



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

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### Indonesia

**Moderate to strong earthquakes struck central and eastern Indonesia.** On 26 March 2020 at 10:38 p.m. (local time), a 6.3-magnitude earthquake jolted North Sulawesi province in central Indonesia.

The quake was centered at 221 kilometres northwest Tahuna town of Kepulauan Sangihe district at a depth of 10 kilometres under the seafloor.

Meanwhile, a 5.9-magnitude earthquake was recorded in Papua province, Indonesia's easternmost, on 27 March 2020 at 4:36 a.m. (local time), with the epicenter at 72 kilometres northwest Jayapura district.

Still, the quakes did not potentially trigger tsunami.

**Source:** Xinhua. (2020, Mar 27). *6.3-magnitude quake strikes off central Indonesia*; Xinhua. (2020, Mar 27). *5.9-magnitude quake hits easternmost Indonesia*.

### Philippines

**An earthquake of magnitude of 6.1 shook southern Philippines.** According to the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS), the quake rocked Maasim town in Sarangani province on 26 March 2020 at 11:38 p.m. (local time).

The earthquake hit at a depth of 49 kilometres. The tremor was felt in many areas including General Santos city, Malugon and Alabel in Sarangani, Koronadal city in South Cotabato and Gingoog city in Misamis Oriental.

The PHIVOLCS warned of possible damages and aftershocks.

**Source:** CNN Philippines. (2020, Mar 27). *Magnitude-6.1 earthquake rattles Sarangani*.

### Viet Nam

**Extreme weather events pounded the northern mountainous province in Viet Nam.** Many places in the province of Lao Cai were hit by heavy rains, hail and whirlwinds on 24 – 25 March 2020, causing one person to die and several houses to be damaged. Meanwhile, a suspension bridge in Viet Tien Commune was also collapsed.

The districts of Bat Xat, Van Ban and Bao Yen as well as Sa Pa Township were also affected.

Local authorities investigated the damage and deployed forces to assist resident in recovery.

**Source:** Viet Nam News. (2020, Mar 25). *Extreme weather kills one and damages houses in Lào Cai*.

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