



# WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE FOOD SECURITY RELATED INFORMATION

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## Indonesia

**Floods led to extensive damages and loss of lives in Indonesia's Sumatra island.** Torrential downpours for days triggered many rivers to burst their banks, causing floodwater to rise in residential areas on Sumatra island, Indonesia. On 4 January 2022, the officials reported that around 24,000 people were displaced while two children were killed in Aceh province. Some buildings and agricultural lands in the province were damaged. Besides, inundations also wreaked havoc Jambi province, submerging several houses.

**Source:** The Jakarta Post. (2022, Jan 5). *24,000 evacuated, two dead in Sumatra floods.*

## Lao PDR

**Losses from the quakes in Lao PDR reached more than USD 100,000.** Earthquakes of magnitude 5.7 and 4.6 jolted Yord Ou district in Phongsaly province on 24 December 2021. According to the preliminary report from the Phongsaly Department of Natural Resources on 28 December 2021, the quakes destructed a number of homes, schools and other facilities in 20 villages, costing around LAK 1.4 billion or USD

125,792\* in damages. Following this, two districts of the province also experienced other 3.5 and 3.3-magnitude earthquakes on 25 and 26 December 2021 respectively.

\* USD 1 = LAK 11,129.50, as of 29 December 2021

**Source:** The Laotian Times. (2021, Dec 29). *Phongsaly Reports Over LAK 1.4 Billion in Damage from Earthquakes.*

## The Philippines

**Torrential rains led to numerous hazards in the Philippines.** Moderate to heavy rainfalls hit Bicol region of the Philippines during 26-27 December 2021, causing floods and landslides in Sorsogon and Camarines Norte provinces. There was one person killed while 1,093 fled from their homes. Moreover, a total of 1,300 individuals were stranded at the seaports. Three national roads were also impassable as a result of landslides. Subsequently, the intense rain also caused flood, landslides and soil erosions in Northern Samar and Southern Leyte provinces of Eastern Visayas region between 28 December 2021 - 1 January 2022, affecting 534 people.

**Source:** AHA Centre. (2021, Dec 29). *Philippines, Storms, Flooding, and Landslide in Bicol Region (Region V)*; AHA Centre. (2022, Jan 1). *Philippines, Storms, Flooding and Landslide in Eastern Visayas (REGION VIII).*

## China

**A moderate earthquake rocked southwestern China.** According to local authorities, there were 30 people injured, yet none were life-threatening, after a 5.5-magnitude earthquake shook Ninglang county in southwest China's Yunnan province on 2 January 2022. Also, the quake affected a total of 26,797 people in four towns and 1,546 households had to relocate. In the meantime, thousands of tents, quilts, folding beds and overcoats were delivered to those people in need in the affected areas.

**Source:** Xinhua. (2022, Jan 4). *30 injured after 5.5-magnitude quake jolts China's Yunnan.*

## Japan

**A strong earthquake struck south of Tokyo but there is no threat of a tsunami.** A magnitude-6.3 earthquake occurred near the Ogasawara islands in the Pacific ocean located around 1,000 Kilometres south of Tokyo, Japan on 4 January 2022. There were no reports of casualties, damages and tsunami activity. The Japanese seismic intensity scales of upper 5 and 4 were registered on Hahajima and Chichijima islands. The Meteorological Agency warned that further earthquakes might occur within the coming week.

**Source:** The Japan Times. (2022, Jan 4). *Magnitude 6.3 quake hits south of Tokyo, bringing strong jolt to Ogasawara Islands.*

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