



Situation Report

Response Name	Volcanic Activity – Ambae & Ambrym
Situation Report	07
Time & Date	13:15 02 nd October 2017
Reporting period	28/09/2017 – 02/10/2017
Provinces affected	Penama, Sanma
Attachment(s)	NDMO: Evacuation Routes Overview
NEOC Status	Operational

Situation Overview

Monaro Volcano on Ambae Island remains at Alert Level 4. A State of Emergency is in place for the Island of Ambae. The Government is in the process of evacuating all persons from Ambae. This is estimated to be 11,600 people in total. The situation is changing rapidly, as of midday today an estimated 4,500+ people had been evacuated to Santo with hundreds more to Pentecost and Maewo. Luganville is subject to a severe shelter shortage for evacuees. It is anticipated that the majority of the people on Ambae will have been evacuated off island in the next 48 hours.

Vanuatu Meteorology and Geohazards Department (VMGD) has undertaken aerial surveillance of the Ambae volcano on both Saturday and on and yesterday with the assistance of specialists from GNS Science New Zealand.

Multiple shipments of immediate relief items have been delivered to people displaced on Ambae, who are awaiting evacuation off island.

A shipment is scheduled to depart Port Vila later today for Luganville with immediate relief items for new arrivals to Luganville. This will include tarpaulins, hygiene kits, jerry cans, school support kits, Stocks will be on-forwarded to evacuees on Maewo and Pentecost.

The Government has received generous offers of support from many partners. NGOs have mobilised to support national coordinating structures and affected communities. UN Agencies are supporting with the deployment technical specialists in the areas of displacement tracking, camp management, logistics and shelter coordination from IOM, WFP and IFRC. FRANZ partners are supporting through deployment of assets, funding and direct delivery of regional supplies.

General Coordination

The Sanma Provincial Government is the northern hub for managing the evacuation from Ambae and the operation to support evacuation centres on Santo. Maritime movements are being coordinated by the Ports and Harbour authority with support from the NDMO Logistics Officer and the Maritime Wing of the Vanuatu Police.

PENAMA

The following situation update is provided by the Sanma Provincial Emergency Operation Centre (Sanma PEOC) as of the *1st October 2017*.

The PEOC has been activated on Thursday 28th of September 2017. The Committee is made up of cluster working groups (WASH & Health, FSAC, Education, Logistics, Shelter, Communication, Planning & Intelligence and operations). In support to the Sanma PEOC there is assistance from some personnel from Port Vila from different sectors including NGOS's and Government departments.

Voluntary movement of displaced people started since Tuesday 26th September 2017 and Mass Evacuation commenced as of yesterday 30th September 2017. Most displaced people that arrived yesterday have moved in with families while the rest to the evacuation centres.

160 students from 3 schools in West Ambae from all classes has arrived yesterday. Matevulu College and Lycee de Luganville are now hosting final year students from the group. The non-examination classes are now temporarily hosted at Santo East School while the Education Cluster identify another location to relocate them.

Under a complete Ambae evacuation scenario Sanma Province is expecting to cater for up to 7,500 displaced people. 19 evacuation centres has been identified to cater for displaced people and 10 schools were allocated to cater for 283 final year students. One of the evacuation centre is allocated for disable people and their caretakers.

LC Urata, MV Makila, MV Keidi, Big Sista, Vanuatu Cargo, Bejida, MV Tauraken, Anganda are some of the Shipping Vessel used to transport displaced people and Air Vanuatu and other airlines are transporting people with special needs including disable and sick patients.

MALAMPA

Ambrym Volcano remains at Alert Level 3. No further update from Situation Report 02, on the 22nd September 2017.

