**WEEKLY DISASTER UPDATE**

24 September – 7 October 2018

**Regional Summary of Week 39, 40, and Outlook for Week 41**

1. In Week 39 and 40, minor-to-moderate floods and landslides were reported in Indonesia, Myanmar, and Philippines; aside from a M 7.4 Central Sulawesi Earthquake on 28 Sep 2018 that followed by a near-field tsunami, landslides, and liquefaction, which caused major casualties, damages, and limit access to humanitarian operations. See AHA Centre’s situation updates for details.

2. AHA Centre is engaging in emergency response to the M 7.4 Central Sulawesi Earthquake following the welcome of international assistance by Government of Indonesia. ASEAN-ERAT is on the ground to support government-led response and DELSA stockpiles are being mobilised. Follow our regular updates here: [https://ahacentre.org/indonesia-central-sulawesi-m7-4-earthquake-and-tsunami-updates/](https://ahacentre.org/indonesia-central-sulawesi-m7-4-earthquake-and-tsunami-updates/)

3. Weather condition was rather normal the past two weeks, with localised storms in Singapore, Malaysia, and Viet Nam (DMRS).

4. In Week 40, there were increased activities in Mt. Soputan (North Sulawesi), Mt. Anak Krakatoa (Sunda Strait) and Mt. Gamalama (North Maluku) (BG-PVMBG). BG-PVMBG elevated Alert Level of Mt. Soputan from Alert II to III as of 4 Oct, thus Permanent danger zone was set for 4 km radius from the tip of volcano, with extension up to 6.5 km towards southwest direction. Mt. Sinabung remains at Alert Level IV and Mt. Agung at Alert Level III. To date, there is no major risk to operations in Central Sulawesi. There is no change to status of volcanoes in Philippines (PHIVOLCS).

5. AHA Centre also monitored series of moderate earthquakes (around M 5) across West Nusa Tenggara (NTB) and East Nusa Tenggara (NTT) of Indonesia (BMKG) and Philippines (PHIVOLCS).

6. ASEAN Specialised Meteorological Centre (ASMC) released the updated seasonal forecast for October-December 2018, see page 2 for forecast in October 2018.

7. Aside from Central Sulawesi Earthquake & Tsunami, all the remaining disasters occurred in Week 39 and 40 were within the capacity of each Member State.
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**October 2018 Outlook**

**Rainfall (above figures)**

For October’s rainfall, all three models – NCEP CFSv2, ECMWF, and the UK Met Office (left to right figures on top row) predict below-normal to near-normal conditions over much of the Maritime Continent (around southern Sumatra, Kalimantan, Java, Sulawesi, Papua, and the Philippines). The spatial extent and magnitude of the likelihood for below-normal to near-normal conditions differ across the different models. In particular, for NCEP CFSv2, the likelihood for below-normal rainfall is higher than ECMWF or the UK Met Office.

In the near equatorial parts of the ASEAN region from 0°N to 10°N (Peninsular Malaysia and northern Borneo), above-normal rainfall is favoured by both the ECMWF and UK Met Office models while NCEP model expects a below-normal rainfall outlook. However, it should be noted the models’ skill is generally poor for this region at this time of the year.

**Temperature (below figures)**

All three models – NCEP CFSv2, ECMWF, and UK Met Office (left to right figures on bottom row) provide consistent outlook for above-normal temperature conditions over most parts of the ASEAN region, except for northern Myanmar where there is no dominant tercile. The spatial extent and magnitude of the likelihood for above-normal temperature conditions differ across the different models. In particularly over the equatorial region, the likelihood for above-normal temperature is higher for NCEP CFSv2 than the ECMWF or the UK Met Office models.

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Disclaimer: See ASMC page for details and sub-seasonal forecast. The qualitative outlook is assessed for the region in general. For specific updates on the national scale, the relevant ASEAN National Meteorological and Hydrological Services should be consulted. More outlook and verification plots, including for tercile and quintile probabilistic forecasts for temperature, are in the “Model products and verification: NCEP, ECMWF, UK Met Office” on the SEA-RCC Network LRF Node webpages.

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DATA SOURCE

Detailed information of each disaster and emergency situation are available at: [http://adinet.ahacentre.org/reports](http://adinet.ahacentre.org/reports)

AHA Centre - Disaster Monitoring & Response System (DMRS); Pacific Disaster Center (PDC Global); ASEAN Specialized Meteorological Center (ASMC); National BMKG, BPS, BMKG-ESDM, Philippines: NDRRMC, DSWD, PAGASA, PHIVOLCS; Myanmar: DMH, DDM; Various news agencies

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This update consists of significant natural disaster events that occur in ASEAN Member States, including Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam. The disasters recorded include Drought, Flood, Earthquakes, Tsunamis, Volcanoes, Winds, Landslides and Storms.

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