Spot report: 11 dead by earthquake hits Luzon, Philippines

Background

On Monday, 17:11 local time, the magnitude 6.1 tremor hit the Philippines. A powerful earthquake has struck the main Philippines island of Luzon, killing at least 11 people and 30 still feared trapped in the rubble. An airport was seriously damaged and at least two buildings were destroyed. Less than 24 hours later, a second powerful earthquake measuring 6.4 struck further south, in the central Visayas region. The worst hit areas include Tacloban City, Leyte, and Catbalogan City in Samar. After earthquake, the buildings swayed and the large cracked forming in roads. Following the first earthquake, dozens of people could still be trapped underneath a collapsed building in Porac township, the province of Pampanga, north-west of the Manila. The province is believed to be the worst-hit area. About 20 people had been injured there.

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**Actions Taken**

Scores of rescuers in the town of Porac were using cranes and jackhammers to peel back the pancaked concrete structure of a four-storey market building. The rescuers could still hear at least one person trapped beneath the rubble, but the digging was proceeding delicately to avoid accidentally crushing the survivor.

**ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS –**

**Severity ranking of the concerns effect in the ASEAN region.**

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<td>The national assistances have reached the affected area.</td>
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**Remarks:**
R: Severe Situation: Urgent intervention required.
Y: Situation of concern: Surveillance or assistance may or may not require, intensive monitoring
G: Relative normal situation or local Government can cope with the crisis, monitoring and no action required.
N/A: Lack of/unreliable data: Further assessment required.

**ACMM Recommendations,**

According to the disaster of the earthquake hits Luzon in Philippines, the ACMM is monitoring the situation and action taken for providing situation update to member countries.

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