



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE FOOD SECURITY RELATED INFORMATION

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Indonesia

An evacuation of thousands of people was promptly taken place as a volcano erupted in Indonesia. The eruption of the Mount Ili Lewotolok located in East Nusa Tenggara Province began on 29 November 2020, blowing volcanic ashes and smoke four kilometres up to the sky. Due to this, around 2,700 people from 28 villages around the vicinity of the volcano were evacuated. Luckily, there were no reports on any deaths or injuries.

The authorities raised a volcanic alert status to the second-highest level for a possibility of lava flow as well as imposed a strict four-kilometre no-go zone around the crater. Moreover, the rain of volcanic ashes forced East Nusa Tenggara's Wunopitu airport to stop its services, which resulted in disruption in air transportation of the province.

Source: Bangkok Post. (2020, Nov 29). *Indonesian volcano belches huge tower of smoke and ash*; DW News. (2020, Nov 30). *Indonesia: Thousands evacuated as volcano erupts*.

Long-lasting floods disrupted people's livelihood in Indonesia. Serdang Bedagai

Regency of North Sumatra Province has been struck by prolonged and severe floods since mid-November 2020. The city of Tebing Tinggi was the worst hit area as heavy rainfalls poured down on 27 November 2020, causing the river to overflow and inundate nearly 7,000 houses.

Throughout the period of flooding in the regency, more than 26,000 individuals have been affected. However, no any casualties were reported.

Source: The Watchers. (2020, Dec 1). *Indonesia – Deadly Floods and Landslides in Java and Sumatra Islands*.

The Philippines

The frontal system caused weather disturbance in the Philippines. The tail-end of a frontal system triggered floods and landslides affected over 1,200 individuals from almost 350 families in 14 barangays of Region II or Cagayan Valley. The situation forced nearly 1,000 people to leave their homes to find shelters at evacuation centres around the region or their relative's homes.

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) kept a close monitor on how the situation progressed as well as provided a total of 137,000 Peso worth of assistance to the affected families.

Source: AHA Centre. (2020, Nov 28). *Philippines, Storms in Region II*.

Thailand

Several provinces in the south of Thailand were caution to a severe flooding. A heavy storm blowing in the Gulf of Thailand was likely to bring more torrential rainfalls to flood-affected provinces in the south of the country, including Nakhon Si Thammarat, Phatthalung, Songkhla and Narathiwat until 4 December 2020. Those provinces

were already drenched by flooding since the week before.

An inundation generated difficulties to around 30,000 households in more than 900 villages across the mentioned provinces plus Trang and Yala. While the situations in Trang and Yala were recovering, Nakhon Si Thammarat, Phatthalung, Songkhla and Narathiwat still had to deal with more water coming into their areas. One of the most affected areas is Muang district of Nakhon Si Thammarat where flood water once rose above two metres deep causing people to evacuate to the higher ground.

Source: Bangkok Post. (2020, Dec 1). *More floods set to hit South.*

Viet Nam

More than 1,000 were displaced as heavy rains lashed central Viet Nam.

Torrential rainfalls battering City of Nha Trang, Khanh Hoa Province led to almost half-a-metre flooding pushing people in low-lying areas, or areas with high risks of landslides out of their residences as of 3 November 2020. Floods also affected more communes in Dien Khanh Province.

Heavy rains also triggered landslides that blocked the traffic between Nha Trang and Da Lat for more than 6 hours as well as caused tourists to be isolated from outside during their trip to Tra Giang mountain.

Source: Vietnam Times. (2020, Dec 1). *1,500 residents in Nha Trang evacuate over flooding fear.*

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