



## NEOC Situation Update

Response Name	Ambrym Volcanic Activity
Situation Report	04
Date	15:35 11 January 2019
Reporting period	27/12/2018 – 11/01/2019
Provinces affected	Malampa
Attachment(s)	N/A
NEOC Status	Operational

### Situation Overview

- 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 in South East Ambrym, there are some geological changes on land and sea that need to be confirmed by the VMGD. No major earthquakes have been experienced the past few weeks.
- Rapid assessment reports show that ash fall is only being experienced in North Ambrym. There is no disease outbreak at this time.
- The most immediate need for evacuees is water, as proposed host communities may not have enough water to support affected communities.
- A technical assessment team comprising representatives from Water Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH), Health, Food security, Education, Gender & Protection, Police (Security), VMGD and Emergency Telecommunication arrived at Ambrym today 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019 via *RVS Tukoro* to join the response team on ground and conduct detailed assessment.
- RVS Tukoro* will also deliver 7 drums of fuel for the response operation in S/E Ambrym
- LC Kalyara has delivered donated items and food supplies for the S/E Ambrym affected community. See logistics list below;

Item	Quantity	Benefactor
Hygiene Kits	314 Boxes	Vanuatu Red Cross
Shelter Kits	350 Bags	Vanuatu Red Cross
Tarpaulins 4x6m (5pcs x 140 bales = 700pcs)	140 Bales	Vanuatu Red Cross
Jerry Cans 10L (150pcs/per box)	4 Boxes	Vanuatu Red Cross

Ladies Bra	1 Ctn	Vanuatu Red Cross
Sawmill	1	MP Hon. Albert Williams
Bongo Truck	1	MP Hon. Albert Williams
Boat Engine (40hp)	1	MP Hon. Albert Williams
Generator	1	NDMO
Water 1.5L	500 Ctn	NDMO
Bag Rice	12	NDMO
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,332 Items</b>	

- Though the Ulei community will be evacuated to Taveak, the Ulei Airport and the National Bank of Vanuatu Branch will still operate.

## General Coordination

- 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.
- The Malampa PEOC along with other humanitarian partners, RED CROSS, and clusters are working to ensure that affected communities are evacuated to safer parts of the island.
- Ambrym onsite EOC has been established and is coordinated by two NDMO officers and Malampa province.
- Malampa province has donated some food items for the affected communities.
- Relief supplies distribution is on-going
- Registration in Ulei Evacuation centre is still on-going. See below proposed host communities and schools in S/E Ambrym

Affected Community	Proposed Host Community	Proposed Evacuation Date
Paamal (currently hosted at Ulei)	Moru	15 <sup>th</sup> January 2018
Ulei	Taveak	not yet confirmed
Sameou	Endu	not yet confirmed
Asse	Endu	not yet confirmed
Affected School	Proposed Host School	Proposed Evacuation Date
Mbosung School	Senai School	not yet confirmed
Paamal School	Senai School	not yet confirmed
Roromai School	Endu	not yet confirmed

## Further Information

**VMGD Volcano Update:** [www.vmgd.gov.vu](http://www.vmgd.gov.vu)  
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