



NEOC Situation Update

Response Name	Ambrym Volcanic Activity
Situation Report	05
Date	15:35 16 January 2019
Reporting period	11/01/2019 – 16/01/2019
Provinces affected	Malampa
Attachment(s)	N/A
NEOC Status	Operational

Situation Overview

- The Vanuatu Meteorology Department (VMGD) has the Ambrym Volcano at Alert Level 3 which is the minor eruption stage. The possibility that the Ambrym Volcano activity will escalate to Level 4 is low for now. For more information on VMGD Ambrym Volcano observations, see <https://www.vmgd.gov.vu/vmgd/index.php/geohazards/volcano/alert-bulletin#benbowMarum>
- Based on VMGD South East Ambrym Hazard Map, nine villages are in the Red Zone. The Malampa province together with Red Cross have collected preliminary data for all 9 villages, however, at this stage it will be moving only four of the villages that are badly damaged by the earthquake. These four villages are Paamal, Ulei, Sameou, Asse
- The International Office of Migration (IOM) is currently in South East Ambrym to work on registration of evacuees. IOM will be working with the preliminary data that Red Cross has already collected to produce the final registration data.
- Red Cross team on-ground left for Port Vila after managing to complete distribution of NFI's and demonstration of tent erection.
- Ulei airport and National Bank in South East Ambrym is still operational.
- Immediate need for water in host communities is high; however, the WASH team on ground is working on fixing water systems and water quality test.

General Coordination

- The National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) in conjunction with the Malampa Provincial Emergency Operation Centre (MEOC) is coordinating humanitarian response activities in South Eastern part of Ambrym.
- The technical assessment team on-ground have completed their assessments and are now working on finalising reports.
- Distribution of first relief supplies is complete. Storage of relief supplies is in Penapo Village.

- On-island relocation to sites outside the danger zone and near anchorages is on-going. While it is unlikely that people will need to be evacuated from Ambrym, the Malampa Province has developed plans to move people off island in a worst case scenario.
- Evacuation of Paamal community (initially hosted at Ulei Village) to Moru Village was completed on Monday 14 January 2019. Moru Village will be hosting Paamal community in households.
- Proposed host community and school awareness is on-going. The communities are made aware of what to expect and prepare for to receive affected communities. See table

Affected Community	Proposed Host Community	Proposed Evacuation Date
Paamal (currently hosted at Ulei)	Moru	Completed 14 th January 2019
Ulei	Taveak	not yet confirmed
Sameou	Endu	not yet confirmed
Asse	Endu	not yet confirmed
Affected School	Proposed Host School	Proposed Evacuation Date
Mbosung School	Senai School	not yet confirmed
Paamal School	Senai School	not yet confirmed
Roromai School	Endu	not yet confirmed

- Preliminary registration data as collected by the Red Cross is complete but is subject to change. See results below;

Village in Red Zone	HH	Male	Female	Total Population	Damage scale
Asse	30	73	53	126	damaged
Maat	35	24	16	141	
Paamal	35	73	68	141	most damaged
Penapo	30	49	56	105	
Sahouot	22	34	44	78	
Sameou	61	131	124	255	damaged
Toak	62	124	109	253	
Ulei	37	87	78	165	damaged
Bareas/Vemaveok	16	35	38	73	
Moru	33				
Endu	71	165	41	306	

Further Information

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