



NEOC Situation Update

Response Name	Ambae Volcanic Activity
Situation Report	13
Date	17:00 7 th August 2018
Reporting period	06/08/2018 - 07/08/2018
Provinces affected	Penama, Sanma
Attachment(s)	Maewo Evacuation Locations Map
NEOC Status	Operational

Situation Overview

- A State of Emergency is in place on the island of Ambae until the 26th September 2018.
- The Vanuatu Meteorology and GeoHazard Department has the Ambae Volcano at Alert Level 3.
- A full, compulsory evacuation of the island of Ambae is currently underway as per the Vanuatu Council of Ministers (COM) decision on the 26th July 2018. The Government is supporting people to move to the Island of Maewo. A further COM decision published on the 2nd of August 2018 approved those with special needs and their carers in being moved to Luganville, Santo.
- A significant number of voluntary movements are taking place from Ambae to other locations, primarily Luganville Santo.
- The estimated number of voluntary arrivals in Luganville from Ambae between 3rd - 6th August is 1,800 people.
- The Sanma Provincial Government has started regular meetings to discuss the situation on Santo and are working with partners to identify suitable places for the hosting of those with special needs.
- Those with special needs that are unable to board vessels will be airlifted to Luganville from tomorrow morning.
- As of this morning over 1,250 people have been relocated by the Government from Ambae to Maewo. A further two vessels are expected today on Maewo.
- The vessel Tiwi Trader is departing Port Vila today for north Pentecost and Maewo with supplies and personnel from the WASH and Emergency Telecommunications clusters.

General Coordination

- The onsite emergency operations centre (EOC) in Kerebei is the primary coordination hub for evacuations to Maewo.
- A small team remains based at the National Emergency Operations Centre in Port Vila to coordinate national logistics, information and communication.
- The Sanma Provincial Government has begun meeting regularly to discuss the situation on Santo.
- All clusters have a presence on the ground in Maewo and are attending daily coordination meetings in Kerembei.
- Shelter and logistics clusters held coordination meetings today in Port Vila.
- An inter-agency update will be provided to partners based in Port Vila on Friday 10th August.

Displacement Figures

- See the attached graphic of displacement locations on Maewo as of 08:00 today. Additional arrivals from later today are still being registered and not included in the graphic.

Further Information

VMGD Volcano Update: www.vmgd.gov.vu
NDMO: <https://ndmo.gov.vu>
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Maewo Displacement Locations

08:00 7th August 2018

