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Simulated Emergency Exercise for JOTA-JOTI

Information item 2.

‘Eye witness accounts’

"We went to Wam, a nearby village. There was a big jolt while we were standing there. The mountains shook. Boulders came crashing down. The people were really scared. They never experienced anything like this."

Hassan Mazumbudarra, Scoutonia Country Director of InterCare

"It was very cold this morning, we just ran out, no shoes, no jackets. The shocks kept coming and when the quake was at its strongest, the whole town was shaking. Everything shook for about two minutes. We rushed outside. Women and children were crying. We are too frightened to go back into any buildings. We are all spending the night outside."

Khalil Gillian, Medical Doctor in Quettalama City, Scoutonia.

"We spent the night shivering and with the children crying. There were five of us wrapped in one blanket."

Alami Uddinala, a 30-year-old farmer, camped with about 15 relatives in an apple orchard.

"Several hundred aftershocks have been felt since the main earthquake. I know these are aftershocks and not new earthquakes, and I also know these tremors may continue for a while but it is hard to convince children that they will be safe."

Amirad Aziz Pucan, School Teacher, Ziazomba village, Scoutonia