Earthquake Shaking Green Alert

# M 5.4, 157 km SW of Port-Vila, Vanuatu

Origin Time: 2020-12-27 15:16:26 UTC (Mon 02:16:26 local)
Location: 18.7969° S 167.3219° E Depth: 10.0 km

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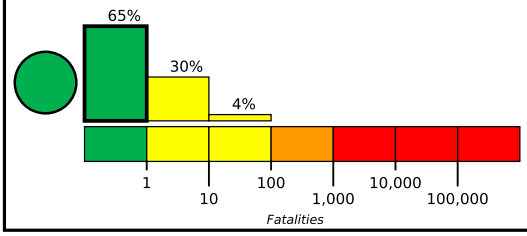
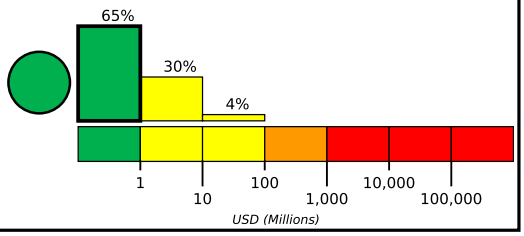
Created: 1 day, 0 hours after earthquake

## 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

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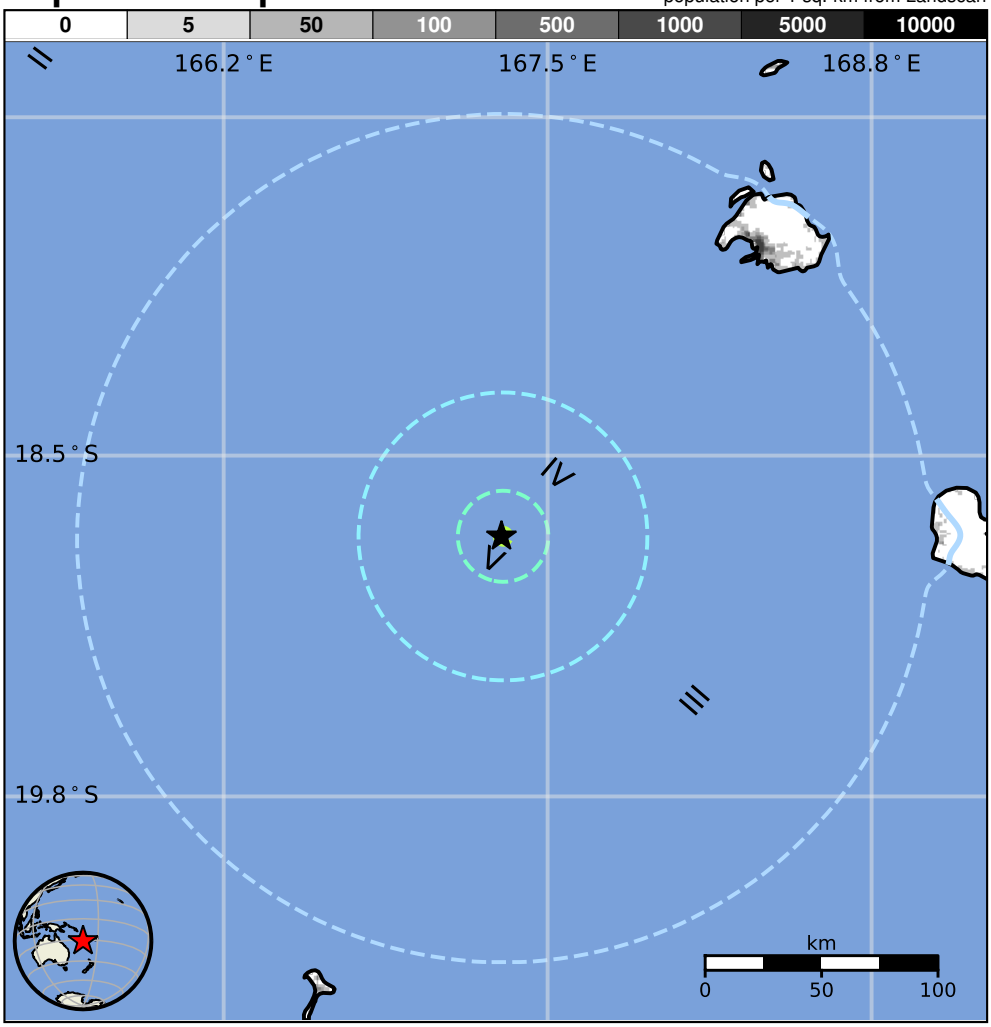
| ESTIMATED POPULATION EXPOSURE (k=x1000) | | –* | 96k | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ESTIMATED MODIFIED MERCALLI INTENSITY | | I | II-III | IV | V | VI | VII | VIII | IX | X+ |
| PERCEIVED SHAKING | | Not felt | Weak | Light | Moderate | Strong | Very Strong | Severe | Violent | Extreme |
| POTENTIAL 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

population per 1 sq. km from Landscan




## Structures

Overall, the population in this region resides in structures that are highly vulnerable to earthquake shaking, though some resistant structures exist. The predominant vulnerable building types are unknown/miscellaneous types and wood construction.

## Historical Earthquakes

| Date (UTC) | Dist. (km) | Mag. | Max MMI(#) | Shaking Deaths |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1981-02-17 | 385 | 6.7 | V(5k) | – |
| 1999-08-22 | 313 | 6.5 | IX(2k) | – |
| 2002-01-02 | 150 | 7.2 | VIII(28k) | 0 |

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 |
|---|---|---|
| III | Port-Vila | 36k |

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/us6000d3ge#pager**

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