M 6.9 EARTHQUAKE IN DAVAO DEL SUR, PHILIPPINES
FLASH UPDATE # 2

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1230 HRS UTC +7

Philippines

• 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 province, 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, there were a total of 457 aftershocks recorded as of 16 December 2019, 0400 UTC+7, of which, 130 were plotted and 41 were felt.

• After the earthquake event, the Philippine’s National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) prepared the Early Alert Warning Message (EAWM) for dissemination of Telecommunication Companies to the affected areas in provinces of Davao del Sur, Sarangani, Bukidnon, North and South Cotabato, Zamboanga del Sur and del Norte, and Misamis Oriental.

• The NDRRMC reported that twelve (12) municipalities/cities in Regions XI and XII had power outages during the onset of the earthquake, which were already restored immediately. Nine (9) municipalities/cities in these regions declared suspension of classes today. At present, ground assessment is still ongoing.

• Region XI (Davao Region) is currently on RED alert status and closely monitoring damages and other after effects of the incident. The regional office of the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) thereby activated the DILG Operations Center for the regional disaster monitoring and reporting system.

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