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NEOC Situation Update

Response Name	Tropical Cyclone Oma
Situation Report	02
Date	16:00 18 Feb 2019
Reporting period	15/02/2019 – 18/02/2019
Provinces affected	Torba, Sanma, Malampa
Attachment(s)	TC Oma Situation Update Info-graphic
NEOC Status	Operational

Situation Overview

- As at 1500 hrs. on 18th February 2019, the Vanuatu Meteorology and Geo-Hazards (VMGD) has indicated that Tropical Cyclone Oma, Category 2 is approximately 400 km southwest of Santo. The system is located at the centre of square letter C, number 7 (C,7) of the National TC Tracking Map. TC Oma is moving in a south-westerly direction in the past 3 hours with a speed of 16 km/hr.
- The National Disaster Management Office advised the all clear for Sanma and Malampa Provinces as the system continues to move southwest.
- The NEOC remains operational, as do Provincial EOC's at Torba, Sanma and Malampa
- Plans are in place to conduct aerial surveillance of damaged areas on Wednesday 20 February. Assessment teams have been formed in Torba and Sanma provinces to commence damage assessments
- Logistics plans are in place to provide relief supplies when the rough seas subside
- It is estimated that over 11,000 people live in areas that were exposed to wind speeds above 90 km/hrs.

General Coordination

- The National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) has been in contact with affected provinces and Provincial Emergency Operations Centres remain active in Sanma, Torba and Malampa provinces. All PEOC's are working on collecting preliminary impact information

- NDMO through the Emergency Telecommunication Cluster is continuously sending out warning messages of TC Oma via text messages.

Preliminary Impacts

Torba

- Gale force winds have resulted in damage to houses. Sea inundation and flooding have affected houses in coastal and low-lying areas.
- Gardens have been extensively damaged by wind, heavy rain, sea inundation and flash flooding.
- One adult suffered injuries to his hand and was treated at Benisas Health Centre at Motolava.
- A landslide at Urepapapara was reported however, the extent of damage is unknown yet.
- Evacuation centres provided shelter for over 500 persons
- Food stocks in the province are sufficient to last no more than 2 weeks

Sanma

- In Sanma, TC Oma has caused flash flooding on the West Coast of Santo (Olboe Village), where heavy rain has washed away gardens of taro that. Approximately 76 households have lost their gardens. The community is expecting an immediate shortage of food.
- Approximately 500 persons were evacuated to cyclone shelters as their temporary accommodation suffered damage or flooding
- Roads, gardens and crops have been damaged from flooding.

Malampa

- Evacuation centres in several locations were activated.
- Families in Norsup were evacuated due to storm surge affecting the community
- Consistent rough seas have isolated the community on Vau Island for over a week
- South east Malekula has suffered from sea surge
- North West Malekula reports damage to gardens and crops

Further Information

VMGD Volcano Update:	www.vmgd.gov.vu
NDMO:	ndmo.gov.vu
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Next Sitrep:	TBD

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Cyclone path and most affected areas

Map details
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