An earthquake of 5.4 M at a depth of 9 km hit the north of Itbayat Island (Batanes Archipelago, northern Philippines) on 26 July at 22.16 UTC, followed by another one of 6.0 M at a depth of 10 km offshore in the Philippine Sea on 26 July at 23.37 UTC.

The most affected location is the town of Itbayat, where the majority of island’s population lives.

The National Disaster Agency has sent medical and rescue teams to the islands, where rescue efforts are currently ongoing.