



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE FOOD SECURITY RELATED INFORMATION

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Indonesia

Flooding drenched the vast areas of Indonesia. Inundations were seen in numerous provinces and cities of Indonesia including Aceh, Banten, Central Java, East Java, West Nusa Tenggara and Yogyakarta during 27-31 January 2021. The disasters were caused by high-intensity rainfalls that continually poured down and triggered many rivers to overflow. Regarding this, landslides and gust wind were also seen in Kendal Regency and Wonogiri Regency, both in Central Java Province.

A total number of affected people was up to more than 16,000 persons while the inflicted damages were over 4,000 houses. One death was reported in Sumbawa Regency of West Nusa Tenggara Province. Besides, damages were seen in many public buildings, such as schools and mosques, and public infrastructures. Central Lombok Regency of West Nusa Tenggara Province also experienced power outages as the electric facility was induced by the severe floods.

Source: AHA Centre. (2021, Jan 21 - 31). *Weekly Disaster Update Week 4.*

Malaysia

More flood-affected people were housed at relief centres in Malaysia. The number of displaced people rose to 186 on 1 February 2021 from 171 on 31 January 2021 as the second wave of floods caused by the continuous heavy rain together with high tide phenomenon taken place in the Sarawak State of Malaysia. The Sarawak State Disaster Management Committee reported that there was a total of four relief centres operating in flood-affected districts including three in Serian district and one in Simunjan district, which housed around 160 and 30 persons respectively.

Regarding the situation, the Malaysian Meteorological Department forecasted that the weather condition would continuously cause flooding throughout the week.

Source: Borneo Bulletin. (2021, Feb 2). *Number of flood victims in Sarawak rises to 186.*

Thailand

Rain and windstorm destroyed many houses in Chiang Mai, Thailand. On 30 January 2021, Phrao District of Chiang Mai Province, Thailand was heavily hit by an intense rainfall together with the strong wind. As a result, there were around 30 houses devastated and 150 individuals affected. Luckily, no deaths and injured were reported from this incident.

Source: AHA Centre. (2021, Jan 30). *Thailand, Windstorm in Phrao District, Chiang Mai Province.*

Viet Nam

Serious water shortages loom in Viet Nam throughout 2021. Available water supply in Viet Nam may be reduced as a result of receded water in several rivers and saline intrusion. The National Centre for Hydro-Meteorological Forecasting (NCHMF) stated that the amount of water in several rivers across the country will decline from February to July 2021. The

water levels are expected to be lower than average by 10-50 percent. From this, provinces of Nghệ An, Ninh Thuận and Bình Thuận and Central Highlands provinces have a tendency to face a drought and water shortage from March to April 2021. The problem, then, is likely to spread to other central provinces.

The lack of fresh water could also occur due to the saline intrusion in the Mekong Delta region. This is a consequence of the lower upstream flowing from the upper Mekong River in Cambodia to the Delta region. The situation seems to become severest around mid-February to the end of March 2021.

Source: Viet Nam News. (2021, Jan 30). *Water shortage, saline intrusion forecast to be serious this year.*

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