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NEOC Situation Update

Response Name	Tropical Cyclone Harold Novel Coronavirus (COVID19) Tanna Ash fall Teouma Flooding
Situation Report	05
Date	07 April 2020
Reporting period	05 April 2020 – 07 April 2020
Provinces affected	All
Attachment(s)	Table of confirmed cases in the Pacific Region TC Harold Situation Update
NEOC Status	Activated - Wednesday 11 March 2020
Next SITREP	TBD

Situation Overview

The National Disaster Management Office (NDMO), is currently coordinating response to at least four (4) disaster events; Tropical Cyclone Harold, COVID-19, Tanna Ash Fall, Teouma Flooding.

TC Harold

As at 11am local time 7th April 2020, Vanuatu Meteorological and Geo-Hazards Department (VMGD) has indicated that Tropical Cyclone Harold Category 5 is approximately 320KM east of Epi and 320KM east northeast of Efate. The system is positioned at the bottom left of the square letter K, number 6 (K, 6) of the Vanuatu Tropical Cyclone Tracking Map and has been moving in an easterly direction at 29KM/HR in the past 3 hours.

Damaging gale force winds of 90KM/HR, gusting to 110KM/HR over parts of PENAMA and MALAMPA provinces are expected to weaken as the system moves further east and away from the Vanuatu group, later today. Destructive storm force winds of 120KM/HR with gusts up to 150KM/HR from the center have weakened over parts of PENAMA and MALAMPA provinces as the system continues to move further away from Vanuatu group today.

Hurricane force winds of 215KM/HR, gusting to 235KM/HR is expected from the center have also weakened over parts of PENAMA and MALAMPA provinces as the system continues to move further away from Vanuatu group today.

The Vanuatu National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) advises that 'All Clear' is now given for all the northern and central provinces. People over the northern and central provinces are advised to continue to listen to Radio Vanuatu and all other Radio outlets to get the latest update on this system.

COVID 19

The National Disaster Management Office takes lead on the overall coordination of the COVID19 operation while the Health Cluster leads the medical aspects of the operation.

State of Emergency is currently on-going with directives pertaining the SoE regulations and the latest Council of Ministers (COM) decision on the Stimulus package.

The COVID-19 response is currently at **scenario 1**¹.

Tanna Ash fall

The Tanna Yasur Volcano is currently in Alert Level 2 according to Vanuatu Meteorological and Geo-Hazards Department (VMGD). An assessment on 31 March 2020 shows high impact on livelihood from the east to the central part of the island. A report on that will be released soon and will determine if a response is required.

Teouma Flooding

The heavy rainfall throughout the last weekend has caused flooding and impacted the livelihood of people around Teouma Valley. The area has been assessed and a report will be produced for further response if necessary.

Highlights

COVID 19

- **No confirmed cases in Vanuatu.**
- *Directive 39 from the NDMO has uplifted all previous domestic restrictions of air and sea operations subject to meeting normal safety and regulatory requirements.*

TC HAROLD Preliminary impact reports

- Both Digicel and Vodafone communication networks are down for most islands in the northern provinces.
- **Sanma**
 - o Significant damage around Sanma Province. There is power and water outage since 5th of April 2020. Major damage to buildings and infrastructure, some cargo ships were smashed along the coast.
 - o Those who have been evacuated still remain in evacuation centers.
 - o Flooding around Pepsi area in Luganville
 - o No reports of injury
- **Ambrym**
 - o Unconfirmed report of a death related to TC Harold impact.
 - o No impact report as yet.
- **Port Vila**
 - o Those who have been in evacuation centers have moved back to their houses once the all clear has been given.
 - o No damage report
- **Torba**
 - o Some people have been evacuation to Evacuation Centers (Caves)
 - o No damage report received as yet.

General Coordination

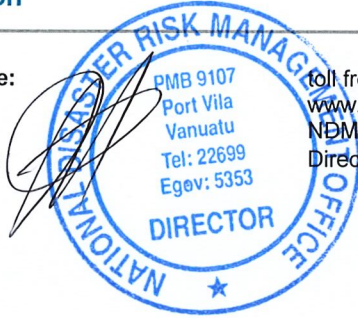
- The NEOC coordinates the four disaster events listed above with respective sectors and Provincial disaster officers.
- Provincial Emergency Operation Centers (PEOC) throughout Vanuatu are working together with Health working groups at the provincial level to carry out awareness on COVID-19 measures and cyclone preparedness.
- An Inter-agency meeting was held on 06th April 2020 to advise partners and cluster members on preparedness measures on Tropical Cyclone Harold and its coordination amidst the on-going responses.

¹ **COVID-19 Scenario1:** State of Emergency declaration for preparedness and containment measure however no confirmed cases.

- Two Aerial Surveillance Assessment team were deployed on 1pm, 7th April 2020 to assess the northern provinces.
- A Rapid Technical Assessment Team is scheduled to be deployed by mid-week.
- Vodafone telecom company has deployed a team to the northern provinces to restore network communications.

Further Information

- **Health Update:**
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Statistics of Confirmed cases and deaths in the Pacific Region

Data Source: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

Date sourced: 03 April 2020, 2:00 pm

Country	Confirmed Cases	Deaths
Vanuatu	0	0
Australia	5,79	39
Fiji	14	0
New Caledonia	18	0
New Zealand	911	1
Guam	112	4
Papua New Guinea	1	0
French Polynesia	39	0
Solomon Islands	0	0