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Situation Report

Response Name	Tropical Cyclone Hola
Situation Report	01
Time & Date	12:38 pm, 7th March 2018
Reporting period	06/03/2018 - 07/03/2018
Provinces affected	Sanma, Penama, Malampa, Shefa
Attachment(s)	VMGD Forecast Track 09
NEOC Status	Operational

Situation Overview

At 8:00am local time today, the Vanuatu Meteorology and Geo-Hazards (VMGD) has indicated that Tropical Cyclone HOLA Category 2 is approximately 20 KM southeast of Ambrym and 35 KM north of Epi. The system is positioned at the center of square letter H, number 6 (H,6) of the Vanuatu Tropical Cyclone Tracking Map. The system is slowly moving in the west southwest direction at 11 KM/HR (6 knots) in the past 3 hours.

Damaging gale force winds of 75 km/hr are expected to affect SANMA, PENAMA, MALAMPA and SHEFA provinces today.

Destructive storm winds are expected to affect Pentecost, Ambrym, Malekula, Paama, Epi and the Shepherds group.

Rough seas along with heavy swells will affect SANMA, PENAMA, MALAMPA and SHEFA provinces. Heavy rainfall, thunderstorm and flash flooding over low lying areas and areas close

to river banks including coastal flooding will continue to affect these provinces. Marine strong wind warning is also current for all open coastal waters of Vanuatu. High seas warning for Vanuatu area is also current.

General Coordination

The National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) has activated the National Emergency Operations Centre at 3:00am local time today and is closely monitoring the system with the latest information/update from the Vanuatu Meteorology and Geo-hazards Department.

The NDMO advises that Red Alert is in effect for PENAMA, MALAMPA and SHEFA provinces since 03:00am local time today with Sanma Province since 09.00am local time today.

A first inter-agency meeting was held at the NDMO at 09.00am local time today to brief all clusters and partners on the current situation of TC Hola and at the same time get an update on the preparedness measures of clusters.

Preliminary Impacts

Oral reports from community (phone calls to the NDMO since this morning) described minor to moderate damages to house roof in Malekula. A community in North Ambrym moved to a community church in the night of 06/03/18 to seek shelter from the heavy rainfall as house roofs have been blown away. Crops such as banana and manioc are currently blown down in certain parts of Ambae. Central island have been experiencing minor to moderate rainfall followed by minor to moderate rough sea since this morning.

***All these reports need to be verified by the PDC and PDOs.*