SRI LANKA
As of 3 March, an estimated 1.2 million people are affected by protracted drought in 16 districts across Sri Lanka’s nine provinces. Kalutara District (Western Province) has the most people affected due to salinisation of the water supply. Harvests due in the coming months are expected to be significantly reduced, exacerbating food insecurity. The Government continues to distribute water in districts with low water supplies and will disburse cash payments to affected families. WASH, food security and nutrition, agricultural livelihoods and cash-for-work programmes have been identified as priority response activities.1

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INDONESIA
On 2 and 3 March, floods and landslides in Limapuluh Kota District of West Sumatra province caused six deaths and affected an estimated 1,200 people. The landslides cut the main road connecting West Sumatra and Riau provinces. Authorities declared a local emergency response phase until 9 March. In addition, at least 11,000 people in Riau were also affected by other floods between 1 and 5 March. Local governments provided basic relief assistance.3

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MYANMAR
Approximately 10,500 people remain displaced as a result of continued fighting in Kachin and northern Shan since November 2016. Access to displaced people in Non-Government Controlled Areas is severely restricted for international organizations.1

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BANGLADESH
An estimated 74,550 people have crossed into Bangladesh from northern Rakhine state, Myanmar since October 2016. While the number of new arrivals has decreased in recent weeks, movement across the border remains fluid and partners are continuing to monitor the situation. In addition to pre-existing registered and makeshift camps, the Government of Bangladesh has allocated additional land for the new arrivals in Balukhali. Food, WASH, health, shelter, NFI, protection and education services continue to be provided to the new arrivals.5

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