**FLASH UPDATE #1**

**M 6.6 EARTHQUAKE IN COTABATO, PHILIPPINES**

**Urgent Red Alert**

The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS) reported a strong M 6.6 earthquake with 7-km depth struck North Cotabato Province, Mindanao Island in the Philippines on Tuesday, 29 October 2019, at 08:04 (UTC+7). The earthquake is of tectonic in origin and was located 6.92°N, 125.05°E (26 km East of Tulunan, Cotabato).

About half an hour later, the earthquake has been followed by M 6.1 aftershock with 9-km depth, at 09:42 (UTC+7) and was located on 6.84°N, 125.04°E (23 km East of Tulunan, Cotabato).

PHIVOLCS advised the public to be cautious and prepare as possible damages and succeeding aftershocks are expected.

The Philippine’s National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) immediately released an advisory on the earthquake information to several regions through facsimile, SMS, and website for further dissemination to their respective local DMO from the provincial down to the municipal levels.

There were no immediate reports of casualties or damage yet, the local DMO and the local government of North Cotabato province are conducting initial assessments and gathering information from the ground due to the expecting damages from the shallow quake.

According to the preliminary assessment by Pacific Disaster Center (PDC), the total population exposed from this event is estimated to reach up to 2.69 million people in 100-km radius with more than 60% adults are dominating the areas.

AHA Centre is continuously monitoring and will issue update should there be any significant development of the situation.

**DATA SOURCES**

- AHA Centre Disaster Monitoring & Response System (DMRS);
- ASEAN Disaster Information Network;
- Pacific Disaster Center (PDC Global);
- PHIVOLCS; National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC);
- Various news sources.

**DISCLAIMER**

The AHA Centre was established in November 2011 by the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and ASEAN member states to facilitate cooperation and coordination among the Parties, relevant agencies of the United Nations and international organizations in disaster management and humanitarian assistance.

The use of boundaries, geographic names, related information and potential considerations for response are for reference, not warranted to be error free or implying official endorsement from ASEAN Member States.

© 2019 AHA Centre. All rights reserved. You are receiving this email because you are registered in our distribution list.

Our mailing address is: AHA Centre, GRAHA BNPB 13th Floor, Jl. Parya Pancing Kav. 38, Jakarta 13120 Indonesia.

**REPORTED INTENSITIES:**

- **Intensity VII** Tulunan Tahunan & Makilala, Cotabato; Kidapawan City; Malungon, Sarangani.
- **Intensity VI** Davao City; Koronalad City; Cagayan de Oro City.
- **Intensity V** Tampakan, Surallah and Tupi, South Cotabato; Alabel, Sarangani.
- **Intensity IV** General Santos City; Kailiangan, Bukidnon.
- **Intensity III** Sergio Osmeña Sr., Zamboanga del Norte, Zamboanga City, Dipolog City, Molave, Zamboanga del Norte and Talakag, Bukidnon.