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The situation

On 26 October 2016, a 5.5 magnitude earthquake struck central Italy. The quake hit at 19:10 (17:10 GMT), at depth of 10 kilometres with epicentre in the southwest of Visso, in Las Marcas. Visso is situated approximately 174 kilometres from Rome, where the earthquake was also strongly felt.

Around two hours after the first quake, a second one followed with a magnitude of 6.1 in the same area (3.2 kilometres north of Visso and 58 kilometres from Perugia).

There have been no reports yet of injuries, although there was damage in Visso and another town, Campi, where the historic church, San Salvatore, was destroyed by the tremours.

The earthquake caused buildings to collapse although there is no detailed information available on the extent of the damage at the moment.

The Italian Civil Protection has been sending teams to assess the damage and needs. Italy's national geophysics institute said the latest quakes were linked to the August one.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The Italian Red Cross activated its Emergency Operation Centre and is coordinating and working closely with the Italian Civil Protection to assess damages and provide support to the affected population as required.

The Italian Red Cross has deployed 9 ambulances and 20 volunteers to the affected areas. Several psychosocial support teams of the Italian Red Cross have also been sent to the field to assist the affected population.

The Italian Red Cross is making available one mobile kitchen to provide 1,000 meals per day to those affected.

The National Society's regional branches of Umbria, Marche, Lazio and Abruzzo are on standby to take action as necessary and needed, and the President of the Italian Red Cross Marche branch is in the affected area right now.



Red Cross teams assessing the damages jointly with Civil protection in the town of Visso. Source: Italian Red Cross

All actions and activities of the Italian Red Cross are managed and organized by the Command and Control Division based in Rieti (being the same division responsible for the management of actions related to the August earthquake).

The IFRC Regional Office for Europe is in permanent contact with the Italian Red Cross to obtain information on the extent of damages, affected people and further steps.

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non-violence and peace.



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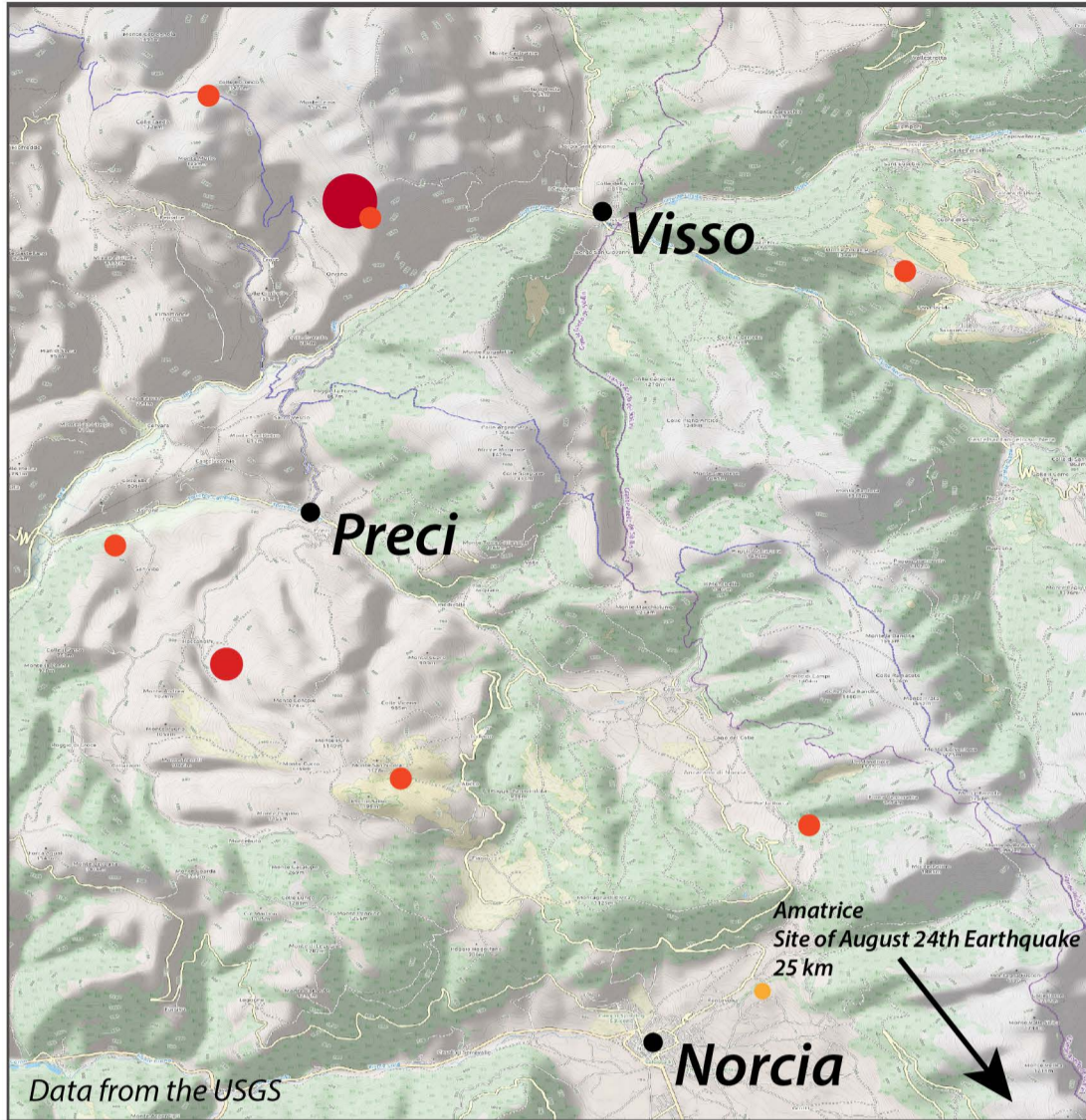


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ITALY EARTHQUAKE

Seismological Activity

26-27 October 2016



Magnitude

- 6.1 ●
- 5.0 - 5.9 ●
- 4.0 - 4.9 ●
- < 4.0 ●



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