



Situation Report

Response Name	Volcanic Activity – Ambae & Ambrym
Situation Report	09
Time & Date	06:45 20 th October 2017
Reporting period	18/10/2017 - 20/10/2017
Provinces affected	Penama, Sanma, Malampa
Attachment(s)	
NEOC status	Operational

Situation Overview

Monaro Volcano on Ambae Island remains at Alert Level 3.

The Council of Ministers met yesterday afternoon and made important decisions regarding the Ambae volcano emergency response and endorsed several recommendations. These include:

- The State of Emergency on Ambae has been extended until Friday 27th October 2017.
- A delegation including the Head of State, Prime Minister, Minister of Climate Change and others will travel from today to Santo, Pentecost and Maewo to conduct a ceremony to thank host communities for their support to evacuees.
- That conditions are suitable for evacuees to return to Ambae and that they will be supported to return by the government during the State of Emergency.
- That they endorse the repatriation strategy that has been prepared by the NDMO, partner agencies and clusters.

An advanced party of essential service personnel will be deployed to Ambae before evacuees return. Plans are advanced for this group to depart Luganville for Ambae later today. This group includes medical staff, education staff, Provincial Government officials, financial services, business owners, Police, Public Works Department staff and the NDMO Provincial Disaster Officer. Pre-position supplies to Ambae will also begin to be transported today from Luganville.

General Coordination

The management of displaced persons in evacuation centres and host communities continues as it has done to now and will do so while repatriation is undertaken.

The Police Commander North will take operational control of the repatriation operation with support from the NDMO and partner agencies.

MALAMPA Update

Ambrym Volcano remains at Alert Level 3. No further update from Situation Report 08 on the 18th October 2017.

Further Information

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

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