

## **PENAMA SITREP REPORT**

**Date: 8 November**

**Venue: Penama Education Conference Room**

### **Members Presented:**

1. Food security Working Group (Cluster) members Joel department of DARD,
2. WASH / HEALTH WG (Cluster) – Mackleen Tagaro and Paolo were absent due they were busy – Amos Talu presented
3. Awareness – Red Cross member Tensly Tari
4. Education WG (Cluster) – PEO Helen Vusi
5. Other members – Lesly Mera Tourism officer

**Reporting Officer: Manson Taridenga – NDMO**

**Debrief and Briefing timing was 2.30 Pm – 3. 40 pm.**

After repatriation since Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October until Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017 completion of program that all people of Ambae that were being mass evacuated to Santo, Maewo and Pentecost even Port Vila and Malekula are returning home.

The state of Emergency over Ambae Island has lapsed on mid night 26<sup>th</sup> October after being extended by the COM and during this period it has assisted the repatriation successfully completed.

Penama EOC has activated on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October thereafter the first government officers and other services are returning to Ambae on 21 of October until recently.

The objective of activation of the PEOC is to continue to provide coordination of all efforts of all stakeholders' activities and programs during responses of repatriation and recovery programs.

The highlight of National Government Recovery components are follows:

1. Food Security lead by department of DARD
2. WASH / Health lead by Rural Water Supply and Health department at Lolowai hospital and NGOs – SCA, UNICEF, World Vision, etc.
3. General Awareness Program lead by Red Cross and Education

Wash / Health and Food security are already forwarded their recovery plans to their National Clusters in Vila except Red Cross soon will complete on the general Awareness program.

## **Immediate Recovery Support**

### **1. FOOD SECURITY**

- Continued assist farmers to track their animals
- More technical Food Assessment completed in all area councils of West, North, South and East Ambae and today we received the draft report that was compiled in Vila at FSAC headquarter
- Visited several gardens inland East and South Ambae after a mass emissions of gas on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November
- Most gardens inland in all 4 areas West, North, East and South Ambae are affected on the acidic rain
- Work on the additional reports on the crops and vegetables that sported today on acidic rain
- Overall overview is that PEOC at Saratamata in its Debrief and Briefing meeting today agreed on the Draft Report on Food Assessment with some additional stipulated today on the latest volcanic impacts which is prepared by FSAC in Vila.

### **Issues**

- Needs some spare parts for Agricultures truck that was used by the PEOC, the lists has been send by finance officer

### **2. WASH**

- Continued Water tracking in South & North Ambae as hot sport by using tractor water based machine, to South and North Ambae
- Continued Water tracking using portable water tank to recently West Ambae
- Overall overview water is now an issue in mostly South, North West, West Ambae however, since now changes in trade winds begins on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November, all areas are being effected with ash fall damaging drinking water which inclusive of North and East Ambae as well.

### **Issues**

- WASH overall plan needs changes due to the latest volcanic impacts on water quality and quantity that the focus now should be for the whole Island.
- Needs urgent water quality results available as soon as possible

### **3. HEALTH**

- Set up focal point by stationed all staffs in all clinics, dispensary in all area councils
- Continued on surveillance in all focal points and conduct M & E on any out break
- So far merely a small report of cases of Chicken box disease reported in West and North Ambae and originally conducted in Banban Santo during the mass evacuation but not a treat yet only a small number and is also treated with advice how to care it.
- Continued distribution of hygiene tool kits with 3 task force team, one for West, one North and one for East & South Ambae
- Planned to empty all hygiene tool kits mid this week.

- Some rashes and Flu with coughing on people but not really verified yet by the health department at Lolowai Hospital weather due to contaminated water quality or normal sickness since we are in the new transition of seasons of hot/wet period which will normally bring a lot of sickness as well.
- Overall overview is that no reported outbreaks yet in all area councils of Ambae.

### **Issues**

- Needs to work more colaborately with WASH team to verified the water related sickness

### **4. EDUCATION**

- There are 28 Primary Schools in Ambae however, merely 24 are operational while 4 are still not started due to absent of teachers
- Planned schedule schools will close on 1<sup>st</sup> of December

### **Issues**

- Few teachers are still in Santo where they still frighten due to volcanic unrest continues with ash fall, emission of gas,etc.
- Most Schools in West Ambae are having problems with water shortages and not enough government support on that issues yet,
- Most parents refuse to let their Childs to schools yet and needed more awareness
- Overally almost all pre-schools and Primary schools are operated and their first lessons being taught is about volcanoes

### **5. GENRAL AWARENESS**

- Lead by Red Cross Penama Office and Education department
- Equipped with 20 volunteers to carry out the tasks which are being divided into 7 groups to cover all villages and households in North, East and South Ambae while West Ambae Santo Red cross are assigned to do that tasks

### **Volcanic Situation**

- North, East and South has experienced the large emission of gas on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November where it produced a acidic rain fall on most crops garden lands due to North/ South west trade winds over manaro volcano
- Monday and until today families in West Ambae experiencing the same thing due that the trade winds changes into the South East direction.
- People of Ambae are new on the volcanic impacts compare of people of Ambrym and Tanna
- Even though volcano activity will increases its ash fall, gas, hot sands beach, garyery, but it will remain in level 3

### **Recommendations**

1. Send a technical team from VMGD to ground again all areas
2. Health to verified all related sickness as soon as possible
3. Food security to finalize its draft assessment report and act upon as soon as possible
4. WASH to revisit its plan to accommodate all Areas in the whole island on water issues

5. Needs urgent water quality results available as soon as possible
6. Assist the Red Cross financially to mobilize the general awareness on volcanic issues on people lives, water, health, etc, as soon as possible