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MERCY MALAYSIA'S RESPONSE TO THE SABAH EARTHQUAKE

On June 5th 2015 a 5.9 magnitude earthquake, with a depth of 10 km, occurred in Ranau town, Sabah State at 07:15 local time. According to the Malaysian Meteorological Department (MMD), the tremor was felt in several areas throughout Sabah State. Ranau and Kota Kinabalu reported damages to houses and infrastructure.

Search and rescue operations were immediately initiated by government agencies and local volunteers to evacuate those stranded on Mt. Kinabalu. The mountain sustained serious damage to its trekking routes and lost one of its "Donkey's Ear" rock formations. A total of 130 people to date have been rescued off the mountain.

On the 8th of June 2015 the Malaysian National Security Council announced that 18 casualties have been confirmed. Amongst the dead are six Singaporean children on a school trip, a teacher and guide who were climbing Mt. Kinabalu.

MERCY Malaysia has deployed its Sabah Chapter volunteers to Ranau on Saturday the 6th June 2015 to assess the damage caused by the earthquake. Initial assessments indicated that there is a need for psychosocial support for those severely affected by the earthquake, especially the local mountain guides and their families. MERCY Malaysia will extend its support to the search and rescue teams where possible, as well as any other areas identified.

MERCY Malaysia would like to express our deepest condolences to the families and communities who have lost members and have been affected by the earthquake. It is with utter sadness to see a community we have worked with for so long affected by a serious natural disaster.

If you would like to support our efforts, kindly donate to:

SABAH EARTHQUAKE RELIEF FUND

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