## NORTH AMBRYM AREA COUNCIL SITUATION REPORT # 1

**DATE:** 10<sup>th</sup> / 03 /2018

**SITREP NO: 1** 

**EVENT:** TC HOLA

**TO:** SG, PDO, AND PLO **FROM:** North ambrym Area Secretary

#### **REPORT**

This situation report, released by the ACS/CDCCC s in North Ambrym is to inform its operational partners on the current situation of the impacts of TC HOLA. The Situation report covers the period stated above. Frequency of reports will depend on availability of new information and evolving operation.

### **Situation Overview**

# **Background**

On  $6^{\text{th}}$  March, 2018, the Community Disaster and Climate Change Committees was activated at 7:00am

in preparation for Tropical Low which was later become a Cyclone on the 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018 which was a Category 1 storm located about 20km South East of Ambrym and 35 km North of Epi. People were advised to have their emergency kits packed and to evacuate if necessary.

The category one cyclone brought winds of over 233km/h which ripped roofs off houses, brought down trees, and even disturb the TVL and Digicel network coverage

Vanuatu Meteorology and Geo-Hazards Department
TROPICAL CYCLONE WARNING CENTRE PORT VILA

TROPICAL CYCLONE FORECAST TRACK MAP

Tropical Cyclone HOLA

Tropical Cyclone Forecast Track Map Number 10 issued at 12:17 pm VUT Wednesday 7 March

2018

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2300 83
2300 93
1100 103

# 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018

## **FOOD & AGRICULTURE**

- A lot of gardens have been completely destroyed by the category one cyclone, remaining food will last for two weeks and then, the people will be in need of food.
- The Community are in need of food in the next two weeks
- Yam Gardens were badly damaged

### **SHELTER**

- 50% of houses were badly damaged, about 80% of these houses were made from local materials.
- The communities are in need of Shelter / Tarpaulins

# **WATER / SANITATION**

- Waters in Wells and Tanks have been contaminated due to fallen leaves, and other means of dirt that have been blown into these waters
- Toilets and Latrines were completely destroyed
- There is a big need of Sanitation in these affected areas

#### **HEALTH**

- Minor damages on the Health facilities at Nebul Health Centre on structure and buildings
- Still no sign of water bone diseases in these first days
- There is a risk of an outbreak of Diarrhea, Malaria and Dengue Fever.

#### **SCHOOL**

 Ranon junior secondary school has experience big damages, the School will not resume classes this week until further notice.

### **INFRASTUCTURE**

- There had been damages on roads and fallen trees
- Road clearing done by the communities
- There is still challenge in communication (TVL and DIGICEL)

# **PROTECTION / GENDER ISSUES**

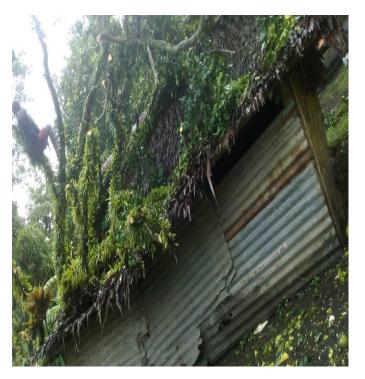
- Vulnerable and the marginalized people have been carefully handled during times of cyclone
- No Protection Risk Identified or have occurred during times of Cyclone

















#### RECOMDATIONS

### Shelter

1. Distribution of immediate shelters such as Tarpaulin to most affected households,

# **Food Security**

- 2. Further detailed assessment on root crops and cash crops
- 3. Immediate distribution of food supplies after 2 weeks' time.

#### Wash

- 4. Immediate assessment on water safety for daily usage
- 5. Immediate supply of hygiene and sanitation items.

### **Education**

6. The school is in big need now for temporary classrooms and teachers temporary houses. Immediate supply of tent.

### Infrastructure

- 7. Upgrade, improve Re-connection of phone coverage, TVL & Digicel up running and function whereas at the moment they are on and off daily.
- 8. Further assessment and road maintenance by malampa PWD

## **Gender & Protection**

9. Gender & protection awareness as usual people will start stealing other people's property taking into advantage the situation.