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## Situation Report No. 7, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2010

### 1. Situation

Two earthquakes (6.5 and 7.2) struck near Rendova and Tetepare Islands, some 88km SSE of Gizo, in Western Province on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2010. The 7.2 one generated a tsunami to hit the southern and northern coast of the island and nearby Tetepare. The area of interest is between Hopongo, Mbaniata and Retavo in the south and Rano in the north. An aftershock of 6.9 on Tuesday night, 5<sup>th</sup> January, affected Marovo lagoon.

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### 2. Scope and scale

Population affected: **4995**; total households, 627; 267 house-holds affected vis 242 families.

### 3. Response by different partners:

#### a. Government :

#### b. Police:

#### c. NDOC:

- George Baragamu and Silas Arukwai, the designated Western Provincial Disaster Officer, are still manning the PEOC in Munda. Communication facilities have now been installed: telephone 62306, Fax: 62307.

#### d. Health:

- Medical and Rural Water Supply and Sanitation (RWSS) are addressing WASH and WATSAN.

#### e. SIRC:

- Supporting with shelter, health, education and trauma counseling.

#### f. NGOs:

- Save the Children is waiting to act on the recovery/shelter plans.
- World Vision has supported with further shelter and other NFIs.

- Oxfam has supported further with shelter and other NFIs.
- UNICEF has also done this.
- ADRA has deployed a team to help with WATSAN and erecting water tanks shipped on the PPF barge due in Munda 5pm today.

g. **International Assistance:**

- Donations from the Australian and US Governments have been reported in the media and NDMO will acknowledge the amounts once the information is received for reporting/recording purposes.
- SOPAC will send its geologist to go to Rendova to assess the landslides and the effects of the tsunami this week.

h. **Assets deployed:**

**Police/RAMSI:**

- PPF barge left Honiara with further relief by donations by NDMO, SIRC and NGOs. ETA Munda 5pm today.

i. **Proposed Plans:**

- Recovery and shelter recovery plans expected to be ready very soon.

j. **Deployed teams:**

- None reported/recorded.

k. **Update:**

The multi-sectoral team that visited Vangunu and Nggatokae Islands in the Marovo Lagoon on Monday and Tuesday this week found only **three** houses collapsed in Pejuku and Maenia villages.

Tiqe and Ninive on Vangunu and Kavolavata, Sobiro and Tengomo on Nggatokae reported none or minimal damages.

Agriculture reported gardens were not affected but Sobiro's water source had been damaged by the 6.9 aftershock on Tuesday night 5th January.

As such, the team said, the source's flow is slow.

The health team said there were no serious cases except a few red-eye and coughing cases in one or two villages.

The health sector rep in the assessment team has recommended early interventions to prevent further cases is a priority.

Next sitrep will be issued Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January.