



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

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### Lao PDR

***The Government of Lao DPR has received more than 14 million USD from domestic donors and other countries to support recovery efforts for floods.*** Due to the National Disaster Meeting which was held in Vientiane on 26 November 2018, the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare reported that, from 24 July to 18 November 2018, relief funds have been mobilised to help local communities for flood recovery while there were estimated needs from Lao people for short- to long- term recoveries. Floods caused 3,167 billion kip (373 million USD) worth of damages on sectors such as forestry, industry, health and commerce with transport, agriculture and waterways as the hardest hit. The ministry reminded the meeting of flood events from Tropical Storm Son-Tinh and Bebinca as well as the dam collapse in Attapeu province from July to October 2018, resulting in 60 deaths, 30 missing as well as 616,477 affected people across 17 provinces. Some 4,700 people are still living in the temporary houses in Sanamxay district. Assistances from other countries included rescuers, relief workers and medical personnel. The Government

of Lao PDR is continuing to provide relief items and assistances at early recovery by infrastructure and agriculture. In addition, the Republic of Korea has donated 1,000 MT rice for victims of the collapsed dam in Attapeu province by Tier 3 Programme of the APTERR Secretariat.

\* 1 USD = 8,490 kip

**Source:** Vientiane Times (2018, Nov 27). *Govt assesses relief funding received following floods. and the APTERR Secretariat*

### Malaysia

***Flash floods from prolonged rain beginning on 22 November 2018 caused flash flood in several areas of Kuching, Sarawak state.*** The inundated areas were Padang Merdeka, the Saujana building at Jalan Masjid, Taman Malihah, the Sarawak General Hospital, Jalan Bentara, Kampung Sinar Budi and Jalan Batu Kawa. Sarawak Fire and Rescue Department reported that the agency and other government units are closely monitoring the situation and giving helps to where needed. So far, there were no evacuations. Meanwhile, in Alor Gajah district of Melaka state, the number of flood evacuees at the relief centre still remained at 262 people of 72 families.

**Source:** News Straits Times (2018, Nov 23). *Downtown Kuching hit by flash floods following heavy rain.*

### Philippines

***Tropical Storm Man-yi reentered the Philippines' responsibility area early on 26 November 2018.*** The location was estimated at the East of Aparri municipality of Cagayan province but this tropical storm is less likely to make landfall over any parts of the country and to influence the weather in the next few days. Previously, Typhoon Man-Yi has weakened into severe tropical storm on mid-26 November 2018 and will further weakened into tropical storm later on. However, there were warnings of risky sea travel over the northern seaboard of Northern Luzon and eastern seaboard of

Luzon and Visayas due to very rough seas with surging northeast monsoon. Cloudy skies with isolated light rains will be felt over Cagayan Valley, Ilocos and Cordillera Administrative regions as well as in Metro Manila. By morning of 28 November 2018, Tropical Storm Man-Yi will be outside the country's area of responsibility.

**Source:** Manila Bulletin (2018, Nov 26). *Weaker tropical cyclone 'Tomas' reenters PAR but less likely to make landfall.*

## **Viet Nam**

***By the effects of Typhoon Usagi, heavy rains will continue in the south-central and the southern regions of Viet Nam.*** As Typhoon Usagi has already been weakened into tropical depression on 26 November 2018, moderate to heavy rains were reported in Tan Tru district, Long An province and in Binh Chanh, Cu Chi and Hoc Mon districts in Ho Chi Minh city. Ho Chi Minh city, Long An and Tay Ninh are at risk of severe floods in low-lying areas. In Ho Chi Minh city, the rainfall level at 400 mm was recorded the highest ever in a 24-hour period whereas there were 60 flooded spots and inundated city roads and alleys by high tides. The local authority mobilised officers for clearing sewers and pumps for draining water. There were power outage, flight delay and school closure due to this event.

**Source:** Viet Nam News (2018, Nov 26). *HCM City deluged as Storm No. 9 dumps record rain.*

## **P.R. China**

***The National Meteorological Centre released the blue warning of Typhoon Usagi on 23 November 2018.*** Typhoon Usagi, 29<sup>th</sup> typhoon of 2018, was centred at the southwestern ocean front of the South China Sea 120 km away from Yongshu reef in Nansha islands. It is predicted to move with southwest direction at the wind speed of 15-20 km per hour. Strong winds will cover central-western and southwestern

parts of the South China Sea as well as the neighbouring coastal areas of Nansha islands together with heavy rains to storms.

**Source:** China Meteorological Administration (2018, Nov 23). *The National Meteorological Center released blue warning of typhoon to tackle Usagi.*

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