

Quake damage tally: 7,933 homes assessed, 1,952 destroyed

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Summary

SINAPROC's preliminary report #15, as of Saturday 17 October, counts 7,933 homes assessed and 26,018 people affected by the 9 October magnitude 7.5 earthquake, including 139 damaged schools in Chiriquí.

Details (summary of the article)

The national civil protection agency SINAPROC issued preliminary report #15 covering damage up to Saturday 17 October from the magnitude 7.5 earthquake of 9 October, whose epicentre was 39 km northwest of Tonosí in Los Santos. Damage assessment teams have evaluated 7,933 homes affecting 26,018 people (13,105 men, 12,913 women), among them 85 pregnant women and 1,026 people with disabilities. Of those homes, 1,952 are a total loss, 2,952 have moderate or partial damage and 1,124 have minor damage; about three quarters of the assessed houses are in Los Santos and Herrera. Public infrastructure damage includes 576 schools — 178 in Veraguas and 139 in Chiriquí — plus 42 health centres, 44 churches, 87 public buildings and 69 roads and bridges, with 27 people injured nationwide. More than 171,190 pounds of cargo have been flown in and 365 tonnes moved by road, reaching 57 communities in 19 districts across five provinces and the Ngäbe-Buglé comarca as of 16 October. The United States, Venezuela and Costa Rica have sent field hospitals, aid shipments and engineering and geology specialists. The Cabinet declared a national state of emergency on 10 October, freeing up to \$100 million for those affected, as reported by La Prensa.

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Terremoto en Panamá: más de 7,900 viviendas evaluadas y 1,952 con daños totales

Sinaproc reporta 7,933 viviendas evaluadas y 26,018 personas afectadas por el terremoto del 9 de octubre. El balance incluye daños en 576 escuelas y 42 centros de salud.