### Asia and the Pacific: Weekly Regional Humanitarian Snapshot (12 - 18 July 2016)

**Papua New Guinea**
- Increased rainfall has eased the drought situation in most parts of Papua New Guinea, however, severe food and water insecurity persists in remote, isolated and inaccessible areas. Following an inter-agency food security verification exercise, an additional 46,000 people have been assessed as requiring food in Milne Bay province. This brings the current total of people in need of food assistance to 226,000 people. The Government, together with WFP and local churches, are working on a joint plan to respond to needs identified in Milne Bay.¹

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**Myanmar**
- Monsoon rains since 1 July triggered flooding and landslides in several areas of Myanmar (Rakhine, Kachin, Chin, Sagaing, Magway and Bago) with more than 24,000 people displaced by the floods in Rakhine alone. As of 15 July, flood waters began receding in most areas allowing people to begin to return to their villages. In addition to emergency food and water deliveries, work to clean contaminated drinking water ponds has begun. Livelihoods support will also be required to facilitate recovery of the affected communities.²

24,000 people displaced in Rakhine

**Philippines**
- Heavy rains affecting southern Philippines continue to cause flooding in Maguindanao province. As of 16 July, 17,000 families in seven municipalities have been affected with authorities providing assistance to the affected communities.³
- During the past week, an estimated 2,900 families across Mindanao have been affected by separate armed conflict incidents between the armed forces and members of the New People’s Army (Davao Oriental province), the Abu Sayyaf Group (Basilan province), and the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (Maguindanao). While local authorities have been able to meet the immediate needs of those affected, insecurity continues to persist in these areas.⁴

2,900 families affected by conflict

**Indonesia**
- On 16 July, prolonged and heavy rainfall that began on 14 July triggered flooding in North Konawe district, North Sulawesi province. Up to 2.5 metres of flood water submerged 730 houses and displaced some 1,350 people. Local disaster management authorities provided assistance to the affected communities. While the flood water has receded in the upland areas, the risk of additional floods remains as a result of continuing unseasonal rains.⁵

1,350 people displaced

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¹ RCO, WFP  ² Rakhine State Government  ³ BNPB, BPBDs  ⁴ DSWD, OCD-ARMM, IPHO, local NGOs

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sources:
1. RCO, WFP  2. Rakhine State Government  3. BNPB, BPBDs  4. DSWD, OCD-ARMM, IPHO, local NGOs