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NEOC Situation Update

Response Name	Tropical Cyclone Harold Novel Coronavirus (COVID19) Tanna Ash fall Teouma Flooding
Situation Report	04
Date	05 April 2020
Reporting period	03 April 2020 – 05 April 2020
Provinces affected	All
Attachment(s)	Table of confirmed cases in the Pacific Region TC Harold Forecast Track 16
NEOC Status	Activated - Wednesday 11 March 2020
Next SITREP	TBD

Situation Overview

The National Disaster Management Office (NDMO), is currently coordinating response to at least four (4) disaster events; Tropical Cyclone Harold, COVID-19, Tanna Ash Fall, Teouma Flooding.

TC Harold

As at 11am local time 5th April 2020, Vanuatu Meteorological and Geo-Hazards Department (VMGD) has indicated that Tropical Cyclone Harold Category 4 is approximately 110KM southwest of Santo and 195KM west northwest of Malekula. The system is positioned at the center right of the square letter E, number 5 (E,5) of the Vanuatu Tropical Cyclone Tracking Map and has been moving in south south-easterly direction at 4KM/HR in the past 3 hours.

Damaging gale force winds of 90KM/HR (47Knots), gusting to 110KM/HR (55Knots) will affect TORBA, SANMA, PENAMA and MALAMPA Provinces today and later extend to SHEFA province in the next 12 to 24 hours.

The Vanuatu National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) advises that Red Alert is in effect for TORBA, SANMA, PENAMA and MALAMPA Provinces, while Yellow Alert for SHEFA province. Visit the <https://ndmo.gov.vu> for preparedness measures per the alert levels issued.

People over TORBA, SANMA, PENAMA, MALAMPA and SHEFA provinces are advised to listen to Radio Vanuatu and all other Radio Outlets to get the latest update on this system.

COVID 19

The National Disaster Management Office takes lead on the overall coordination of the COVID19 operation while the Health Cluster leads the medical aspects of the operation.

State of Emergency is currently on-going with directives pertaining the SoE regulations and the latest Council of Ministers (COM) decision on the Stimulus package.

The COVID-19 response is currently at **scenario 2**¹.

¹ COVID-19 Scenario 2: Some cases suspected or confirmed in Vanuatu including the state of Emergency declaration.

Tanna Ash fall

The Tanna Yasur Volcano is currently in Alert Level 2 according to Vanuatu Meteorological and Geo-Hazards Department (VMGD). An assessment on 31 March 2020 shows high impact on livelihood from the east to the central part of the island. A report on that will be released soon and will determine if a response is required.

Teouma Flooding

The heavy rainfall throughout the last weekend has caused flooding and impacted the livelihood of people around Teouma Valley. The area has been assessed and a report will be produced for further response if necessary.

Highlights

COVID 19

- **No confirmed cases in Vanuatu.** The one (1) suspect case result came back negative on 4th of April 2020.
- 61 people in quarantine at the Holiday Inn resort were released on 5th April 2020.

TC Harold

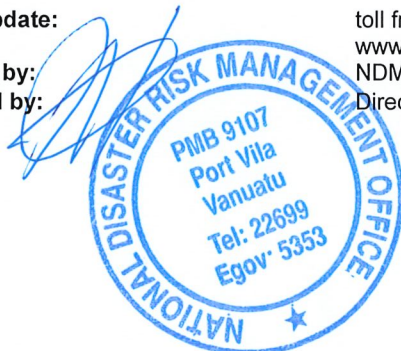
- Power and water outage in Luganville, Santo.
- People in need for safe shelters in the Northern parts of the country are moving into Evacuation Centers.

