# Understanding Earthquake Hazards

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# Outline

1 Background on earthquake and tectonic setting of the Philippines

2 Earthquake hazards and risks





# **Philippine Hazardscape**

The Philippines is prone to many natural hazards.



Earthquake



Tsunami



Volcanic eruption



Typhoon

#### Storm surge

Flood





# EARTHQUAKE

A weak to violent shaking of the ground produced by the sudden movement of rock materials below the earth's surface.



### Earthquakes

#### 1. Volcanic

 earthquakes produced by movement of magma beneath volcanoes or by eruptions



#### 2. Tectonic

 earthquakes produced by sudden movement of rocks along faults and plate boundaries





# **LOCATION OF AN EARTHQUAKE:**





# **STRENGTH OF AN EARTHQUAKE: MAGNITUDE VERSUS INTENSITY**

#### INTENSITY Effect or felt strength at the surface

Fault

MAGNITUDE Energy released during earthquake. Epicenter Point on the surface directly above the focus

Focus Center of energy release during an earthquake



#### **DESCRIBING THE STRENGTH OF AN EARTHQUAKE**

#### MAGNITUDE

#### Total amount of energy released.

Based on instrumentally derived information.

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#### INTENSITY

#### Estimate of the effects of an

*earthquake* on people, structures and environment. Generally higher near the epicenter.



### **PHIVOLCS Earthquake Intensity Scale**

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- IV Moderately strong
- V Strong
- VI Very strong
- VII Destructive
- VIII Very destructive IX – Devestating X – Completely

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### Why earthquakes occur?

#### Plate Tectonics



Preliminary Determination of Epicenters 358,214 Events, 1963 - 1998





## **Tectonic Settings of the Philippines**







**The Pacific Rim of Fire** - a region of high volcanic and seismic activity that surrounds the majority of the Pacific Ocean Basin. This region is essentially a horseshoe of geologic activity that includes volcanoes, earthquakes, deep see trenches, and major fault zones.



### EURASIAN PLATE **TECTONIC SETTING OF THE PHILIPPINE ARCHIPELAGO**

SULU TRENCH

COTABATO TPENCH

5 1

100

200

300

400 Km aD

NEGROS TRENCH

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LUZON

PHILIPPINE SEA PLATE

NAMILA TRENCH

# EARTHQUAKE SOURCES

- Philippine Trench
- East Luzon Trough
- Manila Trench
- Palawan-Mindoro Collision
  Zone
- Negros Trench
- Zamboanga-Western Mindanao Collision Zone
- Philippine Fault Zone and its many branches
- Many Active Faults (e.g. Valley Fault System, Lubang, Tablas, Casiguran and Mindanao
   Faults)



### Philippine Seismicity

- an average of 20 earthquakes recorded per day
- 4-5 felt earthquakes per week
- 5000 plotted earthquakes per year
- 90 destructive earthquakes for past
   400 years



# **EARTHQUAKE ACTIVITY IN THE PHILIPPINES** (~90 destructive earthquakes for past 400 years)





#### M7.8 1990 Luzon Earthquake





M6.9 2012 Negros Or Earthquake

# M7.2 2013 Bohol Earthquake





Affected Bohol and Cebu Casualties: Dead - 222 Missing - 8 Injured - 976 Houses damaged: Total - 14,512 Partial - 58,490

Roads, bridges, seaports damaged

# 2017 EVENTS

#### February 10 Magnitude 6.7 Surigao del Norte Earthquake

#### April 8 Magnitude 6.0 Batangas Earthquake

#### April 16 Magnitude 5.2 Lanao del Norte Earthquake

July 12 Magnitude 6.5 Leyte Earthquake



#### DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PHILIPPINE INSTITUTE OF VOLCANOLOGY AND SEISMOLOGY EARTHQUAKE INFORMATION NO.: 4

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Date/Time	:	11 Aug 2017 - 01:28:24 PM	
Location	:	13.95°N, 120.49°E - 020 km S 45° W of Nasugbu (Batangas)	
Depth of Focus (F	(xm) :	178	
Origin	:	TECTONIC	
Magnitude	:	Ms 6.3	





