

The Archdiocesan Shrine of Santa Rosa de Lima in Daanbantayan, Cebu fully collapsed due to the 6.7-magnitude earthquake that struck Cebu on Tuesday evening | Photo: The Archdiocesan Shrine of Santa Rosa de Lima



September 30 Cebu Earthquake: SITUATIONAL REPORT #1

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In Bogo City, residents gather on the streets near the ruins of damaged buildings as aftershocks persist after the magnitude 6.9 earthquake that hit Cebu, Philippines, on October 1, 2025. | Photo: Daniel Ceng/Anadolu/Getty Images

Situational Overview

On **30 September 2025 at 9:59 PM**, a **magnitude 6.9 tectonic earthquake** with a **shallow depth of 5 kilometers** struck off the coast of **Bogo City, northern Cebu Province**. The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS) initially issued a tsunami alert, which was lifted in the early hours of 01 October. PHIVOLCS has since recorded **349 aftershocks** ranging from magnitude 1.4 to 4.8, and more are expected in the coming days.

The tremor was felt strongly across the Visayas and nearby regions, registering **Intensity VI** in **Cebu City** and **Leyte** and **Intensity V** in several parts of **Negros, Samar, and other provinces**. The earthquake caused severe damage in northern Cebu, particularly in **Bogo City, San Remigio, Medellin, Tabuelan, and Daanbantayan**, with widespread destruction to homes, churches, schools, markets, public buildings, ports, and roads. Power interruptions, communication outages, and landslides have also been reported.

As of the 12:00 NN report of the **Cebu PDRMC** on October 1, there are **56 confirmed deaths** and **201 injuries**, with casualties concentrated in **Bogo, Medellin, and San Remigio**. Figures remain subject to verification by national authorities and are expected to rise as more reports are received. **According to the DSWD DROMIC report (6:00 PM, October 1)**, more than **111,600 individuals have been affected**, with over **20,000 displaced**, the majority of whom are staying outside evacuation centers due to ongoing aftershocks. Based on the 2024 census, the four most affected localities—Bogo, Daanbantayan, Medellin, and San Remigio—have a combined population of more than **315,000 people**.

Thousands of families are currently sheltering in open spaces and in front of their damaged homes. **The Province of Cebu**, along with the municipalities of Bogo, Medellin, San Remigio, and Tabuelan, has declared a **State of Calamity**. Government agencies, local DRRM councils, the Armed Forces, Coast Guard, and humanitarian partners are conducting ongoing rescue, clearing, medical, and relief operations, though resource gaps and continuous aftershocks remain significant challenges.



Relatives break down in grief as rescuers recover the body of a family member after the magnitude 6.9 earthquake in Cebu, Philippines, on October 1, 2025. | Photo: Daniel Ceng/Anadolu/Getty Images

Impact

A. Casualties

- 56 fatalities, 201 injured (subject to verification, may rise).
- Most deaths reported in Bogo City (28), San Remigio (11), Medellin (10).
- One confirmed death in Sogod due to landslide; additional incidents of entrapment reported.

B. Population Affected

- 111,600+ individuals affected (DSWD DROMIC).
- 20,000+ displaced persons, majority staying in open spaces and near damaged homes.
- Confirmed evacuees: Carmen: 134 individuals sheltered at evacuation centers; Consolacion: 80 individuals sheltered at Consolacion Evacuation Center.

C. Infrastructure Damage

- Buildings: Collapsed and damaged churches (San Remigio, Medellin, Daanbantayan, Tabogon), schools (Cebu Roosevelt Memorial Colleges), government offices (Bogo City Hall, Cebu Provincial Capitol partial damage), and public markets.

- Residences: Multiple collapsed or heavily damaged houses in Bogo, Tabogon, and Sogod.
- Ports: Hagnaya and Polambato suspended operations; Bogo Port requires crane support.
- Utilities:
 - Power – Total blackout in Bogo, San Remigio, Daanbantayan, and surrounding towns; 27 power plants in the Visayas tripped, cutting 1,444 MW from the grid.
 - Communication – Outages in Bogo, San Remigio, Daanbantayan.
 - Water Supply: Four reservoirs in Medellin collapsed, disrupting water distribution.

D. Education & Work

- Classes suspended in all levels province-wide.
- Work suspended in Borbon, Asturias, Malabuyoc, Medellin, Danao (gov't only), Liloan, and Cebu Provincial Capitol.

Preparedness and Response Actions

- **PDRPMC** raised **RED ALERT STATUS** to mobilize resources and response.
- **Health Response:** Cebu Provincial Hospitals on Code White alert; PHO deployed medical teams and supplies; NAVFORCEN deployed medical teams; AFP and Coast Guard assisting evacuations and patient transfers.
- **Relief Assistance:** DSWD distributed 1,000 food packs as of 9:00 AM; augmentation teams from Cordova and Lapu-Lapu dispatched with rescue trucks, ambulances, and water tankers.
- **Evacuations:** OCD-7 coordinating air evacuation for critical patients from Bogo and Bantayan.
- **Clearing Operations:** DPWH, AFP, and local teams clearing blocked roads in Pinamungahan, Sogod, Tabuelan, and Bogo.
- **Security & Support:** PRO-7 deployed PNP, BFP, and medical personnel for Bogo operations



Along a highway in Bogo City, residents held placards asking for assistance, desperately appealing for food and water after the 6.9-magnitude earthquake | Photo: SUNSTAR CEBU | via Juan Carlo de Vela



Police help transport injured residents to a hospital in Bogo City, Cebu province, central Philippines. Photo: Alan Tangcawan

Priority Needs

- **Cash assistance** to support community-led initiatives and actions benefiting the most vulnerable to restore dignity and agency
- **Mutual aid group mobilization** for food, WASH, psychosocial support, education continuity, and other priority needs set by the community-identified HH and sectors including children, women, persons with disability, elderly, and other vulnerable groups
- **Community-led monitoring** of flood control infrastructure and recovery
- **Support to local DRRM committees, barangay volunteers, and women-led groups**
- **Documentation and learning** to scale effective community solutions



At Cebu Provincial Hospital in Bogo City on October 1, 2025, a father cradles the body of his daughter, a victim of the 6.9-magnitude earthquake. Photo: SUNSTAR CEBU | via Juan Carlo de Vela



Residents in Barangay Dakit, Bogo City, waited by the roadside to receive food packs and bottled water distributed by good Samaritans on October 2, 2025, after the 6.9-magnitude earthquake. Photo: SUNSTAR CEBU | via Juan Carlo de Vela

Declaration of State of Calamity

Municipalities: Bogo City, Medellin, San Remigio, Tabuelan.

Province of Cebu: Entire province under State of Calamity.



Residents in *Bogo City, Cebu province, Philippines*, observe a collapsed building on Wednesday, October 1, 2025, a day after an offshore earthquake struck late Tuesday. Photo: *The Associated Press*

Call to Action

Empower People. Build Resilience. Leave No One Behind.

We invite our donor partners, humanitarian actors, and allies to join us in **putting communities at the center** of response and recovery. Let us **fund their leadership, trust their capacity, and amplify their solutions.**

“Recovery must not only rebuild—but do so in a way that is fairer, safer, and anchored in the power of people.”

Cebu Earthquake, September 30, 2025



The **Ecosystems Work for Essential Benefits (ECOWEB), Inc.** has been applying the survivor and community led crisis response (sclr) approach since 2017 and has worked with around a thousand community self-help groups over the 7-year period.

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