

Leyte Earthquake 2017

Situation Report # 2

11 July 2017



Displaced families in Brgy. Milagro, Ormoc City, Leyte. (photo credit: LCDE)

CHRONOLOGICAL SUMMARY

- On 4:03 PM, Philippine time, a 6.5 magnitude earthquake struck the island of Leyte with its epicenter between the boundaries of the town of Jaro and the city of Ormoc.
- Although the town of Jaro was closer to the epicenter, it suffered minimal damage and casualties. There were several landslides reported in upland barangays but most of these occurred in uninhabited areas.
- The adjacent towns of Kananga, Carigara and the city of Ormoc suffered more damage.
- The earthquake occurred at the closing of a regular schoolday. There are reports of widespread panic among schoolchildren in Ormoc, Kananga and Jaro, with minor injuries due to the scuffling and stampede out of the school campuses.
- Several strong aftershocks measuring over magnitude 4 have further shaken the region.

- On 10 July, approximately 9 AM, an aftershock measuring at magnitude 5.8 again rattled Leyte. It was felt as far as central Cebu.
- As of this writing, six fatalities have been confirmed. A 42-year-old man died when a pension house (inn) collapsed in Kananga while an 18-year-old mother was killed in Ormoc City. 4 others were reported in Ormoc upland barangays Milagro and Cabaun-an. Meanwhile, a total of 349 have been injured by the quake.



Photo 1. Epicenter of the quake between Jaro and Ormoc, very near Lake Danao and the Amandewin mountain range.

CURRENT SITUATION

The latest figures released by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) show two deaths and 41 injuries (including an amputation). Additionally, hundreds of schoolchildren have suffered from psychological trauma and require debriefing as soon as possible.

Initial reports from LCDE say that a four-year-old child was one of those trapped when the Newtown Grocery & Pensione House collapsed in Kananga. Most of them have been pulled out from the rubble and sent to hospitals for treatment. Search and rescue operations are ongoing.

In Barangay Milagro, Ormoc City, the staff noted that **90%** of the houses have collapsed or are not fit for residential use anymore. With aftershocks still occurring, many residents have built makeshift tents on open spaces near their ruined houses. According to the barangay LGU, 673 families have lost their homes. Upon interviewing the displaced families, many told LCDE staff that

adjacent barangays have also suffered major damage, which includes Barangays Gaas, Dolores, Tongonan, Cabintan, and Mahayag. In Barangay Danao, where upland Lake Danao sits, the barangay road has been noted to have split up.



Photo 2. The 3-storey pension house that collapsed in the town of Kananga. (Photo by Margarito Costelo)



Photo 3. Big cracks are seen on a barangay road in Danao, Ormoc City (Photo by Reniel Lero)



Photo 4. Damaged house in Brgy. Danao, Ormoc City. (Photo by: LCDE)

Table 1. Consolidated DNCA Report by LCDe

Location	Brgy	#Population	#Families	#Injuries	#Deaths	T-damaged hh	P-damaged hh	Remarks
Ormoc								
	Lake Danao	3,000	550	4				All hh are not safe to stay. There is big cracked outside the barangay which made the people scared to stay inside the community.
	Cabauan	446	100	11	2	50	18	
	Milagro	2,474	672		2	350		Unofficial
	Cabintan	2,199	450	3		6	135	
	Ga-as	700	182	2		46		Landslide occurred on their farm
	Liberty	822	170					Landslide occurred on their farm. No damaged houses.

Ka-nanga								
	Lim-ao	3,000	680					Partially & totally damaged houses still unrecorded by the brgy. council
	San Ignacio	1,000	263					Partially & totally damaged houses still unrecorded by the brgy. council
	Rizal	4,882	1,100					3 sitios. Partially & totally damaged houses still unrecorded by the brgy. council
Total		18,523	4,162					



Photo 5. A family camps out on the open space near their collapsed house in Ormoc City. (Photo by LCDE)

Widespread power outage is being experienced by the island because the main source of power, the Tongonan Geothermal Power Plant suffered extensive damage. The provinces of Samar, Cebu and Bohol are also suffering blackouts because they also sourced their power from

Leyte. The Tagbilaran City DRRMO is conducting water rationing as their water districts have also lost power.

Apart from cracked concrete roads in the affected upland barangays, the transport system in Northern Leyte is fully functional, including the Tacloban domestic airport. While there are no reports of severely-damaged school buildings, local officials have declared suspension of classes.

HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) along with the Office of Civil Defense has responded along with the LGUs and MDRRMOs of the affected municipalities. Ormoc City Mayor Richard Gomez was quoted in an interview with CNN Philippines that the LGU has already responded with shelter kits and food relief packs.

APAD-Philippines, with Citizens Disaster Response Center and Philippine Disaster Resilience Foundation, provided non-food relief items to 495 families in Ormoc City. This relief delivery was undertaken by LCDe.

RELIEF REQUESTED

According to the DNCA by the LCDE teams and other local NGOs, the most needed by the affected communities are food and shelter repair. Table 3 lists the relief items.

Table 3. Requested Relief for 4,162 families

Relief Type	Contents
Food packs	25 kg of rice, 1 kg dried fish, 1 kg salt, 1 kg sugar, 1 kg mung beans, 2 liters cooking oil, 6 cans of sardines, 6 cans of corned beef
Hygiene kits	1 pc bath soap, 1 pc laundry soap, 1 pack sanitary napkins, 250 ml toothpaste, 3 pcs toothbrush
Sleeping kits	1 pc sleeping mat, 1 pc blanket
Shelter kits	1 pc 5x10 plastic sheet, 10 meters rope
Water	5-gallon water container
Others	1 flashlight with batteries Psychosocial debriefing

More information is being gathered from the field. This report will be updated as soon as new data is collected and collated.

Data Sources:

1. *DNCA by LCDE*
2. *Rural Development Initiatives of Leyte (RDIL)*
3. *DSWD DREAMB*
4. *LGU DRRMOs*