



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE FOOD SECURITY RELATED INFORMATION

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Indonesia

Disaster events hit several parts of Indonesia. On 9 February 2023, an earthquake of magnitude 5.2 struck Papua province. The earthquake killed four people and injured three while houses, a hospital, and many buildings were destroyed. Following the earthquake, the Karangetang volcano on Siau Island off the coast of North Sulawesi province erupted on the same day. The volcano split out the lava flowing into six rivers of the island. The Volcanology and Geological Hazard Mitigation Center (PVMBG) later raised the volcano's risk classification from the second from the third. Additionally, two villages in the areas of Mount Ijen in East Java province were inundated by flash flooding due to heavy rains on 12 February 2023. There were 92 families in the villages affected and forced to evacuate to safer area.

Sources: The Star. (2023, Feb 10). *Indonesia: Four killed, buildings damaged after quake in Papua; Karangetang volcano erupts, lava cascading down six rivers*; Tempo. (2023, Feb 14). *Flash Floods Hit Mount Ijen Areas, Inundating 2 Bondowoso Villages*.

The Philippines

Floods displaced hundred families in South Cotabato province. The potential risks of a low-pressure area (LPA) brought continuous heavy rainfall to flood many villages in the Philippines' South Cotabato province of Mindanao Island on 13 February 2023. Around 100 families were affected while some of them had to leave their houses. Floodwaters also damaged houses, agricultural fields, and a fishpond; and triggered a landslide. The hardest hit areas were the villages of El Nonok, Rang-ay, Yangco, and Poblacion with waist-high level of the floodwater. According to the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical, and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA), apart from Mindanao Island, the extension of the LPA also affected Visayan and Palawan Islands. The public was advised to be aware of severe weather.

Sources: Rappler. (2023, Feb 14). *Heavy rain displaces 100 families, triggers landslide in South Cotabato*.

Japan

Japan faced a volcano eruption in Kagoshima; heavy snow covered around the country. The eruption at the Showa crater of Sakurajima volcano in Kagoshima Prefecture on the Kyushu Island was reported on 8 February 2023. The active volcano spewed dark column of ash up to 1,000 metres high prompting the authority to warn against the threat of lava flows and falling rocks within a two-kilometer radius of the crater. However, there were no reports of injuries or casualties. Besides, heavy snow on 10 February 2023 blanketed most parts of the country causing a transportation system disruption. A total of 100 flights were

cancelled. While dozens of roads were blocked, the train service on several routes were suspended.

Sources: The Japan Times. (2023, Feb 8). *Sakurajima volcano erupts in southwestern Japan*; Reuters. (2023, Feb 10). *Heavy snow in Japan disrupts flights and trains, closes roads*.

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