**Philippines**

- The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS) reported a magnitude 6.5 earthquake, with a 63-kilometre deep epicentre, at 12:37h (Jakarta time) about 9-km away from San Julian town in Eastern Samar province (~160-km driving distance from the regional capital - Tacloban City in Leyte province), Philippines. Initial reports show as high as Intensity VI impact is felt in San Julian town, and Intensity V in the dense cities of Tacloban and Catbalogan.

- The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC), the Philippines’ National Disaster Management Organisation, already circulated an advisory to it’s concerned sub-national counterpart. Damage assessment is currently being conducted.

- Initial analysis by the United States Geological Survey (USGS) indicate as high as ~20% chance of liquefaction in several areas around the epicentre. In addition, AHA Centre’s Disaster Monitoring and Response System (DMRS), powered by the Pacific Disaster Center (PDC), estimates a total of 1.57 million people were exposed to the earthquake.

- AHA Centre is continuously monitoring the event for significant developments.