



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

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### Lao PDR

**Parts of Vientiane went underwater due to severe flash floods.** Heavy rains since 6 August 2022 triggered flash floods in several communities of Vientiane, Lao PDR on 7 August 2022. Many houses and major roads were submerged. Waist-high floodwaters in Sikhottabong district prevented people from entering or exiting their homes while some vehicles came to a halt in the middle of the roads. Due to rapidly rising floodwater, people could not pack their belongings or unplug electronic devices before leaving their homes. However, there were no reports of casualties.

**Source:** The Laotian Times. (2022, Aug 7). *Flash Floods Inundate Parts of Vientiane Capital.*

### The Philippines

**Destructive quake hit the Philippines wrecking over 35,000 houses.** Since the 7.0-magnitude earthquake struck Abra and nearby Northern Luzon provinces, the Philippines on 27 July 2022, the number of damaged houses has rocketed to 35,463 including 26,856 houses in the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR), 8,605 houses in Ilocos Region, and one each in the National Capital Region (NCR), and Cagayan Valley. The quake also inflicted massive damages on agricultural

infrastructure, equipment and facilities. Meanwhile, the death toll was reported at 11 and injuries were at 614. A total of 512,936 affected victims had to reside in 1,334 barangays in Ilocos Region, Cagayan Valley and CAR. Most of evacuees had returned to their homes, leaving only 968 people in 11 evacuation centres.

**Source:** Philippine News Agency. (2022, Aug 8). *Quake-damaged houses in Luzon top 35K: NDRRMC.*

### Thailand

**Thailand encountered floods and storms amid the weather disturbance.**

According to the Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation, torrential rains during 7-8 August 2022 triggered flash floods in 10 provinces of Thailand, affecting 362 households in 98 villages. Likewise, two districts in Songkhla province were battered by a storm affecting 74 households. However, the storm did not cause any casualties. Furthermore, due to the active monsoon trough which lied across Thailand's North and upper Northeast and into a tropical depression over the upper South China Sea and a strong southwest monsoon across the Andaman Sea and the Gulf, the Meteorological Department warned of flash floods and water overflowing in 43 provinces of all regions.

**Source:** Bangkok Post. (2022, Aug 9). *Heavy rain in 43 provinces.*

### Japan

**The mass of people was forced to leave their homes due to the torrential rains.**

Authorities instructed around 540,000 people in Tohoku and Hokuriku regions to evacuate after heavy rains swept through the Sea of Japan coast triggering severe floods and landslides. There were flooded houses along rivers, vehicles partially submerged in floodwaters, roads filled with mud, and collapsed bridges in Yamagata, Niigata and Fukushima prefectures. Meanwhile, about 2,280 households in Niigata prefecture and neighboring areas experienced power outages or water supply cutoffs. There were two people

missing due to the floods. Also, a landslide isolated a district in northern Niigata from other areas. The highest-level emergency warnings were issued for the areas in Ishikawa and Niigata as well as six municipalities in Yamagata prefecture. Officials continued to urge people to stay vigilant and take life-saving measures.

**Source:** The Japan Times. (2022, Aug 4). *About 540,000 Japan residents told to evacuate after heavy rain floods homes and roads,*

## **The Republic of Korea**

### **Seoul and nearby areas suffered from the heaviest downpours in decades.**

Record rainfalls, that might be the heaviest in 115 years, have pounded parts of Seoul, Incheon city and Gyeonggi province, the Republic of Korea since 8 August 2022, flooding houses, vehicles and buildings, and triggering fatal landslides. The disaster left nine people dead, six missing and nine injured. Also, 441 people became displaced and took shelters in schools and other public buildings. Many public infrastructure including railroads, railways, subway lines, highways and ferry services were disrupted. The interior ministry upgraded its flood damage watch to the highest level on 9 August 2022. Besides, the weather agency forecasted that up to 300 millimetres of more rains might occur in the capital area through 11 August 2022 while southern Gyeonggi province was likely to experience over 350 millimetres of more rains. The Korea Forest Service also issued the landslide advisories across the nation.

**Source:** Yonhap News Agency. (2022, Aug 9). *(6th LD) 9 dead, 6 missing in record rainfall in Seoul, surrounding areas,*

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