

# M 6.8, 20km ENE of Taron, Papua New Guinea

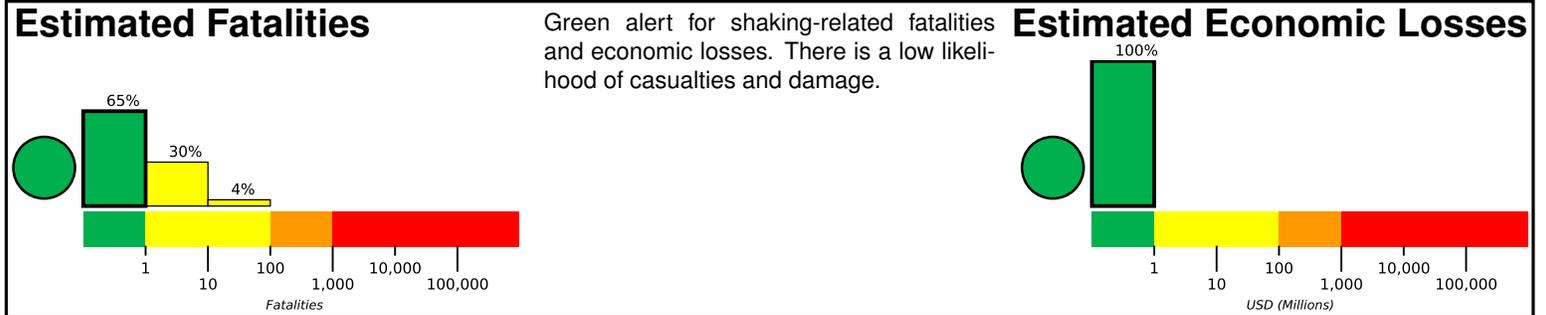
Origin Time: 2018-03-08 17:39:50 UTC (Fri 03:39:50 local)

Location: 4.3887° S 153.2016° E Depth: 15.2 km

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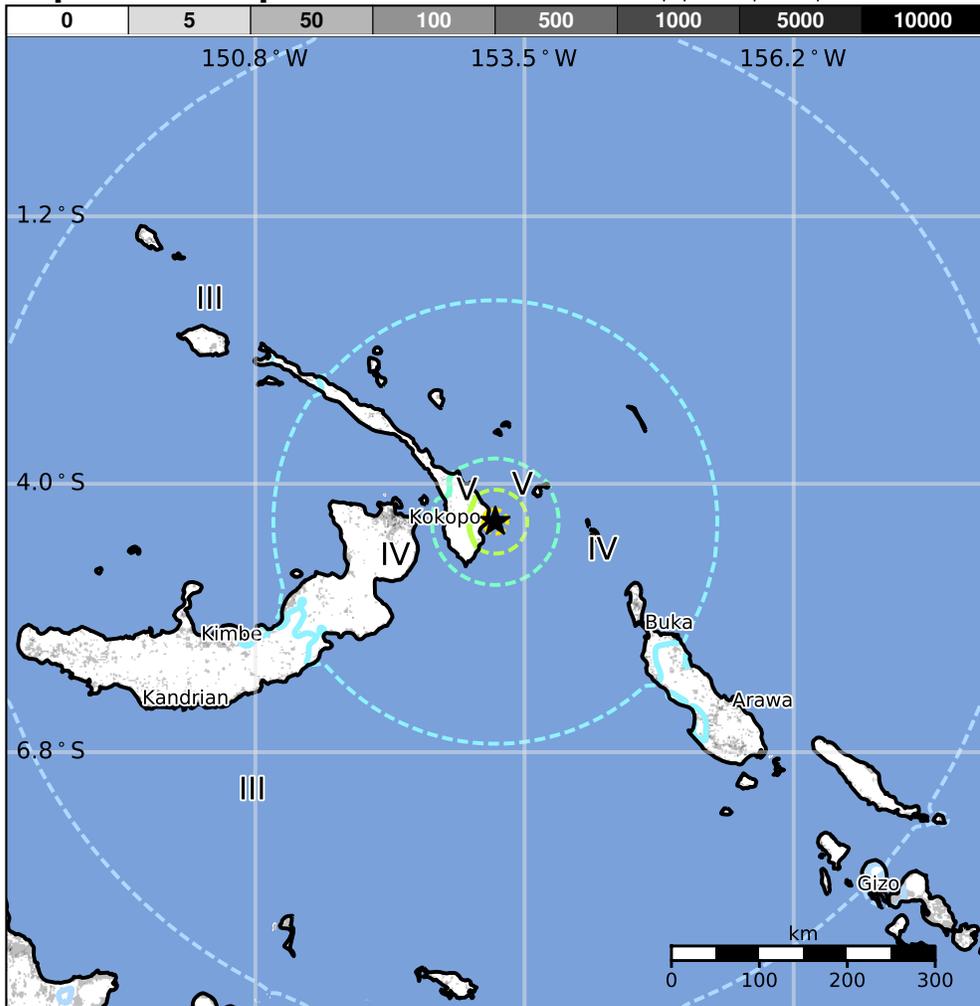


## Estimated Population Exposed to Earthquake Shaking

ESTIMATED POPULATION EXPOSURE (k=x1000)		—*	598k	501k	41k	4k	1k	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	None	V. Light	Light	Moderate	Mod./Heavy	Heavy	V. Heavy
	Vulnerable Structures	None	None	None	Light	Moderate	Mod./Heavy	Heavy	V. 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 resistant structures exist. The predominant vulnerable building types are mud wall and informal (metal, timber, GI etc.) construction.

### Historical Earthquakes

Date (UTC)	Dist. (km)	Mag.	Max MMI(#)	Shaking Deaths
1996-04-29	318	7.2	VII(57k)	1
1985-05-10	272	7.2	VII(28k)	1
1983-12-21	186	6.2	VII(5k)	10

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

### Selected City Exposure

from GeoNames.org

MMI	City	Population
IV	<b>Kokopo</b>	26k
IV	Rabaul	8k
IV	<b>Buka</b>	<1k
IV	Kavieng	14k
III	<b>Arawa</b>	40k
III	Kieta	4k
III	Panguna	3k
III	<b>Kimbe</b>	19k
III	<b>Kandrian</b>	1k
III	<b>Gizo</b>	6k
II	Popondetta	28k

bold cities appear on map.

(k=x1000)

PAGER content is automatically generated, and only considers losses due to structural damage.

Limitations of input data, shaking estimates, and loss models may add uncertainty.

<https://earthquake.usgs.gov/earthquakes/eventpage/us1000d1kv#pager>

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