



NEOC Situation Update

Response Name	Ambrym Volcanic Activity
Situation Report	06
Date	15:30 21 January 2019
Reporting period	17/01/2019 – 24/01/2019
Provinces affected	Malampa
Attachment(s)	Ambrym Relocation Map
NEOC Status	Operational

Situation Overview

- The Vanuatu Meteorology Department (VMGD) has the Ambrym Volcano at Alert Level 3 which is the minor eruption stage. The possibility that the Ambrym Volcano activity will escalate to Level 4 is low for now. For more information on VMGD Ambrym Volcano observations, see <https://www.vmgd.gov.vu/vmgd/index.php/geohazards/volcano/alert-bulletin#benbowMarum>
- The International Office of Migration (IOM) has completed registration of households from the four villages in South East Ambrym that require immediate evacuation due to significant earthquake damage. These four villages are Paamal, Ulei, Sameou, and Asse.
- A summary of the IOM disaggregated population data (as of 19/01/19) is provided below:

Community	Individuals	Households	Status
Asse	125	31	Evacuated to Endu village
Paamal	138	35	Evacuated to Moru village
Sameou	238	58	awaiting evacuation
Ulei – (minor damage)	155	37	refused to evacuate
Grand Total	656	161	

- Plans to evacuate communities at Asse and Sameou to Endu village commenced this week. An evacuation timeframe is yet to be determined for Ulei community.
- MV Aganda, LC Kalyara and MV Hula have anchored along South East Ambrym to deliver dry goods and fuel. VMF members will manage the transportation cargo from the anchorage to the storage facility at Taveak.
- Immediate need for water in host communities remains high. The ration applied for water distribution in the Paamal community through the CDCCC is 1.5L per person per day.

- The National Disaster Management Office Acting Director, Mr Shadrack Welegtabit has led a team to for a site visit in South East Ambrym affected communities at the same time visited the Ambrym on-site Operation Center.

General Coordination

- The National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) in conjunction with the Malampa Provincial Emergency Operation Centre (MEOC) is coordinating humanitarian response activities in South Eastern part of Ambrym.
- The WASH team has restored the Toak and Endu water systems. Preparations are underway to send human resource and building material for construction of sanitation facilities in the host communities.
- Final consultation with Ulei community on awareness and safety is complete. The community has been informed of what to expect and prepare for to receive affected communities.
- Mbossung School will remain operational until relocation is mandatory.
- Senai School is preparing to become the host school to accommodate students from relocated schools. La DEC (Direction de l'Enseignement Catholique) have indicated to provide building material for construction of temporary education shelters at Senai School to accommodate francophone students evacuated from Paamal School.
- IOM has completed registration and analysis of disaggregated data. The data was made available to evacuated communities and humanitarian agencies on the ground.
- The IOM drone was flown over the Paamal community to provide surveillance data that will assist with mapping of the area.

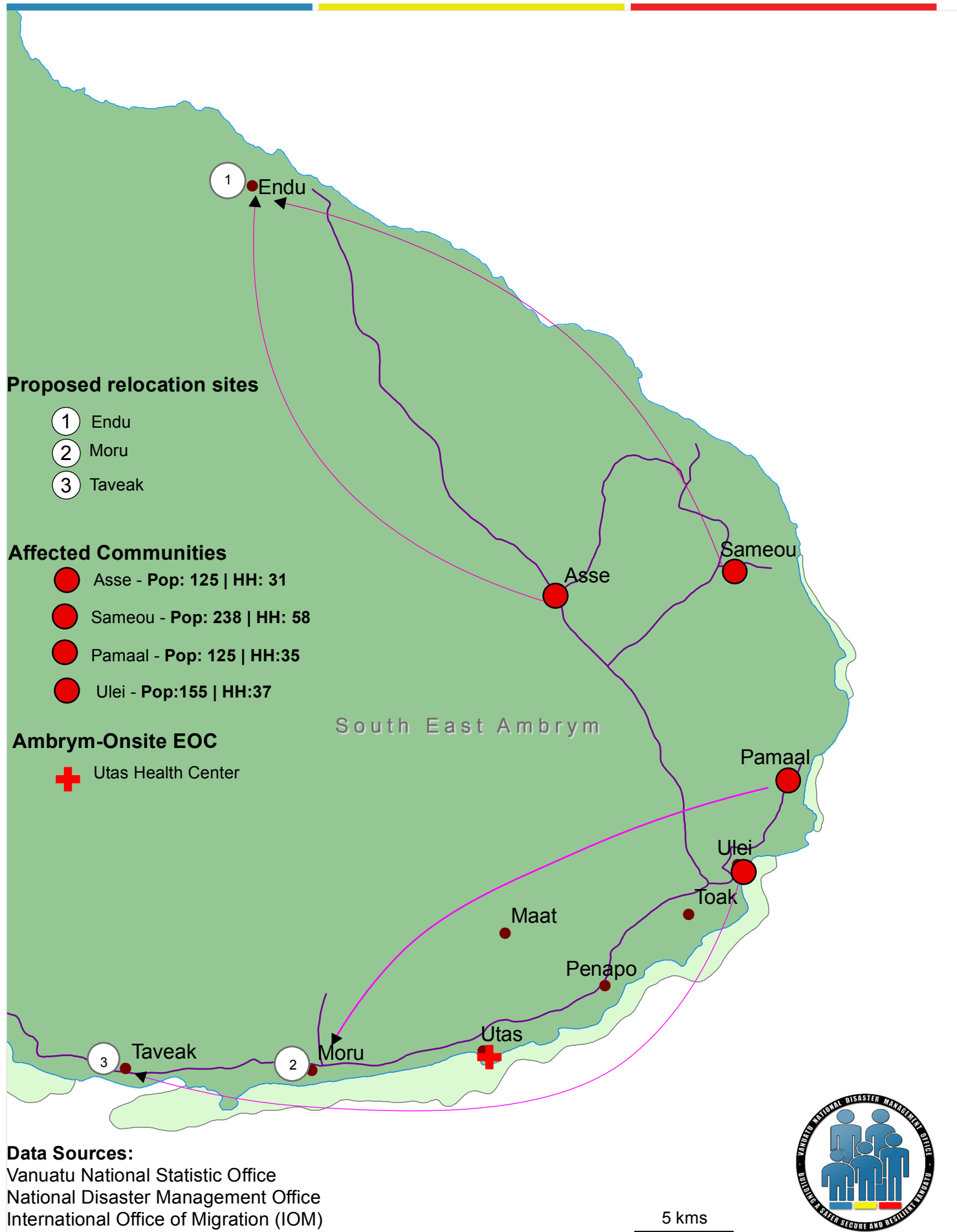
Further Information

VMGD Volcano Update:	www.vmgd.gov.vu
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Ambrym Relocation Planning

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