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In Brief

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Global Agenda Goals:

- Reduce the numbers of deaths, injuries and impact from disasters.
- Reduce the number of deaths, illnesses and impact from diseases and public health emergencies.
- Increase local community, civil society and Red Cross Red Crescent capacity to address the most urgent situations of vulnerability.
- Reduce intolerance, discrimination and social exclusion and promote respect for diversity and human dignity.

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The Situation



A view of the destruction in Nevelsk, Sakhalin Oblast.

On Thursday 2 August two strong underground tremors, registering 6.2 and 5.9 on the Richter scale, hit Sakhalin region in the far east of the Russian Federation. The first earthquake was at 01:37 local time (06:37 Moscow time), while the second was at 16:22 local time 10:22 Moscow time). The epicentres are situated near the west coast of Sakhalin island on the sea bottom, at a depth of 10 kilometres and 21 kilometres, respectively. Underground tremors were perceptible in the Nevelsky and Kholmsky districts of Sakhalin Oblast.

About ten settlements with a combined population of over 60,000 people are situated in the disaster area. According to data of the far eastern regional centre of the Ministry of Emergencies, approximately 20 aftershocks with a magnitude of less than 5 on the Richter scale occurred during the four hours following the first quake. According

to specialists, subsequent earthquakes may occur in the region.

According to official data, the heaviest damage occurred in the settlement of Nevelsk where around 25,000 people are currently living. Two people were killed and ten injured during the earthquake. Damage included structural damage to apartment buildings and facilities, as well as loss of power and water supplies in Nevelsk and several villages. The affected area is seven time zones from Moscow.

At present, a state of emergency has been declared by the Ministry of Emergencies. A rescue team has begun work in the affected areas. Two temporary shelters have been created in schools in Nevelsk in case an evacuation is deemed necessary after an inspection of the affected homes.

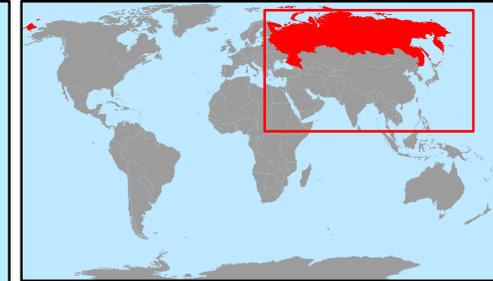
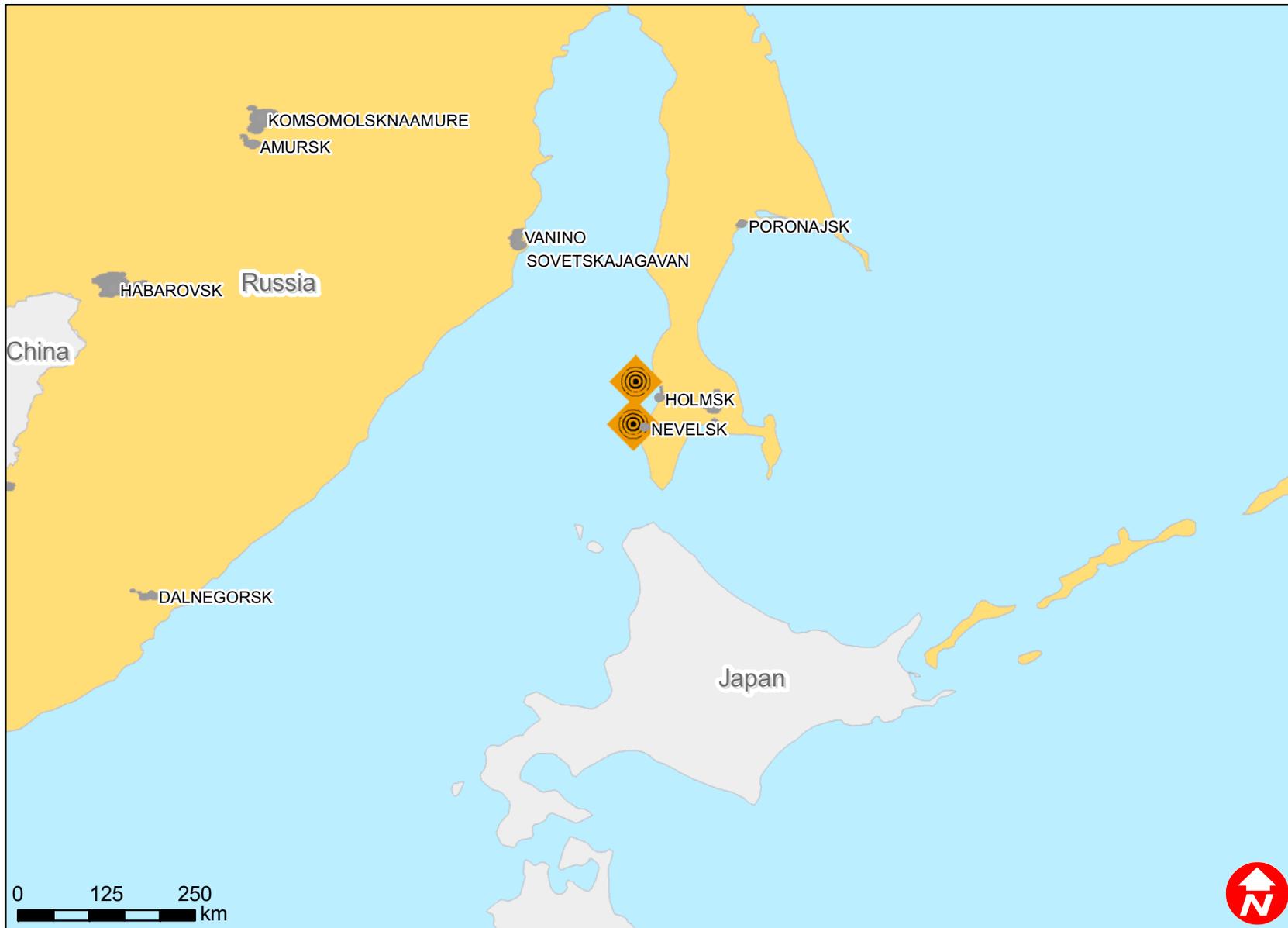
Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The Sakhalin branch of the Russian Red Cross is carrying out an evaluation of the situation. If necessary, the Russian Red Cross will request an allocation from the DREF to provide the most vulnerable residents of Nevelsk and the surrounding villages with emergency relief.

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Russian Federation: Earthquake



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