

**SOUTH PENTECOST AREA COUNCIL SITUATION REPORT # 1**

**DATE:** 10<sup>th</sup> / 03 /2018

**SITREP NO:** 1

**EVENT:** TC HOLA

**TO:** SG, PDO, AND PLO

**FROM:** South Pentecost Area Secretary

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**SITUATION REPORT**

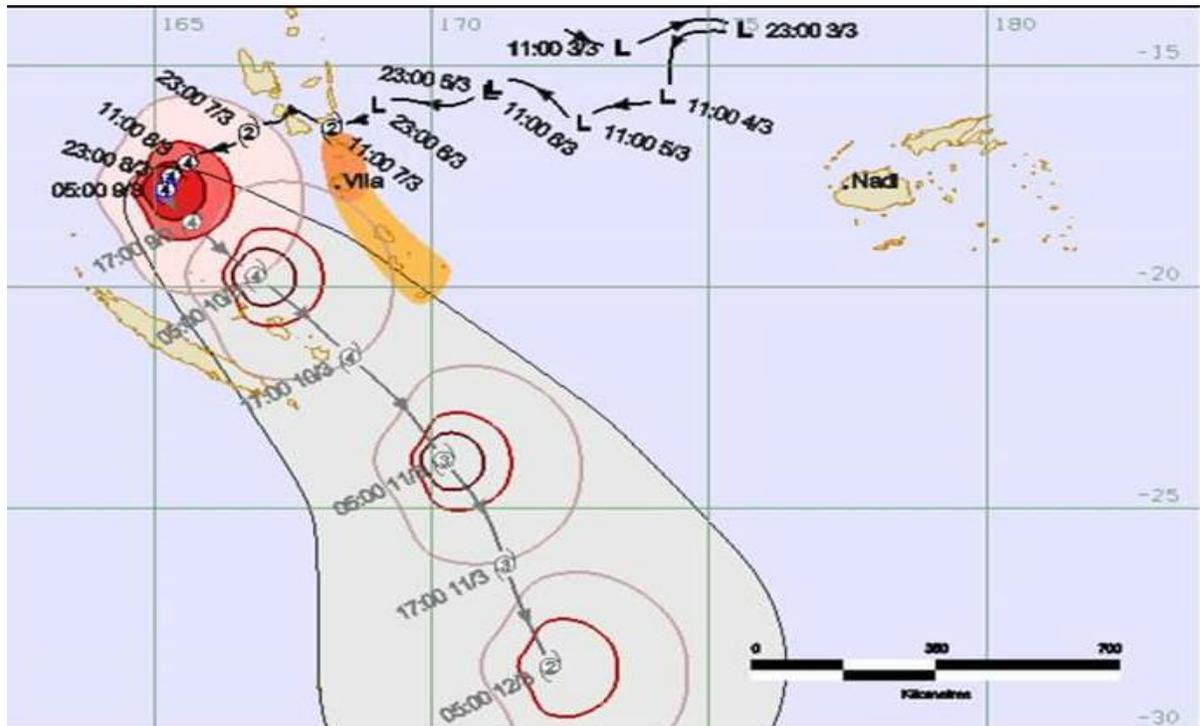
This situation report, released by the CDCCC s and Area Administrator in South Pentecost is to inform its operational partners on the current situation of the impacts of TC HOLA. The Situation report covers the period stated above. Frequency of reports will depend on availability of new information and evolving operation.

**Situation Overview**

**Background**

On 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2018, the Community Disaster and Climate Change Committees was activated at 7:00am in preparation for Tropical Low which was later become a Cyclone on the 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018 which was a Category 1 storm located about 20km South East of Ambrym and 35 km North of Epi. People were advised to have their emergency kits packed and to evacuate if living in flood-prone areas of Tonga. source

On South Pentecost, the category (1) one cyclone brought winds of over 233km/h which ripped roofs off houses, brought down trees, and even disturb the TVL and Digicel network coverage



7<sup>th</sup> March 2018

#### FOOD & AGRICULTURE

- A lot of gardens have been completely destroyed by the category one cyclone, remaining food will last for two weeks and then, the people will be in need of food.
- The Community are in need of food in the next two weeks

#### SHELTER

- 50% of houses were badly damaged, about 80% of these houses were made from local materials.
- The communities are in need of Shelter / Tarpaulin

#### WATER / SANITATION

- Waters in Wells and Tanks have been contaminated due to fallen leaves, and other means of dirt that have been blown into these waters
- Water Supply system had been down for the last few days but now working after being fix by the water committees.

