



## NEOC Situation Update

Response Name	Tropical Cyclone Oma
Situation Report	01
Date	15:30 14 Feb 2019
Reporting period	12/02/2019 – 14/02/2019
Provinces affected	Torba, Sanma, Malampa
Attachment(s)	TC Oma Situation Update Info-graphic
NEOC Status	Operational

### Situation Overview

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- At 11:00am local time 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019, the Vanuatu Meteorology and Geo-Hazards (VMGD) has indicated that Tropical Cyclone Oma, Category 2 is approximately 145km northwest of Santo and about 220km west southwest of Banks Islands. The system is located at the centre of square letter E, number 4 (E,4) of the National TC Tracking Map. TC Oma is moving in a south-easterly direction in the past 3 hours with a speed of 19km/hr.
- Damaging gale force winds of 75km/hr are still predicted to affect Torba, Sanma, Penama and Malampa Provinces.
- The National Disaster Management Office advised Red Alert for Torba, Sanma, Penama and Malampa Provinces and Yellow Alert for Shefa as the system continues to move southeast.

### General Coordination

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- The National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) has been continuously trying to establish contact with affected provinces for the past 48hrs. The NDMO relies on the warnings from the VMGD to update the general public.
- Partners were informed of the system (TC Oma) during an inter-cluster meeting that was held on the Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019. NDMO updated all partners and clusters on the situation and requested them to prepare for response should it be required
- NDMO through the Emergency Telecommunication Cluster is continuously sending out warning messages of TC Oma via text messages.
- Torba, Sanma and Malampa Provincial Emergency Operation Centres were activated and have made their stakeholder partners aware of the situation. All PEOC's are working on collecting preliminary impact information, and also working with communities to ensure they locate safe houses or evacuation centres should the system intensify

## Preliminary Impacts

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Reports from community (phone calls to the NDMO since 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019 – 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019)

### Torba

- On ground reports received from Torba (Sola Provincial HQ) states that the strong gale force winds of the TC Oma over the weekend has caused extensive damage to their gardens, roofs that were not well secured have been blown off and there has been some flash flooding.

### Sanma

- In Sanma, TC Oma has caused flash flooding in West Coast of Santo (Olboe Village), where the over flow river has washed away gardens of taro that depends on the irrigation system. Approximately 76 households have lost their gardens. The community is expecting an immediate shortage of food.
- The overflowing river has also caused damage to roads.

### Malampa

- Evacuees in South East and West Ambrym have been made aware of the system by the VMF personnel on-ground and have identified safe houses in case of emergency. They were also given a copy of the National TC Tracking Map.

## Further Information

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<b>VMGD Volcano Update:</b>	<a href="http://www.vmgd.gov.vu">www.vmgd.gov.vu</a>
<b>NDMO:</b>	<a href="http://ndmo.gov.vu">ndmo.gov.vu</a>
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<b>Next Sitrep:</b>	TBD

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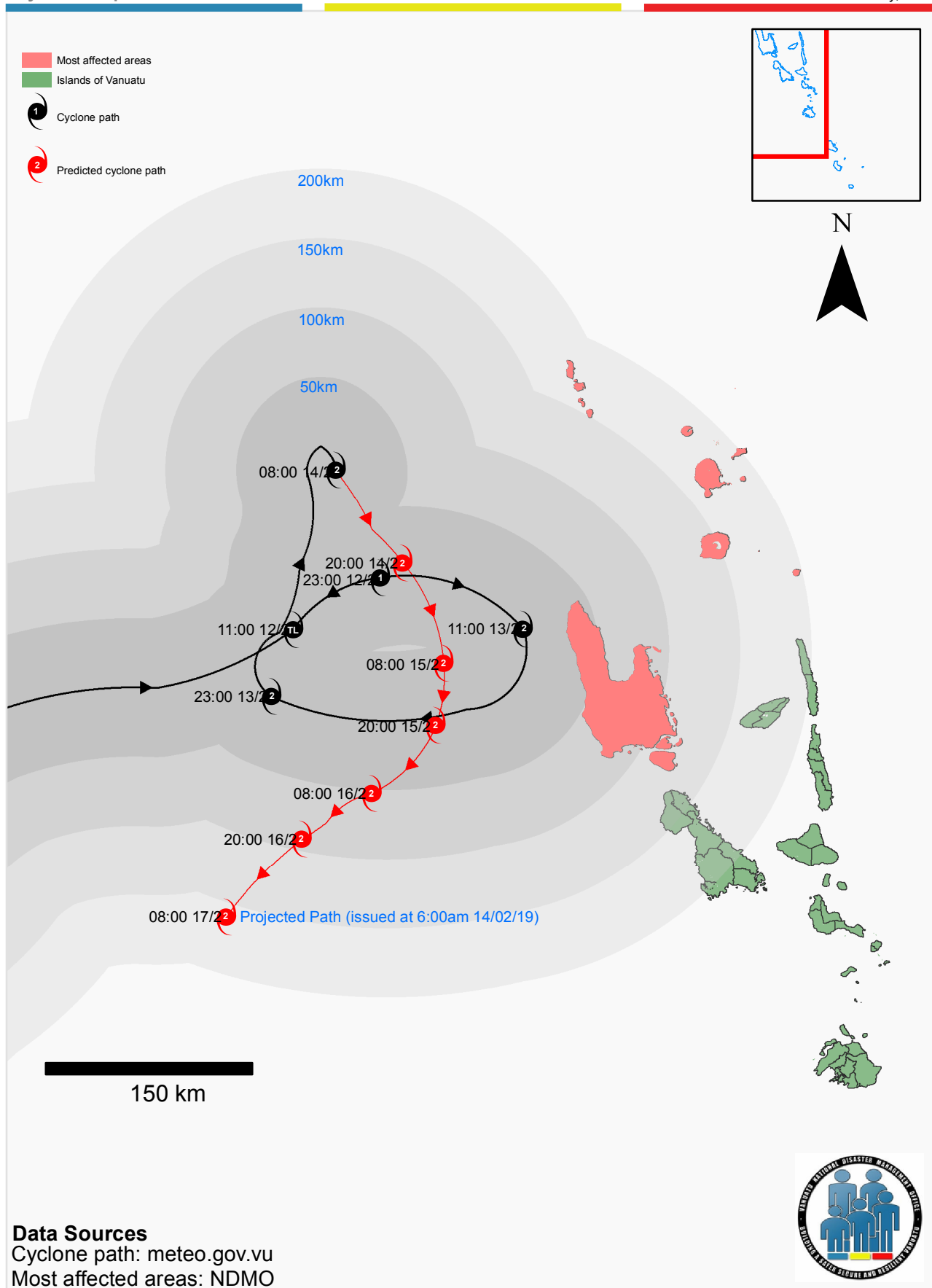
## Cyclone path and most affected areas

Map details

Version 1

16:00 Port Vila, Vanuatu

14th February, 2019



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