#### Reported Intensities

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: Intensity IV - Nasugbu, Calatagan & Balayan, Batangas; Calapan, Sablayan & Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro; Calapan and Naujan, Oriental Mindoro; Manila; Paranague City; Pasig City; Taguig City; Pasay City; Rosario, Maragondon, Noveleta & Dasmarinas, Cavite; Floridablanca, Pampanga; Olongapo City; Subic & Iba, Zambales; Alaminos City, Pangasinan; Boac, Marindugue; Binan, Laguna Intensity III - Puerto Galera, Oriental Mindoro; Abra de llog and San Jose, Occidental Mindoro; Tagaytay City; Canlubang & Calamba, Laguna; Indang & Alfonso Cavite; Bocaue, Malolos, Obando & Balagtas, Bulacan; Dagupan City; Dau, Pampanga; Lingayen and Bolinao, Pangasinan; Bagac, Bataan; Baguio City; Pateros; Quezon City; Makati City; San Juan City; Marikina City; Cainta & San Mateo, Rizal; Lucban, Quezon Intensity II - Magsaysay, Occi. Mindoro; Sta Rosa, Laguna; Gasan, Marinduque; Magalang, Pampanga; Sto. Tomas and Tanauan City Batangas 2017\_0811\_0528\_M63D178\_B4F Intensity I - Talisay, Batangas: Pantabangan, Nueva Ecija: Meycauayan, Bulacan; Atok, Benguet

> Instrumental Intensities: Intensity IV: Calapan City, Or. Mindoro Intensity III; Quezon City; San Juan City; Guagua City; Cabanatuan City; Dagupan City; Bacoor City; Tagaytay City; San Idelfonso, Calumpit & Malolos, Bulacan; Las Pinas City; Puerto Galera, Or, Mindoro Intensity II: Pasig City; Muntinlupa Cit; Talisay City, Batangas; Magalang, Pampanga; Baler, Aurora: Lucban, Quezon: Gasan, Marinduque: San Juan, Occ. Mindoro: Mulanav & Alabat, Quezon Intensity I - Infanta, Quezon; Baguio City



# Strong earthquakes can affect Metro Manila and vicinity



# Latest Damaging Earthquake in Metro Manila



- M 7.3 Casiguran, Aurora Earthquake, 02 August 1968
- Ruby Tower in Manila collapsed – 268 killed, 260 injured





## Historical Church with Earthquake Accounts Manila Cathedral

ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEORAL OF MANILA

CATHEDRAL BUILT IN DAMAGED BY A TYPHOON. DESTROYED BY FIRE, 1583 SECOND THEORAL BUILT OF STONE IN 1592 AND DESTROYED BY EARTHQUAKE CATHEDRAL BUILT 1654 - 1671 BY ARCH POBLETE AND DESTROYED CATHEDRAL BUILT IN 1870-1879 ARCHITECTS LUCIAND DLIVER. SERRANO SALAVERRIA AND EDUCARDO LOPEZ NAVARRO AND SOLEMNLY BLESSED IN DECEMBER 1879. THE CENTER OF CROSS ON THE DOME IS A POINT OF ASTRONOMICAL LONGITUDES THE ARCHIPELAGO. DESTROYED DURING BATTLE OF MANILA IN 1945. SIXTH CA-RECONSTRUCTED, 1954 - 1958, THEDRAL ARCHBISHOP UNDER THE DIRECTION OF RUFINO J. SANTOS OF MANILA LY WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE. FERNANDO OCAMPO, ARCHITECT.



- "partially destroyed by earthquake of 1600"
- "destroyed by the earthquake of 1645"
- "destroyed by the earthquake of 3 June 1863"

