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## Indonesia

**A severe drought has affected a livelihood of families in Indonesia.** More than 2,000 persons from 519 households in Sragen Regency, Central Java Province have been struggling to live a daily life due to a water shortage. The situation was reported to be a result from decreasing a rainfall intensity in the area.

The Sragen Rapid Response Team under the National Agency for Disaster Management (BPBD) has recently distributed 4,100 litres of fresh water to mitigate people's sufferings.

**Source:** AHA Centre. (2020, Sep 2). *Indonesia, Drought in Sragen Regency, Central Java Province.*

**A series of floods battered many provinces in Indonesia.** Floods swept across several provinces including South Kalimantan, West Kalimantan, and West Sumatra provinces due to a high intensity of rainfalls triggering an overflowing of many rivers during 3-6 September 2020. Almost 22,000 residents were affected. One of them was killed and more than 200 were displaced. Over 5,500 houses were damaged either partly or entirely. About 1,000 hectares of cultivating fields as well

as several roads were submerged under water.

**Source:** AHA Centre. (2020, Sep 6). *Indonesia, Flooding and Landslide in Melawi Regency, West Kalimantan;* AHA Centre. (2020, Sep 5). *Indonesia, Flooding and Landslide in Landak Regency, West Kalimantan Province;* AHA Centre. (2020, Sep 5). *Indonesia, Flooding in Limapuluh Kota Regency, West Sumatra;* AHA Centre. (2020, Sep 5). *Indonesia, Flooding in Tanah Bumbu, South Kalimantan Province;* AHA Centre. (2020, Sep 3). *Indonesia, Flooding in Tanah Laut Regency, South Kalimantan.*

## China

**Two typhoons ravaged northeastern provinces of China.** Typhoon Maysak and Typhoon Haishen, the ninth and tenth typhoons hitting country this year, entered provinces of Heilongjiang and Jilin on 1 and 3 September 2020 respectively. They brought torrential rainfalls and strong winds into several counties of the said provinces as well as some parts of Liaoning Province.

These typhoons directly affected approximately 450,000 individuals and also caused the relocation of accumulative 11,000 people. More than 1,000 houses and 350,000 hectares of crops were partially damaged, while agriculture areas of nearly 16,000 hectares was said to be entirely destroyed. Fortunately, no loss of life was reported on any of these incidents.

As a result of downpours, the water has risen above the warning levels in 23 rivers. A threat from flash floods is possible as more rainfalls are expected to pour into the regions until 13 September 2020.

**Source:** Xinhua. (2020, Sep 9). *Floods hit NE China amid typhoon-triggered downpours;* Xinhua. (2020, Sep 8). *Typhoon Haishen affects China's Jilin;* Xinhua. (2020, Sep 5) *Typhoon Maysak affects 452,700 people in NE China's Heilongjiang.*

## Japan

**Hundreds of people were killed and injured due to a powerful typhoon.** Japan's southwestern main island of Kyushu along with Kinki and Chugoku regions in western Japan witnessed a devastating impact from Typhoon Haishen leaving two people dead, four missing, and over 100 injured on 7 September 2020.

There were about 23,000 people evacuated to temporary shelters, while around 475,000 households had to temporarily live without electricity. Mobile network and transportation were also disrupted causing enormous difficulties to the people.

Although the typhoon left the country and headed towards the Republic of Korea, the authority still warned the residents to be aware of potential downpours, strong winds, and high tide in several areas.

**Source:** Japan Today. (2020, Sep 8). *Typhoon leaves 2 dead, 4 missing, over 100 injured in Japan.*

## **The Republic of Korea**

**Multiple typhoons left people dead and missing.** Typhoon Maysak, entered Busan on the southern coast on 3 September 2020, followed by another powerful Typhoon Haishen making landfall in Ulsan on 7 September 2020. They collectively made landfall and heavy floods causing at least two dead and some missing. Meanwhile, thousands of people were evacuated from their homes. Many properties such as traffic, lights, bridges, and glass windows were also heavily damaged.

In addition, a power supply to the southern parts of the peninsula and on Jeju island was affected causing about 120,000 homes to live without electricity. Over 3,500 hectares of farm land were also destroyed and many public transportations were forced to halt their services.

**Source:** VOA News. (2020, Sep 3). *Typhoon Maysak Kills 2, Batters South Korea, North Korea*; Yonhap. (2020, Sep 7). *(2nd LD) Typhoon Haishen making landfall in Ulsan, disrupting flights, train services, plants*; Yonhap. (2020, Sep 7). *(7th LD) Back-to-back typhoons pound southeastern S. Korea, leave 2 missing.*

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