



## NEOC Situation Update

Response Name	Ambrym Volcanic Activity & Ambae Volcanic Activity
Situation Report	07 & 28
Date	15:30 06 February 2019
Reporting period	24/01/2019 – 06/02/2019   27/12/2018 - 06/02/2019
Provinces affected	Malampa & Penama
Attachment(s)	Education Cluster Ambae Assessment Report
NEOC Status	Operational

### Situation Overview Ambrym

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- The Vanuatu Meteorology Department (VMGD) has the Ambrym Volcano at Alert Level 3 which is the minor eruption stage. The possibility that the Ambrym Volcano activity will escalate to Level 4 is low for now. For more information on VMGD Ambrym Volcano observations, see <https://www.vmgd.gov.vu/vmgd/index.php/geohazards/volcano/alert-bulletin#benbowMarum>
- According to on-ground observations, heat is coming out of current cracks (fault lines) in Paamal Village (eastern side of Ambrym) and fresh pumice is seen on seashores.
- A team of Volcano specialists from VMGD has travelled to Ambrym on 03 February 2018 to conduct awareness to communities, and to assess cracked zones (fault lines) in South East Ambrym. The team will circulate a report on their findings when they return.

### Ambrym General Coordination

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- The National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) in conjunction with the Malampa Provincial Emergency Operation Centre (MEOC) is coordinating humanitarian response activities in South Eastern part of Ambrym.
- Relocation of Paamal and Asse Village has been completed. Ulei and Sameou Village refuse to relocate.
- Food distribution is continuous while second shipment is in progress
- WASH team has improved water systems in host sites to gather for evacuated communities. Preparations are underway to send human resource and building material for construction of sanitation facilities in the host communities.
- Mbossung School in Ulei and Roromai School in Sameou will remain operational until evidence is received from scientist that convinces them to move.
- Senai School has received students from Paamal French School. La DEC (Direction de l'Enseignement Catholique) have indicated to provide building material for construction of

temporary education shelters at Senai School to accommodate francophone students evacuated from Paamal School.

- IOM has completed registration and analysis of disaggregated data. The data was made available to evacuated communities and humanitarian agencies on the ground.

## Situation Overview Ambae

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- The Vanuatu Meteorology Department (VMGD) has the Ambae Volcano at Alert Level 2 which is the major unrest stage. Possible imminent eruption can occur at this unrest stage. For more information on VMGD Ambae Volcano observations, see <https://www.vmgd.gov.vu/vmgd/index.php/geohazards/volcano/alert-bulletin>
- A multi-sectoral Inspection team visited Ambae on December 2018. The report shows that vegetation in East Ambae is least affected while root crops and vegetables in other parts of the islands were tested and determined to be inedible. However, cash crops (kava/coconut/cocoa) and livestock have survived through the volcanic activity.
- Evacuees in both Santo and Maewo are currently returning to Ambae.
- Livestock that were roaming about in Ambae have destroyed most gardens and food scarcity may become a major problem as more people repatriate back to the island.
- The current population in Maewo is 249 with approximately 70 households. However, some people have indicated that they will repatriate to Ambae in mid February 2019 as children will be attending school.
- Recent COM decision has been made to restore basic services in Ambae
- National Recovery Committee is now responsible for recovery program for Ambae, Maewo and Santo working through clusters and multi-sectorial mechanism.
- The Education Cluster through MOET has indicated the following for school recommencement. (see attached education cluster report)

Name of School	Current location	Location for recommencement	Additional Comment
Ambaebulu JSS (150 students)	Gambule JSS (Maewo)	Ambae	Resume operations on 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2019
St. Patricks College	Santo East School (Santo)	Santo East School (Santo)	Will resume operations in Ambae in term II 2019

## Further Information

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**VMGD Volcano Update:** [www.vmgd.gov.vu](http://www.vmgd.gov.vu)  
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### **Ambae Schools Recovery Assessment Report**

Conducted from 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2019

Carried out by Penama Provincial Education officers and Save the Children officer.

Scope of Assessment: Evacuation Centres on Maewo and all Schools on Ambae.

