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Indonesia

Heavy rain-induced hazards led to several deaths and massive sufferings in Indonesia. Continuous torrential downpours triggered severe flooding, mudflows and fatal landslides in the provinces of North Sumatra, South Sulawesi and Central Sulawesi, Indonesia over 26-29 August 2021.

In North Sumatra Province, two landslides and mudflows occurred on 26 August 2021 in the area of Karo Regency, killing five persons and causing four others to be injured. The calamities also destructed seven residences.

Meanwhile, on 28 August 2021, widespread flooding of up to two metres broke out in four regencies of South Sulawesi Province. It gravely affected 62,860 people and badly destroyed 12,763 houses along with some public buildings and infrastructures, as reported on 30 August 2021.

Besides, the inundation was in Central Sulawesi Province on 29 August 2021, leaving 80 houses submerged and damaged.

Source: Floodlist. (2021, Aug 30). *Indonesia – 5 Killed in North Sumatra Landslides and Mudflows*; Floodlist. (2021,

Aug 30). *Indonesia – Floods in Sulawesi Affect Over 60,000*.

One died and over a thousand displaced in an Indonesia's earthquake strike. On 26 August 2021, an earthquake with magnitudes of 5.8 violently rocked Tojo Una-Una Regency of Indonesia's Central Sulawesi Province, killing one and wounding another three people. The shake damaged a total of 105 houses, two of which were totally destroyed. As a result, 1,050 people had to evacuate from their houses and took shelter in three evacuation centres.

Source: AHA Centre. (2021, Aug 26). *Indonesia, M5.8 Earthquake in Tojo Una-Una Regency, Central Sulawesi*.

Myanmar

Dozens of houses were to be relocated due to riverbank erosion in Myanmar.

There were 34 houses in two villages of Ye Nan Chaung Township in Magway Region of Myanmar that needed to be relocated after they were affected by an erosion taking place along the Irrawaddy riverbank on 26 August 2021. In this regard, the Department of Disaster Management (DDM) provided fund supports for the building material of the relocated houses as well as food subsidies in assistance for 168 affected residents.

Source: AHA Centre. (2021, Aug 26). *Myanmar, Landslide in Ye Nan Chaung Township, Magway*.

The Philippines

No damage was expected from an earthquake shaking the Philippines.

A 5.7-magnitude earthquake jolted Davao Occidental Province of the Philippines on the night of 27 August 2021, according to the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs). The quake struck 19 kilometres northwest of Sarangani Province with a depth of 33 kilometres and was expected to leave no damages to properties. However, aftershock strikes following the main quake were still possible.

Source: Philippine News Agency. (2021, Aug 28). *Magnitude 5.7 quake jolts DavOcc*.

Thailand

Numerous provinces of Thailand experienced acute flooding. Extensive flooding occurred in 11 provinces of Thailand namely Tak, Kamphaeng Phet, Nakhon Ratchasima, Prachin Buri, Chon Buri, Rayong, Chanthaburi, Sa Kaeo, Sing Buri, Samut Prakan and Phitsanulok, following torrential rainfalls brought over by low-pressure front accompanied with a southwestern monsoon during 27-30 August 2021. The Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation (DDPM) logged a total of 65,088 households affected by inundations but said there were no deaths or injuries. Floodwater level was more than one metre high in an industrial area of Samut Prakan Province, causing vehicles and factory equipment to be damaged. Fortunately, flooding in most of the areas had already receded.

Source: Bangkok Post. (2021, Sep 1). *Torrential rainfall floods 10 provinces.*

Viet Nam

Several areas of Viet Nam suffered from impacts of deadly rain-related disasters. Inundations, thunderstorms and landslides were reported in the municipality of Hai Phong and the provinces of Ha Giang, Lao Cai, Thai Nguyen and Dong Nai of Viet Nam during 25-26 August 2021. The natural hazards ended up causing two deaths in Hai Phong Municipality and affecting 6,250 people along with 25 houses, of which one completely collapsed. In addition, the number of 90 hectares of rice fields, 19 hectares of other crops and four tonnes of fishery products were also damaged.

Source: AHA Centre. (2021, Aug 25). *Viet Nam, Flooding in Dong Nai Province*; AHA Centre. (2021, Aug 25). *Viet Nam, Thunderstorms, Flood, and Landslide in Hai Phong, Ha Giang, Lao Cai, and Thai Nguyen.*

China

Above 100,000 people faced difficulties from battering rainstorms and severe floods in China. High-intensity rainfalls triggered large-scale inundations in northwest China's Shaanxi Province and

southwest China's Chongqing Municipality during 28-30 August 2021.

In Shaanxi Province, heavy rainfalls had pounded as many as 74 counties since 28 August 2021 with the city of Ankang receiving the most amount of accumulated rainfall of 171.8 millimetres. As of 30 August 2021, the flood affected over 113,000 people and more than 23,800 were forced to flee from their homes.

In Chongqing Municipality, a high amount of rainfall in nine districts and counties on 30 August 2021 led to the inundation of four rivers and 12 rivers rising above warning levels. There were 260 shops flooded, and more than 2,000 people needed to evacuate to safer areas. Power supply and telecommunication in some rural areas were also disrupted.

Source: Xinhua. (2021, Aug 30). *Heavy rains, floods affect 113,000 people in China's Shaanxi*; Xinhua. (2021, Aug 30). *Over 2,000 evacuated as storms batter China's Chongqing.*

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