

Alert note**Magnitude 7.8 Earthquake in Mindanao. Southern Philippines, June 8, 2026.****Completed by:** National Council of Churches in the Philippines**Date completed:****Forum:** Philippines Forum**Type of emergency:** Earthquake**Date of emergency (if rapid onset):** 08/06/2026**1. The nature of the emergency**

On June 8, 2026, at around 7:00 AM, a magnitude 7.8 tectonic earthquake struck Sarangani Province in the SOCCSKSARGEN Region (XII) in Mindanao. The quake hit at 07:37 local time on Monday, triggering tsunami alerts in the Philippines, Indonesia, Japan and Australia. The warnings were cancelled or downgraded hours later by the relevant authorities

Source:

National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC)

[SitRep_No_1_for_the_Effects_of_Magnitude_7_8_Earthquake_in_Maasim_Sarangani_2026.pdf](#)

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[Magnitude 7.8 earthquake leaves 32 dead, 12 missing in Mindanao](#)**2. The impact and scale of the emergency**

According to the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) reports, at least 32 people have died, while 12 remain missing and more than 200 others have been injured.

The most affected regions are SOCCSKSARGEN (Region XII), where the local government of General Santos City has declared a state of calamity, as well as the Zamboanga Peninsula (Region IX) and Davao Region (Region XI).

A total of 32,926 families, or 145,693 persons, have been affected across 163 barangays in Regions IX, XI, and XII.

The displaced population totals 10,529 families, or 40,674 persons. Of these, 8,725 families (31,701 persons) are staying in evacuation centers, while 1,804 families (8,973 persons) are temporarily sheltered with relatives or friends.

A total of 2,505 houses were damaged, of which 460 were totally destroyed and 2,045 were partially damaged in Regions XI and XII.

Livelihoods dependent on fishing have been significantly disrupted in the affected regions. Many fisherfolk remain reluctant to resume fishing activities due to lingering tsunami warnings and the psychological impact of the disaster. Maritime transportation has likewise been affected, with docking facilities and port infrastructure sustaining structural damage.

Source:[DSWD DROMIC Report #2 on the Mw 7.8 Earthquake Incident in Maasim, Sarangani as of 09 June 2026, 6AM - Philippines | ReliefWeb](#)[General Santos City declares state of calamity after deadly quake](#)[LOOK: PIER ON BALUT ISLAND DAMAGED BY... - Premier News Ventures | Facebook](#)

3. Local and national capacity

The national government has assured the public that sufficient funds will be made available to support families affected by the earthquake. The local government of General Santos City has declared a state of calamity in response to the disaster.

Meanwhile, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) reported that a total of ₱4,253,435.80 worth of assistance has been provided to affected families, of which ₱4,233,435.80 came from the DSWD and ₱20,000.00 from the local government unit (LGU).

The DSWD has distributed family food packs, ready-to-eat meals, and shelter tents to affected families.

The earthquake also disrupted the opening of classes, prompting President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. to immediately suspend classes in the affected areas. According to the Department of Education (DepEd), the earthquake affected 3,239,964 students, 128,861 teaching and non-teaching personnel, and 6,224 public schools across 33 school divisions in five regions of Mindanao.

The National Council of Churches in the Philippines (NCCP), the largest ecumenical fellowship of 10 mainline Protestant and non-Roman Catholic churches in the country. NCCP is the only ACT Alliance member in the country. It has member churches present in the affected regions and provinces. These churches are organized into local ecumenical councils and formations, including the South Cotabato, Sultan Kudarat, Sarangani, and General Santos Ecumenical Council (SOCKSARGENEC), the Southeastern Mindanao Regional Ecumenical Council (SEMREC), the Cotabato Regional Ecumenical Council (COREC), and the Zamboanga Regional Ecumenical Council.

These ecumenical formations have developed disaster risk reduction and management (DRRM) capacities through various capability-building initiatives and hands-on experience gained from responding to recent emergencies. As of this writing, the NCCP Secretariat is conducting a rapid needs assessment in coordination with local ecumenical formations in the affected regions.

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[DepEd: Magnitude 7.8 quake affects over 3.2 million students](#)

4. Key needs and gaps

An initial assessment conducted by local ecumenical formations identified the following priority needs:

- a) Food assistance and access to safe drinking water;
- b) Essential non-food items, including hygiene kits and sleeping materials;
- c) Temporary shelter for displaced families; and
- d) Psychosocial support and protection services, particularly for women and children.

Humanitarian Gaps and Challenges

- a) Limited capacity of local government units to respond to immediate emergency needs;
- b) Logistical challenges in reaching geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas due to damaged roads and landslides;
- c) Delays in the transmission of real-time information and government assessment results;

- d) Limited power supply and disrupted communication lines; and
- e) Anticipated aftershocks that may further strain local capacities and resources and aggravate the situation of affected communities.

These humanitarian needs, together with the gaps and challenges faced by local government units, responders, and affected communities, are compounded by existing vulnerabilities in the affected areas. Collectively, these factors pose significant risks to the lives, safety, and overall well-being of affected populations. Hence, there is an urgent need for timely, quality, accountable, and coordinated humanitarian assistance and cooperation.

Please indicate whether you are considering:

	Indicate your intention with an X below
Rapid Response Fund (<i>intended for small and medium scale emergencies</i>)	X
Appeal (<i>intended for large scale emergencies</i>)	

If you indicate an intention to launch an appeal, the secretariat will activate an Emergency Steering Committee meeting within two working days on receipt of this alert.

5. Forum Capacity and members intention to respond

ACT Member	Geographical focus	Sectors of expertise and experience
National Council of Churches in the Philippines	South Cotabato, Sultan Kudarat, Sarangani, and General Santos Ecumenical Council (SOCSKSARGENEC) – Region XII and Southeastern Mindanao Regional Ecumenical Council (SEMREC) – Region XI	Multipurpose Cash Assistance, Food Assistance, Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) kits and Mental Health Psychosocial Support

6. Potential responses

Given the gaps identified in the ongoing response efforts, the National Council of Churches in the Philippines (NCCP) is committed to addressing the emergency and early recovery needs of communities affected by the recent 7.8 magnitude earthquake in Mindanao.

With the support of local partners and members of the ACT Alliance, NCCP is preparing to launch an appropriate humanitarian response for a Rapid Response Fund. In collaboration with the Regional Ecumenical Councils (RECs) and other ecumenical partners, NCCP plans to apply for the Rapid Response Fund (RRF) that will prioritize food assistance, multi-purpose cash assistance and psychosocial support interventions for affected communities.

A comprehensive needs and gap analysis will guide the prioritization and implementation of response activities. Local partners and volunteers, who possess a strong understanding of the community context, are currently conducting assessments to determine the extent of damages, identify priority needs, and map existing capacities in the affected areas.