General Coordination

- The NEOC coordinates the four disaster events listed above with respective sectors and Provincial disaster officers.
- Provincial Emergency Operation Centers (PEOC) throughout Vanuatu are working together with Health working groups at the provincial level to carry out awareness on COVID-19 measures and cyclone preparedness.
- The PEOC's are also providing support in the evacuation of people into safe Evacuation Centers with the assistance of Area Secretaries, Community Disaster Committees, School authorities, Church and respective Community Leaders.
- The NDMO Directive no. 37 informs all clusters and stakeholders that social gathering restriction of 5 people and social distancing for COVID-19 does not apply to those seeking safe houses or evacuation centers and that normal preparedness measures apply.

Further Information

- **Health Update:**
 - **NDMO:**
 - **Prepared by:**
 - **Approved by:**
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Statistics of Confirmed cases and deaths in the Pacific Region

Data Source: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

Date sourced: 03 April 2020, 2:00 pm

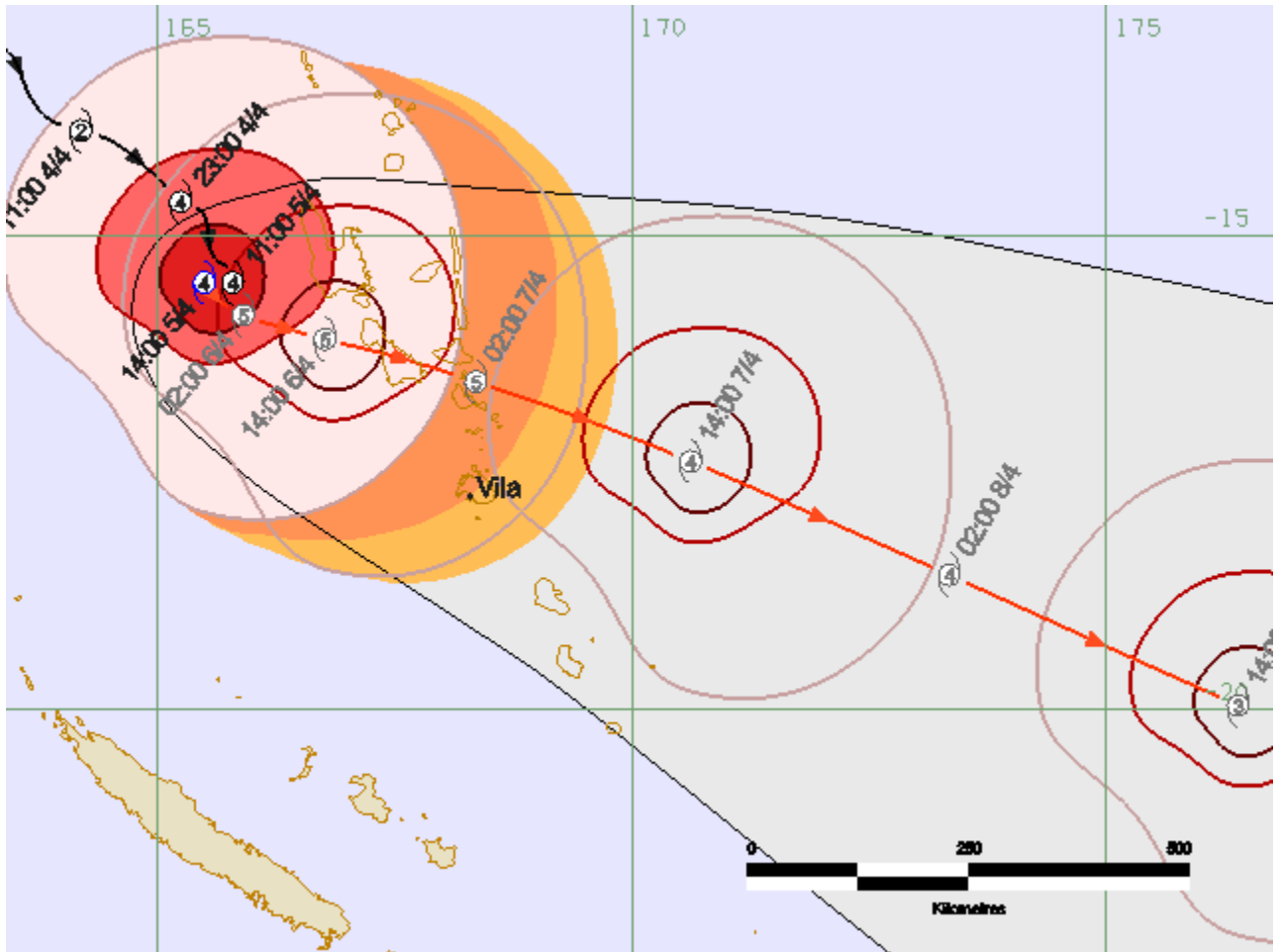
Country	Confirmed Cases	Deaths
Vanuatu	0	0
Australia	5,454	28
Fiji	7	0
New Caledonia	18	0
New Zealand	824	1
Guam	84	3
Papua New Guinea	1	0
French Polynesia	39	0
Solomon Islands	0	0



