



WEEKLY UPDATE ON NATURAL DISASTERS IN ASEAN PLUS THREE

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Indonesia

Flooding devastated many parts of Indonesia. Flooding triggered by heavy rains affected several villages of South Tapanuli regency in North Sumatra province, Indonesia on 18 December 2024. About 495 families were affected, of which 10 people were injured. Meanwhile, around 250 families were forced to evacuate. Some areas faced mud depths of up to 50 centimetres. Cleanup operations were ongoing while power outages were reported in the affected areas. Additionally, at least 12,000 people living nearby the northern coastline of Jakarta, and at least 5,400 families in Karawang regency in West Java province were affected by tidal flooding on 20 December 2024. Schools, mosques and around 1,000 hectares of coastal fishponds were affected. The coastal flooding was caused by multiple factors, including extreme weather, rising sea levels amplified by the new moon phase, and land subsidence.

Sources: The Jakarta Post. (2024, Dec 19). *South Tapanuli hit by flash flood, 10 injured*; ANN. (2024, Dec 23). *Floods, landslides hit various regions of Indonesia ahead of year-end holidays*.

Philippines

Kanlaon Volcano in central Philippines remained restive. A dark plume about 1,200 metres high, along with a low-frequency volcanic earthquake was observed again in Kanlaon Volcano in Negros Island of central Philippines on 23 December 2024. The local government units relocated displaced people who stayed in evacuation centres along lahar paths. Over 4,400 families or 14,200 people were sheltering in evacuation centres in Western Visayas and Central Visayas regions while other 32 evacuation centres were being monitored. All schools within the permanent danger zone were closed. Food packs and non-food items were provided to those displaced. Kanlaon Volcano has been under Alert Level 3 since 9 December 2024.

Sources: Philippine News Agency. (2024, Dec 23). *Increased ash emission observed in Kanlaon Volcano*; Philippine News Agency. (2024, Dec 24). *Relocate Kanlaon evacuees along lahar paths, LGUs told*.

Viet Nam

A landslide caused damages in Viet Nam. On 18 December 2024, a landslide was observed on the bank of Co Chien river in Long Ho district, Viet Nam's Vinh Long province. It affected 50 households, and 55 hectares of fruit gardens, according to the Steering Committee for Disaster Prevention and Control of Vinh Long province. The local authorities conducted a survey in the area to come up with a solution.

Sources: ADINet. (2024, Dec 18). *Viet Nam, Landslide in Vinh Long*.

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