



## Situation Report

Response Name	Tropical Cyclone Hola
Situation Report	02
Time & Date	4:00pm, 8th March 2018
Reporting period	07/03/2018 - 08/03/2018
Provinces affected	Malampa, Penama and Shefa
Attachment(s)	VMGD Forecast Track 18
NEOC Status	Operational

### Situation Overview

At 11:00 am local time today, the Vanuatu Meteorology and Geo-Hazards (VMGD) has indicated that Tropical Cyclone Hola Category 4 is approximately 225 Km west southwest of Malekula and about 295 Km west northwest of Efate. The system is located at square letter E, number 7 (E,7), top center of the National TC Tracking Map. TC Hola has been moving in a west southwest direction in the past 3 hours with a wind speed of 10 Km/Hr.

Harmful gale force winds of 110 km/hr are still predicted to affect Malampa and Shefa provinces.

Rough seas along with heavy swells will continue to affect these two province with heavy precipitation, thunderstorm and flash flooding over low lying areas and areas close to river banks including coastal flooding will continue to affect these provinces. Marine strong wind warning is maintained throughout Vanuatu waters.

Red Alert is effective for Malampa and Shefa provinces while Tafea province is advised on Blue Alert. NDMO continues to advise the community to listen to the radio to get the updated information on a timely manner at all time.

## General Coordination

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The National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) is continuously trying to establish contact with affected provinces for the past 24-48 hrs. The NDMO relies on Tropical Cyclone warnings from the VMGD to update the general public.

A second inter-agency meeting was held at the NDMO at 2:30 pm local time today. The inter-agency meeting was divided into 2 main parts namely the 'briefing phase' where the NDMO updated all partners on the situation at the affected provinces so far and the "planning phase" which is more relevant to the cluster level to prepare for the upcoming response/assessment the Government through the NDMO coordination will lead.

## Preliminary Impacts

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Reports from community (phone calls to the NDMO since this morning)

### **Sanma**

- PDO is currently working to collect information in the Southern Parts of the Province

### **Malampa**

- No access to telecommunication (PDO's, CDC, PDC's and ACS cannot be reached) , 2 Sustained injuries, People were evacuated to evacuation centres but have already moved back to their homes, Damaged houses, schools, water supply system and gardens, Airstrips and schools temporarily closed

### **Penama**

- PDO's, CDC, PDC's and ACS cannot be reached, Airstrips and schools temporarily closed, Schools and Infrastructure damaged

### **Shefa**

- Heavy rainfall and strong wind

*\*\*All these preliminary impact reports need to be verified by the PDC and PDOs.*

## Further Information

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