



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

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### Indonesia

**Floods pounded Indonesia's capital region, leaving many deaths and massive destruction.** The Indonesian National Board for Disaster Management (BNBP) reported on severe floods, which had been wreaking havoc in numerous areas of Greater Jakarta since 19 February 2021. Overall, there were at least five people died, two missing, over 30,000 displaced and nearly 200,000 affected. The properties were also immensely damaged as nearly 10,000 houses together with other infrastructures were submerged under floodwater.

Inundations began ravaging a number of areas of the capital region due to high-intensity rainfalls that triggered an overflow of many rivers in South Jakarta and East Jakarta. Since then, the situation constantly worsened as floods kept striking other areas namely Karawang Regency, Bekasi Regency and Bogor Regency of West Java Province and Tangerang Regency of Banten Province, on the following days.

**Source:** Floodlist. (2021, Feb 22). *Indonesia – Floods Worsen in Greater Jakarta Region, 5 People Reported Dead, Over 30,000 Displaced*; Floodlist. (2021, Feb 20). *(Updated) Indonesia – 1,300 Evacuate Jakarta Floods*.

### The Philippines

#### **Tropical depression caused huge damages and losses in agriculture.**

Tropical depression Auring, internationally known as Djujan, crashed ashore at Batag Island of Northern Samar, the Philippines on 22 February 2021. With a maximum wind speed of 45-55 kilometers per hour, the tropical depression brought heavy rainfalls and strong gust wind to several areas of the country.

In relation to this, the tropical depression brought difficulties to around 31,884 individuals residing in Regions 5 (Bicol Region), 10 (Northern Mindanao, 11 (Davao Region) and 13 (Caraga Region). One fatality was found in Caraga, while two persons still remained missing. However, these figures still underwent validation by the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC). Apart from that, damages were seen around 240 houses, which 60 were completely destroyed.

Also sustaining damages were high-value agricultural commodities including rice, corn and other high-value crops, livestock and fisheries. The report from the Department of Agriculture revealed that the impact could be seen in 1,756 hectares of farmlands nationwide causing the total losses of more than PHP 21.56 million (USD 443,721.83) and affecting roughly 240 farmers.

*\*1 USD = 48.589 PHP (as of 23 February 2021)*

**Source:** Philippine News Agency. (2021, Feb 23). *'Auring' leaves P21.56-M damage to agriculture*; Philippine News Agency. (2021, Feb 23). *Close to 32K families affected by 'Auring' in 4 regions*; Philippine News Agency. (2021, Feb 22). *'Auring' makes landfall over Batag Island; heads to Albay*.

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