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SITUATION REPORT

Response	Ambae Volcanic Eruption- Mt Lobenben REPATRIATION RESPONSE
Report Date	26 th October, 2017
Report Time	12:05pm
Reporting Period	25 th – 26 th October, 2017
Operation Centre Status	OPERATIONAL
Island Affected	Ambae
Reporting Officer	Manson Taridenga (NDMO Officer, Penama) Georgina Faerua (Planner, Penama)

Situation Overview:

State of Emergency for the island of Ambae extended until Friday 27th October, 2017 to allow for Repatriation of Ambae population.

Red Cross Volunteers under the leadership of Shelter Cluster, Paul (PWD) are compiling their registration data and so The PDCCC (EOC) was not able to have a debrief on registration to date.

The situation on the ground is relatively stable people are moving into villages. MV Mahalia beached yesterday at Lolowai and the passengers were disembarked and spent the night at nearby centres for transporting today.

Volcano continue to be active, with signs of ashfall regular in all areas.

General Coordination:

The Emergency Operation Centre in Ambae, the PDCCC, continue to operate with daily debriefs at 9am and tasking's that follow on.

It is becoming clear that all Clusters would need to prepare for a much longer term planning the following by Friday 27th October:

1. Cluster Repatriation Report
2. Cluster Short Term Response Plan (3 months)
3. Penama Provincial Infrastructure Plan for affected Areas.
4. Education & Awareness Outreach Plan- to educate people on how to live with the Volcano.

Today Georgina, Planner of Penama, handed over the acting role of Controller at the EOC to Manuel Ure, Assistant SG who was the Chairman of the PDCCC at Saratamata. Starting tomorrow 27th October, Manuel Ure will be resuming his role as Controller & Chairman of the PDCCC.

Members Present	Members Absent
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Georgina Faerua, Acting Controller 2. Manson Tari, NDMO 3. Manuel Ure, Ass. SG 4. Chief Insp. Jackson Silas, Police (Security) 5. Bennuel Tabi, Shelter Cluster 6. Joel Kalpnel, Food Security 7. Paulo, WASH Coordinator 8. Markleen Tagaro, Health Cluster 9. Rotina Ilo, Gender Protection Cluster 10. Geoff, UNICEFF Advisor 11. Amos Talu, Save the Children 12. Reginald Tarilaka, Penama 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Education Cluster 2. Nick Tavoia, Finance 3.

Cluster Reports:

SECURITY- Commander Chief Insp. Jackson Silas	
Situation- 25 th - 26 th October	Plan / Response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment is quite & stable. Place has been quiet since evacuation • Volcanic activities are more regular • Damages created by stray animals, loose livestock, pigs, goats. • Government premises & infrastructure is safe & secure in good condition. • Airports in good condition • Reminds EOC of the Police role to monitor ground situation mainly on Security & Safety of people, to carry out movement of people from Ports to Villages/ main centres. • Yesterday VMF recorded trips were 90 trips from Lolopuepue & Lolowai Ports. • The officers have been working very hard but all in good health & physically fit to continue the operation. • On 24th fuel given out was 244Liters • On 25th fuel given out was 80Liters • Today (half day) fuel given out was 260Liters (refill VMF Lorry) • Yesterday Fuel Officer refuse to refill SG vehicle (PPG1) so SG went away without fuel. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue Operation under State of Emergency. • Continue response to mobilize 60 VMF members on the ground • Water will be provided to 3 teams mobilized this morning. • Need support from public transports to move people from Ports & Longana peoples centre • Respond to recommendations by Gender protection to remove 1 officer at Lolowai who was very aggressive towards evacuees at the beach. • Respond to Health & Agriculture to release Boats if needed to transport people further South & go to Abwatuntora, North Pentecost for medical supplies. • Police will continue to remain until end of Repatriation & until COM calls off State of Emergency

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 teams of Officers mobilized this morning- 1 to Lolopuepue, 1 to Lolowai & 1 to Longana Peoples Center to mobilize people from further South to go to their villages. These 36 Households arrived on 24th October on MV Tauraken and because Tauraken did not take them further down South they have spend t2 nights at Centre. Local transports refuse to transport them because of road conditions. VMF will be transporting them on available transport and/or boat. • 1 incident of drunk men (2 young boys) kept in holding cell for disturbances overnight & release this morning. • 1 incident of 1 driver refusing to take 1 family to their village because of Road conditions and Family member became aggressive & intend to assault driver with bush knife (North). This has been sorted out by Police on the ground. 	
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FOOD SECURITY- Senior Agriculture Officer, Joel Kalpnel

Situation 25 th - 26 th October	Plan/ Response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food storehouse is at the Provincial Chamber is being well managed by Food Cluster. • Recording of all items being done in and out of the storeroom with help of Police Officer Sam to control people. • Food rations were distributed to Health workers & other government staff. • Need to impose strict controls on food distribution particularly to people coming in from Santo. Need ID's to confirm distribution • A livestock report was compiled by Advisor based on assessment of 23rd & 24th October. Decision to be made based on Report. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food supplies are being stored in Provincial Chamber with Police Officer manning the Chamber throughout the day & evening. • Repatriation Report will be presented to EOC tomorrow & also the next 3 months Response & Recovery Plan for Food Cluster will be presented.