## Historical Church with Earthquake Accounts Church and Monastery of Guadalupe

HURCH AND MONASTERY OF GUADALUPE THE FOUNDATIONS OF THIS CHURCH AND MONASTERY AUGUSTINIAN ORDER WERE LAID IN 1601 AND WORK WAS FINISHED IN 1629 NUESTRA GUADALUPE WAS CHOSEN TITULAR 1603, AFTER THE CHINESE UPRISING OF 1639 THIS SANCTUARY SERVED AS A SEAT OF DEVOTION FOR THE CHINESE, THE BUILDINGS WITHSTOOD THE EARTHQUAKES OF 1645, 1658, 1754 AND 1863; THE MASONRY ROOF OF THE CHURCH COLLAPSED IN THE EARTHQUAKES OF 1880 AND THE STRUCTURE WAS REBUILT IN 1882 BY REV. JOSE CORUJEDO, O.S.A. SITE OF AN ORPHAN ASYLUM AND TRADE SCHOOL ADMINISTERED BY THE AUGUSTINIAN ORDER FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CHILDREN OF THE VICTIMS OF THE CHOLERA OF 1882, BOTH CHURCH AND MONASTERY WERE GUTTED BY FIRE IN FEBRUARY, 1899, DURING THE EARLY SKIRMISHES BETWEEN AMERICANS AND FILIPINOS.

1937



- "withstood the earthquakes of 1645, 1754, and 1863"
- "the masonry roof of the Church collapsed in the earthquake of 1880"



# What are the hazards associated with earthquakes?



#### IMAGINATION IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN KNOWLEDGE.

- ALBERT EINSTEIN



## **Earthquake-Related Hazards**





 fractures where rock movement has taken place and earthquakes have been produced

 active faults are those that moved in the last 10,000 years



# How do we know if a fault is active?

#### 1) Earthquakes



# 2) Study of landforms associated with active faulting

## Landforms associated with ground rupture



# INTERPRETATION OF DIGITAL ELEVATION MODEL AND DIGITAL SURFACE MODEL



LiDAR Digital Elevation Model of northern part of Quezon City



IFSAR-derived Digital Elevation model showing expression of Valley Fault System in Rizal Province



#### INTERPRETATION OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH & TOPOGRAPHIC MAP



Detailed airphoto interpretation of PFZ: Infanta Fault (T. Bacolcol & others)







Aerial photograph interpretation of West Valley Fault in Marikina and Quezon City. (After KL Papiona and MIT Abigania, 2013)



1946 Aerial Photograph



1:5,000 Topomap



#### Field validation











# • Series of peer reviews (Internal and External)



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Paleoseismology -Study of past earthquakes along a fault

TRENCHING —is a method of paleoseismic study where the known trace of the fault is excavated to understand:

- 1. the characteristic movement and slip of the fault
- 2. how big is the size (magnitude) of a potential earthquake
- 3. when did and when will (frequency) the potential earthquake will occur









### Fault (Ground) Rupture

July 16, 1990 Luzon earthquake



 creation of new or the renewed movements of old fractures, oftentimes with the two blocks on both sides moving in opposite directions



15 October 2013 M7.2 Bohol Earthquake Surface rupture of North Bohol Fault

~2-km-long continuous surface rupture from New Anonang, Buenavista to Napo, Inabanga










# North Bohol Fault "The Great Wall of Bohol"



## Surface Rupture 2017 M6.7 Surigao Del Norte Earthquake

- Philippine fault Surigao segment
- Total surface rupture mapped onland: ~4.3 km in Surigao City (Brgy. Ipil) and Municipality of San Francisco (Brgys. Poblacion, Honrado and Macopa)
- Max. horizontal displacement: 60 cm
- Max. vertical displacement: 40 cm





#### Surface Rupture 2017 M6.7 Surigao Del Norte Earthquake

Surface rupture that passes under the Anao-aon Bridge



Horizontal displacement: 15 cm Vertical displacement: 42 cm. Downthrown side: west Brgy. Poblacion, San Franci





# Cooking south

## Surface Rupture 2017 M6.7 Surigao Del Norte Earthquake

Transected chapel in Brgy. Ipil, Surigao City

# Two parallel traces forming a depression



## Surface Rupture 2017 M6.7 Surigao Del Norte Earthquake



Undamaged house less than 5 m from the surface rupture in Brgy. Poblacion, San Francisco



