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CCA Statement on the Earthquake in Central Philippines

The Christian Conference of Asia (CCA) expresses deep sorrow over the devastating 6.9 magnitude earthquake that struck the coast of the central Philippines on 30 September 2025.

The powerful earthquake, centred between Cebu and Leyte, caused widespread destruction during the night when communities were most vulnerable. At least seventy-two people have lost their lives, more than 300 are injured, and several thousands have been affected. Many remain displaced, with some too fearful to return home because of ongoing aftershocks and trauma.

CCA joins in mourning the lives lost and prays for God's comforting presence with the bereaved families, healing for the injured, and strength for those engaged in rescue and relief efforts. We express sympathy and solidarity with the people of Cebu and surrounding communities as they face the painful aftermath of this tragedy.

In this time of urgent need, CCA calls upon its member churches, councils, and partners across Asia to uphold the affected communities in prayer, to accompany them with pastoral care, and to mobilise financial and human resources to extend humanitarian aid and support to those in the affected areas.

May God's grace bring comfort, timely relief, and enduring hope to all those affected.

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