



NEOC Situation Update

Response Name	TC Hola & Ambae Volcanic Activity
Situation Report	09
Date	20 March 2018
Reporting period	12/04/2018 - 17/04/2018
Provinces affected	Malampa, Sanma, Penama
Attachment(s)	
NEOC Status	Operational

Situation Overview

The Ambae Volcano activity has remained at level 3. It is likely to remain at the minor eruption stage for a while or decrease to level 2 at any time. The VMGD is continuously closely monitoring the activity. Danger is maintained at 3km around the volcanic vent and areas exposed to the wind direction.

A state of emergency has been declared over the Island of Ambae due to the increasing Volcanic Activity. The State of Emergency will last for three months, 13th April to 13th July 2018 to allow proper planning for on-island and off-island evacuation.

On ground reports on East Ambae state that ash fall activity has decreased since last weekend.

Meanwhile, TC Hola immediate response phase is going well. Food distributions in Malo and Malekula have been completed. Ambrym and Pentecost is still ongoing. Families are starting to recover from the TC Hola impacts. Non-food items relief supplies is still on-going.

General Coordination

With accordance to the declared State of Emergency, the National Disaster Management Office is working closely with the Penama Provincial Government to identify possible on-island and off-island relocation sites.

The Penama Provincial Government has already identified some relocation sites both on-island and off-island. The on-island sites include; *Vuilakala, Walaha, Namberukwonge, Naruku land*

and Saratamata extension land. While the off-island options are Maewo and Pentecost, the actual sites are not yet identified.

A multi-sectoral Capacity Assessment team was deployed to Ambae on Tuesday 17th April 2018 via RVS Tukoro along with the Vanuatu Joint Police Force. The Capacity Assessment team is there to assess the selected on-island relocation sites identified by the Penama Provincial Government. They will focus on ensuring that the sites have basic services that the displaced population may need. Data collected from the assessment will provide an overview of the conditions of the existing facilities on the sites and provide recommendations if there is need for improvement.

The Joint Police Force is there to act on the declared State of Emergency and at the same time provide security and assist with the movement of the displaced population.

Logistics Coordination

RVS Tukoro and Kiwi Trader departed from Port Vila on Tuesday 17th April 2018 with some relief supplies for the displaced population in Ambae Osland. See summary in table below.

RVS Tukoro Shipment		
ITEM	QUANTITY	DESTINATION
WATER	150	LOLOWAI
Breakfast cracker	75	Lolowai
KIWI Trader Shipment		
ITEM	QUANTITY	DESTINATION
Rice x 25 Kg	900	Lolowai
Tin Fish	900	Lolowai
Water	500	Lolowai
mazut	16	lolowai
benzine	4	lolowai
Wash kits 1,101		
Rice 25x kg	600	Devils rock
Tin fish	600	Devils rock
water	500	Devisl rock
Mazut	8 drum	Devils rock
1 ctn 2 stroke oil	1 ctn	Devils rock
Wash kits	110	Devils rock

Further Information

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