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Indonesia

Severe damages were occurred due to a strong earthquake and aftershocks in Indonesia. A powerful 6.6-magnitude earthquake struck the western part of Java Island, Indonesia on 14 January 2022, affecting several parts of the capital city Jakarta and its surrounding cities, Banten, West Java and Lampung provinces. The epicenter of the quake was located in the Indian ocean, near the Ujung Kulon National Park in Banten with a depth of 40 kilometers, according to the Meteorological Climatology and Geophysics Agency. The quake was followed by five aftershocks, the strongest one was recorded at 5.7 magnitudes. However, no tsunami warning was issued.

As a result, there were 133 people affected, 12 of them were injured but none were fatal while six people from two families had to evacuate from their homes. A total of 2,133 houses sustained partial damages, 395 of which experienced total destruction. The disasters also ruined public buildings such as schools, health facilities and government offices.

Source: AHA Centre. (2022, Jan 14). *Indonesia, M6.6 Earthquake in Pandeglang Regency (Banten)*; The Jakarta Post. (2022, Jan 15). *Hundreds of buildings in Banten, West Java damaged following earthquake.*

The Philippines

Hundreds of people left their houses after flooding in the Philippines. The effect of a shear line had brought continuous light to moderate rainfalls into Davao region, the Philippines, causing floods in the municipalities of Mawab and Nabunturan, Davao de Oro province since 14 January 2022. According to the Davao de Oro Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (PDRRMO), the incessant rainfalls forced a number of 223 families or 710 people from three flood-prone villages to evacuate, as of 16 January 2022. The displaced families were accommodated in evacuation centres where food assistance was provided to them. Besides, two houses were reported to be partially damaged.

Source: AHA Centre. (2022, Jan 14). *Philippines, Flooding in Davao de Oro*; GMA News Online. (2022, Jan 17). *Over 200 families flee flood-prone areas in Davao de Oro.*

China

Light to moderate aftershocks jolted northwest China with no apparent damages or injuries. Earthquakes with magnitudes of 5.2, 4.8 and 4.5 shook the Menyuan Hui Autonomous Country in northwest China's Qinghai province on 12 January 2022, according to the China Earthquake Networks Center. All of the tremors were aftershocks of a strong and destructive 6.9-magnitude earthquake that struck the country on 8 January 2022. However, the aftershocks did not cause any impacts to the residents or main public facilities and infrastructures.

Source: Xinhua. (2022, Jan 13). *No casualties reported after 3 aftershocks hit China's Qinghai.*

Japan

Serious tsunami warnings were lifted in Japan following Tonga massive volcano eruption. The Japan Meteorological Agency issued tsunami warnings for the areas of northeastern Iwate prefecture, the southwestern islands of Amami and Tokara in Kagoshima prefecture on 16 January 2022 after the catastrophic eruption of the Hunga Tonga-Hunga Ha'apai volcano on

14 January 2022. The agency predicted that the tidal waves might be as high as three metres while evacuation orders were issued for 229,200 people residing in eight prefectures including Aomori, Iwate, Miyagi, Chiba, Tokushima, Kochi, Miyazaki and Kagoshima to evacuate. Later, the warnings were downgraded to advisories. However, many areas along the Pacific coast still experienced the surge of over one-metre-high waves during 15-16 January 2022. This resulted in 28 boats capsizing, sinking, or floating away but there were no immediate reports of casualties.

Source: The Japan Times. (2022, Jan 16). *Japan sees meter-high waves and tsunami warning after massive Tonga eruption.*

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