



Situation Report

Response Name	Volcanic Activity – Ambae & Ambrym
Situation Report	04
Time & Date	19.45 24 th September 2017
Reporting period	23/09/2017 – 24/09/2017
Provinces affected	Penama, Malampa
Attachment(s)	VMGD Ambae Volcano Risk Map
NEOC Status	Operational

Situation Overview

Monaro Volcano on Ambae Island remains at Alert Level 4. Provincial authorities are undertaking evacuations of people in high risk areas to safer areas. Over 3,000 people have moved to host communities on Ambae away from high risk areas. Further movement of people is likely in the coming days. Host communities and the Provincial authorities are supporting people's immediate needs.

The National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) Director and the Manager GeoHazards Department met with Provincial authorities this morning on-site in Ambae to get an update from Provincial authorities, provide guidance on operational plans, discuss the risk areas and evacuation planning.

The Penama Provincial Government along with the Provincial Disaster & Climate Change Committee (PDCCC) and Provincial Disaster Officer are still taking the lead in the coordination of the operation. NDMO has deployed two of its officers and JPOC deployed a police officer this morning to assist the Provincial operation team on-ground in planning and managing evacuations.

A Council of Ministers meeting is planned for tomorrow morning. There is a planned inter-agency briefing tomorrow afternoon.

Partner agencies are requested to be ready to support coordination and response efforts in the coming days.

PENAMA

The Provincial operation team is liaising with local business people on the island to assist with food and water supplies for displaced people. The police officers are providing supervised transport for displaced people who can still go back to their gardens to collect food to assist host communities.

In discussion with the Penama Principal Education Officer (PEO), schools around danger zones will be temporarily closed and some schools in communities that are hosting displaced people will also be temporarily closed.

JPOC has activated and will deploy up to 60 personnel to Ambae. These personnel will be assisting the provincial operations team with the movement of displaced people, provide security and assist with relief operations.

MALAMPA

No further update from Situation Report 02, on the 22nd September 2017.

Further Information

Volcanic bulletins: <http://www.vmgd.gov.vu/vmgd/index.php/geohazards/volcano/alert-bulletin>

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Attachment 1: Ambae Volcano Risk Map