## Surface Rupture 2017 M6.5 Leyte Earthquake

## Brgy. Tongonan, Ormoc City









#### Brgy. Hiluctogon, Kananga





## Earthquake Generators in Metro Manila and Vicinity







## Valley Fault System

- •East Valley Fault
  - 10 km (M6.2)
  - Municipalities of Rodriguez and San Mateo, Rizal
- West Valley Fault
  - 100 km (M7.2)
  - Bulacan (Doña Remedios Trinidad, Norzagaray and San Jose Del Monte City)
  - Rizal (Rodriguez)
  - Quezon City, Marikina City, Pasig City, Makati City, Taguig City and Muntinlupa City
  - Laguna (San Pedro City, Biñan City, Sta. Rosa City, Cabuyao City and Calamba City)
  - Cavite (Carmona, General Mariano Alvarez and Silang)



# **The Valley Fault System**



 West Valley Fault (WVF) movement mainly horizontal



- WVF moved 4 times in past 1400 years;
   movement interval ~ 400-600 years
- Last major earthquake from Valley Fault in 1658



# The Valley Fault System Atlas in Greater Metro Manila Area



West Valley Fault in Marikina City and Quezon City

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#### Explanation

---- Dashed line - trace is approximate

---- Dotted line - trace is concealed

The Valley Fault System, consisting of the West Valley Fault and the East Valley Fault, was mapped by the Philippine Institute of Volanology and Seismoogy using available date, such as earial photographs, satellife imageries, topographic maps, earthquake epicenters and previous publications, and verified by field surveys. Some geomorphic features identified from earial photographs may not be observable on the ground at present due to lain modification. The recommended minimum buller zone, or zone of avoidance, against ground rupture hazard is at least 5 meters as reckoned from both sides of the fault trace or from the edge of the deformation zone.

Base map are National Mapping and Resource Information Authority 1:5,000 planimetric maps (2004) and Metro Manila Street Map (2010).









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## faultfinder.phivolcs.dost.gov.ph



#### **Avoiding Effects of Ground Rupture**





- Avoid
   construction of
   structures on top
   of an active fault
- House or
  building should
  be at least 5
  meters away
  from the trace of
  the fault



3-meter fault scarp of the North Bohol Fault in Brgy. Anonang, Inabanga

# **Buffer Zone**



#### Explanation

Active Faults:

- Solid Line trace certain
- ---- Dashed Line trace approximate
- Dotted Line trace concealed
- Hachures indicate downthrown area

Note: Recommended minimum buffer zone from the fault is at least 5 meters as reckoned from both sides of the fault trace or from the edge of the deformation zone. Mapping is based on available data (aerial ohotographs, field survey etc.). Some geomorphic reatures, interpreted from aerial photographs indicating active fault traces, may not be observable in the field due to land modification. Base map is from National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA) 1:5,000 planimetric maps (2004).

- PHIVOLCS recommends a minimum of at least 5 meters buffer zone from each side of the fault trace or from the edge of the deformation zone.
- Also refer to as fault avoidance zone
- No structure or building should be built within the buffer zone.





Ano maaaring gawin sa buffer zone?

- Low-use facility
  - Green space, playing fields, gardens, parks, garage, parking lot



#### **Buffer Zone**

#### 2008 M 7.9 Sichuan Earthquake



Bailu school, looking northeast in direction of rupture Photo credit to Dr. Gary Gibson



## **2. Ground Shaking**



Primary (P-) and Secondary (S-) waves. P-waves are transmitted as a compressional disturbance, while S-waves are transmitted as a transverse disturbance.

- Up and down;
  - first felt by people near the epicenter
  - not felt by people far from epicenter
- Sideways;
  - felt after up and down
     by people near epicenter
  - first felt by people far from epicenter



# **Ground Shaking Effects**



#### **Building Collapse**

#### Falling Objects











A once two-storey house with first floor pressed under the second floor



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## Ground Shaking in Greater Metro Manila (West Valley Fault Earthquake)

(Risk Analysis Project, 2013: PHIVOLCS, GA supported by AusAID)



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# INTENSITY VIII (Very Destructive) Ground Shaking