The assessment team conducted interviews, assess infrastructures, the environment water storages, toilettings and questionnaires in respective schools/TLS, with community leaders and available people on both Maewo and Ambae. The following is our findings:-

1. The team found out that most of the Evacuation centres on Maewo are empty, majority of the people have moved back to Ambae
2. Few still on Maewo are waiting for available ship to Ambae
3. Most tents used as TLS were removed
4. See below Ambae schools assessment reports

School	School Population	Enviroment	Toilet	Water Storage	Classroom	Staff House	Reommendation
Vanuemarama	80	1	1	1	1	1	Resume classes on Ambae
Simon	0	1	1	1	1	1	On Hold til confirmation of people back
Reynold Memorial	0	1	1	1	1	1	On hold til confirmation of people back
Lolopuepue	50 +	1	1	1	1	1	Resume classes on Ambae
Qatuneala	100	1	1	1	1	1	Resume classes on Ambae
Ambaebulu Jss	79	1	1	1	1	1	Resume classes on Ambae
Ambaebulu Ps	170	1	1	1	1	1	Resume classes on Ambae
Quatui	42	1	1	1	1	1	Resume classes on Ambae
Loquirutaro	90	1	1	1	1	1	Resume classes on Ambae
Lolovoli	60	1	1	1	1	1	Resume classes on Ambae
Sarabulu	0	1	1	1	1	1	On Hold til confirmation of people back
Talairoroileleo	19	1	1	1	1	1	Resume classes on Ambae
Waisine	0	1	1	1	1	1	On hold til confirmation of people back
Vanaibulu	Cease operation in 2019	1	1	1	1	1	
Bangabulu	90	1	1	1	1	1	Resume classes on Ambae
Vuingalato	0	1	1	1	1	1	On Hold til confirmation of people back
Loone	0	1	1	1	1	1	On Hold til confirmation of people back
Nduindui	0	1	1	1	1	1	On Hold til confirmation of people back
Ala Memorial	0	1	1	1	1	1	On Hold til confirmation of people back
Ngwalona	0	1	1	1	1	1	On Hold til confirmation of people back
Autabulu	0	1	1	1	1	1	On Hold til confirmation of people back
Vatuhangele	90	1	1	1	1	1	Resume classes on Ambae
Volovuhu	0	1	1	1	1	1	On Hold til confirmation of people back
Walaha	0	1	1	1	1	1	
Vilakalaka	50	1	1	1	1	1	Resume classes on Ambae
Navutiriki Jss	80	1	1	1	1	1	Resume classes on Ambae
Londua Jss	Relocate						
Walaha Jss	Relocate						
Penama Adventist College	Cease operation in 2019						
St Patricks College	Relocate						
Tagaga College	Cease operation in 2019						

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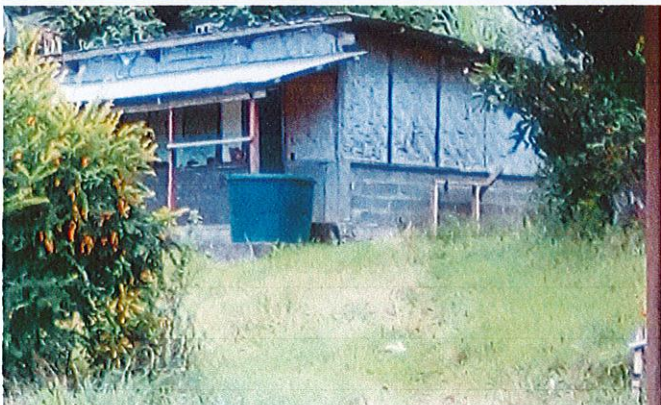
## Overall recommendation

- a. that schools with school population begin to move back to Ambae should resume classes on 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2019
- b. that Schools with school population is still uncertain due to lack of population on surrounding communities will be on hold until confirmation of movement of parents (Due date 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2019)
- c. that hosting communities and parents be responsible for cleaning up the school grounds
- d. that school fund be used to assist with school clean up
- e. that the Government be clear on any assistance with term one fees for secondary students for Ambaean parents

## Ambae Schools Pictures taken during Assesment



Qatuneala



Vanuemarama



Navutiriki



Vilakalaka



Ambaebulu Jss

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