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Subject UNOCHA Update No.5 on Solomon Islands January 2010
Earthquake

Here is the brief update on the situation of Solomon Islands January 2010 Earthquakes.

- The preliminary assessment results was compiled and presented at the stakeholder meeting held by NDMO today (8 January) in Honiara.
- At this moment, it is estimated that 144 households have been affected on Rendova island. The number of displaced population is not confirmed. However, it is reported that the number of destroyed houses is 44, and at least the residents of these houses are considered to be displaced.
- No request for international assistance is made nor has a national disaster been officially declared. Only some targeted assistance such as the provision of non-food items (NFIs), water, sanitation & hygiene (WASH) items and assessment support was provided by non-government actors including NGOs and UN agencies.
- The assessment indicates food, tarpaulins for shelter, access to clean water, hazard analysis (from landslides, landslide lakes, etc) are the urgent needs of affected populations while health issues especially related to a lack of access to clean water and the provision of adequate health services need to be addressed. Rehabilitation of a school in Baniata is also required.
- Most food gardens are intact, however access is a problem due to the risk of landslides and continuing tremors.
- Continuing earthquakes causes fear in people, hindering a return to homes and gardens.
- The immediate needs of the affected population are met by the in-country capacity and resources of both government and non-government agencies.
- The government is preparing a recovery action plan which will be ready by Tuesday, 12 January.

Non government response:

- In order to support the Solomon Islands Red Cross, the New Zealand Red Cross and the Australian Red Cross are providing material support in addition to telecommunication support. The Australian Red Cross is also considering mobilizing a mobile water purification unit.
- SOPAC is ready to undertake hazard assessment on landslide threats and identification of high risk areas if requested.
- UNDP is ready providing early recovery support if requested.

Best regards,
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