



# Key Messages – Ambae Volcano Resettlement on Maewo and Santo

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## State of Emergency is extended to 26 November 2018

- COM Decision 149/2018 has directed for the extension of the current State of Emergency (SoE) for a further two months – to 26 November 2018.
- Any resettlement back to Ambae is prohibited until the SoE lapses.
- During the State of Emergency, NDMO has the power to restrict movement and prosecute obstruction to operations.
- During the period of the SoE, food supplies and essential services will continue to be provided to displaced Ambaen communities in both Maewo and Santo.

## Manaro Vui Volcano is at Level 2

- Ambae volcano is in the major unrest state. The current volcanic activity is consistent with Volcanic Alert Level 2. **Possible imminent eruption could occur at any time in such major unrest state.**
- The presence of ash that has fallen on Ambae during the last eruption will continue to change the behaviour of streams and creeks when it rains. The creeks and streams can produce floods and carry a lot more debris (sands, gravel and boulders). The flow path of streams and creeks could change due to the flood debris. Landslide may occur at some areas during heavy rain fall.
- These observations and the analysis of seismic data confirm that the volcano activity is in the major unrest state. The volcano activity consists of ongoing emission of steam and/or volcanic gases.
- Significant impact of ashes and gases emission to villages at Ambae started in March and July, when the Volcanic Alert level was raised to Level 3. Level 2 indicates 'Major unrest; Danger is now at 2 km around the volcanic vents and areas inside the Yellow Zone.' The possibility that the Ambae volcano activity escalates to the level of minor eruption is now low but continually fluctuates.
- Villages in some areas may continue to expect change in streams and creeks flows during rain fall. Villages from Ambae island may experience impacts of volcanic gases especially those exposed to prevailing trade winds direction.

## Maewo is 'second home' for Ambae volcano evacuees

- Maewo is the approved 'second home' for evacuees of the Ambae volcano

- Access to land on Maewo for Ambae evacuees is to be facilitated through the Chiefs of both Maewo and Ambae through the 'customary adoption and integration mechanism' as approved in the COM Decision 149/2018.
- State Law Office is currently drafting an agreement to secure access to land via customary arrangements for Ambae evacuees.
- Maewo and Ambae chiefs are currently meeting to discuss and agree on detailed terms of adoption land use.
- Agencies have been working to support communities. They have also put forward longer term plans across all sectors to support resettlement (food security, shelter, water and sanitation, education, Gender & Protection etc), however final plans can only be confirmed once access to land is determined.
- GoV service upgrade in Maewo will continue into the long-term, including provision of healthcare and education and other essential services. GoV planning also includes sustainable projects to support livelihoods, safe shelter options and associated training.
- The Shelter Cluster is planning upgrade to emergency shelter in evacuation centers in preparation of cyclone season.
- Water safety and security must be protected. Any obstruction or damage to catchment is prohibited.
- A mechanism for feedback from communities is being developed.

**GoV will continue to provide food supplies to evacuees on Santo during the term of the SoE**

- Food supplies will continue to be provided to Ambaen evacuees on Santo during the period of the SoE.
- Direct assistance on Santo after the SoE is yet to be determined by GoV, however normal services will be ongoing.
- There is no government decision regarding support to Ambae following the State of Emergency.



# Ol mein mesej – Ambae Volkeno

## Relokesen long Maewo mo Santo

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### State of Emergency (SoE) hemi extend i go kasem 26 Novemba 2018

- Disisen blong Kansel blong ol Minista (CoM) 149/2018 i odarem blong i gat wan ekstensen blong (SoE) blong wan narafala tu manis – blong go kasem 26 Novemba 2018.
- Long taem blong SoE, NDMO i gat pawa blong stopem eni muvmen mo eni man o woman we no folem ol oda blong gavman bae i save pas long kot.
- Long taem blong SoE, saplae blong kaikai mo ol narafala impoten sevis bae i kontiniu long ol evakuesen senta long Maewo mo Santo.

### Manaro Vui Volkeno i stap long Level 2

- Aktiviti blong volkeno hemi konsisten wetem Volkeno Alert Level 2 we hemi major unrest stet.
- Olgeta krik i fulap yet lo asis/sanbis we i bin foldaon long last irapsen. Bigfala ren bae I save karem ol toti lo krik (sanbis, stones). From se ol krik oli fulap lo sanbis, bae kraon I save foldaon lo bigfala ren.
- Ol obsevesen blo seismic data i soem se volkeno aktiviti I stap lo major unrest naoia, level 2; hemia i ol rilis blong steam mo ol volkanik gas.
- Bigfala impak blo asis/sanbis mo ol gas long ol vilej long Ambae i stat long manis blong Maj mo Julae taem volkeno i bin stap long Level 3. Aktiviti blong volkeno hemi konsisten wetem Volkeno Alert Level 2 we hemi major unrest stet. Denja long laef mo sefti hemi stap naoia lo 2km raon lo maot blo volkeno, hemia yelo aria long map. I gat low posibiliti blong volkeno I inkris i kobak lo level 3.
- Volkeno blong Ambae hemi wan bigfala volkeno we hemi stap kam into aktiviti mo ino stap long semak level oltaem. Eruption we yumi stap lukim i kam i stap long maot blo volkeno mo i nokat saen blong narafala volkanik aktiviti long ol narafala lokesen long Ambae.
- Volkanik gas i bigwan long 2 km eria raon long maot blo volkeno. Sam vilej bae oli kontiniu blong lukim ol krik oli ron bigwan wetem plante toti long taem blong hevi ren. Ol vilej we oli stap long daereksen blong S/E trade winds bae oli save risivim gas blong volkeno.

### Maewo hemi 'sekon hom' blong ol pipol blong Ambae we oli muvaot from volkeno

- Gavman hemi apruvum blong Maewo i kam 'sekon hom' blong ol pipol blong Ambae we oli muvaot from volkeno.

- Folem COM Disisen 149/2018, ol pipol blong Ambae long Maewo bae oli save yusum graon long Maewo tru long fasin blong kastom we ol jif blong Maewo mo Ambae bae oli arenjem.
- State Law Office i stap draftem wan agrimen blong ol pipol blong Ambae i save yusum graon long Maewo tru long fasin blong kastom.
- Ol jif blong Maewo mo Ambae oli stap mit naoia blong agri long wan stret rod blong yus blong graon tru long kastom adoption.
- Ol ējēnsi oli kontiniu blong sapotem ol komuniti. Oli putum fowod ol long-term plan blong sapotem relokesen (long saed blong food security, hausing, wota, sanitesen, edukesen mo jenda proteksen)
- Gavman bae i kontiniu blong provaedem ol edukesen mo helt sevis mo ol narafala impoten sevis long Maewo. Gavman i stap plan tu blong wokem sam smol projek blong sapotem ol pipol blong Ambae long Maewo.
- Shelter Cluster i stap plan blong impruvum ol haus long ol evakuesen senta from saeklon sisen we i stap kam.
- Wota sekuriti hemi impoten. Any man o woman we i no folem ol rul blong ol wota kajmen eria bae i save pas long kot.
- Gavman tru long NDMO mo ol cluster i stap wok long wan sistem blong save rikodem ol komplem mo harem tingting blong ol pipol long ol evakuesen senta long Maewo mo Santo.

**Gavman`bae i kontiniu blong saplae kaikai long ol pipol blong Ambae long Santo long taem blong SoE.**

- Gavman bae i kontiniu blong saplae kaikai long ol pipol blong Ambae long Santo long taem blong SoE.
- Gavman ino mekem wan disisen yet long wanem kaen sapot bae hemi provaedem afta long SoE.