## **Building and Casualty Estimates**

for Metro Manila from a M7.2 West Valley Fault Earthquake



Metro Manila Earthquake Impact Reduction Study, 2004 – JICA, PHIVOLCS, MMDA

## **Lifeline Damage Estimates**

for Metro Manila from a M7.2 West Valley Fault Earthquake

Bridge 213 (with detail inventory and stability analysis 189) Flyover 80 (with detail inventory and stability analysis 38)	Large possibility of falling-off		Bridge Flyover	7 0
	Moderate possibi	ility of	Bridge	2
	falling-off		Flyover	0
Water Supply Distribution Pipes Total 4,615km		Break of pipes or joints		4000 points
Electric Power Transmission and Distribution Line Total 4,862km		Cut of cables		30 km
PLDT Telephone Aerial Cable 9,445 km Underground Cable 3,906 km		Cut of	cables	95 km



#### **Building and Casualty Estimates**

for Metro Manila from a West Valley Fault Earthquake

Total Floor Area in to Collaps	Complete ed Damage (sqm)	<b>M7.2</b> 88,142,000	<b>M6.5</b> 65,407,000
Total Floor Area in to Extensiv	n Slight ve Damage (sqm)	172,924,000	162,799,000
Total Fatalities (De	eath)	31,000	23,000
Total Injuries	Very Serious Serious Slight	14,000 112,000 385,000	10,000 85,171 302,000
Total Economic Lo	osses (millions of PhP)	2,269,000	1,773,000

Risk Analysis Project, 2013 – PHIVOLCS, UP-ICE, GA (AusAID)



# Liquefaction





- Loose, water-rich sediments behave like liquid during strong ground shaking.
- Sediments are rearranged into a more compact state.







## **Liquefaction Effects**



#### Subsidence of bridge column



Fissuring of roads



#### Subsidence of building, roads



#### Damage to buried pipes, tanks





#### LIQUEFACTION HAZARD M7.2 West Valley Fault Earthquake

#### Localities prone to liquefaction

a) water-saturated (shallow water table), low-lying

b) Have loose (unconsolidated), sand or silt deposits

- river banks, abandoned rivers, flood plains
- coastlines
- swamps
- reclaimed land



#### **Liquefaction Potential M7.2 West Valley Fault Earthquake**



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## Tsunami

Sea waves, small to large, resulting from disturbance of seawater by undersea earthquakes, landslides, and volcanic eruptions, and meteor impact



#### March 11,2011 Japan Tsunami

From Kyodo News
## **Tsunami Propagation**



A *tsunami* moves faster in deeper *water* and slower in shallower *water causing their amplitudes to greatly increase in shallow water.* 



## **Tsunami Propagation**



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## **Tsunami Scenario** M8.3 Earthquake from Manila Trench











## **Tsunami Hazard**





## **Fire Hazard**

- Indirectly caused by earthquake.
- Fires can be sparked from power or gas lines or other flammable facilities that are damaged during earthquakes.



2011 M 9.0 Off the coast of Tohoku, Japan



#### **Fire after the Earthquake** M7.2 West Valley Fault Earthquake





#### Possible Isolation due to Earthquake Impacts (West Valley Fault Scenario)

#### West

- Fire, Building Damage
- North
  - Bridge Damage
- South
  - Bridge Damage
- East
  - Building Damage, Bridge Damage

#### (MMEIRS, 2004)



#### What can be done about earthquake?

- When exactly a strong earthquake would occur cannot be predicted at present.
- Where earthquakes would be generated can be determined.
- Maximum Size (magnitude) of an earthquake that can be generated by a fault can be estimated.
- Effect of an earthquake can be assessed and evaluated.
- Damaging effect of an earthquake can be prevented or minimized.



## EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDENESS GUIDE





## EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS

- Prior to the event
  - Awareness, Education
  - Establishment of evacuation procedures, refuge sites, drills
  - Plan for efficient and effective response: standard operating procedures, contingency plans
  - Evaluation of site and building safety
  - Implementation of building code and proper land use (safe location, safe construction)



# Location Location Location Location



Don't build on top of an active fault and buffer zone of at least 5 meters on both sides of the fault trace

