



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

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### Indonesia

**Flooding persisted in many parts of Indonesia causing further suffering to thousands of people.** Java Island and Sumatra Island experienced severe flooding provoked by torrential rainfalls that wreaked havoc in many areas of the islands since 4 December 2020, collectively affecting around 34,000 people and displacing more than 1,000 persons.

Further flooding and landslides also occurred in Sampang, Sidoarjo and Pasuruan Regencies of East Java, and Cilacap Regency of Central Java on 9 and 14 December 2020 respectively. They caused massive difficulties to nearly 5,000 people and forced more than 1,200 locals to leave their homes. Apart from this, there were over 1,800 houses in Aceh Tamiang Regency of Aceh Province being damaged by inundation. Other 1,300 people needed to evacuate from their residences.

Meanwhile, downpours and a broken bank of Cermei river led to flash floods in East Lombok Regency and Dompu Regency of West Nusa Tenggara Province, causing almost 10,000 persons to be affected. Several infrastructures such as schools,

roads and bridges were also diminished due to this dreadful disaster.

*Source: Floodlist. (2020, Dec 15). Indonesia – Thousands Hit by Floods on Java and Sumatra Islands.*

**The eruption of Mount Ile Lewotolok brought a less effect to food security in Indonesia.** Recently, Mount Ile Lewotolok, located in Lembata District of East Nusa Tenggara Province, was violently erupted. Fortunately, it did not send a serious impact on country's crop production as two affected areas, Ile Ape and East Ile Ape Sub-District were not the main producers of maize and rice. As a result of the eruption, around 33 hectares of rice and less than 10 hectares of maize cultivating area were damaged. However, these affected plantation areas were predicted to be abandoned or undergo a delay in their agricultural activities.

Mount Ile Lewotolok exploded on 29 November 2020 causing nearly 3,000 villagers from 27 villages to evacuate. Luckily, no deaths were reported from this incident.

*Source: AFSIS. (2020, Dec 14). Eruption of Mount Ile Lewotolok Effects toward Food Security in Indonesia.*

### The Philippines

**Many people were rescued after being stranded from flash floods in the Philippines.** There were eight persons sending distress calls to the search and rescue team after they were stuck in the inundated areas of Barangays Cabatacan, San Mariano, Alem and Imelda of the Pudtol municipal in Apayao Province. The floodwater came from incessant heavy rains pouring down since 12 December 2020.

*Source: Manila Bulletin. (2020, Dec 14). 8 persons rescued after being trapped by flood in Apayao town.*

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