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## **PNG Earthquake Emergency Appeal**

ABM has launched an emergency appeal for the people of Papua New Guinea in response to the magnitude-7.5 earthquake which struck the Southern Highlands province on 26 February, causing landslides, destroying buildings and widespread damage. It is estimated that at least 67 people have been killed, and about 150,000 are in need of urgent humanitarian assistance.

Many highland villages, particularly in the area west of Mt Hagen, have been cut off by fallen power lines and blocked roads. This situation is hampering efforts to distribute emergency supplies to remote villages. There is a real concern of food shortages, as well as health and hygiene issues if aid cannot reach the victims of this disaster.

There have been reports of three strong aftershocks of more than magnitude-5, about 600kms north-west of Port Moresby, including another shallow quake early on Monday 5 March.

The PNG Government has declared a state of emergency for the affected regions of the Highlands in Hela, Southern Highlands, Western and Enga Provinces.

**ABM seeks to raise \$50,000 for humanitarian aid so that vital supplies of food and water can be provided for the many people in need. We are in touch with the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea who are assessing and preparing their emergency response.**

Your prayers and support will be greatly appreciated by ABM's Partners. To donate to the PNG Earthquake Emergency Appeal, please phone 1300 302 663 or visit [www.abmission.org/png-earthquake-emergency](http://www.abmission.org/png-earthquake-emergency).

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