



SITUATION

- Mongolia**
- The UN reports that 41% of the country's herder population is seriously affected by the dzud (225 000 people). Most affected were the provinces in the eastern and western parts of the country.
 - The HCT updates the Dzud Response and Preparedness plan on 25 April for 12 months.
 - Several UN agencies, international and national NGOs and the Red Cross are assisting the government's response efforts.
- Papua New Guinea**
- Assessments conducted by the WoIdr Food Programme identified 180 000 people as severely food insecure and over 1.3 million in a state of high food insecurity.
 - The PNG Disaster Management Team published on 18 April, an El Niño Response Plan for 3-6 months to address critical needs in food assistance.
- Timor-Leste**
- Around 170 000 people are severely affected by drought, mostly in the eastern and south-western parts of the country. Assessments indicate that needs relate mainly to food security and education.
 - A response plan was issued by the HCT in April 2016, aiming to cover needs estimated at USD 25 million.
- Vietnam**
- El Niño has caused severe drought in 39 out of 63 provinces of the country. Drought emergencies have been declared in 18 provinces. Around 2 million people do not have access to water and over 1.75 million have lost their income due to the drought.
- Cambodia**
- Water shortage has been reported in 18 out of 25 provinces and over 93 500 rural poor households have been affected by the effect of the dry spell.
- The Philippines**
- El Niño has caused drought in 40% of the territory and over 1.1 million households have been affected.
 - On 1 April, a protest by 6 000 drought-affected farmers of Northern Cotobato in Mindanao caused the death of three people and hundreds were injured.
- Pacific islands (RMI, Palau, FSM)**
- In RMI, an estimated 4 700 people are facing moderate to severe food shortage.
 - In Palau, rainfall is expected to be below normal and the only source of freshwater is at a critically low level.
 - In FSM, a State of Emergency has been declared in four states, as lack of rain resulted in a critical shortage of drinking water.

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