HEALTH- Manager Markleen Tagaro

Situation- 22 nd – 25 th October	Plan / Response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer to SitRep by Manager Health #2. • Surveillance set up at West, North & South and at Lolowai to monitor any outbreaks of diseases. • Spare wheel & oil for Hospital vehicle was provided by EOC. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health workers continue to mobilize into community health centres. • Request Commander to release Health boat with a seaman to travel to Abwatuntora for medical supplies. • Refer to Sit Rep for Health.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 Health workers received their rations yesterday. • Currently no Dr available on the ground and this has been made know to Port Vila & Santo PH to send a Dr as current Dr stationed at Lolowai (Dr. Bage) is sick and in Santo. • Urgent need to have all registrations complete to ensure proper planning by clusters. If a draft is available then need to be provided. • With the good coordination of Sanma Health Cluster all evacuation sites were well monitored thus when people arrived on Repatriation no major sickness was reported. Only minor issues like headache, body pain and minor sea sickness. • 10 admitted patients on 25th now reduced. 2 Nurses manning the Lolowai Hospital & operational. Need a Dr on the ground. • 10 volunteers identified from Lolowai & Saratamata Areas to help out in sorting out hygiene kits with Save. • Big thank you & acknowledgement to Partners & Agencies for continuous support. Save the Children tent will erected at Lolowai Hospital • Save the Children vehicle has been the main WASH vehicle yesterday & today onwards. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awaiting approval by health authority to send 2 vehicles over- 1 for West & 1 for North/ East & South. • Need to provide support to Sakau health center.
<u>SHELTER- Lands Officer, Bennuel Tabi</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shelter Cluster also responsible for Registration. In briefing for Red Cross Volunteers this morning Paul mentioned to them to compile data. Thus 4 volunteers have remained back at Station to compile data while others go out to Ports- Lolowai & Lolopuepue. • 14 Tents have been received and are at • Tarps are still in stock at the Warehouse in the provincial Chamber. • No distribution until registration complete & plan developed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up on Registration with Volunteers. A Draft must be provided to EOC by tomorrow's briefing. For West Ambae also. • Distribution plan will be developed.
<u>WASH- Paulo, Water Coordinator</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water tracking was not able to be doen at West Ambae. Lacking some essential materials. Water people at West Ambae already identified materials list and Paulo will forward to EOC to ensure purchasing of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water testing hold up until materials list provided to EOC & NDMO Officer to forward for purchase in Santo. • Water immediate response needed to South Ambae from the Desalination plant

<p>these materials. Similar to fix leakages in Saratamata, Water man in Saratamata will provide list. Purchasing in Santo & shipped to West & Lolowai.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water testing continue at West & South • Water results have not yet been released and EOC was not able to decide on this. Will be followed up on by WASH. Eleased. Then next way forward to be determined • Cluster continue to implement Water Cluster Plan from Sanma EOC • Johnathan Bani, Water Technician at Saratamata is the trained personnel to operate the Desalination Plant at Lolowai. He refuse to return from Maewo yesterday. Supervisor has been informed & given until 12pm today. If no positive response, Police Boat will move to Nasawa, Maewo to take Johnathan to Saratamata. • Desalination Plant at Lolowai needs to be operated to supply water to village further South. • 	<p>at Lolowai. Awaiting confirmation by Johnathan Bani from Nasaw.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saratamata water pump will be checked to ensure full service to Saratamata area. • Pump purchased already at Port Vila need to be shipped to Lolowai for operation of Saratamata bore hole to refill Reservoir. Currently only using small reservoir due to pump capacity.
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GENDER PROTECTION – Rotina Ilo, Coordinator Gender Protection.

Situation 22 nd to 25 th October	Plan/ Response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apologise for not being present in past Briefings but they left early at 6am and return at 9pm for support at Ports-Lolopuepue & Lolowai. • One issue with a Police Office being aggressive to people as they disembark. Recommend Commander to look into this. • Supported the work of Red Cross Volunteers in registration • Monitor gender issues during dismemberment of people. • Continue monitoring of gender protection issues. • Their activities we aimed at helping women & children as they come off the ships. People needed help by loading things into the transports. Travelling with women & children into villages. • Few volunteers came in with evacuees from Pentecost. They will be returning tomorrow as the last ships come in and work is reducing. • Youth & Sports Boat is at Lolowai if EOC needs to use it will be notified & and boatman provided by Commander. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to implement Phase 2 &3 of their Repatriation Plan • A report will be produced and presented to EOC tomorrow. • Youth & Sports boat will be used by Health today to go to Abwatuntora to get medical supplies.

Burning Issues:

1. WASH need to mobilize into South Ambae
2. Mobile Tents need to be shipped over to Lolowai for storage.
3. Remaining Benzine & Mazut drums that Shell Company did not put on Urata need to confirmed & shipped over.
4. Save the Children Tent will be set up at Lolowai Hospital for temporary storage because of rainfall.
5. Health boat to be ready with Police Officer (Boatman) to go to Abwatuntora Hospital for health supplies to take back to Lolowai Hospital
6. Gender protection to talk to Commander on Police Officer at Lolowai.