“For Immediate Broadcast”

Severe Tropical Cyclone HAROLD













Tropical Cyclone Forecast Track Map Number 17 issued at 3:08 pm VUT Sunday 5 April 2020



Community Threat	Past Cyclone Details
Warning Zone - Gales within 24 hours 	Past Location and Intensity Number ⊙ or L

Note: Forecast Tracks are not intended to be broadcast on Local Radio Outlets

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- KM/HR – Kilometer per hour
- K – Knots
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Advisory Zone - Gales from 24 to 48 hours 	Past Track and Movement 
Current Cyclone Details	Forecast Cyclone Details (up to 72 hours from time of issue)
Current Location and Intensity Number  or L	Forecast Location and Intensity Number  or L
Very Destructive Winds 	Very Destructive Wind Boundary 
Destructive Winds 	Destructive Wind Boundary 
Gale Force Winds 	Gale Force Wind Boundary 
	Most Likely Future Track 
	Range of Likely Tracks 

The forecast path shown above is VMGD's best estimate of the cyclone's future movement and intensity. There is always some uncertainty associated with tropical cyclone forecasting and the grey zone indicates the range of likely tracks. Due to the uncertainty in the future movement, the indicated winds will almost certainly extend to regions outside the rings on this map. The extent of the warning & watch zones reflects this.

Remarks:

Damaging gale force winds, destructive storm force winds and hurricane force winds with heavy rainfalls and flooding over low lying areas and areas close to the river banks including coastal flooding expected over TORBA, SANMA, PENAMA and MALAMPA provinces and extending to SHEFA province later today, including possible land slides. Very rough to phenomenal seas with heavy to phenomenal swells expected over northern and central open and coastal waters today as the system continues to move south-eastward across the central part of Vanuatu.

High Seas wind warning and a Marine strong wind warning are current for all coastal and open waters of Vanuatu. People, including sea going vessels are strongly advised not to go out to sea until the system has moved out of the area.

You can access the TC Warning bulletin and the Forecast Track map on VMGD's website: <https://ww.vmgd.gov.vu/vmgd/index.php/forecast-division/public-forecast/tc-outlook> or on its facebook page: www.facebook.com/vmgd.gov.vu.

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Details:

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	Time (VUT)	Intensity Category	Latitude (decimal deg.)	Longitude (decimal deg.)	Estimated Position Accuracy (km)
0hr	2 pm April 5	4	15.5S	165.5E	75
+6hr	8 pm April 5	5	15.7S	165.7E	100
+12hr	2 am April 6	5	15.8S	165.9E	130
+18hr	8 am April 6	5	16.0S	166.3E	155
+24hr	2 pm April 6	5	16.1S	166.8E	185
+36hr	2 am April 7	5	16.5S	168.4E	245
+48hr	2 pm April 7	4	17.4S	170.6E	305
+60hr	2 am April 8	4	18.6S	173.3E	395
+72hr	2 pm April 8	3	19.9S	176.4E	480

The next Forecast Track Map will be issued by 6:00 pm VUT Sunday

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