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Cambodia

A vicious tropical depression triggered acute inundations in Cambodia. Flooding provoked by the influence of a tropical depression Conson ravaged Banteay Meanchey, Kampong Chhnang and Preah Vihear Provinces of Cambodia during 11-14 September 2021. In Banteay Meanchey Province, heavy flooding was reported in Malai and Mongkul Borey Districts, forcing authorities to consider declaring a state of emergency in some of the communes. As of 14 September 2021, it affected 228 houses and forced 13 families to flee from their homes.

Likewise, areas along several national roads in Kampong Chhnang and Preah Vihear Provinces were submerged. 20 families prepared to be evacuated if the rainfalls continued for another four days.

Source: Khmer Times. (2021, Sep 14). *Evacuations imminent in Preah Vihear due to floods*; Khmer Times. (2021, Sep 12). *Mongkul Borey river in Soeur commune over flows, flooding farmland and villages*.

Indonesia

Over 25,000 people in Indonesia struggled through destructive rain-induced hazards. During 8-13 September 2021, high-intensity rainfalls caused floods

and landslides in 11 provinces of Indonesia consisting of North Sulawesi, Central Sulawesi, South Sulawesi, Gorontalo, West Sumatra, Maluku, West Java, East Kalimantan, South Kalimantan, Banten, and Riau. As a result, one person in Lebak Regency of Banten Province was killed and a total of 25,484 people were affected along with 6,003 houses and more than 700 hectares of agricultural areas. In relation to this, there were 31 houses sustaining partial damages and four houses completely destroyed.

Source: AHA Centre. (2021, Sep 8-14). *DISASTER EVENT REPORTS: Indonesia*.

Lao PDR

Heavy flooding and stormy wind led to casualties in Lao PDR. Kenthao district in Xayabury Province, Lao PDR experienced severe flood due to torrential downpours, as reported on 10 September 2021. Many people were forced to leave their residences while some areas of farmlands were submerged. The authority also advised residents to relocate their properties to higher ground as the country was bracing for the impacts of tropical depression Conson

Meanwhile, a fierce windstorm breezed through Phonphai village in Salavanh Province on 11 September 2021, killing one villager and injuring nine others. A strong gust of wind also generated sufferings to 375 people and damaged a total of 75 houses.

Source: AHA Centre. (2021, Sep 11). *Lao PDR, Storms and Wind in Salavanh Province*; The Laotian Times. (2021, Sep 10). *Xayaboury's Kenthao District Flooded After Heavy Rains*.

The Philippines

New typhoon struck the Philippines while death tolls from the previous one mounted. Typhoon Chanthu made landfall in Batanes Province of the Philippines on 11 September 2021 and, as of 13 September 2021, there were 23,702 displaced people in Region 1, 2, 3 and the Cordillera Administrative Region. Regarding this, 1,789 people were in 62

evacuation centres, while the rest stayed with their friends or relatives. The typhoon also caused two houses to be partially damaged and some roads to be impassable.

In the meantime, the destructions inflicted by typhoon Conson, making its first landfall in the country on 6 September 2021, continued to expand as the number of deaths and injuries soared up to 20 and 24 respectively, as of 15 September 2021. In this regard, four people still remained missing. The disaster had also forced 26,406 people out of their homes and caused 15,828 and 621 houses to be partly and entirely damaged along with numerous public infrastructures. The total cost of devastation incurred was USD 29,999,186.

Source: AHA centre. (2021, Sep 6). *Philippines, Flooding, Landslide, Storms and Wind in Region 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, CALABARZON, MIMAROPA, CAR, and NCR (TC Conson)*; Philippine News Agency. (2021, Sep 13). *'Kiko' displaces over 6K families in Regions 1, 2, 3 CAR*; Philippine News Agency. (2021, Sep 11). *'Kiko' makes landfall in Batanes*

Thailand

Various rain-related hazards occurred in Thailand due to multiple weather disturbances. Thailand's 27 provinces experienced flooding, rainstorm and landslides throughout 7-13 September 2021 as the influences of several monsoons prevailed over the northern, upper central and northeastern regions as well as southwest coastal areas. There were 10,305 affected households and two deaths caused by floods in Phetchabun and Chiang Mai provinces.

Relative to this, 44 provinces in the northeastern and eastern parts had been drenched by torrential downpours induced by tropical depression Conson since 13 September 2021 with some provinces witnessing flooding occurrences. One of the hardest-hit provinces was Nakhon Ratchasima where 150 houses and 80 hectares of farmlands were submerged.

Source: Bangkok Post. (2021, Sep 14). *Heavy rain in 44 provinces*; Bangkok Post. (2021, Sep 12). *One killed in*

Phetchabun flooding; ReliefWeb. (2021, Sep 13). *Thailand, Flooding and Landslides in 27 Provinces (13 Sep 2021)*.

Viet Nam

A severe tropical depression dumped rain and set off deadly floods in Viet Nam. Storm Conson weakened itself into a tropical depression before it made landfall over the central region of Viet Nam on 12 September 2021. The storm triggered intense precipitation causing the city of Da Nang and the provinces of, Kon tum, Quang Nam and Quang Ngai to be flooded. Two people were washed away by strong flood currents; however, the rescue teams were able to recover only one body. In addition, the storm blew off the roofs of 31 houses and caused four ships to sink or run aground and damaged a total of 1,070 hectares of rice fields.

Source: VnExpress. (2021, Sep 13). *Two people washed away by floods as Storm Conson brings heavy rains*.

China

China evacuated numerous people in preparation for a typhoon. Almost 330,000 people in Shanghai Municipality of China were preemptively evacuated following the forecast of typhoon Chanthu to travel near the east of the municipality between 13-15 September 2021. Under the said period, the amount of rainfall was expected to be up to 250 millimetres in several parts of the municipality. Nevertheless, the typhoon was likely to move away northeastward from the area on 16 September 2021.

Source: Xinhua. (2021, Sep 14). *Nearly 330,000 evacuated as Shanghai braces for typhoon*.

The Republic of Korea

Heavy rainfalls pounded the southern island as a ferocious typhoon roamed closer. A large amount of precipitation

together with windstorm introduced by typhoon Chanthu started violently battering the southern island of Jeju in the Republic of Korea on 14 September 2021. This resulted in flash flood trapping two motorists within their vehicles. Fortunately, the firefighters managed to rescue them out and no one was injured. The typhoon was forecast to travel the nearest to the island on 17 September 2021 with rainwater of more than 300 millimeters per hour in some parts of Jeju.

Source: Yonhap News Agency. (2021, Sep 14). *(LEAD)* Typhoon Chanthu brings heavy rain to Jeju, flooding roads, overwhelming sewer system.

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