



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

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### Cambodia

**Heavy downpours caused floods and damages in Cambodia.** A strong current in Prek Tnort river caused by torrential rainfalls eroded 200-metre stretch of the riverbank in Takhmao city, Kandal province to collapse. However, the riverbank erosion did not cause any injuries or casualties. In the meantime, about 400 hectares of paddy fields in Mongkol Borei district, Banteay Meanchey province were destroyed. Local authorities helped farmers to pump water out of the field to save the rice seedlings.

**Source:** Khmer Times. (2022, May 11). *Rains cause riverbank to collapse*; Khmer Times. (2022, May 13). *Paddy fields in Mongkol Borei flooded*.

### Indonesia

**Floods lashed eight villages in Aceh province of Indonesia.** According to the Aceh Disaster Mitigation Office (BPBA), floods triggered by heavy rains inundated eight villages in Southeast Aceh district, Aceh province, Indonesia on 14-15 May 2022. Heavy rains also caused Lawe Kinga river to burst its bank. The affected areas were Lawe Hijo, Kuning 1, Kuning 2 and Pinding in Babel sub-district, Pasir

Puntung in Semadam sub-district, Lawe Loning in Babul Makmur sub-district, and Lawe Dua and Sebudi Jaya in Bukit Tusam sub-district. Besides, transportation on Kutacane-Medan national road was cut off by floodwater reaching 90 centimetres high.

**Source:** Antara. (2022, May 15). *Floods hit eight villages in Southeast Aceh district*.

### Malaysia

**Nearly 2,000 flood victims in Malaysia were evacuated.** According to the State Disaster Management Committee, continuous rains since 9 May 2022 caused floods in Sabah state, Malaysia, and forced a total of 1,958 people to flee from their homes. Flood victims had to shelter in 17 temporary evacuation centres including 15 in Tenom district and two in Beaufort district. Moreover, continuous rainfalls on 17 May 2022 triggered flash floods in several locations of three states comprising Selangor, Negri Sembilan and Kedah. Only one relief centre was opened in Kedah to accommodate flood victims from 22 houses. Meanwhile, the firefighters rescued five individuals consisting of two women, two children and a baby after their car was swept away by floods in Kuala Pilah of Negri Sembilan. However, there were no casualties reported.

**Source:** Malay Mail. (2022, May 12). *Sabah floods: 1,958 evacuees housed at 17 shelters in Tenom, Beaufort*; Malay Mail. (2022, May 17). *Flash floods strike several areas in three states following continuous heavy rain*.

### Thailand

**Heavy rains caused several houses and roads in Nakhon Ratchasima to be submerged.** Floods hit Muang and Chok Chai districts, Nakhon Ratchasima province, Thailand following heavy downpours on 16 May 2022. Many roads including Highway 304 in Muang district were under floodwater causing a 2-kilometre-long traffic jam. Some parts of the district were also inundated by 40-

centimetre floodwater. In Chok Chai district, about 50 houses and casava plantations in Dan Kwian village were affected by floods. The rescuers rushed to the areas to help move villagers and their belongings to high ground.

**Source:** Bangkok Post. (2022, May 17). *Flooding in Korat.*

## **Viet Nam**

**Floods and landslides affected many areas in northern Viet Nam.** The northern region of Viet Nam experienced showers and thunderstorms influenced by a low-pressure trough. In Bac Kan province, one boy was swept away by flash floods and two people were injured. The floods also damaged five houses, 50 farms and two temporary dams. In the meantime, landslides triggered by heavy rains left one person to die and four others to be injured in Lang Son province. Water levels of Thuong, Luc Nam and Trung rivers in Lang Son and Bac Giang provinces increased two to seven metres due to heavy downpours. Meanwhile, many streets in Sa Pa, a famous tourist town in Lao Cai province were submerged by 50 centimeters of floodwater. Further, more than 100 hectares of farmland were destroyed by floods while many streets were damaged by landslides in Bac Giang province.

**Source:** VnExpress. (2022, May 12). *Floods, landslides triggered by heavy rains kill 2 in northern Vietnam.*

## **China**

**Prolonged heavy rains caused difficulties to 50,000 people in southern China.** Extensive heavy rains accompanied by thunderstorms and strong winds since 8 May 2022 affected 50,000 people in south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, according to the Regional Emergency Management Department. A total of 19 households were collapsed while 34 houses severely

damaged. Over 3,800 hectares of crop areas were affected. The Regional Meteorological Authorities increased emergency response for rainstorm to level 4 of a four-tier disaster relief emergency response system, with level 1 representing the most severe, and also issued a warning of possible landslides and other geological disasters.

**Source:** Xinhua. (2022, May 13). *About 50,000 affected by heavy rains in China's Guangxi.*

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