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Situation Report

Response Name	Tropical Cyclone Donna
Situation Report	06
Time & Date	15:30 12th May 2017
Reporting period	10/05/2017 – 12/05/2017
Provinces affected	Torba, Sanma, Malampa
Attachment(s)	Total Rainfall Map
NEOC Status	Operational

Event Overview

Tropical Cyclone Donna moved in a westerly direction passing north of the Vanuatu group within 50-100km the Torres islands in Torba Province as a Category 3 cyclone.

The system continued west, before turning south, gathering strength to become a Category 5 cyclone and passed to the west of Sanma, Malampa and Shefa. Tropical Cyclone Donna passed about 200km to the west of the islands of Vanuatu. Tropical Cyclone Donna is now well clear of the Vanuatu region and the National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) issued the all clear on the 9th May 2017.

Attached is a map which shows the total rainfall amounts during the 01 – 10 May 2017.

Current Situation

With support from France, Australia and New Zealand (FRANZ), the NDMO has arranged the following flights to support response & relief activities:

Reconnaissance Flight

An aircraft departed Port Vila at 8.00am this morning (12/05/17) to undertake reconnaissance of Santo (Sanma Province) and Malakula (Malampa Province).

There is a photographer onboard to capture images and recordings which will be provided to the NEOC on return for assessment.

Assessment Team Flight

A team of 8 personnel departed Port Vila today (12/05/17) for 3 days to Santo and Torres to undertake assessments and gather information. The team consisted of representatives from NDMO, Vanuatu Police Force, Red Cross, Gender & Protection Cluster, Food Security Cluster, Shelter Cluster and Water Sanitation Hygiene Cluster. The team is due to return to Port Vila on Sunday.

Relief Supply Flight

An aircraft departed Santo today (12/05/17) carrying relief supplies including jerry cans, seeds, shelter kits, petrol and oil. These items will be delivered to Torres which will be distributed by the WASH team with the Area Secretary Council. A helicopter has also been arranged to assist with the transportation of personnel and relief supplies to surrounding islands.

The flight scheduled on Sunday (14/05/17) to collect the returning assessment team members will also transported relief supplies to Torres which will include tents for schools, educational materials and fishing gear.

The information obtained by the assessment team will be used by the NDMO on Monday (15/05/17) to draft a 'phase 2' relief plan. This plan will be presented to clusters and partner agencies on Tuesday (16/05/17) at the Inter Agency Meeting. The plan will outline what support/relief supplies is needed so that clusters and partner agencies can consider how they can help.

Clusters are continuing to make initial remote assessments, preparing response plans and gathering information on available resources for response. This information should also be shared with the NEOC.

The NDMO is also considering the need for a long-term recovery plan for community infrastructure (such as schools) damaged during Tropical Cyclone Donna.

General Coordination

The NDMO is co-ordinating national activities and the NEOC remains operational. Provincial Disaster Committees remain operational in Torba and Sanma.

For the initial assessment and response to the Torres Islands, the following coordination hierarchy has been put into place:

1. National Emergency Operations Centre, Port Vila
2. Secondary hub at the Provincial Emergency Operations Centre in Luganville, Santo
3. Onsite Coordination Centre, Loh Island, Torres

The NDMO Director has confirmed the next Inter Agency Meeting will be held at 2.00pm on Tuesday 16th May 2017 at the National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC).

Ambryn Volcano

The Ambryn volcano remains at Level 2 however the Vanuatu Meteorological & Geo Hazards Department (VMGD) has reported activity. There is a possibility that the level may be raised to Level 3 however this is being monitored closely.

The volcanic activity has affected drinking water supply and local food crops which have been destroyed by acid rain. The NDMO Director has deployed a Food Security and Water Sanitation Hygiene (WASH) cluster representatives to Ambryn to complete an assessment.