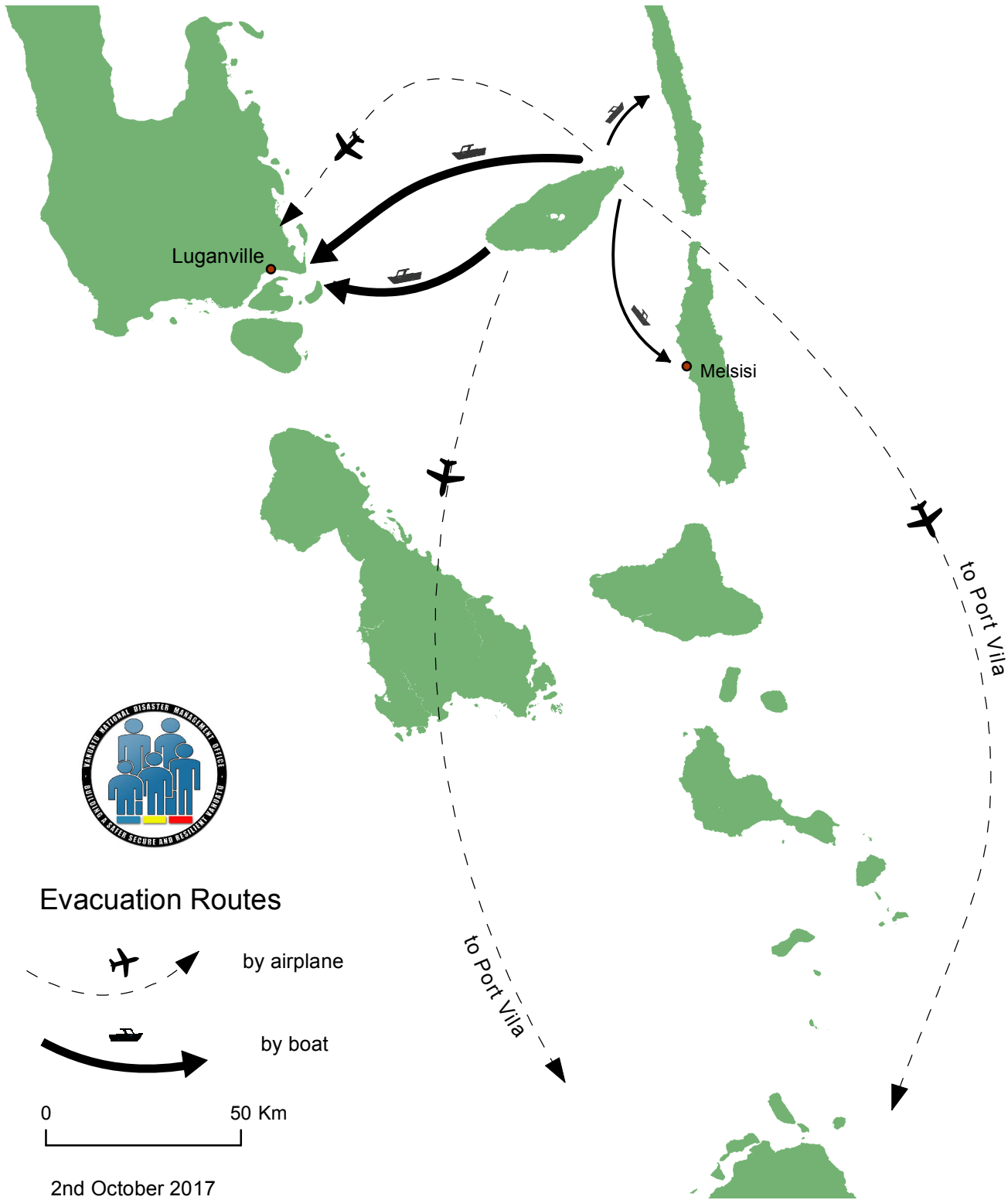
Further Information

Volcanic bulletins: <http://www.vmgd.gov.vu/vmgd/index.php/geohazards/volcano/alert-bulletin>

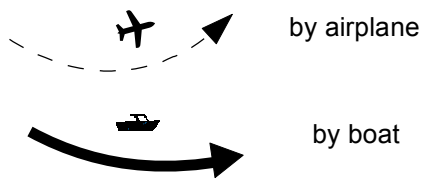
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Evacuation Routes



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