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Subject UNOCHA Update No. 3 on Solomon Islands January 2010
Earthquake

Dear Humanitarian Partners,

Here is update on the current situation. Please find attached NDC sit rep 3 as well.

- Forward command base has been now moved from Noro to Munda
- NDC sit rep 3 says "Earlier reports that Marovo lagoon lost 500 houses were not correct", therefore now the response operation will mainly focus on Rendova island (Between Lokuru, Baniata, Rano and Retavo)
- Total Rendova island population is estimated to be 3,707, and the government estimates the affected population is around 1,452 (around 200 households in 15 villages).
- Retavo village on Rendova island is reportedly washed away according to NDC sit rep 3. 1999 population census shows that this village has 15 habitants of 3 households.
- 4 bungalows are damaged on Tetepare island and 10 foreigners were evacuated to Munda, including a few injured.
- A joint assessment team, which includes 14 members from NDMO, Provincial Disaster Committee, Police, Education, Health, Red Cross, UNICEF, UNDP, Save the Children, Oxfam and World Vision has started the field assessment today on Rendova island, but no feedback from the team received yet. Preliminary assessment information will be available for Update No.4 tomorrow.
- 200 bags of rice and 100 cartons of water were also delivered with the assessment team in addition to other relief items such as water containers, tarpaulins and family kits.

Best regards,

Minako Kakuma

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