Further Information

Weather: VMGD website www.vmgd.gov.vu

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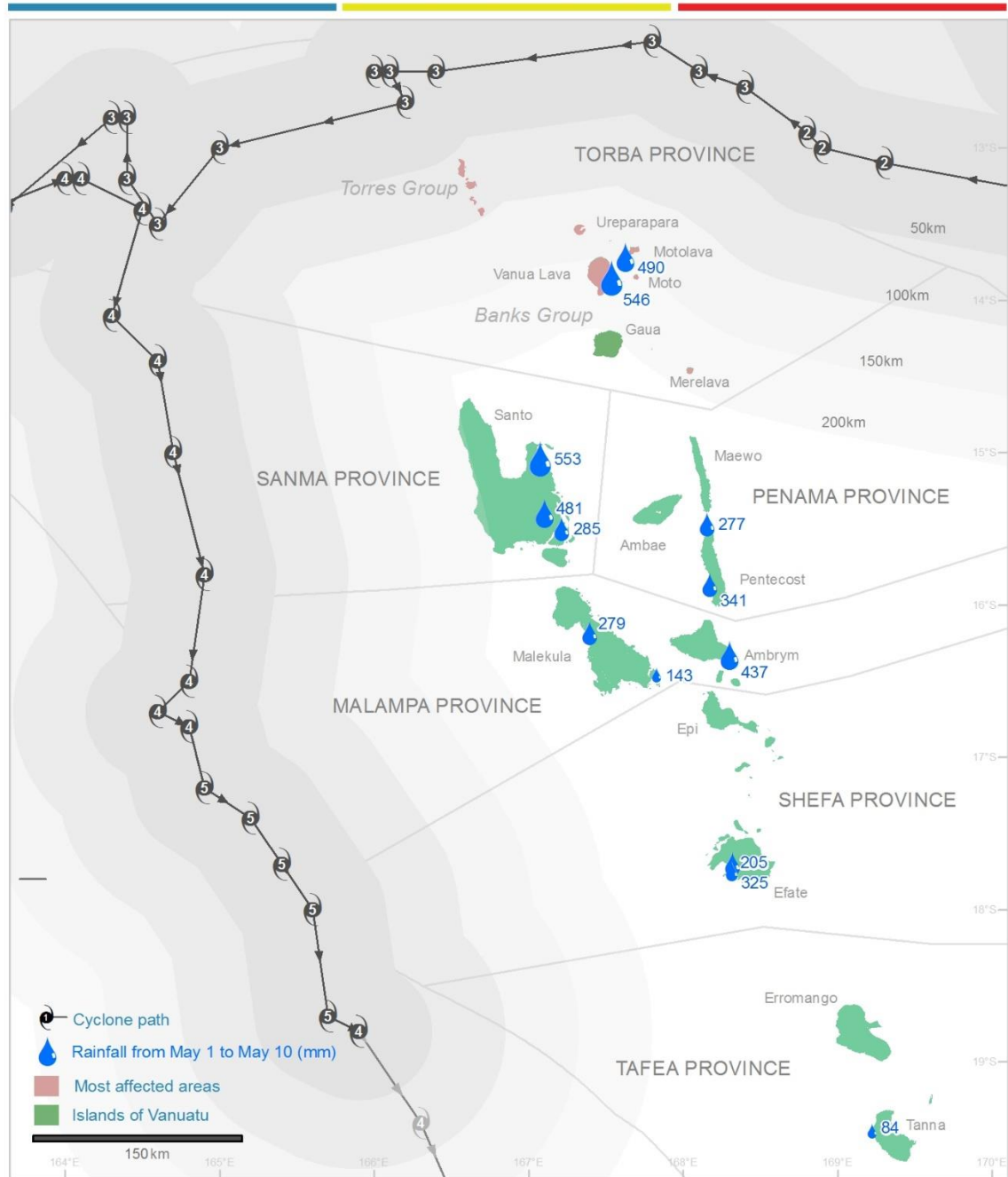
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Next situation report: Tuesday 16 May 2017

Situation update: Tropical Cyclone Donna

Cyclone path, Rainfall and most affected areas

Map details
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Data Sources
Vanuatu Meteorology and Geo-Hazards Department



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