



## WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE FOOD SECURITY RELATED INFORMATION

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### Indonesia

**Flash floods struck widespread areas across Indonesia.** During 11-15 November 2020, several provinces in Indonesia comprising Riau, West Java and Aceh experienced flash floods generated by high intensity rainfalls along with strong wind collectively. Due to this, around 400 houses were damaged while almost 1,000 persons were affected and 25 people were displaced. Roughly 75 hectares of plantation fields together with about 30 livestock were lost.

**Source:** AHA Centre. (2020, Nov 15). *Indonesia, Flooding in Southeast Aceh, Aceh*; AHA Centre. (2020, Nov 14). *Indonesia, Flooding in Garut, West Java*; AHA Centre. (2020, Nov 13). *Indonesia, Strong Winds in Ciamis, West Java*; AHA Centre. (2020, Nov 11). *Indonesia, Flooding in Indragiri Hulu, Riau*.

**An increasing volcanic activity prompted a thousand of people in Indonesia to evacuate.** Mount Merapi, located between Central Java Province and the Special Region of Yogyakarta, recently became more active with its explosive eruptions that triggered flank collapse. The Center for Investigation and

Development of Geological Disaster Technology (BPPTKG) has increased the alert status of the volcano to the third level.

As a result, 1,294 people living in nearby vicinity had to leave their homes to find safer places.

**Source:** ECHO. (2020, Nov 12). *Indonesia- Mount Merapi volcanic eruption (GDACS, BNPB, BPPTKG)*.

### The Philippines

**Typhoon Vamco caused catastrophic destructions and put millions of people into sufferings.** Typhoon Vamco, locally known as typhoon Ulysses, came ashore at Catanduanes on 11 November 2020, bringing incessantly torrential downpours and extensive flooding. There were at least 69 people killed in the areas such as Calabarzon, Bicol and Metro Manila. Around 40,000 houses were damaged, while 4,500 of them were completely destroyed.

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) stated that the hardest hit regions were National Capital Region (NCR), Ilocos, Cagayan Valley, Central Luzon, CALABARZON, MIMAROPA, Bicol and Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR), where three million people were affected and nearly 300,000 had to leave their homes to stay in evacuation centers.

In relation to this, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) issued a recommendation to the president for a declaration of state of calamity to the entire area of Luzon Island on 16 November 2020 in order to cope with the destructive impacts of several powerful typhoons striking the country including typhoon Molave, super typhoon Goni, and the latest typhoon Vamco.

**Source:** Khmer Times. (2020, Nov 17). *Typhoon Vamco death toll climbs to 69 in Philippines*; Manila Bulletin. (2020, Nov 16). *State of calamity in Luzon pushed*; Manila Bulletin. (2020, Nov 16). *Typhoon Ulysses displaces 3 M people*.

## **Viet Nam**

### **Many people were injured after Viet Nam encountered another storm this year.**

On 15 November 2020, typhoon Vamco downgraded to a tropical storm in Viet Nam with a wind speed up to 90 kilometres per hour after causing havoc in the Philippines. Due to this, there were nine people injured and several properties damaged.

Around 650,000 people in seven coastal provinces were evacuated to a higher ground as a precaution measure before the storm hit. Still, the landslides due to high intensity rainfalls posed a threat to them.

**Source:** The Star. (2020, Nov 17). *Storm Vamco hits Vietnam.*

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