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## Italy: Earthquake

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**Host National Society: Italian Red Cross**

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## The situation

On 21 August 2017, a 4.3 magnitude earthquake hit the island of Ischia in the Bay of Naples. The quake struck at 20:57 (18:57 GMT), at depth of 10.4 kilometres with epicentre 5 kilometres north-west of Monte di Procida.

Two persons died and at least 39 people got injured, with many more still missing.

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.

The quake hit a few days before the first anniversary of a powerful quake that killed nearly 300 people in central Italy, most of them in the town of Amatrice.



Emergency Operation Centre is activated. Photo. Source: Italian Red Cross

## 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 is present on the island and its **more than 30 staff and volunteers** have been involved in the operation. After the earthquake, the local volunteers of Ischia have been supporting the **rescue and evacuation operation** with ambulance and car. **Volunteers** were **mobilized also from different branches** to support the affected population. The Italian Red Cross is involved in **facilitating evacuation of the people to Naples and Pozzuoli**, and the Red Cross staff is present in the harbour to receive those arriving from the island.

The National Society is **deploying a shipment including a mobile kitchen and relief items (including tents)** to the affected area, which is expected to arrive in the coming hours. RC staff and volunteers have been providing **First Aid and psychosocial support (PSS)** to those in need.

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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The IFRC's work is guided by Strategy 2020 which puts forward three strategic aims:



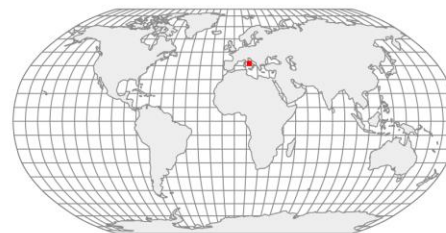
**Save lives.**  
protect livelihoods,  
and strengthen recovery  
from disaster and crises.



Enable **healthy**  
and **safe** living.



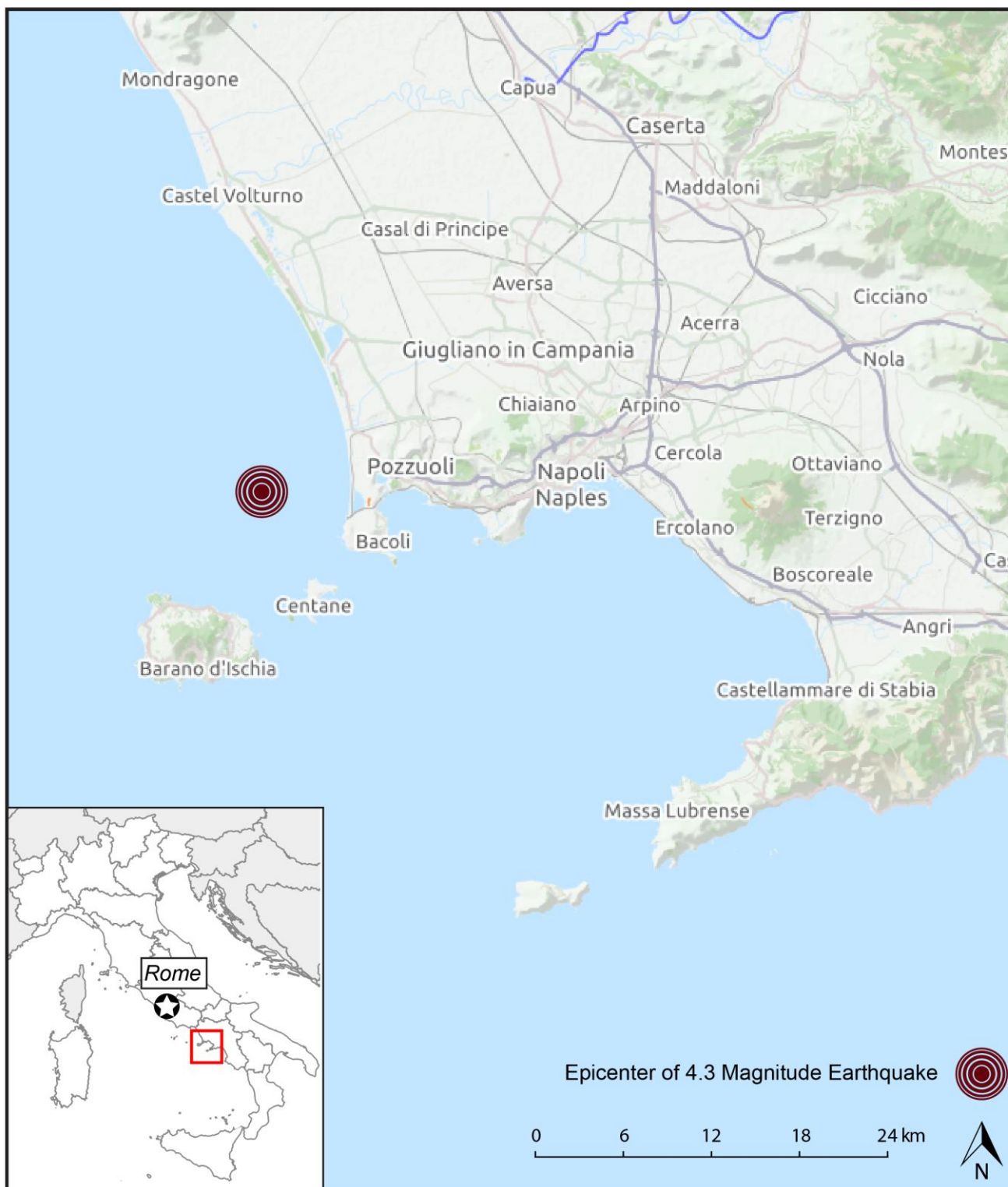
Promote social inclusion  
and a culture of  
**non-violence** and peace.



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