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## Situation Report No. 9, Tuesday 19<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: **8067**; total households, 958; 313 house-holds affected vis 304 families, dwelling houses damaged: 135.

### 3. Response by different partners:

#### a. Government :

NDC met today to deliberate on recovery plan.

Two NDMO officers still manning the Munda PEOC. Health authorities in Western Province working with SIRC and ADRA officers to address health issues in affected communities.

#### b. Police:

#### c. NDOC:

- Silas Arukwai, Western Provincial Disaster Officer, and George Baragamu of NDMO are still manning the PEOC in Mund: telephone 62306, Fax: 62307.

#### d. Health:

- WHO is assisting the Ministry of Health with the launch of a surveillance system to monitor the health conditions of affected population. WHO and MOH are preparing for a campaign to respond and prevent health problems in the affected areas.

- ORS to Ministry of Health (MOH). Distribution of these items will be managed by Helena Goldie Hospital.
- WASH: Provision of 9,000 water purification tablets with flyers and 1,000 “hands” flyers. Distribution will be managed by ADRA and MOH.

e. **SIRC:**

- Already installed its water purification system at Mbaniata
- 1 canoe and outboard motor
- Supporting relief distribution through personnel.

f. **NGOs:**

- Save the Children is waiting to act on the recovery/shelter plans.
- World Vision supporting with 1 boat and 40HP OBM, personnel to distribute relief.
- Oxfam supporting with 1 OBM, canoe and personnel to distribute relief.
- UNICEF erected three tents at Mbaniata to support medical issues and also a classroom.
- ADRA deployed personnel to address water issues; hired two boats: a barge and a boat to support distributions.

g. **Private Business:**

Kenny Wong donated \$200.00

h. **International Assistance:**

- The US Government has donated US\$75,000 to support SIRC in its relief and other support
- The New Zealand government has donated NZ\$50,000 or SBD250,000 to support the SIRC and NDMO.
- The Republic of China on Taiwan has donated \$300,000 to Prime Minister Dr Derek Sikua yesterday, (Mon 18/01).
- A SOPAC geologist arrived today and will travel to Munda then on to Rendova tomorrow (20/1).
- Georgia Institute of Technology – USA: Technical assessment of tsunami run-up and possible uplift to reefs in Rendova

i. **Assets deployed:**

Government Departments in Munda:

- Peace and Reconciliation canoe
- World Vision boat
- ADRA – 1 aluminum canoe and OBM

j. **Proposed Plans:**

- Recovery and shelter recovery plans being looked at the National Disaster Council.

k. **Deployed teams:**

- Distributions by the multi-sector teams have finished except for Fotufie and one or two other villages later this week. Munda Police have advised against travelling due to bad weather in the area. Distributions will delay for 24 hours.
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l. **Update:**

m. The National Disaster Council met late today to discuss about recovery issues for the affected Rendova and Nggatokae affected communities.

The following is a rundown on activities carried out by the Munda-based teams:

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>:**

Health team from SIRC and ADRA held briefing in the evening; PDO met with US personnel and briefed on areas to be covered; PDO met with UNICEF officer to explain their role in the operation; Team 1 and 2 which visited Vangunu and Nggatokae arrived in Munda at 5pm; A warehouse was sorted out for stocking

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>:**

SIRC and ADRA health teams leave for Mbaniaata to join a Provincial health team already there; Assessment report and media release sent to NDMO; UNICEF officer sorted out items on board barge from Honiara. He apologized for the issue of independent assessment made through RARP. He mentioned the Health kits would be distributed by

health officer under prescription of doctors; Team 1 continued analyzing reports so a media release could follow; Team 2 continued finalizing data for relief operation  
Ship from Honiara arrived in Munda 10pm and spent the night. Unloading was done the next morning; 6 boats from stakeholders were ready for distribution

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>:**

Unloading of goods from Honiara  
Fuel sorted for boats  
Briefing for partner agencies and boat assignments, movements  
Delegated responsibilities to agencies to be in charge of certain activities to avoid duplication:

Lorima Tuke, Oxfam: responsible for welfare; Ogier Kiko, SIRC: Warehousing; Bensly Bamu, SIRC; Administration: Silas Arukwai, WPDO/NDMO; Distribution team leader: Stephen Harry, World Vision; distribution members: SIRC volunteers, World Vision and NDMO.

