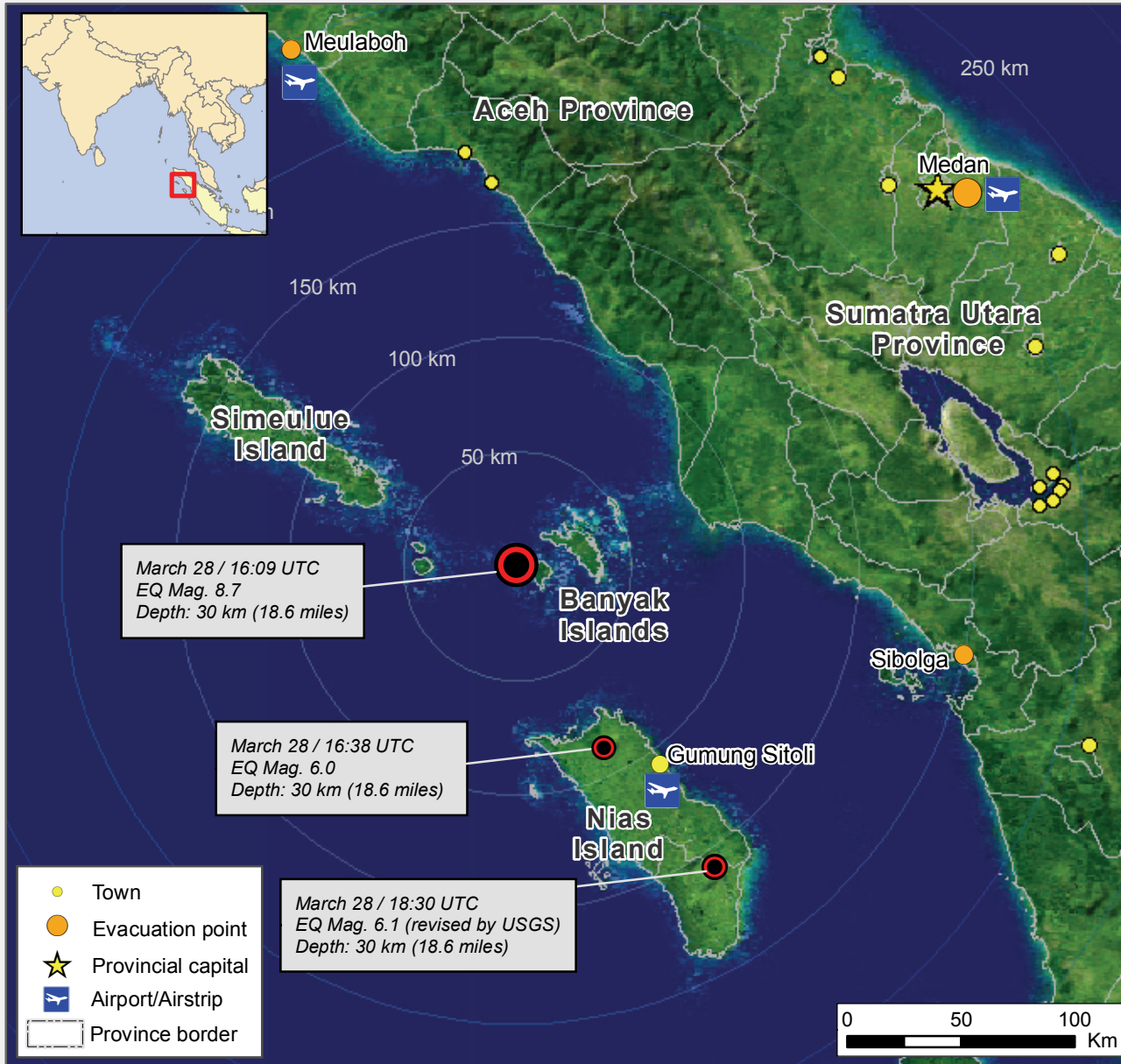


Indonesia: Earthquake

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"In the evening of 28 March 2005, a strong earthquake (M8.7) occurred off the west coast of Sumatra. There are unconfirmed figures of 200 casualties, 500 injured and 2,000 displaced on Nias Island."



SITUATION

Nias Island, Simeulue Island and the Banyak Islands are the worst affected areas.

Nias Island (population 444,000): 200 dead, 300+ injured, 1,780 persons registered as displaced.

Simeulue Island (population 77,751): 3 dead, 47 injured, 18,00 displaced.

Banyak Islands (population 5,000): No visible damage after rapid aerial assessment.

ACTION

Nias Island: severely injured evacuated to Medan, Meulaboh, and Sibolga. WHO sending medical teams from Meulaboh to Nias. 500 tents from UNHCR scheduled to arrive 29 March. UNICEF sending 2 water treatment plants. Logistics hubs to be established in Sibolga and Medan. Government team from Jakarta dispatched to evaluate situation.

Simeulue Island: Rapid assessment (OCHA/WFP/GoI) team completed first assessment. Concrete buildings damaged or collapsed. Population fearful of a tsunami. CARE, CRS, and SC assisting in provision of tented hospitals, dried biscuits, medical teams and supplies, communications and GPS equipment.

Banyak Islands: aerial assessment completed. No further action anticipated at this time.

Singapore Government and Red Cross sending humanitarian assistance teams. OCHA Jakarta and BAKORNAS in regular communication. OCHA Geneva has confirmed that 20 Search and Rescue teams are on standby in the region. OCHA UNDAC team on standby.

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