



## NEOC Situation Update

Response Name	Ambae Volcanic Activity
Situation Report	14
Date	19:30 8 <sup>th</sup> August 2018
Reporting period	07/08/2018 - 08/08/2018
Provinces affected	Penama, Sanma
Attachment(s)	
NEOC Status	Operational

### Situation Overview

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- A State of Emergency is in place on the island of Ambae until the 26th September 2018.
- The Vanuatu Meteorology and GeoHazard Department has the Ambae Volcano at Alert Level 3.
- A full, compulsory evacuation of the island of Ambae is currently underway as per the Vanuatu Council of Ministers (COM) decision on the 26<sup>th</sup> July 2018.
- The Government is supporting people to move to the Island of Maewo.
- As of midday today 1,450+ people have participated in government assisted relocation from Ambae to Maewo.
- The estimated number of voluntary arrivals in Luganville from Ambae between 3rd - 8th August is 3,180 people.
- Around 150 evacuees from East Ambae with special needs and their care takers arrived this morning 08 August 2018 in Luganville via MV Mahalia. The number is expected to increase as those in West Ambae and those that will be airlifted will arrive later this week in Luganville.

## General Coordination

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- The onsite emergency operations centre (EOC) in Kerebei is the primary coordination hub for evacuations to Maewo.
- A small team remains based at the National Emergency Operations Centre in Port Vila to coordinate national logistics, information and communication.
- The Sanma Provincial Government has begun meeting regularly to discuss the situation on Santo.
- All clusters have a presence on the ground in Maewo and are attending daily coordination meetings in Kerembei.

## Cluster Updates

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### Gender and Protection

- Around 150 evacuees from East Ambae with special needs and their care takers arrived this morning 08 August 2018 in Luganville via MV Mahalia. The number is expected to increase as those in West Ambae and those that will be airlifted will arrive later this week in Luganville.
- GP support Penama Health cluster and Penama government line agencies to move vulnerable group to MV. Mahalia and travel with them to Santo
- The Gender and Protection cluster together with the Sanma Province and Luganville Municipality have made arrangements for temporary shelter for the vulnerable group at Shanghai Building at the Niscol Wharf. The building will be used for a short period of time while the Shelter Cluster will work to set-up tents in the Sanma Provincial compound for further relocation.
- Gender and Protection cluster Team are on ground, 3 at Ambae and 10 members at Maewo and 6 at Santo to support NDMO and different cluster on ground.
- GP cluster through its partners CARE and SAVE can provide logistical support to NDMO
- GP through its partners SAVE are running Child Friendly Space activities and PSS activities to evacuees
- GP cluster ensure each cluster has a GP cluster representative in their team before going to host communities and also to the evacuees

### Logistics

- 7 Ships are engaging in Operation evacuating people from Ambae-Maewo and Santo
- Continued arrangements for all the Logistics for NDMO staff and other cluster member during the operation for Ambae and also Flights for People in Ambae with special needs.
- Working on request for food rations for evacuees
- Arranging for MSU set up at Kerembei for mass storage for NFIs
- Logistics cluster meeting held yesterday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2018

### Shelter

- Shelter Cluster Lead on Maewo (Morgan Ngwango) is currently coordinating shelter activities on ground, with support of PWD staff, community volunteers, and cluster partner NGOs.
- Shelter Cluster Vanuatu planning figures are approximately 1,400 evacuated Ambae households (HH) (out of up to 2,000 HH in total) potentially in need of emergency shelter & NFI support on

Maewo for the immediate phase, with consideration for Maewo host community where possible. This accounts for a minimum of 600 HH of the 1,000+ HH already reached by the Vanuatu Red Cross Society (VRCS) 'Family Kit' distributions on Ambae evacuating to Maewo with their kits. (2,000 total - 600 already reached = 1,400 HH remaining target).

