



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

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### **Cambodia**

**Prey Veng and Kampong Thom provinces were badly hit by floods.** According to a spokesman for the National Committee for Disaster Management, these two provinces have become the latest areas hit by floods while floodwaters in Kratie, Stung Treng, Kampong Cham, Tboung Khmum and Preah Vihear provinces have been continuing to recede.

The death toll from different areas reached 12. There were 80,679 families affected while 9,817 were evacuated to safer zones. Floods also affected 37,000 hectares of rice fields while 219 schools, 149 pagodas and 26 health centres were damaged.

The spokesman also warned people to be on alert for more floods which are expected to occur before Pchum Ben Day (religious festival).

**Source:** Khmer Times. (2019, September 16). *Two more provinces hit by deadly floods.*

### **The Philippines**

**A tropical depression Marilyn forced more than 1,000 families to leave their homes.** The tropical depression triggered floods in some parts of Zamboanga City, especially in Barangay Tumaga which was one of the hardest-hit areas.

According to the Zamboanga City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (CDRRMO), the strong winds, floods and landslides affected around 1,700 families and 2,000 individuals from more than 10 villages while some areas suffered from the power outage.

Authorities, including the Quick Response Team (QRT) of Coast Guard District South Western Mindanao, conducted rescue operations in severely affected areas. Meanwhile, the city government distributed food packs, medicines and other assistance to those affected in temporary shelters.

**Source:** CNN.. (2019, September 14). *'Marilyn' forces 1,000 families in Zamboanga City to evacuate.*

### **Thailand**

**Severe floods have continued in the north and northeast.** According to the director-general of the Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation, about 24,235 people were evacuated from heavily flooded areas in Roi Et, Ubon Ratchathani and Yasothon.

Authorities have mobilised manpower and equipment as well as food, drinking water and other basic necessities to help flood victims.

Since the floods began last month, more than 418,000 families were affected and 32 were killed in 32 provinces, mainly in the north and northeast.

**Source:** Bangkok Post. (2019, September 16). *Flooding continues in North, Northeast.*

### **Viet Nam**

**Torrential downpours triggered floods and heavy traffic in the northern province of Thai Nguyen.** The overnight downpours, continuing into 17 September 2019, battered Thai Nguyen city and Song Cong town. There were three people died and one injured after the section of the wall collapsing on them.

Almost 1,100 houses, 670 hectares of paddy fields and a local electric substation

were flooded, resulting in a power outage for the whole area. The rains also forced 307 schools to allow their students to stay home.

The rains were forecasted to last until 19 September 2019.

**Source:** VnExpress. (2019, September 11). *Three dead, 300 schools closed as heavy rains batter northern province.*

## **China**

### **A magnitude 5.0 earthquake jolted Zhangye city on 16 September 2019.**

According to the China Earthquake Networks Center, the earthquake occurred at 8:48 p.m. (local time) at a depth of 11 kilometres. The quake was felt in Ganzhou District, Linze County and Sunan County of Zhangye.

No casualties reported while property damage has been evaluated.

The Ministry of Emergency Management urged local authorities to send rescue teams to the quake-hit area immediately.

**Source:** Xinhua. (2019, September 17). *5-magnitude quake hits NW China, no casualties reported.*

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