- Toilets and Latrines were completely destroyed

#### **HEALTH**

- Minor damages on the Health facilities at Pangi Health Centre on structure and buildings
- Still no sign of water borne diseases in these first days
- There is a risk of an outbreak of Diarrhea, Malaria and Dengue Fever.
- Report Received that the Dispensary at Point Cross have injured minor damages

#### **SCHOOL**

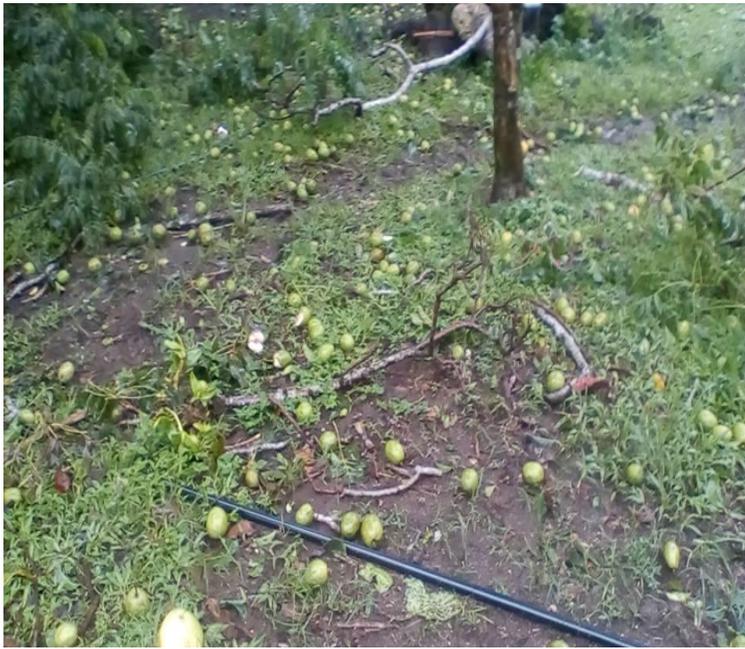
- Just Minor damages, School expected to resume classes on Tuesday

#### **INFRASTRUCTURE**

- There had been damages on roads, River flooding, fallen trees
- Road clearing done by the communities
- There is still challenge in communication (TVL and DIGICEL)

#### **PROTECTION / GENDER ISSUES**

- Vulnerable and the marginalized people have been carefully handled during times of cyclone
- No Protection Risk Identified or have occurred during times of Cyclone







## **RECOMDATIONS**

### **Shelter**

1. Distribution of immediate shelters and NFI supply's such as Tarpaulin, water containers, blankets to most affected households, in south and southeast Pentecost area.

### **Food Security**

2. Further detailed assessment on root crops and cash crops
3. Immediate distribution of food supplies after 2 weeks' time.

### **Wash**

4. Immediate assessment on water safety for daily usage
5. Immediate supply of hygiene and sanitation items.

### **Education**

6. Ranwadi secondary school has experience a lot of damage and need immediate assessment by the education technical person.
7. Immediate supply of books and other stationaries.

### **Infrastructure**

8. Upgrade, improve Re-connection of phone coverage, TVL & Digicel up running and function whereas at the moment they are on and off daily.
9. Further assessment and road maintenance by penama PWD

### **Gender & Protection**

10. Gender & protection awareness as usual people will start stealing other people's property taking into advantage the situation.

### **Health**

11. Immediate technical assessment on Health facilities at Pangi Health Centre.
12. Funds for immediate awareness for water bone diseases outbreak, Diarrhea, Malaria and Dengue Fever.
13. Immediate repair on Point Cross Dispensary.