



## NEOC Situation Update

Response Name	Tropical Cyclone Rita
Situation Report	01
Date	16:30 27 November 2019
Reporting period	24/11/2018 - 27/11/2018
Provinces Concerned	Torba, Penama, Sanma
Attachment(s)	
NEOC Status	Activated

### Situation Overview

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On November 24, 2019, the Vanuatu Meteorological and Geohazards (VMGD) issued the first warning on Tropical Cyclone RITA. At 06:00am local time today, it issued the Final Advisory Notice indicating Tropical Cyclone RITA has moved out from the northern Vanuatu islands in a south westerly direction at a speed of 28KM/HR.

Heavy rainfall and very rough seas with heavy swells is still expected throughout Vanuatu.

### Preliminary Impact reports

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No damage was reported so far.

SANMA reports normal weather conditions.

TORBA reports isolated showers and rough seas since Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019, today's report is calm seas, fine and sunny weather.

PENAMA also reports strong rainfall on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019, however clear sunshine and dry winds today 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

### General Coordination

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- The National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) has activated its National Emergency Operation Center since Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2019 to monitor the system.
- Torba Provincial Emergency Operations Center (PEOC) was activated on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2019, and worked with its stakeholder to monitor the TC Rita system. Given the latest update on the system today, Torba PEOC controller verbally confirmed that the PEOC has deactivated its operations.
- NDMO continues to liaise its Provincial Disaster Management Officers in Torba, Sanma and Penama for damage reports if any.

## Further Information

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**VMGD Cyclone Update:** [www.vmgd.gov.vu](http://www.vmgd.gov.vu)  
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