learning equipment of students. In the last academic year, provincial authorities offered the local students more than 2,600 MT of rice.

Source: Viet Nam News (2018, Oct 8). *Rice aid supplied for 21,000 Thanh Hoa students.*

P.R. China

The national observatory of P.R. China renewed a blue alert for Typhoon Kong-Rey which is expected to bring heavy wind to the southern parts of the country. The eye of Kong-Rey was located in the Pacific Ocean at 215 km northwest of Naha of Okinawa prefecture, Japan due to the National Meteorological Centre. It will continue to move north at a speed of 25 km per hour and decrease its strength on 6 October 2018 morning. Regions of Jiangsu and Zhejiang will be hit by typhoon and will be influenced by cold air. The country has a four-tier colour-coded weather warning system for severe weather with red being the most serious one, followed by orange, yellow and blue colours.

Source: Chinadaily (2018, Oct 5). *China renews blue alert for Typhoon Kong-rey.*

Japan

Typhoon Kong-Rey is heading toward Okinawa prefecture and may bring heavy rain to a wide area of Japan due to the Meteorological Agency. The weather agency warned of strong winds, lightning strikes and heavy rains. Typhoon Kong-Rey is forecast to approach Okinawa and then move north toward the Korean

Peninsula before reaching parts of the Sea of Japan coast and the northern Japan. Okinawa was forecast to see torrential rain of up to 200 millimetres whereas southern Kyushu and the Amami Island could see rain up to 150 millimetres.

Source: The Japan Times (2018, Oct 4). *Powerful Typhoon Kong-rey approaches Okinawa, may affect wide area of Japan over the weekend.*

Republic of Korea

Typhoon Kong-Rey has caused 2 deaths, 1 missing person, hundreds of displaced people and power outages to more than 61,000 households across the country due to the state disaster management agency. The deaths were found in Gwangju and Yeongdeok within Seoul due to the Central Disaster and Safety Countermeasure Headquarters. Prime Minister Lee Nak-yeon expressed his wish for the safe returning of the missing person. Reportedly, a total of 359 people from 225 households were displaced in Gangneung, Samcheok, Pohang, Hadong and Hapcheon whereas 500 houses were flooded in Busan and North Gyeongsang province as well as Jeju Island. Across the country, 61,437 households suffered the power outages but power has already been restored. However, Typhoon Kong-Rey has already moved out the peninsula at Pohang at noon on 6 October 2018.

Source: Yonhap News Agency (2018, Oct 6). *Typhoon Kong-rey leaves 2 dead, 1 missing.*

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