Relief started at Mbaniaata and covered Hopongo, Havila and Mbaniaata, lasted one day.

World Vision, SIRC, ADRA (2 boats) RWSS Gizo and OXFAM transported goods to Mbaniaata

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup>:**

Loading relief distributions began 9am; distribution hampered by limited space on boats used; Sombu and Hopongo to be covered next day.

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>:**

Mbaniaata completed; Immigration boat added to the fleet for next day; briefed partners about activities for the next day.

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>:**

Distributions for Hopongo, Vanikuva. Limited capacity and bad weather affected distributions.

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup>:**

Completed Vanikuva; Bangopingo and Rano; Fotufie next.

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>:**

Weather outlook for Munda station showed rain and strong winds would continue indefinitely. Police advised against travelling. Partners advised to fill their individual reports while waiting for weather to improve.

The following indicates the extent of damages to the Rendova communities as ascertained by assessment teams:

Village	OBSERVED AFFECTED INFRASTRUCTURES										
	TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE				HEALTH & SOCIAL RELATED INFRASTRUCTURES					AGRICULTURE & FISHERIES. RELATED INFRASTRUC	
	Road	Bridge	wharf	A/strip	Clinic	School	Water Supply	Homes (0 -49% Damaged)	Homes (50-100% Damaged)	Copra Sheds/Dri ers	Canoe Sheds incl. Boats
SOMBU	None	None	None	None	None	None	1	0	0	None	None
HOPONGO	None	None	None	None	0	0	Non Funct.	4	0	None	None
HAVILA	None	None	None	None	None	None	Stream (Conta.)	2	1	None	None
MBANIATA	None	None	None	None	0	2	0	51	1	3	2boats
RETAVO	None	None	None	None	None	None	Stream (conta.)	0	6	2	None
RANO	None	None	None	None	None	None	ditto	1	19	None	None
ELABEACH	None	None	None	None	None	None	ditto	1	19	None	None
HOSUZO	None	None	None	None	None	0	ditto	1	4	None	None
FOTUFIE	None	None	None	None	None	None	Stream (Conta)	1	7		
VANIKUVA	None	None	None	None	0	1 Office	0	5	19	None	None
BANGOPIGO	None	None	None	None	None	None	1	51	18	None	None
TETEPARE	None	None	1	None	none	None	None	0	0	None	3
UGELE	None	None	1	None	None						
BAGHO	None	None	None	None	None	None	Stream	8	0	None	None
AGAGANA/EG HOLO	None	None	None	None	None	None	Stream	10	0	None	None
TIQE	None	None	None	None	None	None	Stream	0	0	None	None
NINIVE	None	None	None	None	None	None	Stream	0	0	None	None
PEJUKU	None	None	None		Yes (no staff)	Yes	1	19	2	None	None
PEAVA	None	None	None	None	None	Yes	1	0	0	0	None
KAVOLAVATA	None	None	None	None	None	None	Stream	1	0	0	0
SOBIRO	None	None	None	None	1	None	1	4	0	0	0
MAENIA	None	None	None	None	None	None	Rain water	0	1	0	0
TENGGOMO	None	None	None	None	None	None	Rain water	0	1	0	0

LEGEND: None- No existence of infrastructure  
0 - Infrastructure Exists but not destroyed or Damaged  
1,2,~25 etc - Total Structures either disorientated, damaged or destroyed

Non Funct. - Non Functional  
Conta. - Contaminated  
Ditto - as above



Next sitrep will be issued Thursday 21st January.