Asia and the Pacific: Weekly Regional Humanitarian Snapshot (25 - 31 October 2016)

PHILIPPINES

Typhoon Haima struck the northern Philippines on 19 October. As of 28 October, nearly 31,000 people remained displaced in Region III and Cordillera Administrative Region as a result of Typhoon Haima (4,000 people are in 20 evacuation centres and 27,000 are hosted by relatives and friends). Around 192,000 houses have been damaged, mostly in Cagayan and Isabela provinces. The Government, local and international NGOs are providing assistance to the affected communities.¹

31,000 people displaced

INDONESIA

Between 29 and 31 October, 5,000 houses were flooded in Gorontalo and West Java provinces affecting about 15,700 people and killing three children. In Jambi province, flooding was also reported on 27 and 28 October, affecting 350 people. Local governments provided temporary shelter, food, water and health services to the affected people. With the start of the rainy season and the ground already saturated with water, it is expected that floods and landslides will be more likely over the next five months.²

15,700 people affected

SRI LANKA

As of 31 October, the Disaster Management Centre reported that an estimated 800,000 people across nine provinces are affected by drought. While the current situation is still less severe than the 2014 drought which affected 1.8 million people, if the below average rainfall continues beyond the onset of the wet season which is due to begin in November, the situation could further deteriorate. The Government is leading the ongoing response and is providing drinking water in the affected districts with the support of civil society and NGO partners. To date, no international support has been requested. ⁴

800,000 people affected

MYANMAR

An estimated 10,000 to 15,000 Muslim IDPs remain in host villages in the north of Rakhine State amid ongoing security operations related to the 9 October armed attacks. Humanitarian needs in these communities may include protection, food, shelter, health care and sanitation. The United Nations has been approached by the Government of Myanmar to participate in a field visit to northern Rakhine. The Government is planning to relocate around 1,255 ethnic Rakhine IDPs currently sheltering in Sittwe, Buthidaung and Maungdaw to transit camps in Maungdaw Township. ³

15,000 people displaced

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