



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

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### **Cambodia**

**Cambodia was drenched by torrential floods triggered by tropical storms.** Severe inundations affected 19 out of 25 provinces in Cambodia due to a series of tropical storm Linfa and tropical storm Nangka since the beginning of October.

The heaviest impacts could be witnessed in the provinces of Battambang, Banteay Meanchey and Pursat. As of 19 October 2020, over 131,000 houses were damaged forcing around 12,000 households to be displaced. Furthermore, almost 320,000 hectares of crop fields were also underwater. In relation to this, the death toll from these unprecedented situations rose to 18 as reported on 17 October 2020.

**Source:** Reliefweb. (2020, Oct 20). *Lower Mekong Region: Storms and Floods Humanitarian Snapshot (As of 20 October 2020)*; Reliefweb. (2020, Oct 17). *Cambodia, Thailand, Viet Nam - Mekong floods (DG ECHO, National authorities, AHA Centre, media) (ECHO Daily Flash of 17 October 2020)*.

### **Indonesia**

**More than thousand residents were forced to leave their homes caused by destructive floods in Indonesia.** The

overflowing of river in Donggala Regency of Central Sulawesi Province took place on 15 October 2020 after receiving enormous water from torrential rainfalls, causing flash flood in some parts of the regency with water in some areas as deep as 1.5 metres. On the same day, Toli-Toli Regency in the same province witnessed similar flash floods.

The situations in these two regencies collectively affected around 5,000 and caused nearly 1,000 houses to be damaged along with the evacuation of 1,750 people from 350 families.

**Source:** Floodlist. (2020, Oct 16). *Indonesia – Thousands Hit by Floods in Central Sulawesi*.

### **The Philippines**

**Over 10,000 people faced the hardship from heavy floods in the Philippines.** Since 14 October 2020, around 35,000 families in low altitude areas of Maguindanao and North Cotabato Provinces were affected by severe downpours, triggering inundation together with immense amount of water released from a power dam in Bukidnon. As a result of this, there were one missing and one killed after being swept away by strong current.

**Source:** Manila Bulletin. (2020, Oct 21). *1 dead, scores evacuate as heavy floods hit North Cotabato, Maguindanao*.

### **Thailand**

**Full-capacity dams caused flash floods in several provinces in Thailand.** Water levels exceeded the maximum capacity of three major dams in Nakorn Ratchasima province namely Lam Phra Phloeng, Lam Takhong and Lam Phlaimat reservoirs on 20 October 2020.

It caused the massive water to enter 14 communities of Pak Thong Chai district affecting around 5,000 residents. Transportation was also disrupted as water with around 50-60 centimetres deep inundated many highways and intersections.

Floods also hit some parts of Sa Kaeo and Kanchanaburi provinces, damaging

residences and agricultural areas as well as a number of public properties. This was considered as the worst flood in the last 10 years.

**Source:** Bangkok Post. (2020, Oct 20). *Full dams add to flood woes.*

## **Viet Nam**

### **Over 100 were killed and nearly hundred thousand lost their homes due to acute floods and landslides in Viet Nam.**

Tropical storm Linfa followed by tropical storm Nangka has brought destructive torrential downpours, battering the areas of central Viet Nam since the first two weeks of October. As of 20 October 2020, multiple flash floods and landslides have already killed at least 102 people, and left 90,000 displaced while almost 200,000 houses were submerged.

Quang Tri, Quang Binh and Ha Tinh provinces recorded the most amount of rainfalls during 17 October 2020. To make matters worse, the third tropical storm, Saudel, is likely to make its way pass the country and bring more precipitation into the areas, exacerbating an already dire situation.

**Source:** Floodlist. (2020, Oct 20). *Vietnam – More Than 100 Lives Lost in Central Region Floods and Landslides;* The Guardian. (2020, Oct 19). *Vietnam floods and landslides displace 90,000 people as new cyclone nears.*

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