



# Government of the Republic of Vanuatu

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## NEOC Situation Update

Response Name	Novel Coronavirus (COVID19)   Tanna Ash fall   TC Harold   Teouma Flooding
Situation Report	03
Date	03 April 2020
Reporting period	01 April 2020 – 03 April 2020
Provinces affected	All
Attachment(s)	Table of confirmed cases in the Pacific Region   Map of Tanna Ash fall Impact   TC Harold Forecast Track 01
NEOC Status	Activated - Wednesday 11 March 2020
Next SITREP	Friday 03 2020

## Situation Overview

### COVID 19

The National Disaster Management Office takes lead on the overall coordination of the COVID19 operation while the Health Cluster leads the medical aspects of the operation.

State of Emergency is currently on-going with directives pertaining the SoE regulations and the latest Council of Ministers (COM) decision on the Stimulus package.

The COVID-19 response is currently at **scenario 2<sup>1</sup>**.

### Tanna Ash fall

The Tanna Yasur Volcano is currently in Alert Level 2 according to Vanuatu Meteorological and Geo-Hazards Department (VMGD). An assessment on 31 March 2020 shows high impact on livelihood from the east to the central part of the island. A report on that will be released soon and will determine if a response is required.

### TC Harold

VMGD Information 01, indicated that Tropical Cyclone Harold Category 1 has moved into Vanuatu's area of responsibility as at 11am, 03 April 2020. It positioned at 195KM southeast of Honiara and is moving in an east south-easterly direction. The potential for the cyclone to intensify and move into Vanuatu in the next 24-48hrs is high.

### Teouma Flooding

The heavy rainfall throughout the last weekend has caused flooding and impacted the livelihood of people around Teouma Valley. The area has been assessed and a report will be produced for further response if necessary.

<sup>1</sup> COVID-19 Scenario 2: Some cases suspected or confirmed in Vanuatu including the state of Emergency declaration.

## Highlights

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- **No confirmed cases in Vanuatu.** One (1) suspect case in isolation (*for more information: covid19.gov.vu*)
- The COVID-19 isolation facilities construction in Vila Central and Northern Provincial Hospital are completed. Each isolation facility can hold up to a maximum of 16 people.
- The Finance team has procured 131 bed frames, including mattresses, pillows and other beddings to resource the isolation facility.
- 61 people are still in quarantine at the Holiday Inn resort and are scheduled to be released sometimes this weekend.
- Whilst NDMO is coordinating the COVID-19 response operation, there are other natural hazards that are impeding. This includes potential cyclone, flooding and Tanna ash fall.

## General Coordination

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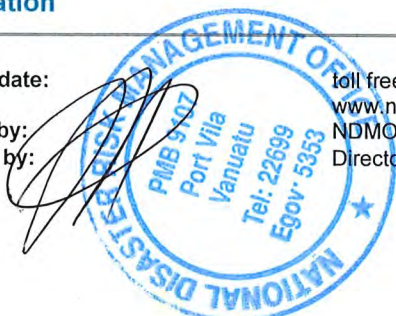
- The NEOC to coordinate this COVID19 operation with respective sectors and Provincial disaster officers.
- Provincial Emergency Operation Centers (PEOC) throughout Vanuatu are working together with Health working groups at the provincial level to carry out awareness on hand-washing and social distancing.
- All ports of entry in Vanuatu for both land and sea were suspended as at 26 March 2020. Inter-island shipping is currently limited to cargo transfers only while domestic flights are postponed but will be allowed on a case by case basis.
- The Logistics cluster is working with Joint Police Operations Centre (JPOC) to ensure all instructions outlined in the advisories and SoE regulation measures are adhered to.
- As at 28 March 2020, an Advisory Team consisting of Senior Government Officials from designated Departments joined the National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) to assist the NDMO in implementing prevention and containment measures to respond to the COVID-19 crisis in the region and Vanuatu.
- Partners provided surge support to NEOC in terms of logistics, public information and overall coordination.
- All schools around Vanuatu were advised to be closed and work on home school package. The Ministry of Education (MoET) and Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (OGCIO) are currently working on an online learning platform for ease of learning opportunity at home.
- According to COM decision 16 of 2020, decision 12 (vi), school tuition fees are capped to a maximum 42,000VT per annum. *This means parents still have to pay tuition fees at least 14,000VT per term to reach a maximum of 42,000VT per annum as per COM's decision.*
- Any COVID-19 related information has to be approved by NDMO and health cluster prior to it being published. The Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (OGCIO) will ensure this is implemented
- The public is advised to adhere to curfews as regulated in the State of Emergency Order no. 41 of 2020.

