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SITUATION REPORT

Response	Ambae Volcanic Eruption- Mt Lobenben REPATRIATION RESPONSE
Report Date	25 th October, 2017
Report Time	2:12pm
Reporting Period	22 nd – 25 th October, 2017
Operation Centre Status	OPERATIONAL
Island Affected	Ambae
Reporting Officer	Manson Taridenga (NDMO Officer, Penama) Georgina Faerua (Planner, Penama)

Situation Overview:

State of Emergency for the island of Ambae extended until Friday 27th October, 2017 to allow for Repatriation of Ambae population.

Repatriation commenced and in progress. Repatriation of government officers took place on Saturday 21st October at 5am from Samisen Wharf, Luganville with 50+ government officers on board shipping vessel Urata.

The situation on the ground is relatively stable

General Coordination:

The Emergency Operation Centre in Ambae, the PDCCC, was activated & operational once Penama Provincial authorities returned with NDMO Officer & line agencies.

The overall coordination of the response to Repatriation is operational & the EOC has been meeting daily in the mornings to allow clusters to debrief & outline tasking for the day.

Cluster Reports:

SECURITY- Commander Chief Insp. Jackson Silas	
Situation- 22 nd – 25 th October	Plan / Response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment is quite & stable. Place has been quiet since evacuation • Volcanic activities are more regular • Damages created by stray animals, loose livestock, pigs, goats. • St Patricks College garden & Ambaebulu school gardens have been destroyed. • VMF Ration is low need restocking • Government premises & infrastructure is safe & secure in good condition. • Airports in good condition • A few roads blocked by falling coconuts and already cleared. • Technical assessments should have been done prior to arrival of communities especially Livestock & Water. Because we have limited vehicles on the ground. • The wider community is positively responding to and cooperating to Police command. This is positive response as will help the current situation of repatriation. • Issue with ship arriving at night and needing for shelter cluster to prepare available centres for people to spend the night before moving out. • Shipping vessels ok but recommended not to use Tauraken 2. • MV Tauraken created a lot of work by dropping off people from South Ambae at Lolowai & extra charter to transport them back to South Ambae • MV Tauraken did not have a dingy (boat) functional & rely on Police Boat; create risky situation for Police Officers & their safety. Commander refuse to allow Police boat to Tauraken on 24th October. • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue Operation under State of Emergency. • Continue response to mobilize 60 VMF members on the ground • Ration will be supplied by Food Cluster. • Need support from public transports to move people from Ports. • Inform Police Comamnder North not to use MV Tauraken. • Police will continue to remain until end of Repatriation & until COM calls off State of Emergency
<u>FINANCE- Nick Tavo, FSB</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance officers have been spread amongst 3 locations; Maewo, West & East Ambae to facilitate operations. • During Evacuation transport costs were too high. Fuel was provided & additional payments of trips to transport owners. • Any expenses incurred to be approved by EOC prior to payments being made. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 shopping outlet has been identified to provide credit to Operation Centre- Lemus Shopping Centre. • Finance has developed a Transport Template to control use & expenditure on transport by the Operation center. • Control Plan- if transport owners refill their fuel at the Operation Centre Fuel Station

	then they will be paid half transport fare charged. If they do not refill fuel at the OC Fuel Station they will be paid full fare charged.
<u>FOOD SECURITY- Senior Agriculture Officer, Joel Kalpnel</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food storehouse is at the Provincial Chamber • Food cluster is registering all food items and all distributions. • Need to impose strict controls on food distribution particularly to people coming in from Santo. Need ID's to confirm distribution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food supplies are being stored in Provincial Chamber with Police Officer manning the Chamber throughout the day & evening. •
<u>HEALTH- Manager Markleen Tagaro</u>	
Situation- 22 nd – 25 th October	Plan / Response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Manager arrived & on the ground with majority of Health Workers. • Nduindui Hospital operational with supplies of medicines (West Ambae) • Refer to SitRep by Manager Health dated 24th October. • Surveillance set up at West, North & South and at Lolowai to monitor any outbreaks of diseases. • Need supporting vehicle • Need spare wheel & oil for Hospital vehicle • Health workers need rations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health workers continue to mobilize into community health centres. •
<u>SHELTER- Lands Officer, Bennuel Tabi</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tarps are still in stock at the Warehouse in the provincial Chamber. • No distribution until registration complete & plan developed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribution plan will be developed.
<u>WASH- Paulo, Water Coordinator</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water testing continue at North West & South • Water results will be released by 26th October. Then next way forward to be determined • Cluster continue to implement Water Cluster Plan from Sanma EOC • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water testing continue • Water immediate response needed to South Ambae from the Desalination plant at Lolowai. • Saratamata water pump will be checked to ensure full service to Saratamata area.