- Additionally, Shelter Cluster has dispatched the following items to Maewo, arrived 5<sup>th</sup> August with some emergency distributions have already commenced:

Item	Qty
Tarpaulin IFRC standard 4mx6m	2,050
Shelter toolkit	202
Tent 42m <sup>2</sup>	2
Solar Street Light (community)	15
Solar Lantern (family)	350
Bed Net 100D 2mx2mx2m Impregnated	1,000

- Shelter Cluster is coordinating with the Health Cluster to gift in-kind the 1,000 bed nets, to supplement Health Cluster stocks and allow them to manage & coordinate this distribution.
- The cluster has mobilized the support of the NGOs Save the Children, CARE International and VRCS to support rapid assessment & prioritization, distribution and technical support to vulnerable families. These NGOs are not currently implementing direct shelter programming.
- Vanuatu Red Cross Society (VRCS) is in discussion on potential volunteer mobilization and deployment to assist with emergency shelter support.
- The cluster has identified a number of gaps in emergency shelter & NFI items, and has put out a request to donors for potential support.
- Shelter Cluster is working with partner NGOs to address shelter gaps, including promotion of including shelter components of project proposals towards available funding.

#### **WASH** (update taken from onsite EOC meeting minutes in Kerebei)

- Currently collecting water samples in Evacuation Centers around Maewo to conduct water quality testing.
- Ongoing distribution of WASH kits to Evacuation Centers. A further WASH Kits are expected to arrive later in the week.
- Water samples are being collected in North Pentecost and results are expected to be released by Wednesday 09th August 2018.

#### **FSAC** (update taken from onsite EOC meeting minutes in Kerebei)

- Ongoing dry ration distribution in Evacuation Centers in Maewo

#### **Education**

- Due to the limited number of ECCE (17) and primary schools (7) in host communities in Maewo, the existing schools will not be able to accommodate all children relocated from Ambae

- A MoET team of eight staff will be deploying to Maewo on Friday morning. The team will support the provincial education office in coordinating the education in emergency response including coordination with NDMO and other clusters including Gender and Protection, WASH and Shelter. The MoET team will also support the establishment of the first temporary learning spaces.
- Starting this week, the Education Cluster will assess host community schools regarding their capacity to accommodate evacuated students from Ambae as well as registering all students who relocated from Ambae to Maewo.
- UNICEF prepositioned 18 tents in Port Vila, which will be shipped to host communities in Maewo following the assessment. Additional 18 tents are currently being shipped from Fiji to Port Vila.
- UNICEF will be providing all ECCE and primary school relocated from Ambae to Maewo with water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) facilities. The School WASH Kits are packed this week and will be shipped next week.
- School Kits and Recreational Kits are also on stock at MoET and UNICEF and will be shipped and distributed as needed pending the assessment findings.
- The MoET developed and circulated key messages to affected school principals, teachers, students and their parents on the relocation of schools from Ambae to Maewo.
- The Education Cluster is meeting in Port Vila on a weekly basis.

## Displacement Figures

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- The estimated number of voluntary arrivals in Luganville from Ambae between 3rd - 8th August is 3,180 people.
- As of midday today 1,450+ people have participated in government assisted relocation from Ambae to Maewo. The location of those people on Maewo is summarised below.

No.	Evacuation Centre	Status	People
1	Naumumu/Verue	Confirmed Evacuation Centre	85
2	Marino	Confirmed Evacuation Centre	104
3	Naone	Confirmed Evacuation Centre	154
4	Lalavaru	Confirmed Evacuation Centre	24
5	Narovorovo	Confirmed Evacuation Centre	445
6	Tos	Confirmed Evacuation Centre	66
7	Talise	Confirmed Evacuation Centre	10
8	Nasawa	Confirmed Evacuation Centre	164
9	Sulua School	Transition	136
10	Gambule	Transition	190
11	Matberingi (Rembu) Road)	Host Family	20
12	Boskole (Nasawa – end of	Host Family	13
13	Navenvene	Host Family	41
14	Ngota	Host Family	5
<b>TOTAL estimated on Maewo</b>			<b>1,450+</b>

## Further Information

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**VMGD Volcano Update:** [www.vmgd.gov.vu](http://www.vmgd.gov.vu)  
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