



Situation Report

Response Name	Tropical Cyclone Donna
Situation Report	07
Time & Date	15:30 17 th May 2017
Reporting period	12/05/2017 – 17/05/2017
Provinces affected	Torba, Sanma, Malampa
Attachment(s)	Various Maps
NEOC Status	Operational

Event Overview

Tropical Cyclone Donna moved in a westerly direction passing north of the Vanuatu group within 50-100km the Torres islands in Torba Province as a Category 3 system.

The system continued west, before turning south, gathering strength to become a Category 5 cyclone and passed to the west of Sanma, Malampa and Shefa. Tropical Cyclone Donna passed about 200km to the west of the islands of Vanuatu. The National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) issued the all clear on Tuesday 9th May 2017.

Current Situation

Phase 1 activities

Three aircraft arranged by the NDMO departed Port Vila on Friday 12th May 2017 to transport assessment personnel & relief supplies and to undertake reconnaissance of affected areas. These flights were supported by France, Australia and New Zealand (FRANZ) partners.

The reconnaissance flight surveyed Santo (Sanma Province) and Malakula (Malampa Province). On return, the crew provided the NEOC with photographs and video footage which is currently being assessed.

The relief supply flight departed Santo carrying jerry cans, seeds, shelter kits, petrol and oil. These items were delivered to Torres which will be distributed by the WASH team with the Area Secretary Council. A helicopter was also used to assist with the transportation to surrounding islands.

A multi sectoral team of 8 assessment personnel also travelled to Torres to undertake assessments and gather information over three days. The flight that collected the returning team members was also used to transport additional supplies to Torres including 3 schools in a box, fishing gear and rations.

Most of the assessment team returned to Port Vila on Sunday 14th May 2017 and provided a briefing and written report to the NEOC the next day. Their key findings and recommendations included:

- There is sufficient food supply for another 2-3 weeks.
- There is an increased risk of diarrhoea outbreak due to water contamination with some cases already reported.
- Shelter support needed on Hiu Island.
- Some schools have been badly damaged (including Robin Primary School in Loh).

Phase 2 activities

Based on this information, the NEOC worked with partners to source the needed supplies which were transported by the Vanuatu Patrol Boat 'RVS Tukoro' which was supported by the Australian Government. The vessel departed Port Vila on 16th May 2017 and will deliver supplies to Hiu, Metoma, Tegua, Loh and Toga Islands. Supplies included personal hygiene kits, tarpaulins, shelter kits, teacher tents, water kits, jerry cans and planting materials.

The Provincial Disaster Office vessel from Sola will be taken to Torres to assist with relief operations.

Reports were received from Hiu on Sunday 14th May 2017 regarding contaminated water and increased cases on diarrhoea. The NDMO sourced 200 cartons of water which was transported to Hiu by the French Navy Patrol Boat 'La Glorieuse.' The vessel departed Port Vila that afternoon and delivered the water to Hiu on 16th May 2017. The NDMO was also able to use a French military aircraft to for reconnaissance.

Two vessels departed Port Vila on Monday 15th May 2017 including the 'Pacific Hope' tasked by Ministry of Health carrying medical supplies and 'Southern Cross' tasked by Anglican Church carrying food. Both vessels will go to Loh and distribute supplies to various islands.

In discussions with the Acting General Secretary, the NDMO Director has requested the use of the Vanuatu Patrol Boat 'RVS Tururoa' to transport personnel to Santo to undertake assessments. This is being supported by the Australian Government and the Commissioner of Police has approved this request which is currently being planned.

An Inter Agency Meeting was held on Tuesday 16th May 2017 at the NEOC where the NDMO Director provided an update. A copy of the update presentation can be found using the link below:

http://www.ndmo.gov.vu/resources/downloads/com_jaextmanager/category/22-tropical-cyclone-donna

The Cluster Leads/Representatives also provided an update which is summarised overpage:

Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports that schools in Malampa, Shefa, Sanma and Torba were flooded. • A response plan has been drafted for Torres which lists school materials needed.
Emergency Telecommunications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TVL is operating in some locations.
Food Security & Agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kobo Tool Kit was used and assessment results are available on FSAC website. • Various seeds have been sent including cabbage, beans and tomatoes. • SMS have been going out encouraging people to continue salvaging food from the cyclone damage. • Next Cluster meeting 17/05/17.
Gender & Protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some issues were reported in Loh with vulnerable people in the evacuation centre (cave). • Some mothers also gave birth in the evacuation centre. • Next Cluster meeting 17/05/17.
Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical supplies from Fiji were due to arrive 16/05/17. • Medical supplies in Luganville are ready for deployment. • Next Cluster meeting 17/05/17.
Logistics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working well with partners who have been very supportive. • Need to work out needs and transport options before sending more supplies.
Shelter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90% of housing on Hiu damaged. • Significant damage to other islands in Torres including public buildings. • There a shortage of natangura used for shelter. • Next Cluster meeting 17/05/17.
WASH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal hygiene kits are being supplied in Loh. • Additional supplies arriving on board the Pacific Hope. • Tutuba appears to have also been severely affected.

