



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

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### **Indonesia**

**Floods struck Java Island of Indonesia.** Heavy rains during 30 – 31 December 2022 battered Central Java province, Java Island causing the cities of Tegal, Pekalongan, Kendal, Kudus, Demak, Pekalongan and Semarang, and the regencies of Pati and Grobogan to be submerged. On 5 January 2023, one person was killed, and at least 30 houses were damaged in Grobogan regency. Meanwhile, another person died and a total of 147 residents were affected in Semarang city on 6 January 2023. Train operations were suspended. The National Disaster Mitigation Agency (BPBD) later provided assistance to 13 regencies and cities of Central Java province. Moreover, 209 houses, public buildings and rice fields in Banten province were affected on 3 January 2023.

**Sources:** The Jakarta Post. (6 January 2023). *Central Java rainy season to peak in January, February*; Floodlist. (8 January 2023). *Indonesia – Deadly Flash Floods on Java Island*.

**Powerful earthquake hit Indonesia's Maluku province.** A magnitude 7.5 earthquake hit Tanimbar Islands regency of Maluku province destroying 92 houses, public facilities and two schools on 10 January 2023 while one person was injured. In the meantime, Southwest Maluku regency was affected by the said earthquake. Over 30 houses and two educational facilities were damaged. The provincial government distributed essential items to those affected. The epicentre of the quake was located 136 kilometres northwest of the regency at a depth of 130 kilometres. There was also a report of an aftershock measuring magnitude 5.5.

**Sources:** Antara News. (10 January 2023). *92 houses damaged in 7.5M quake in Tanimbar*.

### **Malaysia**

**Continuous downpour struck Malaysia's Sabah state.** Continuous rains since 4 January 2023 forced 45 people from 14 families in Ranau district, Sabah state, Malaysia to flee their houses and shelter at the Ranau police station hall. Besides, a main road at KM 109.378 of Jalan Kota Kinabalu-Sandakan (Jalan Riverside) was collapsed causing commuters to take alternative routes. The villages of Lasing, Libang, Kituntul and Marakau were affected. Many roads including Kota Kinabalu-Ranau, Marakau- Kinapulidan-Kigiuk, Libang- Marakau, and the old Kituntul also experienced landslips. Additionally, Kota Marudu and Kundasang towns were also affected by flooding. However, no casualties were reported in this incident.

**Sources:** The Star (5 January 2023). *Floods: 14 families evacuated, main road collapses in Ranau*.

## **The Philippines**

**Many parts of the Philippines were hit by flooding.** The extension of a low-pressure area outside the Philippine Area of Responsibility (PAR) brought heavy rains to hit Tubod municipality, Lanao del Norte province, the Philippines. As of 4 January 2023, around 12 villages of the province were flooded while 1,044 families were affected, and 376 families had to evacuate. Amid widespread flooding, the authority ordered government and private agencies to suspend work. Floods also damaged houses, utility poles and trees while two people were injured in Iloilo city. Besides, over 2,000 people of three villages in Bulacan province had to leave their homes after continuous rains since 6 January 2023 triggered floods due to a release of water from Angat, Dustos and Ipo Dams. Floodwaters also destroyed the cottages at a resort in the affected area.

**Sources:** Philstar. (4 January 2023). *Floods hit 13 barangays in Lanao del Norte town*; Philstar. (8 January 2023). *Floods displace thousands as Bulacan dams spill*.

## **Japan**

**A landslide in Yamagata Prefecture killed two people.** On 31 January 2023, a landslide, measuring 20 – 30 metres in height and 100 metres in width, occurred at a mountain in Tsuruoka, Japan's Yamagata Prefecture. It engulfed around 10 buildings and killed two people. Polices, firefighters and the Self-Defense Forces helped remove soil and sand after clearing most of the debris from the deceased's house.

**Sources:** Japan Times. (2 January 2023). *Two confirmed dead in landslide in Yamagata Prefecture*.

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