



NEOC Situation Update

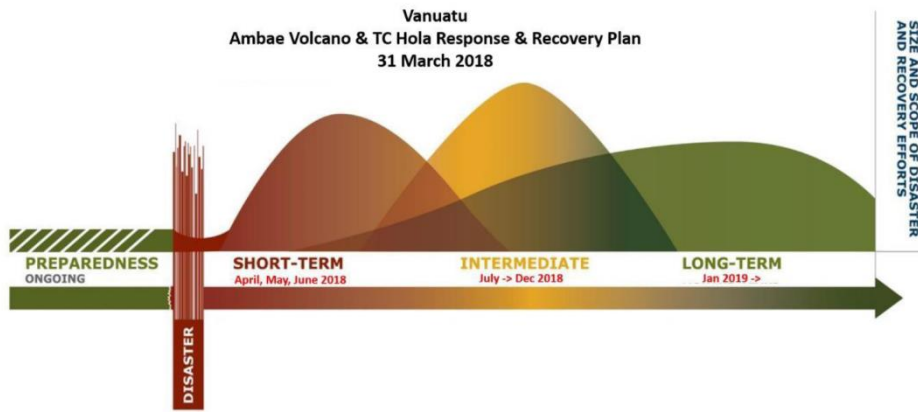
Response Name	TC Hola & Ambae Volcanic Activity
Situation Report	14
Date	07 May 2018
Reporting period	03/05/2018 - 07/05/2018
Provinces affected	Penama, Malampa
Attachment(s)	
NEOC Status	Operational

Situation Overview

- Following increased volcanic activity by the Ambae Island Volcano, the government declared a state of emergency from 13 April – 13 July. The Vanuatu Government, through the Council of Ministers made a decision to evacuate the entire island of Ambae (population: 10,200) and is working with the Provincial authorities to identify suitable areas for affected communities.
- Four permanent relocation sites with an estimate total land area of 1124 hectare have been identified on Maewo. Furthermore 19 host communities with a capacity to accommodate 3,000 people (600 HHs) have also been identified in Maewo Island (east of the affected island).
- Over 1,500 people are either in evacuation centers or are living with host communities in Ambae waiting to relocate off-island.
- Registration of evacuees is also ongoing simultaneously and is expected to complete in the week ending 18 May. The registration is to ensure that displaced communities are tracked and given the support they need
- Preliminary reports on-island (Ambae) state that voluntary movement is on-going and most people have moved to Santo, Efate and other islands.
- The Sanma Redcross team is working closely with NDMO to identify needs of communities who have voluntarily moved from Ambae and living in Santo.

General Coordination

The National Disaster Management Office (NDMO), through its Cluster System, is coordinating the on-ground response to both Tropical Cyclone Hola and Ambae Volcano response. The government has adopted a three phase strategy to deal with these emergencies, in which the NDMO will take leadership on the short term emergency phase (April –June 2018), while the Prime Minister's office will take leadership for the intermediate Term (July – December 2018) and Long Term (2019/2020) phases.



