



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

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### Cambodia

**Heavy rains hit Cambodia killing one person.** On 17 April 2022, Svay Chek district in Banteay Meanchey province encountered heavy rainfalls and strong winds. There were 78 houses damaged in the area. Authorities advised people to be aware of further bad weather. Moreover, a 12-year-old boy was killed on 18 April 2022 by lightning strike amid heavy rains when he was herding his cows in a field in Chhouk village, Changha commune, O'Chrov district, Banteay Meanchey province.

**Source:** Khmer Times. (2022, Apr 19). *78 houses destroyed by stormy weather in B Meanchey province*; Khmer Times. (2022, Apr 19). *Lightning kills young cow herder in Banteay Meanchey*.

### Malaysia

**Torrential downpours slammed Sabah state of Malaysia.** On 10 April 2022, continuous heavy rainfalls from the past few days triggered floods in several areas namely Kampung Bunga Tengilan, Kampung Bundung, Kampung Suang Bangau, Kampung Paruh, Kampung Tinuhan, and Pekan Tengilan of Tuaran district, Sabah state, Malaysia. Many roads were inundated by floodwater and impassible for all types of vehicles. Meanwhile, the water level in Sungai Tuaran

was at alert level. Besides, a landslide occurred in the Telipok Settlement Scheme and damaged five houses. The house owners were required to vacate their houses due to soil movement.

**Source:** Malay Mail. (2022, Apr 10). *Heavy rain triggers floods, landslide in Tuaran*.

### The Philippines

**The onslaught of the tropical storm Megi left 175 deaths in the Philippines.** Tropical storm Megi, locally known as Agaton, triggered severe flooding, mudslides and landslides in several areas across the Philippines. According to the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council, 175 people were found dead in the regions of Eastern Visayas, Western Visayas, Davao, and Central Visayas. A total of 110 people were still tagged as missing and eight were injured. The disaster also affected more than two million people and damaged agricultural areas. The costs of agricultural damage stood at PHP 257,025,441 or about USD 4,906,657 and infrastructure damage was pegged at PHP 6,950,000 or around USD 132,676. Later, the storm weakened into a low-pressure area.

*\*USD 1 = PHP 52.38 as of 20 April 2022*

**Source:** Floodlist. (2022, Apr 12). *Updated: Philippines – Over 20 Killed in Floods After Rain From Tropical Storm Megi (Agaton)*; AHA. (2022, Apr 18). *ASEAN Weekly Disaster Update Week 15 (April 11-17, 2022)*; Inquirer. (2022, Apr 19). *'Agaton' death toll climbs to 175, another 110 still missing*.

### Thailand

**Over 20,000 households in southern Thailand struggled with inundations.** Heavy rains since 3 April 2022 had caused damages and floods in five southern provinces of Thailand including Chumphon, Nakhon Si Thammarat, Narathiwat, Phatthalung and Surat Thani, according to the Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation. The floods affected a total of 21,669 households or around 108,345 people. Nakhon Si Thammarat was the hardest-hit area where 20,376 households were affected. However, there were no casualties or displacements while

floodwater in some areas was subsided by water pumps. Aid and relief supplies were handed to some affected areas.

**Source:** Floodlist. (2022, Apr 7). *Thailand – Rain and Floods Affect 20,000 Households in South.*

## China

**Extreme weather left a large number of people in southwest China without power.** Rainstorms and hails battered southwest China's Sichuan province on 11 April 2022, leaving almost 400,000 households in Ziyang city without electricity after the power lines were damaged. In Anyue county, there were around 10,000 people in 11 townships affected and 20 people minor injured by the strongest gale which was recorded up to 134.6 kilometres per hour, according to the county's meteorological department.

**Source:** Xinhua. (2022, Apr 12). *Storm leaves nearly 400,000 homes without power in southwest China city.*

**Several houses in China were damaged by a moderate quake.** According to the China Earthquake Networks Center, a 5.1-magnitude earthquake struck Xingwen county of Yibin city, southwest China's Sichuan province at a depth of 10 kilometres on 6 April 2022. The quake damaged 645 houses and forced 1,045 people to relocate from their houses while a provincial highway was interrupted. Yet, there was no report of damages or casualties.

**Source:** Xinhua. (2022, Apr 6). *No casualties reported after 5.1-magnitude quake in China's Sichuan.*

## Japan

**A moderate earthquake jolted Japan's Ibaraki and Fukushima prefectures.** An earthquake measured 5.3 on the Richter scale struck Ibaraki and Fukushima prefectures as well as other areas in Japan on 19 April 2022. The quake hit at a depth of about 93 kilometres, according to the Meteorological Agency. The quake did not cause any damages or abnormalities to nuclear power plants in the quake-hit areas. Also, there was no tsunami warnings issued.

**Source:** The Japan Times. (2022, Apr 19). *Magnitude 5.3 earthquake shakes Fukushima and Ibaraki*; UPI. (2022 April 19). *5.3-magnitude earthquake hits Japan, no damage reported.*

## The Republic of Korea

**A minor earthquake shook off the east coast of the Republic of Korea.** According to the Korea Meteorological Administration, an earthquake with a magnitude of 3.4 struck off the Republic of Korea's east coast on 10 April 2022. The epicenter of the quake was located in waters 23 kilometres east of the southeastern coastal county of Yeongdeok, North Gyeongsang province at a depth of 18 kilometres. The tremor could be felt throughout the province.

**Source:** Yonhap News Agency. (2022, Apr 10). *3.4 magnitude earthquake hits off S. Korea's east coast.*

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