



# WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE FOOD SECURITY RELATED INFORMATION

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## Indonesia

**Storms and rain-related disasters wreaked havoc in over ten provinces of Indonesia.** During 15-18 December 2021, a total of 12 provinces of Indonesia namely Lampung, North Kalimantan, East Kalimantan, Central Java, East Java, West Java, North Sumatra, West Sumatra, West Nusa Tenggara, West Sulawesi, Jambi and Riau suffered from strong winds together with floods and landslides triggered by high-intensity rainfalls. The situation ended up causing two deaths and nine injuries along with affecting more than 80,000 people. The hazards also forced around 14,000 people to flee their homes and generated negative impacts to at least 18,000 houses which 11 were partially damaged and nine totally destroyed.

**Source:** AHA Centre. (2021, Dec 15-21). *DISASTER EVENT REPORTS: Indonesia*.

**An earthquake rocked Indonesia's province, leaving some wounded.** On 16 December 2021, an earthquake registered 5.1 on the Richter scale jolted Jember Regency in East Java Province, Indonesia. There were 460 people affected with six sustaining injuries but no fatalities. The tremor also left 46 houses damaged, one of which was completely torn down. Likewise, public buildings including schools and government offices received some damages as well.

**Source:** AHA Centre. (2021, Dec 16). *Indonesia, M5.1 Earthquake in Jember Regency (East Java)*.

## Malaysia

**Deadly floods claimed people's lives and pushed nearly 70,000 out of their homes in Malaysia.** Massive flooding as a result of torrential downpours inundated vast areas of seven states in Malaysia consisting of Perak, Kelantan, Terengganu, Pahang, Melaka, Negri Sembilan and Selangor along with the federal territory of Kuala Lumpur from 17 December 2021. As of 21 December 2021, the severe flooding situation had already killed 12 people in Shah Alam City in Selangor State and caused 66,483 flood-affected people across all states to be displaced, according to the National Disaster Management Agency. In this regard, all evacuees were safely housed in 422 temporary relief centres with more than half opening in 10 districts of Pahang State.

**Source:** Floodlist. (2021, Dec 20). *Malaysia – Floods Displace Over 40,000*; New Straits Times. (2021, Dec 21). *Massive floods displaced 66,483 victims from 15,465 families*; New Straits Times. (2021, Dec 21). *Shah Alam floods claim 12 lives so far*.

## The Philippines

**A typhoon's onslaught left mass casualties and huge devastations in the Philippines.** Typhoon Rai, locally known as Odette, blasted through the central area of the Philippines from 16 December 2021. According to the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) on 19 December 2021, impacts of the fierce typhoon harshly affected 706,634 people across the regions of MIMAROPA, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, Caraga and Bangsamoro, and forced 488,463 residents to evacuate from their homes. Besides, on 21 December 2021, the NDRRMC said the total death toll was 156 and injuries were up to 275. Also, 37 people were still missing. Besides, a number of 3,783 houses, mostly in region 6, suffered serious damages while 171 others experienced total destruction. In relation to this, President Rodrigo R. Duterte declared a state of calamity over the areas of regions MIMAROPA, 6, 7, 8,

10 and Caraga in hastening the rescue and relief as well as rehabilitation efforts.

**Source:** Floodlist. (2021, Dec 19). *Philippines – Thousands Evacuate Wrath of Typhoon Rai*; Philippine News Agency. (2021, Dec 22). *PRRD declares state of calamity in 'Odette'-hit areas*.

## **Thailand**

**Torrential rain drenched Thailand's southern province.** A five-day severe rainfall triggered the Sungai Kolok River to overflow on 20 December 2021 and inundated four districts of Narathiwat Province in the south of Thailand comprising Sungai Kolok, Waeng, Rueso and Sungai Padi. As a result, the event caused difficulties to 10,149 people and damaged 616 houses, 13 roads and one dyke. Meanwhile, a flood shelter was set up in Sungai Kolok District, the hardest-hit district. Fortunately, no deaths and injuries were reported.

**Source:** Bangkok Post. (2021, Dec 20). *Flooding in Sungai Kolok, river overflows*; Bangkok Post. (2021, Dec 20). *Four Narathiwat districts hard-hit by flooding*.

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