# JULY 16, 1990 - EARTHQUAKE

#### Follow the National Building Code



#### House Safe is My House: Self-check for Earthquake Safety (12 pt questionnaire)



#### What to do Before

## Prepare an evacuation and response plan and conduct drill

 Determine alternative evacuation routes and evacuation area





#### What to do Before FAMILY AWARENESS AND PREPAREDNESS



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- Determine roles before, during and after a hazardous event
- Know safe and dangerous
  spots and what to do during an event
- Know response procedures during earthquakes, fire, first aid
- Familiarize with evacuation plan and the responses after the event
  - Prepare emergency bags/kits



## Before an earthquake

#### Prepare an emergency kit/earthquake survival kit

- First Aid Kit
- Water Purification Tablets
- AM/FM Radio
- Water & High-energy Food
- Tools & Ropes
- Candles & Flashlights
- Blankets
- Tissue Paper & Waste Bags
- Pencil and Paper
- Whistle



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#### FAMILY PREPAREDNESS

#### Draw your risk: Imagine your home

1. DRAW 5 rectangles



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#### 2. DRAW where are the major part/furniture in each room



restroom





#### 3. DRAW yourself where you usually stay in each room







## Activity 1: Draw your risk

4. **Identify potential hazard**: look around you, identify all unsecured objects that might fall during shaking (represent as symbols/shapes)

2.1 cabinets/shelves

2.2 refrigerator

2.3 hanging objects (frames, ceiling fan, chandeliers)

2.4 objects on open shelves and table tops (collectibles)







movable

## Activity 2a: Create a family disaster preparedness plan



Plan **now** to be safe **during** an earthquake

 Practice "Duck, Cover, and Hold"
 Identify safe spots in every room (sturdy table)
 Learn how to protect yourself from falling debris







## During the earthquake

- Person closest to the door should open it, if possible
- Do the Drop (Duck), Cover and Hold Approach
  - Duck under a sturdy table and hold on to it.
  - If there is no sturdy table,
- Go to safe spot and protect your head and neck with your arms.





COVER!



HOLD!

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# Activity 2b: Create a family disaster preparedness plan

Plan **now** to respond **after** an earthquake

- 1. Identify safe emergency exits
- 2. Identify safe temporary refuge
- Teach everyone in your household how to get rescuers attention if trapped (whistle or knocking)
- 4. Identify special needs (gender, age,
  - differently-abled, health)

5. Know who in your neighborhood is trained in first-aid and medical practitioners

6. Know the locations of utility shutoffs and keep needed tools nearby (gas, water, electricity)





# Activity 2c: Create a family disaster preparedness

- Plan **now** to communicate and recover **after** an earthquake
- 1.Locate a **safe place** outside your home for your family to meet after the shaking.
- 2.Identify "**someone**" whom every member of your family can contact after a disaster, he/she should be away from the area affected.
- 3. Provide all family members with a list of **important** contact numbers.

4. Identify a **place or a house** where you can stay if your house will be damaged.

5.Ask copy of your children's **school disaster preparedness plan.** 



## After the earthquake

Be prepared for aftershocks. Once the shaking stops, take the fastest and safest way out of the building.

- Get out in an orderly manner. Do not rush.
- Bring the emergency/survival kits
- Watch out for falling objects
- Follow the designated route
- Don't use elevators, use stairs
- Assist persons who need help





## After the earthquake

- Conduct head count at the evacuation area
- Check yourself and others for injuries
- Check water and electrical lines for damages
- Check for spills of chemical, toxic and flammable materials
- Check for fires and control if possible
- Do not enter damaged buildings
- Leave a message or note if you need to leave your place of residence
- Do not use telephones unless necessar
- Keep updated of instructions and information from battery operated radios





#### ACTIONS FOR DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT



#### **EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI INFORMATION MATERIALS**





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## HOW SAFE IS MY HOUSE: SELF-CHECK FOR EARTHQUAKE SAFETY



#### Ground rupture of the 10 February 2017 M6.7 Surigao del Norte Earthquake







## KEY MESSAGES

- The Philippines is prone to extreme natural events, such as strong earthquakes and tsunamis.
- A large earthquake from the West Valley Fault can significantly affect Metro Manila and vicinity.
   A large earthquake from the Manila Trench can generate a tsunami that can affect the coastal areas of the metropolis.
- Be involved. Disaster preparedness is everyone's business. You can be a victim if you do not prepare.



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