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ALERT

(Earthquake and Tsunami in the Flores Region, East Nusa Tenggara)

Country	Indonesia	Type of report	Alert
Emergency Response location	Flores NTT	Date of emergency	15 August 2026
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Emergency Situation

A 7.7 magnitude tectonic earthquake struck the Flores region of East Nusa Tenggara (NTT) on Saturday, August 15, 2026, at 5:58 a.m. WITA (Central Indonesian Time). Based on analysis by the Meteorology, Climatology, and Geophysics Agency (BMKG), the epicentre was at sea, approximately 30 km northeast of Mbay, Nagekeo Regency, at a depth of 15 km. BMKG had previously released initial parameters of MMI 7.0 and MMI 7.7, respectively, before updating the data.

The earthquake was felt strongly (IV-V MMI scale) in Ruteng, Ende, Labuan Bajo, Maumere, East Sumba, Bima City, and Dompu Regency, and was felt as far away as Kupang, West Sumbawa, Lombok (NTB), South Sulawesi, and Bali. The tremors triggered panic among residents in several areas, including Bajawa (Ngada Regency) and Mataram (NTB), who rushed out of their homes.

The Meteorology, Climatology, and Geophysics Agency (BMKG) issued a Tsunami Early Warning for East Nusa Tenggara (NTT), West Nusa Tenggara (NTB), South Sulawesi, and Southeast Sulawesi. Tsunami waves were detected at several locations: Maurole, Ende Regency (0.94 meters, at 06:27 WITA), Sikka (0.19 meters), Labuan Bajo (0.36 meters), and Dompu, West Nusa Tenggara (NTB) (0.17 meters). Alert status was in effect for the northern regions of Manggarai, Ngada, West Manggarai, Ende, and Sikka; and Warning status was in effect for Ende Island, Sikka Island, the northern part of East Flores, and several coastal areas of NTB, South Sulawesi, and Southeast Sulawesi. Residents in coastal areas were advised to stay away from the coast and follow evacuation instructions. At 07:31:30 WIB/08:31:30 WITA, the BMKG issued an updated PD-4 Tsunami Warning, officially ending the tsunami warning for all of Indonesia.

The full extent of casualties and material damage is still being assessed. According to preliminary BNPB data as of 15 August at 07:45 WIB, 1 person was reported dead and 4 people injured. Approximately 2,000 people in Nagekeo Regency conducted self-evacuation, while thousands of others across eight additional regencies also evacuated independently. Reported material damage includes damage to public buildings, government offices, health centers (puskesmas), places of worship, residential houses, the Pelni Port waiting area, electricity and communication infrastructure, as well as connecting roads affected by landslides at several points.

YEU is currently coordinating and conducting assessments through local partners in the affected areas to gather information on the situation of affected communities, the impact of the earthquake, priority needs, and the conditions of at-risk groups.

1. Health service support: mobile clinics and kinesio/physiotherapy services
2. Distribution of shelter kits and lighting (such as emergency lamps) for families with at-risk groups
3. Psychological First Aid (PFA) support

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BMKG ShakeMap : 30 km TimurLaut MBAY-NAGEKEO-NTT
AUG 15, 2026 04:58:24 WIB, M:7.7, 8.41S 121.39E, Depth:15km, ID:20260815073130

Map Version 1 Processed Sat Aug 15, 2026 07:32:50 WIB

PERCEIVED SHAKING	Not felt	Weak	Light	Moderate	Strong	Very strong	Severe	Violent	Extreme
POTENTIAL DAMAGE	none	none	none	Very light	Light	Moderate	Mod./Heavy	Heavy	Very heavy
MMI	I	II-III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X+

Scale based upon Worden et al. (2011)

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