## Further Information

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- **Health Update:**
- **NDMO:**
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**Statistics of Confirmed cases and deaths in the Pacific Region**

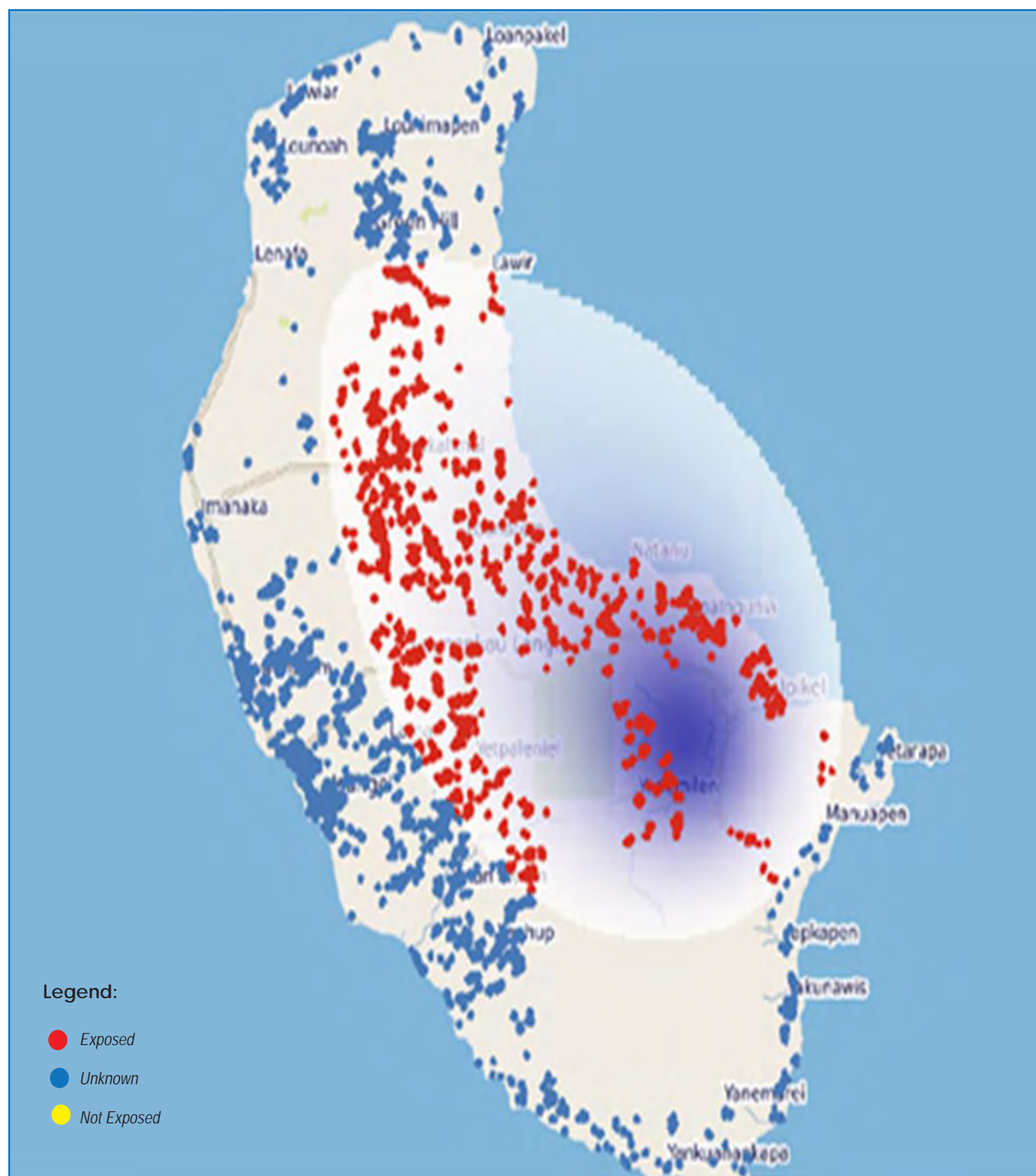
Data Source: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

Date sourced: 03 April 2020, 2:00 pm

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Country	Confirmed Cases	Deaths
<b>Vanuatu</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Australia	4,976	21
Fiji	5	0
New Caledonia	17	0
New Zealand	723	1
Guam	77	3
Papua New Guinea	1	0
French Polynesia	37	0
Solomon Islands	0	0

