

Ambae Volcano Situation Update | Inter-Agency Meeting

Date	18.01.19
Time	2pm
Venue	NEOC
Chairperson	Director Shadrack
Attendees	Reps of responding agencies, Malampa province President & team, Port Vila Ambrym Disaster Committee rep
Agenda	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review of last meeting minutes (19.12.18) 2. Ambae Response <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ COM's decision 218/2018 ○ Assessment reports 3. Ambrym Response <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ COMs decision 219/2018 ○ Update 4. AOB

Welcome	Welcome by Director Shadrack (thanks responding agencies for their continuous support in disaster response.)
A1	- No action points, just recap on what has been discussed in the last agency meeting 19.12.18.
A2	<p>COMs Decision 218/2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Endorsement of the Ambae Inspection-Multi Assessment Report - Has endorsed all recommendations from the Ambae Inspection-Multi Assessment Report (both Priority recommendations and individual cluster recommendations) - Individual Clusters, NDMO and National recovery committee (NRC) should look at the recommendations and action them accordingly <p>Ambae Inspection Assessment Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Individual clusters to look at cluster recommendations and priority endorsed by Government. - Once priority recommendations implemented, Government might make other decisions. - Once all basic services are back on the island, then Govt can make an informed decision for people's movement to and from the island - There are 16 Priority Govt Recommendations for immediate action - Each cluster should look through the report and act on recommendations relevant to them - A decision was made to move the Provincial HQ to Pentecost, but not other basic government services

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Some people are already in the North, East and South of the Island - 7,460pop 1717HH - Santo 2,000 pop, Maewo some on Efate and Malo. Based on the IOM update registrations, the current figure in Ambae should be figured out. - NRC should work closely with Lands department for second home option in preferred places where evacuees want to settle in. <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Priority recommendations may be both immediate, medium and long term recovery - Education: Nothing on Education cluster in the priority recommendations, as it is not a pressing issue at this stage. - Education cluster to undertake another detail assessment for all schools on Ambae - Establishment of services: Implementations of priority recommendations will commence as of 21st January 2019. However, it depends on the type of service, some will takes days, some weeks, months and even years - WASH: Water has a team on-ground already including Maewo and Santo to ensure water supplies in all sites are functioning. - Data: No coordinated movement, therefore registration data is not collected. International Office of Migration is currently doing a tracking registration that may give an update on the number of people on Ambae. <p>ACTIONS</p> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Individual clusters should have their own meetings to look at their specific recommendations for implementation. - NDMO is on standby to support clusters in the implementations of their respective recommendations. - NDMO will continue in a supporting role for the relocation program by NRC and Lands Dept.
<p>A4</p>	<p>Ambrym COM's decisions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - VUV50 Million endorsed to be used in the response. - Additional fund needed may be requested to the MFEM - Note: Most part of the VUV 50 million will be used to procure, purchase supplies, transport and distribute relief items on the island. <p>Ambrym Response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rations are supplied by the Government while the NFI's supplied by Red Cross - Water need is a pressing issue in both North and South East Ambrym. WASH will work on finding water solution. Improve water systems that are already in place. - Awaiting detailed assessment to see what needs to be addressed. - On-island relocation commenced this week. Shelter has been supported from other partner agencies. - Dry ration and additional water - 2nd Shipment to both North and

	<p>South East Ambrym</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Long-term food should be sourced locally and encourage evacuees to grow their own food supplies - Volcanic alert is still at level 3 on Ambrym <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Key Messages: Working with people on ground to ensure key messages about cracks are delivered. JPOC is currently providing security services. - Evacuation: Household host, not evacuation centers. CAMP decisions discouraged. - Paamal Village have no intentions of going back, it needs discussions for permanent relocation. - Education: No schools used as evacuation centers. Senai and Endu Schools will have an increase in the number of children. - North Ambrym: Main need is water. Yam crop has been reported to be damaged by ash falls - West Ambrym : minimal damage by latest volcanic activities - Possible submarine volcano, word of Mouth that the cracks are caused by a submarine volcano, however, needs confirmation from VMGD Geo-Hazards. Fresh pumice are noticed every day flooding ashore around South East Ambrym - WASH: water systems fixed, however, still have leakages. Needs upgrade. All host areas have access to water. Working together with Health. Red Cross has assisted in distributing hygiene Kits. Planning to build 100 VIP toilets in S/E Ambrym. Looking at improving water system in North Ambrym, confirmations that water is contaminated. Upgrade 2 water source. Deployment of officers next week. - FYI, any teams going on-ground, work together with the existing operation center. - Marine Life in danger. - Pressing query: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - worse-case scenario <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What about the villages in the Red Zone - Road too small for quick evacuation - Anchorage not suitable for vulnerable <p>ACTIONS</p> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Individual clusters to submit their detailed assessment report and implementation plan for NDMO IM unit to compile and be used for further decision makings. - NDMO to liaise with Fisheries Department to assess the marine life around the disaster area - NDMO to follow-up with VMGD Geo-Hazards on the submarine volcano on-ground information.
A3	<p>Malampa Province</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Negotiating for worse-case scenario, Malekula ready to take in

	<p>People.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Port Vila Ambrym Disaster Committee acting as direct link with people on-island and NDMO. Will also be working with Malampa provincial Government. Will also be making a report, and asking NDMO to really look at the report.
Meeting Adjourned	3pm