



NEOC Situation Update

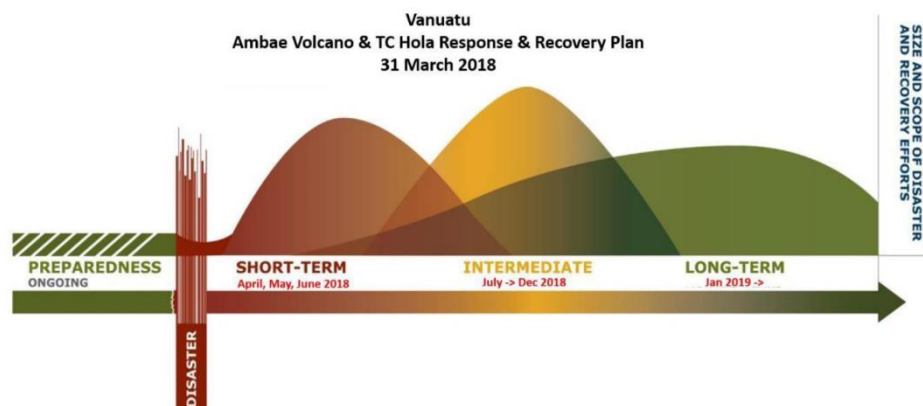
Response Name	TC Hola & Ambae Volcanic Activity
Situation Report	15
Date	15 May 2018
Reporting period	07/05/2018 - 15/05/2018
Provinces affected	Penama, Malampa
Attachment(s)	
NEOC Status	Operational

Situation Overview

- Following increased volcanic activity by the Ambae Island Volcano, the government declared a state of emergency from 13 April – 13 July.
- Last week, the Government, through the Council of Ministers has reviewed its decision on the evacuation of the entire island of Ambae (population: 10,200) and the suitable permanent relocation sites. The official documentation of the decision is still pending. The decision should provide a way forward on the operation planning.
- Four permanent relocation sites with an estimate total land area of 1124 hectare have been identified on Maewo. Furthermore 19 host communities with a capacity to accommodate 3,000 people (600 HHs) have also been identified in Maewo Island (east of the affected island).
- Over 1,500 people are either in evacuation centers or are living with host communities in Ambae waiting to relocate off-island.
- The Lands Department Survey team are still in Maewo surveying the new sites to confirm their capacity
- A National Flash Appeal is currently being compiled to clearly articulate the humanitarian needs for both TC Hola and Ambae Response.

General Coordination

The National Disaster Management Office (NDMO), through its Cluster System, is coordinating the on-ground response to both Tropical Cyclone Hola and Ambae Volcano response. The government has adopted a three phase strategy to deal with these emergencies, in which the NDMO will take leadership on the short term emergency phase (April –June 2018), while the Prime Minister’s office will take leadership for the intermediate Term (July – December 2018) and Long Term (2019/2020) phases.



Cluster Response Updates

Logistics

- MV Makila arrived at Lolowai (Ambae) this morning from Santo with dry food rations to be distributed to affected communities in Ambae. It will then move to Maewo with WASH NFI’s
- LC Kiwi Trader is still delaying its departure to sometimes later this week due to some technical issues. It will depart with Education tents and stationery and two vehicles for the Health cluster.
- Currently coordinating the movement of secondary school students. The students will be moving with their furniture’s and their teachers along with the teachers families.
- A shipment of Education and WASH NFI’s arranged by UNICEF will be arriving on 17th of May 2018.

Education

- Education is working in collaboration with the host schools on preparations to accommodate the Ambae secondary school students.
- The cluster is also working closely with Logistics to facilitate the movement of students to their host schools.

Ambae School	Total Teachers	Total Defendants	Total Students	Total population	Hosting School
Torgil	7	24	29	50	St. Michelle – SANTO
St. Patrick’s College	38	60	360	458	Matevulu & Santo East – SANTO

Pen Adventist College	6	12	24	42	Aore – SANTO
Tagaga College	5	10	48	63	Melsis – PENTECOST
Ambaebulu	6	14	83	103	Gambule – MAEWO
Apostolic College	6	20	104	130	Tavumai – SANTO
Navuturiki JSS	8	12	92	111	Sulua & Nasawa – MAEWO
Londua	8	15	92	115	Bombua – SANTO
Timotake	2	5	8	15	St. Michelle – SANTO

Food Security & Agriculture Cluster (FSAC)

- The FSAC worked in collaboration with the Livestock Department to assist farmers in Ambae to move their livestock in Santo. And since almost all farmers were reluctant to the ship their cattle to Santo, the Livestock Department only moved the cattle herd belonging to the Department itself.
- Another shipment of dry rations was shipped from Santo to Ambae via MV Makila to assist affected communities in Nduindui and Lolowai. Along with the dry rations, some cabbage was donated by a church in Santo for the Nduindui community.

WASH Cluster

- The WASH cluster is currently shipping water tanks via MV Makila to Maewo in preparation to receive Ambae affected communities.
- The cluster is also utilizing Dragon Fly to ship WASH kits to Maewo and Ambae.

Health Cluster

- A health delegation led by the Minister of health and the Director General for the Ministry of Climate Change will be traveling to Ambae on Tuesday 15th May 2018 to visit the health team on-ground. The team will be discussing the progress of the Penama Health Cluster, look at the status of Government response and get recommendations whether further assistance is needed. The Minister will also do a hand over of a Health Boat and Truck to the Penama province to assist the Health operations on-ground.
- The Health Minister's visit will include Nduindui Health Center and Lolowai Hospital as well as other affected communities.

Gender & Protection Cluster

- A team of five people are currently in Ambae to address and assess gender and protection issues.
- Given the long duration of keeping people in Evacuation Centers, some security and privacy issues have been identified and dealt with accordingly.

- To help longer-term planning, the shelter cluster needs to better understand what people might need once they move off island.
- The team is working closely with its partners to address privacy issues in the Ambae Evacuation Centers.

An inter-cluster meeting for cluster members is scheduled for Wednesday 16th May 2018 to discuss cluster plans for relocation.

Penama Provincial Coordination

The Civil Registry registration is on-going. The process has been slowed down due to limited human resources, logistical challenges and lack of adequate equipment. Despite these issues, the team aims to complete the registration by the end of the week.

The Penama Provincial Emergency Operation Center (PEOC) is working with community leaders in Evacuation Centers and the Joint Police Operation to address security and privacy issues in the Evacuation Centers.

Further Information

VMGD Volcano Update: www.vmgd.gov.vu
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