Asia and the Pacific: Weekly Regional Humanitarian Snapshot (3 - 9 January 2017)

**BANGLADESH**
Over the past week, 22,000 new arrivals were reported to have crossed the border from Rakhine State (Myanmar) to Bangladesh. As of 5 January, an estimated 65,000 people are residing in registered camps, makeshift settlements and host communities in Cox’s Bazaar. Biometric registration for new arrivals has been proposed to assist partners to further improve relief service provision. To complement the local response, UN agencies and NGO partners continue to provide food, NFIs, emergency shelter materials and protection services to the new arrivals and undocumented Myanmar nationals. 1

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**INDONESIA**
Days of incessant rains triggered flooding in many parts of Nangroe Aceh Darussalam and West Sumatra provinces between 3 and 6 January. In Aceh, 59,000 people were affected with one death reported. On 1 January, localized whirlwinds were also reported in Yogyakarta and East Java provinces. The whirlwinds killed two people and damaged 292 houses. Local authorities provided humanitarian assistance to the affected communities. 2

**THAILAND**
Since 1 January, continuous heavy rains caused widespread flooding across 11 provinces in southern Thailand. As of 9 January, over 330,300 households were affected and authorities reported 21 deaths. The Government upgraded the disaster management response level to 3 (large scale disaster) and established disaster command centres in Surat Thani and Songkla to coordinate the national response. With rains forecasted to continue until 10 January, a public warning on potential landslides was issued. The UN Resident Coordinator has issued a letter to the Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation (DDPM) offering support. 4

330,300 households affected

**MYSALAYSIA**
Over the past week, seasonal rains triggered severe flooding across the east coast of Malaysia. As of 5 January, around 25,000 people were displaced in the states of Kelantan and Terengganu. The floods damaged bridges and blocked roads restricting access to several villages. Local media sources reported that the number of evacuees decreased to 13,500 people on 7 January as weather conditions improved. The Government is leading the national response with support from the national Red Crescent Society and civil society organizations. No international assistance has been requested. 5

**PHILIPPINES**
As of 9 January, about 22,880 people were displaced in CARAGA region (including 20,430 people inside evacuation centres) as a result of Tropical Depression 01W. After making landfall on 7 January, the storm has weakened into a low pressure area but continues to bring moderate to heavy rains across central and southern Philippines. 6

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**MYANMAR**
Amid ongoing fighting between the Myanmar military and the Kachin Independence Army, about 2,700 people from Zai Awnm/Mungga Zup camp in Waingmaw Township (Kachin State) relocated to makeshift shelters around Hkau Shau IDP camp. Urgent needs include food and other relief supplies, education support and shelter. Health is a major concern due to the winter weather and the limited shelter available. Local organizations are providing a range of assistance with support from the UN and INGOs. 3

**PREPARATION FORECAST**
In contrast to recent forecasts, precipitation is predicted to be normal across most of the region. Above normal precipitation is forecast for Philippines, Viet Nam, Cambodia, South of Thailand and Sri Lanka. Below-average rainfall is likely for some pacific islands including Tuvalu and Kiribati.

Source: IRI, Columbia University, December 2016

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