M 6.9 EARTHQUAKE IN DAVAO DEL SUR, PHILIPPINES
FLASH UPDATE #1
SUNDAY
15 DEC 2019
1800 HRS UTC +7

DATA SOURCES
AHA Centre Disaster Monitoring & Response System (DMRS);
ASEAN Disaster Information Network;
Pacific Disaster Center (PDC Global);
Philippines: National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC);
Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS);
Various news sources

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The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS) reported that a tectonic earthquake of 6.9 magnitude with 3 km depth, struck Davao del Sur, Mindanao island, the Philippines on Sunday, 15 December 2019 at 13:11 (UTC+7). The earthquake was located on 6.80°N, 125.20°E, 9 km Northwest of Matanao Municipality.

According to PHIVOLCS, the municipalities of Matanao & Magsaysay, Davao del Sur recorded Intensity VII or destructive shaking while Intensity VI or strong shaking were felt in Kidapawan City; General Santos City; Bansalan, Davao del Sur; Alabel & Malapatan, Sarangani; Koronadal City, and several other areas experienced weak to moderate shaking as reported below:
- Intensity V - Tulunan & Matalam, Cotabato; Cotabato City; Davao City; Glan, Sarangani
- Intensity IV - Kalilangan, Talakag & Dangcagan, Bukidnon
- Intensity III - Impasugong, Bukidnon; Cagayan de Oro City; Dipolog City
- Intensity I - Zamboanga del Sur.

The Philippine’s National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) has released an advisory on the earthquake information to several regions through facsimile, SMS, and website for further dissemination to their respective local Disaster Management Offices from the provincial down to the municipal levels. PHIVOLCS advised the public to be cautious and prepare as damages and aftershocks are expected. Two hours after the main-shock, more than twenty (20) aftershocks were already recorded.

According to the Pacific Disaster Center (PDC), the total population exposed from this event is estimated up to 4.4 million people (over 830,000 households) in which more than 30% of the population categorised as children.

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