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CCA Statement on the Earthquake in Southern Philippines

The Christian Conference of Asia (CCA) expresses sorrow and grave concern following the devastating magnitude 7.8 earthquake that struck off the coast of Mindanao in the southern Philippines, leaving widespread destruction and loss of life.

Hundreds of aftershocks, ranging from magnitude 1.3 to 6.7, have continued to shake the region, compounding the suffering of affected communities. Current reports indicate at least 45 people have lost their lives, with over 450 injured, though authorities fear these numbers may rise.

Mindanao, home to approximately 26 million people, has been severely impacted at a time of already significant vulnerability. Buildings have collapsed, roads have been severely damaged or blocked by landslides, and large areas remain without electricity or communication. Churches, homes, and public infrastructure have also been destroyed.

The earthquake has displaced tens of thousands of people and triggered tsunami warnings in neighbouring areas. Moreover, more than 3.2 million students have been affected, as the disaster struck on the first day of the new school year.

In this moment of urgent need, the CCA stands in solidarity with all those stricken by the disaster. We urge our member churches, councils, and partners across Asia and beyond to keep the affected communities in prayer, to offer pastoral care and accompaniment, and to mobilise financial resources and humanitarian support to extend assistance to those in distress.

We grieve with those who have lost loved ones, and we hold in our thoughts and prayers those who are injured, those engaged in rescue and relief efforts, and the communities now facing the long process of recovery and rebuilding.

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

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