



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

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### Indonesia

**More than 20,000 people in Indonesia's Aceh were affected by floods.** Heavy rains over the past few days caused several rivers in Aceh province to overflow and flood the province. There were 21,389 people from 4,234 families affected of which, 2,311 people were displaced while 904 houses and public facilities were inundated. In Langkahan sub-district, floodwater reached up to three metres with the collapse of the Krueng Arakundo River embankment. Moreover, 630 hectares of rice fields in Matang Kuli sub-district were at risk of crop failure. The Regional Disaster Management Agency (BPBD) continued to monitor the flood-hit areas and prepare food emergency response.

**Sources:** Antara News. (2023, Jan 23). *Over 21,000 affected by North Aceh flood: BPBD.*

**Magnitude 4.3 earthquake jolted West Java province.** According to the Regional Disaster Management Agency (BPBD), a 4.3-

magnitude earthquake hit Cianjur district of West Java province, Indonesia on 24 January 2023. There were reported of 10 injured and several damaged houses. The authority urged people not to panic and to stay vigilant for aftershocks that might occur. The epicentre of the quake was seven kilometres northwest of Cianjur district at a depth of 10 kilometers.

**Sources:** Antara News. (2023, Jan 24). *Cianjur residents urged not to panic, stay alert for aftershocks.*

### Malaysia

**Flood victims in Johor state were increased.** As of 24 January 2023, people affected by floods in Segamat, Kluang, and Kota Tinggi districts of Johor state, Malaysia rose to 1,703 people from 469 families at 8 pm. comparing with 1,093 from 298 families at 4 pm. Likewise, the number of temporary relief centres were up to 16 from 13. Segamat district was the worst-hit area. Also, there were three roads namely Senai-Gemas, Jabi-Bukit Tempurung and Ladang Siang closed while four rivers including Gemas, Lenik, Segamat, and Kahang reached their danger level.

**Sources:** The Star. (2023, Jan 24). *Floods: Over 600 more victims evacuated in Johor, three more relief centres opened.*

### The Philippines

**Floods struck Oriental Mindoro province of the Philippines.** According to the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (PDRRMO), the low-pressure area and northeast monsoon brought continuous rains to hit Oriental Mindoro province on 18 January 2023. Many

villages of Victoria, Baco and Naujan towns went underwater. Classes at all levels of public and private schools were canceled. Later, the town of Naujan was declared as a state of calamity on 23 January 2023. At least 5,945 households were affected while agriculture and infrastructure were damaged.

**Source:** Inquirer. (2023, Jan 18). *3 towns in Oriental Mindoro hit by flood triggered by non-stop rains*; Inquirer. (2023, Jan 23). *Flood-hit Oriental Mindoro town under state of calamity*.

## **Republic of Korea**

**Nearly 500 flights in South Korea were canceled due to harsh winter.** On 24 January 2023, strong winds and heavy snow on Jeju Island forced 466 domestic flights and 10 international flights to be canceled, and caused more than 40,000 people to strand at the airport. Ferries across the country were also suspended. It was considered as the coldest day of season with the morning temperature dropping to minus 16.4 degree Celsius in Seoul and to minus 25.5 degree Celsius in Cheorwon County, Gangwon. A cold wave alert was previously issued for most of South Korea after the temperature dropped sharply and major damage was expected. The Ministry of the Interior and Safety warned people to take extra care during cold weather.

**Source:** Yonhap. (2023, Jan 24). *(2nd LD) Coldest day of season grips S. Korea on last day of Lunar New Year holiday*; Korea JoongAng Daily. (2023, Jan 24). *Thousands stranded on Jeju as cold grounds hundreds of flights*.

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