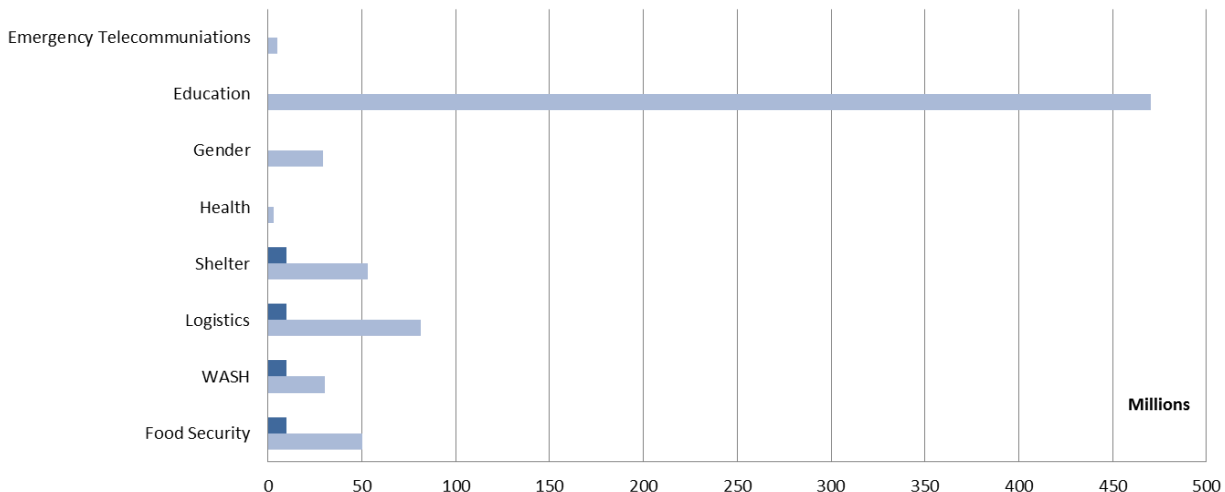
Response

- The Government of Vanuatu, through the National Disaster Management Office is working with its humanitarian partners to provide food rations, temporary shelters, non-food items and water for the most affected communities since March 2018.
- Since the Ambae response occurred at the backdrop of the Tropical Cyclone Hola response, the Government of Vanuatu would like to ensure visibility and accountability on progress towards implementation of TC Hola response. The NDMO is working with clusters to develop a monitoring framework and key performance indicators for both responses to ensure nothing is missed out. Additionally, all planned recovery and rehabilitation plans in Ambae related mostly to TC Hola have been halted with an objective to transfer these into the new permanent relocation sites. In-country partners involved in these activities have been requested to target their interventions to newly identified sites off the affected island on Ambae.
- Commercial vessels plying the Santo route have been asked to pass by Ambae and support with the transportation of voluntary movement of evacuees.
- A capacity assessment team travelled to Maewo last week to assess the capacity of new relocation sites. Additionally a survey team from department lands is currently in Maewo to survey the new relocation sites and provide the accurate land size for planning purposes.

TC Hola and Ambae Response Gap Analysis

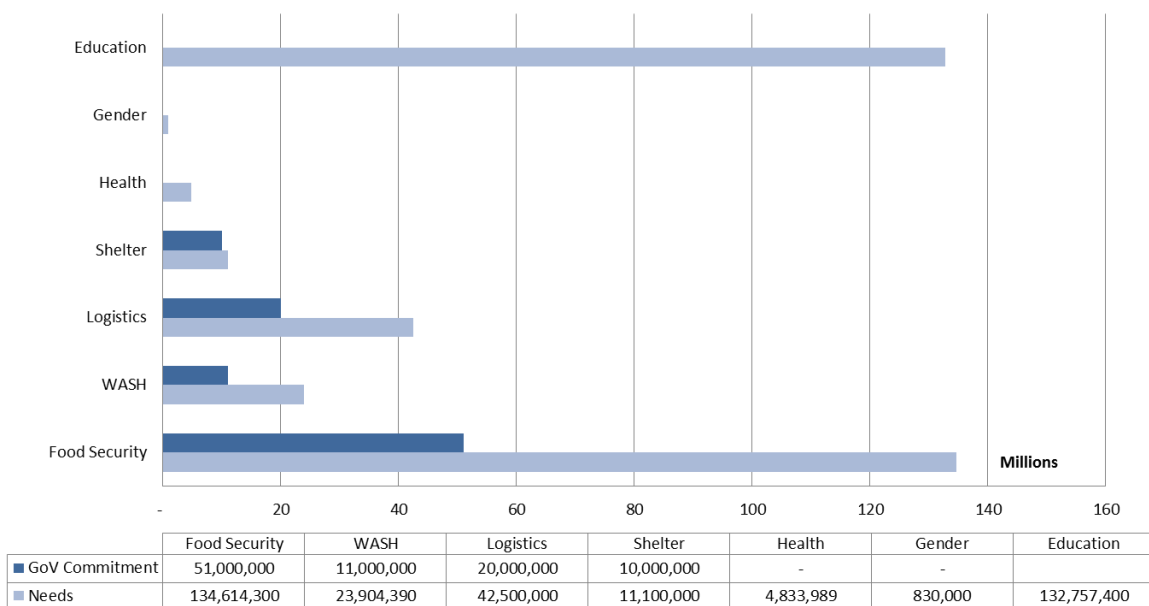
Below are graphs showing the Needs and Gaps for both TC Hola and Ambae Response (Maewo Relocation Sites) per cluster.

Ambae Response Gap Analysis



	Food Security	WASH	Logistics	Shelter	Health	Gender	Education	Emergency Telecommunications
■ GoV commitment	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	0	0	0	
■ Needs	50,222,400	30,348,388	81,476,000	53,055,400	3,079,000	29,466,667	470,221,667	5,000,000

TC Hola Gap Analysis



Based on the above analysis, the Government is seeking an additional 540 million vatu (5 million USD) for TC Hola Response and another 10 billion vatu (93.5 million USD) for the Ambae response to meet immediate, intermediate and long-term needs.

Current donor contributions include FRANZ Partners providing logistics support and non-food items through NGO's for both responses and have also provided Ambae Volcano Assessment support through GNS scientists. In country humanitarian partners (Vanuatu Redcross, UN agencies, etc.) have also provided direct support through clusters. The Pacific Humanitarian Team (PHT) partners have provided technical support to NDMO. Monetary donations have also been received from China and India towards the Ambae Response.

Penama Provincial Coordination

Approximately 950 households with a total of 1,405 people are currently in evacuation centers. The Penama Provincial Emergency Operation Center (PEOC) continues the coordination of on-island evacuation. It is also working closely with NDMO on the off-island evacuation plans. Awareness for evacuation went well and people are now preparing for evacuation.

At least 50 per cent of registration has been completed for North, South and East of Ambae. The process has been slowed down due to limited human resources, logistics and lack of adequate equipment (camera). Despite that, the team aims to complete the registration for all parts of the island by 15th May 2018.

Further Information

VMGD Volcano Update: www.vmgd.gov.vu
NDMO: <https://ndmo.gov.vu>
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