

RELOCATION TO MAEWO

What happens if we stay? What happens if we go?

STAY ON AMBAE

Relocation is voluntary

You are free to choose to stay on Ambae—all relocation will be completely voluntary.

Relocation support will end

Emergency support will continue until the government assisted relocation period concludes. This is currently scheduled for 30 July 2018. After this period the Government will no longer provide relocation assistance.

Government Emergency support will conclude after 30 July 2018

Government emergency support at existing evacuation centres will cease after 30 July 2018. If volcanic activity increases in the future the Government may not be able to provide you similar assistance. You will be expected to make your own way to your government allocated second home provided on Maewo or to any other location.

Government Services will continue

Government service delivery will continue on Ambae however this may be at a reduced level.

MOVE TO MAEWO (2nd home)

Support will be provided

If you choose to relocate to Maewo before 30 July, you will receive transport and access to land, shelter/building supplies and food and water support until 31 December 2018.

Government will provide transport

The Government will transport you, your family and your belongings to your 2nd home on Maewo

You will keep your land on Ambae

You are able to relocate to your 2nd home on Maewo and still keep your land on Ambae. However, travel between the islands and maintenance of your land will be your responsibility.

Your second home on Maewo

You will be given access to land on Maewo.

Services will increase

Services like health clinics and schools will be limited when you first arrive on Maewo, but the Government will invest in increasing these services in the future.

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What happens next?



Emergency Clusters activated

Vanuatu's clusters are working together with the NDMO on plans to make sure people are supported to move and settle safely.

Specialists consulted

Specialists on town planning, shelter, water, health, education and agriculture are helping provide information to plan the move.



Communities consulted

Cluster representatives are talking to community leaders and community members to find out what they want to do. This might include a forum or interviews in your community—make sure your voice is heard.



Options identified

Negotiations for relocation land are taking place.



Plans finalised

Based on information from specialists and communities, plans about how the relocation will take place will be finalised.



Relocation starts

People of Ambae who want to establish a second home in Maewo will be given access to land. They will travel to Maewo, receive shelter/building and agriculture supplies, access to water and be able to start setting up their home. **People currently living in evacuation centres will have the first chance to move.**



Relocation finalised

After the period of government assisted evacuations, anyone who decides to move will need to make their own arrangements.



Resources redistributed

Services provided by the Government on Maewo, like health clinics, schools and roads, will be increased to cater for the needs of the relocated community.