Phase 3 activities:

The NDMO is currently assessing all information from Tropical Cyclones Cook and Donna to prepare a consolidated recovery plan for the National Disaster Council (NDC).

General Coordination

The NDMO is co-ordinating national activities and the NEOC remains operational. Provincial Disaster Committees remain operational in Torba and Sanma. Clusters are continuing to make initial remote assessments, preparing response plans and gathering information on available resources for response.

All information should also be shared with the NEOC to ensure proper co-ordination and to avoid duplication.

Ambrym Volcano

The Ambrym volcano remains at Level 2 however the Vanuatu Meteorological & Geo Hazards Department (VMGD) has reported activity. The volcanic activity has affected drinking water supply and local food crops which have been destroyed by acid rain.

The NDMO Director has arranged for the deployment of a Food Security/Agriculture and Water Sanitation Hygiene (WASH) cluster representatives to Ambrym to complete an assessment.

Further Information

VMGD Weather: www.vmgd.gov.vu

NDMO: www.ndmo.gov.vu

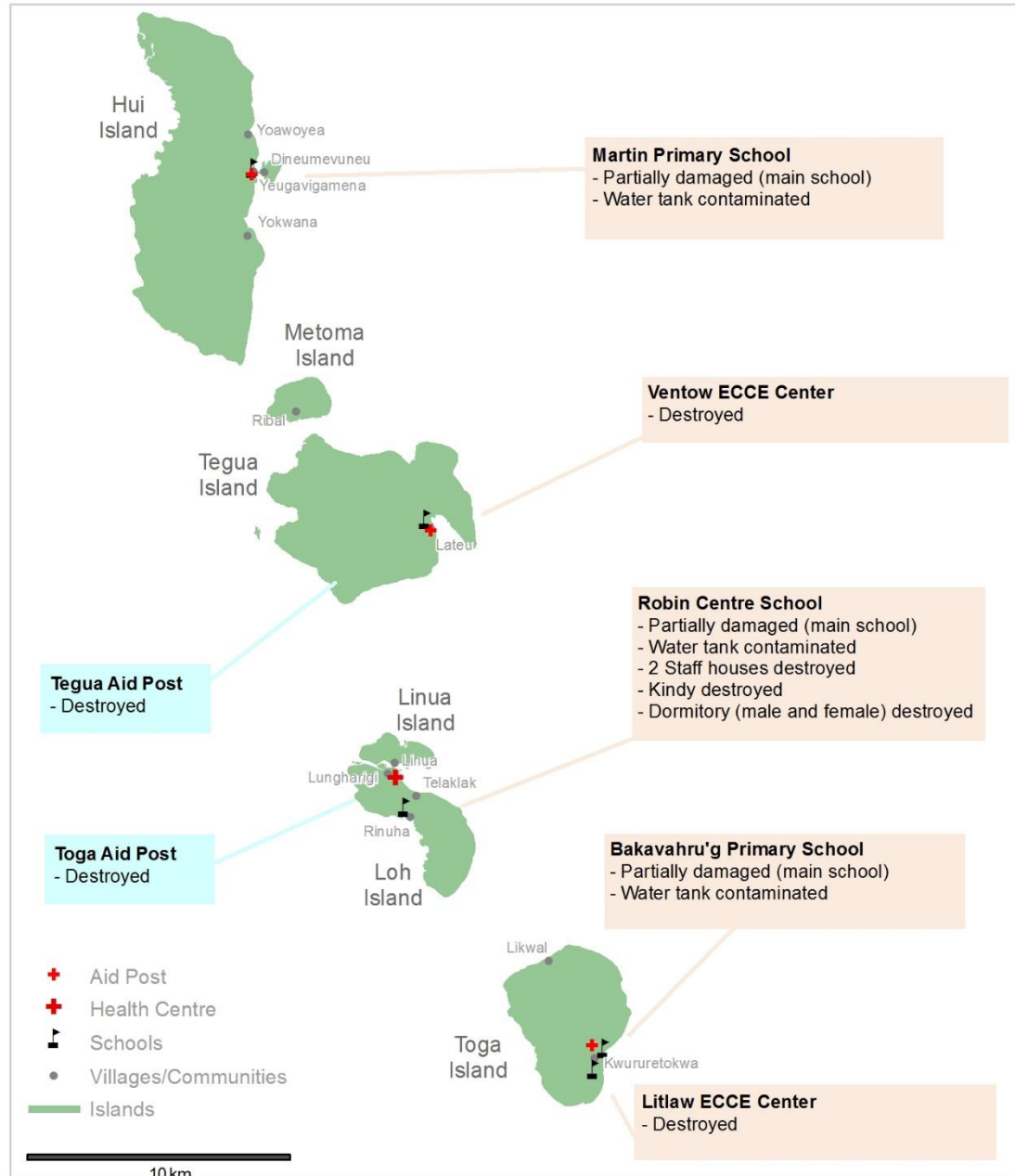
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Tropical Cyclone Donna Initial Assessment Information

