



## Sanma EOC Situation Report

Response Name	Volcanic Activity – Ambae Mass Evacuation
Situation Report	01
Time & Date	16:00, 01 <sup>st</sup> October 2017
Reporting Period	26/09/2017 – 01/10/2017
PEOC	Operational

### Situation Overview

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The Ambae Volcano activity still in Level 4. Council of Ministers has recommended Mass Evacuation off-island. Santo has been recommended to host the West Ambae Community with an estimation of up to 7,500 displaced people.

An estimated total of 3000 displaced people have arrived so far from both East and West Ambae. Voluntary movement of displaced people started since Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017 and Mass Evacuation commenced as of yesterday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017. Most displaced people that arrived yesterday have moved in with families while the rest to the evacuation centres.

160 students from 3 schools in West Ambae from all classes has arrived yesterday. Matevulu College and Lycee de Luganville are now hosting final year students from the group. The non-examination classes are now temporarily hosted at Santo East School while the Education Cluster identify another location to relocate them.

### General Coordination

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Sanma Provincial Emergency Operation Centre (Sanma PEOC) has been activated on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> of September 2017. The Sanma Provincial Government is taking lead in the operation with assistance from the Provincial Disaster & Climate Change Committee. The Committee is made up of cluster working groups (WASH & Health, FSAC, Education, Logistics, Shelter, Communication, Planning & Intelligence and operations). In support to the Sanma PEOC there is assistance from some personnel from Port Vila from different sectors including NGOS's and Government department

Sanma Province is expecting to cater for up to 7,500 displaced people. 19 evacuation centres has been identified to cater for displaced people and 10 schools were allocated to cater for 283 final year students. One of the evacuation centre is allocated for disable people and their caretakers.

LC Urata, MV Makila, MV Keidi, Big Sista, Vanuatu Cargo, Bejida, MV Tauraken, Anganda are some of the Shipping Vessel used to transport displaced people and Air Vanuatu and other airlines are transporting people with special needs including disable and sick patients.

## Further Information

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