



## Situation Report

Response Name	Volcanic Activity – Ambae & Ambrym
Situation Report	05
Time & Date	14.00 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2017
Reporting period	24/09/2017 – 26/09/2017
Provinces affected	Penama, Malampa
Attachment(s)	NA
NEOC Status	Operational

## Situation Overview

Monaro Volcano on Ambae Island remains at Alert Level 4. The Council of Ministers has recommended that a State of Emergency is declared for the Island of Ambae. This has not yet been formally declared by the Head of State.

A priority of the PENAMA Provincial Government is the registration of evacuees and this process is currently underway. As of yesterday evening Provincial authorities have a record of approximately 6,800 people in evacuations centres on Ambae with an additional 900 people who have yet to be evacuated. In addition to this, some people are outside these facilities and some people are still moving.

The vessel RVS Tukoro is departing Port Vila today with water, shelter equipment and Vanuatu Mobile Force (VMF) personnel. Vanuatu Red Cross supplies are being utilised for this shipment as well as some donated items from the Ambae community living in Port Vila. Further shipments by national authorities are planned for the coming days.

## General Coordination

There was a Council of Ministers meeting yesterday morning at 9am, a FRANZ partners meeting at 13.30 and an inter-agency briefing at 15:00.

National clusters have activated and are currently developing sector based plans. There is a planned inter-cluster meeting tomorrow.

PENAMA Provincial Disaster and Climate Change Committee (PDCCC) are coordinating the movement of people and the management of evacuation centres. The PDCCC meets daily for morning planning meetings and debriefings in the afternoon. Sector based working groups are established to support evacuation centre management.

SANMA PDCCC met at 9am this morning in Luganville to discuss planning in the event of evacuations from Ambae to SANMA. Food, Wash / Health, shelter and logistics working groups are now making further plans and will reconvene at 3pm this afternoon.

## **PENAMA**

The number of displaced people is still increasing. People are still moving into safe areas from the danger zones and a small number of people are voluntarily moving off-island. The provincial authorities are facing a large challenge with the high number of evacuees and the number of vulnerable people. There is some overcrowding of evacuation centres and limited WASH facilities. There are ongoing challenges with water and food security.

Immediate food needs are being met by provincial authorities and local shops. The Red Cross will conduct hygiene education and awareness in evacuation centres from Wednesday 27th September.

The NDMO is working with provincial authorities to confirm the number and location of evacuation facilities and the number of people sheltering in each facility. This list will be provided to partners shortly. The following numbers are the best current estimate and it does not include another 900 people that are known to need to be moved.

<b>Location</b>	<b>No. of Evacuation Centers</b>	<b>Estimated No. of Occupants</b>
West	14	3450
East	21	3350

## **MALAMPA**

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

## **Further Information**

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

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**Next situation report:** Wednesday 27th September