



# WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE FOOD SECURITY RELATED INFORMATION

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## **Indonesia**

**The death toll from the acute earthquake went beyond a hundred.** The number of casualties caused by a 6.2-magnitude earthquake, striking Sulawesi Island on 15 January 2021, climbed to 105 as of 25 January 2021. Nearly 100,000 people became displaced, while more than 3,300 persons were injured. The residential units and public facilities as well as infrastructures such as bridge, schools, health centre and hospital were damaged. Further, power outages and landslides created more difficulties to those affected.

**Source:** AHA Centre. (2021, Jan 15). *Indonesia, Earthquakes in West Sulawesi (Update on 25 January 2021)*.

**More deaths have increased as a sudden flood continually struck parts of Indonesia.** Manado City of North Sulawesi Province was ravaged by a flash flood again after facing a heavy inundation last week. There were six persons died. The latest flood was triggered by a high-intensity rainfall causing Sawangan and Tondano watersheds to overflow on 22 January 2021. The natural incident killed at least two people, injured another two and forced more than 2,000 people to evacuate. Many houses and schools also sustained heavy damages. However, as of

24 January 2021, the situation had already return to normalcy.

**Source:** AHA Centre. (2021, Jan 22). *Indonesia, Flooding and landslides in Manado City, North Sulawesi Province*.

## **The Philippines**

**Powerful trembles were felt in some parts of the Philippines.** The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs) recorded an intense shaking from a 7.1-magnitude earthquake that jolted the province of Davao Occidental on 21 January 2021. The epicenter was 116 kilometers deep underground and the tremors were felt in some areas of Mindanao. Meanwhile, the province of Surigao del Sur, on 24 January 2021, also experienced an earthquake of 5.2 magnitudes. In relation to this, the Phivolcs warned the people of a possibility of aftershocks. Nevertheless, both quakes did not cause any fatalities and damages.

**Source:** Philippine News Agency. (2021, Jan 25). *Aftershocks possible from Surigao Sur quake: Phivolcs*; Philippine News Agency. (2021, Jan 21). *7.1 magnitude quake jolts DavOcc, parts of Mindanao*.

**Northern Luzon was possibly hit by severe rainfalls.** The Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration warned that the tail-end of the frontal system could still bring more moderate to heavy rainstorms into some areas of Northern Luzon, even though the raining situation had been easing in the past days. Such rainstorms could trigger not only landslides, but also flash floods. The areas at risk included Northern Luzon's Isabela, Quirino, Nueva Vizcaya, Aurora, Ifugao, Mountain Province, Apayao, Kalinga and mainland Cagayan province.

**Source:** Philippine News Agency. (2021, Jan 25). *Some Northern Luzon areas at risk for rain-induced landslides*.

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