Torres Island Group Summary of damage to Health and Education Facilities



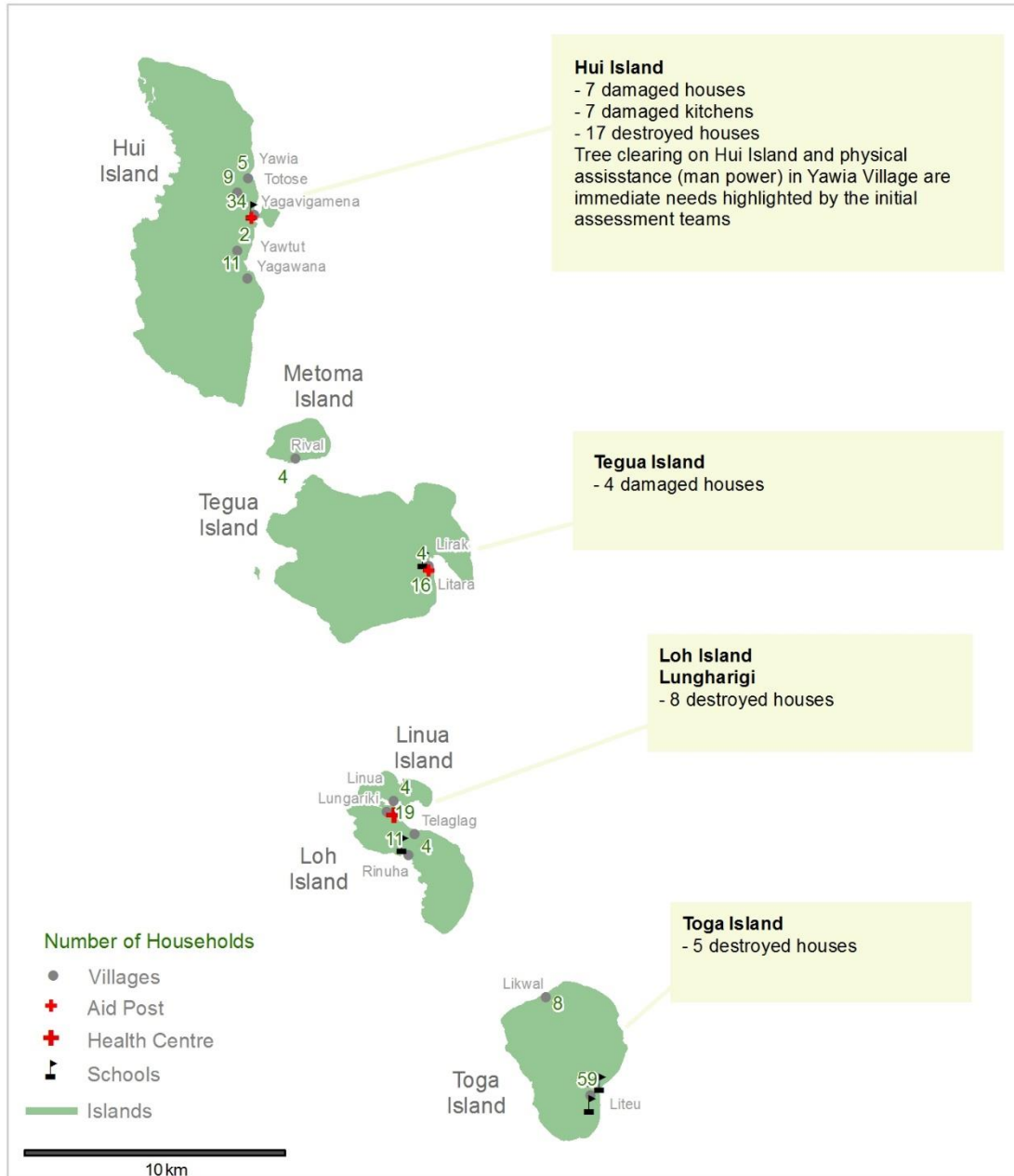
Data Sources:
 Vanuatu Ministries of Health and Education
 9:00am 16 May 2017

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Tropical Cyclone Donna Initial Assessment Information

Torres Island Group - Summary of reported damage to houses



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 Various sources
 11:00am 17 May 2017

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