



## Situation Report

Response Name	Tropical Cyclone Hola
Situation Report	04
Time & Date	02:30 pm, 12th March 2018
Reporting period	11/03/2018 - 12/03/2018
Provinces affected	Sanma, Malampa, Penama, Shefa and Tafea
Attachment(s)	Aerial Assessment Report
NEOC Status	Operational

### Situation Overview

Tropical Cyclone Hola has moved in a west, south westerly direction passing the southern part of Vanuatu within 160 - 200 KM south of Aneityum in Torba Province as a Category 3 system.

The system continued south easterly direction as it moves out of the Vanuatu waters. The National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) issued all clear for Tafea province on the 10th of March 2018.

### General Coordination

The National Disaster Management Office has conducted an aerial surveillance assessment on the 11th of March 2018. . The aerial assessment team consist of representatives from NDMO, WASH cluster and Food & Agriculture Cluster. The aeria assessment was conducted over the affected islands in the north based on preliminary impact reports received and the cyclone route (namely: Shepherds, Paama, Ambrym, Pentecost, Ambae, Malo, Aore and Malekula) Further aerial assessment is planned to be conducted over Aneityum on 12th March 2018.

The NDMO is also working closely with the Malampa, Penama and Tafea PEOC's to coordinate on-ground Rapid Assessment on affected areas. The Provincial EOC's (Malampa, Penama and Tafea) is currently working with CDCCC 's and Area Council Secretaries to collate reports from different affected communities in order to prioritise immediate needs and sectors that are more affected.

## Preliminary Impacts

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Reports received from Provincial Disaster Officer's and Area Secretaries in Malampa, Penama and Tafea

### Malampa

- Central, North east and North West Malekula and North Ambrym are the most affected areas.
- Underground water catchments and water supply systems are not safe to drink
- Almost 94% of houses were neither partially nor fully damaged (inclusion of private houses, commercial buildings, schools, health facilities, toilets)
- Gardens are destroyed (especially banana, taro, manioc, cabbages)
- Fruit trees destroyed
- Few households moved to evacuation centers
- Flooding and fallen trees have caused blockage to roads
- Telecommunication is available for only some parts of the affected sites
- A risk for diarrhea, malaria and dengue fever outbreak
- A shipwreck in Malekula (MV Rosali)

### Penama

- South Pentecost is mostly affected with storm force winds causing damage to houses (inclusion of private houses, schools, aid-post)
- Some gardens destroyed
- A risk for diarrhea, malaria and dengue fever outbreak
- Water systems not working for some days now
- TC Hola has caused acid rain and heavy ash-fall to about 5mm thickness over the southern part of Ambae.
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### Shefa

- Only minor damage and requires no response

### Tafea

- Only minor damage
- Still no information received from Aneityum due to communication break-down

### Sanma

- West Malo is affected with damaged gardens

## Further Information

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