

Situation Report #1

Magnitude 7.4 Earthquake in Manay, Davao Oriental



Rescue operations are underway at a collapsed building in Mati City, Davao Oriental, following the powerful 7.4-magnitude earthquake that struck the town on Friday morning, October 10, 2025. **(Photo courtesy of NBC News via online)**

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1. SITUATION OVERVIEW

On October 10, 2025, at approximately 9:44 a.m. (Philippine time), A **powerful magnitude 7.4 earthquake** struck offshore near Manay, Davao Oriental Province, in Mindanao, southern Philippines (AP News; Reuters). A 5.3-magnitude aftershock was subsequently recorded, and according to PHIVOLCS, more aftershocks are expected in the coming days. Later that evening, at around 7:12 p.m., another **separate 6.8 magnitude earthquake** was felt in the same area, further heightening fear and anxiety among residents. The situation was worsened by widespread power outages, which disrupted communication and limited access to information in several affected communities.

The earthquake's depth was estimated at around 10 kilometers, indicating a shallow-focus quake, although some sources reported depths of up to 20 kilometers (*AP News; Reuters*).

The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS) promptly issued a tsunami warning, urging coastal communities across several provinces to evacuate to higher ground (*AP News; Reuters*).

Similarly, the U.S. Pacific Tsunami Warning Center (PTWC) cautioned that hazardous tsunami waves—potentially reaching up to 3 meters above the normal tide level—could impact coastal areas within approximately 300 kilometers of the epicenter (*Reuters*).

Given the earthquake's magnitude and proximity to land, strong ground shaking, structural damage, power outages, and possible population displacement were reported in coastal and nearby inland communities. (*AP News*)

As of this report, no confirmed fatalities have been officially validated from public sources (*Reuters*).

Reports indicate that dozens of students from a high school in Davao Oriental panicked and experienced dizziness during the quake and were immediately brought to a nearby hospital for medical attention. All classes at all levels, including private and government offices, have been canceled (*AP News*).

Additional reports note structural cracks and damage in several areas, although no large-scale building collapses have been confirmed (*Reuters*). Some structures, including schools and public buildings, reportedly sustained visible cracks (*AP News*).

Evacuations have been ordered in selected coastal towns across several provinces as a precautionary measure due to the tsunami warning (*AP News*). The number of displaced or evacuated individuals remains unverified as of this writing.

Power outages and service interruptions were reported across affected zones (*AP News*). Visible structural damages, particularly in schools and public infrastructure, have been observed (*AP News*). Assessments of roads, bridges, and connectivity are still ongoing.

Coastal infrastructure, including ports and docks, may have been affected by the tsunami warnings, although no confirmed damage has yet been reported.

A forced evacuation was implemented to ensure the safety of residents living in coastal areas across the provinces of Eastern Samar, Southern Leyte, Leyte, Dinagat Islands, Surigao del Norte, Surigao del Sur, and Davao Oriental. All concerned authorities, particularly the local government of Davao Oriental, have been mobilized to support rescue and evacuation operations.

On the other hand, no affected populations have been reported in areas where Educo Philippines operates. Educo Philippines is currently conducting further assessments to determine whether any ChildFund Alliance member areas have been impacted by the earthquake.

Furthermore, all Educo staff have been confirmed safe and accounted for.

2. AFFECTED POPULATION

	CHILDREN 0-18		ADULTS +18		Total	Source of information
	M	F	M	F		
Total Number of Affected People	0	0	0	0	Approximately 576,343 total Affected population	
Total Number of injured	0	0	0	0	Casualties have been reported; however, validation is still underway, and assessments are ongoing.	
Total Number of dead	0	0	0	0		

Average number of people per household	4
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3. THE SITUATION IN AREAS WHERE EDUCO/CHILDFUND WORKS

At present, one of the areas covered by the ChildFund Japan Philippines Branch (CFJPB) has been affected. All staff members have been reported safe and accounted for. CFJPB is currently conducting assessments and awaiting updates from its local partner organization operating in San Isidro, Davao del Norte.

4. PARTNERS AND COORDINATION

The ChildFund Alliance Philippines continues to work closely with its members to ensure timely monitoring and coordination in areas affected by the earthquake in Davao Oriental. ChildFund Philippines is actively coordinating with the Mindanao Humanitarian Team (MHT) in Cotabato City to gather updates and assess the evolving situation.

Meanwhile, ChildFund Japan – Philippine Branch is maintaining close coordination with its staff in Davao and its local partner organization to monitor the condition and whereabouts of sponsored children in San Isidro, Davao del Norte.

Furthermore, Educo Philippines remains in close collaboration with Alliance members and other partner networks to explore possible areas of collaboration that Educo can extend in response to this emergency.

5. NEXT STEPS/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS

The ChildFund Alliance Philippines will continue to closely monitor the situation and coordinate with its member organizations and partner networks operating in the Davao Region, particularly in Manay, Davao Oriental, the epicenter of the earthquake.

Photos:

Houses were damaged by the powerful 7.6-magnitude earthquake that struck Manay, Davao Oriental. *(Photo courtesy of Explore With Us via Facebook)*





Patients and medical staff of the Southern Philippines Medical Center in Davao City evacuated the hospital premises to ensure their safety. *(Photo courtesy of Davao*