## Impacted Areas



**Data source:** NDMO Assessment report  
**Date:** 31 March 2020

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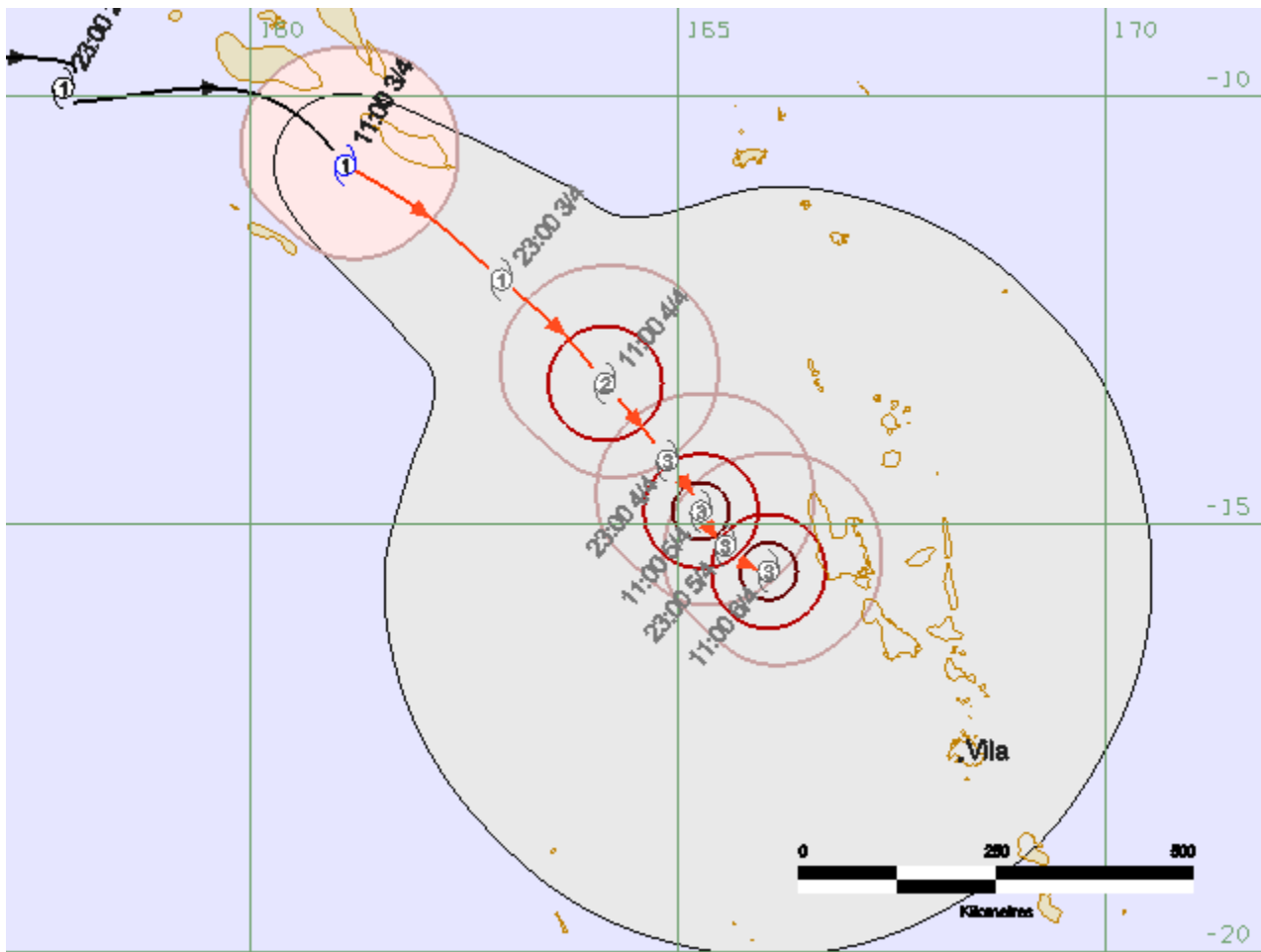




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## TROPICAL CYCLONE FORECAST TRACK MAP

### Tropical Cyclone HAROLD

Tropical Cyclone Forecast Track Map Number 1 issued at 12:31 pm VUT Friday 3 April 2020



Community Threat	Past Cyclone Details
Warning Zone - Gales within 24 hours 	Past Location and Intensity Number  or L

Note: Forecast Tracks are not intended to be broadcast on Local Radio Outlets

NM – Nautical Miles

KM – Kilometers

M – Miles

KM/HR – Kilometer per hour

K – Knots

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