

M 7.8, SOLOMON ISLANDS

Origin Time: Thu 2016-12-08 17:38:46 UTC (17:38:46 local)

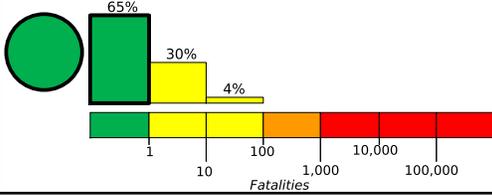
Location: 10.66°S 161.33°E Depth: 41 km

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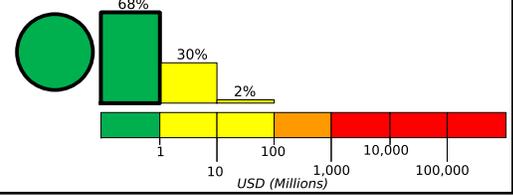
Created: 3 hours, 5 minutes after earthquake

Estimated Fatalities

Green alert for shaking-related fatalities and economic losses. There is a low likelihood of casualties and damage.



Estimated Economic Losses

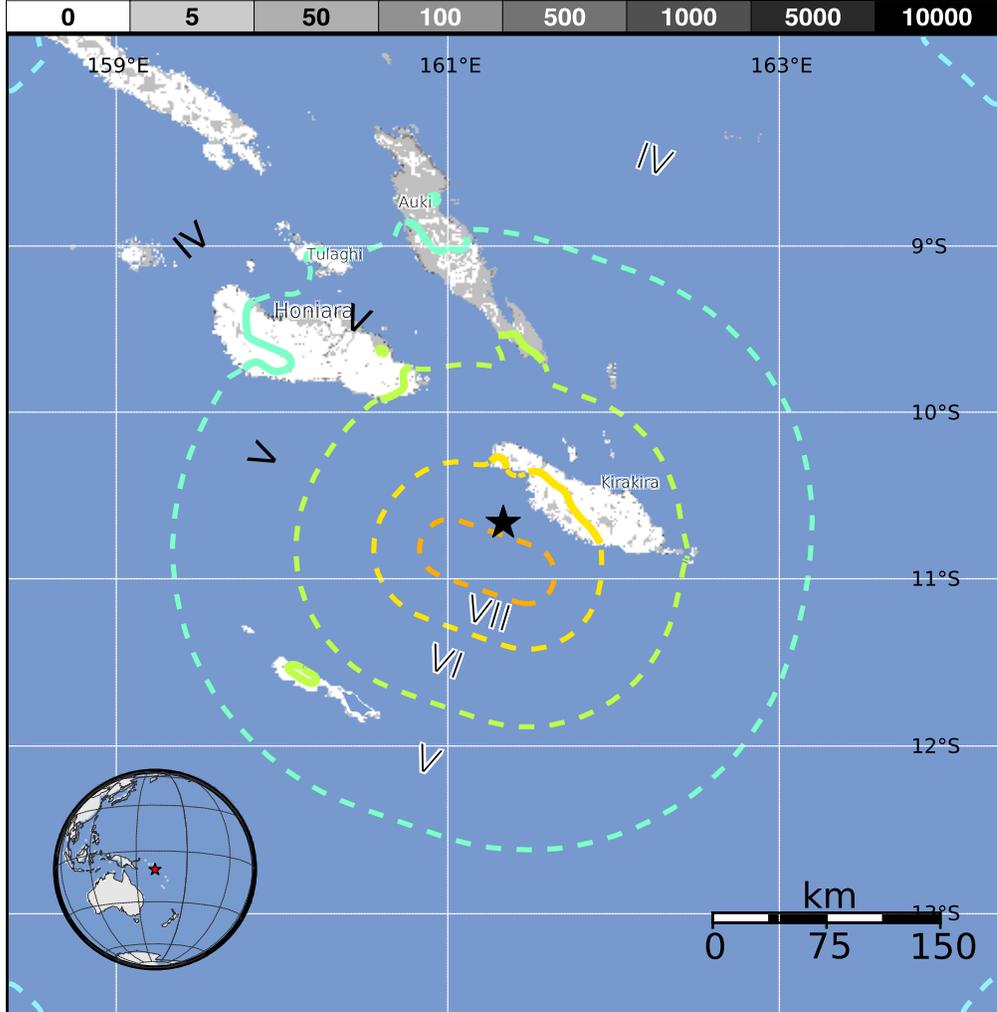


Estimated Population Exposed to Earthquake Shaking

ESTIMATED POPULATION EXPOSURE (k = x1000)	--*	--*	141k	221k	104k	9k	0	0	0
ESTIMATED MODIFIED MERCALLI INTENSITY	I	II-III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X+
PERCEIVED SHAKING	Not felt	Weak	Light	Moderate	Strong	Very Strong	Severe	Violent	Extreme
POTENTIAL DAMAGE	Resistant Structures	none	none	V. Light	Light	Moderate	Moderate/Heavy	Heavy	V. Heavy
	Vulnerable Structures	none	none	none	Light	Moderate	Moderate/Heavy	Heavy	V. Heavy

*Estimated exposure only includes population within the map area.

Population Exposure



Structures:

Overall, the population in this region resides in structures that are vulnerable to earthquake shaking, though some resistant structures exist. The predominant vulnerable building types are mud wall and informal (metal, timber, GI etc.) construction.

Historical Earthquakes (with MMI levels):

Date (UTC)	Dist. (km)	Mag.	Max MMI(#)	Shaking Deaths
1989-10-27	121	6.9	VIII(7k)	0
1984-02-07	115	7.5	IX(7k)	0
1977-04-20	144	7.1	IX(17k)	0

Recent earthquakes in this area have caused secondary hazards such as tsunamis that might have contributed to losses.

Selected City Exposure

from GeoNames.org

MMI City	Population
VII Kirakira	1k
V Honiara	56k
IV Auki	4k
IV Tulaghi	1k
IV Buala	< 1k

bold cities appear on map

(k = x1000)