

# 11 April 2014: Nicaragua - Earthquake



### Earthquake impact

- 1 person killed
- 33 people injured
- Approx. 1 000 houses damaged
- Minor road damage, hospital in Leon damaged, power cuts

## SITUATION

- On 10 April, at 23.27 UTC, an earthquake of magnitude 6.1 M at a depth of 13 km hit Nicaragua. The epicentre was located approx. 44 km north-northwest of the capital Managua. USGS-PAGER indicates shaking up to "Severe" for approx. 4 000 people (not visible in the map) and "Very Strong" for 5 000 people. *The epicentre shown in the main map is that of USGS. The [Nicaraguan Geophysical Institute](#) reports the epicentre around 20km to the south-west, close to Nagarote.*
- The earthquake caused **damage** and **casualties** along the shores of lake Managua. One person was killed by a heart attack. According to ECHO and [local media](#) as of 12.00 UTC there were 700 houses damaged (a number of them reportedly destroyed) in Nagarote, 97 each in Mateare and La Paz Centro, 74 in Momotombi and 3 in Managua. A total of 33 people were injured and 22 families have been **evacuated** in these areas.
- Local media report also power cuts and slight damage to the A26 motorway from Managua to Mateare.
- A **Red Alert** was declared by the president early in the morning of 11 April (UTC).
- The 6.1M earthquake was followed by a number of aftershocks, the strongest of which was a 5.1M earthquake at 00.01 UTC on 11 April.

Earthquake Intensity	Impact
(Modified Mercalli scale)	
V (Moderate)	Damaged houses
VI (Strong)	Damaged road
VII (Very Strong)	Damaged building
Urban Areas	