

2006 Mozambique Earthquake

When it Happened

The earthquake occurred around midnight of 22 February with its epicenter in Machaze S Mozambique. The earthquake recorded 7.5 on the Richter Scale and tremors were felt as far as Zimbabwe, South Africa, Swaziland and Zambia. The earthquake was caused by movement along the [Rift Valley fault](#) which released energy and caused the quake.



EFFECTS

Less damage was caused by the earthquake, but 4 lives were lost. Fifteen injuries were reported in Maputo and 13 in Espungabero. Less damage was inflicted on buildings and infrastructure. People evacuated their homes with panic. In Zimbabwe heavy tremors were felt in the Eastern Highlands with small tremors in the interior. Earthquakes are very rare in Southern Africa. When the earthquake occurred people didn't even know what was taking place.