



## NEOC Situation Update

Response Name	Ambae Volcanic Activity
Situation Report	16
Date	16:45 13 <sup>th</sup> August 2018
Reporting period	11/08/2018 - 13/08/2018
Provinces affected	Penama, Sanma
Attachment(s)	Maewo Onsite EOC daily update
NEOC Status	Operational

### Situation Overview

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- A State of Emergency is in place on the island of Ambae until the 26th September 2018.
- The Vanuatu Meteorology and GeoHazard Department has the Ambae Volcano at Alert Level 3.
- A full, compulsory evacuation of the island of Ambae has been completed.
- All residents of Ambae have been relocated to other islands. No further movements from Ambae are expected.
- The total displacement from Ambae in the last fortnight to other islands is currently estimated at 7,250 people. This is made up of 3,000 people who have relocated to Maewo and 4,250 who have relocated to Luganville, Santo.
- The registration and population monitoring process on Maewo is ongoing and further details will be published at a later time. There is no formal comprehensive registration process at this time on Santo.
- A team of volcano monitoring specialists from VMGD and NZ GNS returned yesterday from a mission as part of the ongoing scientific monitoring of the Ambae volcano.
- The Gender and Protection cluster has received funding confirmation to support the vulnerable displaced to Luganville who are currently located at the wharf.
- The Director General Ministry of Climate Change and the Deputy Police Commissioner have inspected the situation on Ambae over the weekend and observed the end of the evacuation. They are now in Maewo reviewing the evacuation coordination and host communities.
- 25 members of the Vanuatu Mobile Force have relocated today from Ambae to Maewo to support the operation, including helping to set up shelter and security provision.

## General Coordination

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- The onsite emergency operations centre (EOC) in Kerebei is the primary coordination hub for evacuations to Maewo. Daily coordination meetings are held each morning.
- The Sanma Provincial Government has begun meeting regularly to discuss the situation on Santo. The Gender & Protection cluster and the Health cluster have joint operations to support the vulnerable group in Santo.
- There is a planned Permanent Relocation Taskforce meeting in Port Vila to be held later this week.

## Vanuatu Meteorology and GeoHazards (VMGD)

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- A combined field survey and sampling visit to Ambae, Maewo and Pentecost was completed from 4-12 August 2018, comprising VMGD-GNS Science-Universities of Massey/Canterbury/Earth-Observatory Singapore staff, under the umbrella of MFAT New Zealand Aid Programme and research collaborations.
- The objectives completed included: ashfall thickness variation, eruption sequence (1, 16, 21-27 July), ash and drinking water sampling, conductivity, air quality monitoring and upgrade of research portable seismographs.
- Public awareness of the volcano status, key messages and WASH messages was delivered across villages visited on these islands. 2 EOC briefings were given in Saratamata and 2 in Maewo.

## Vanuatu Red Cross Update

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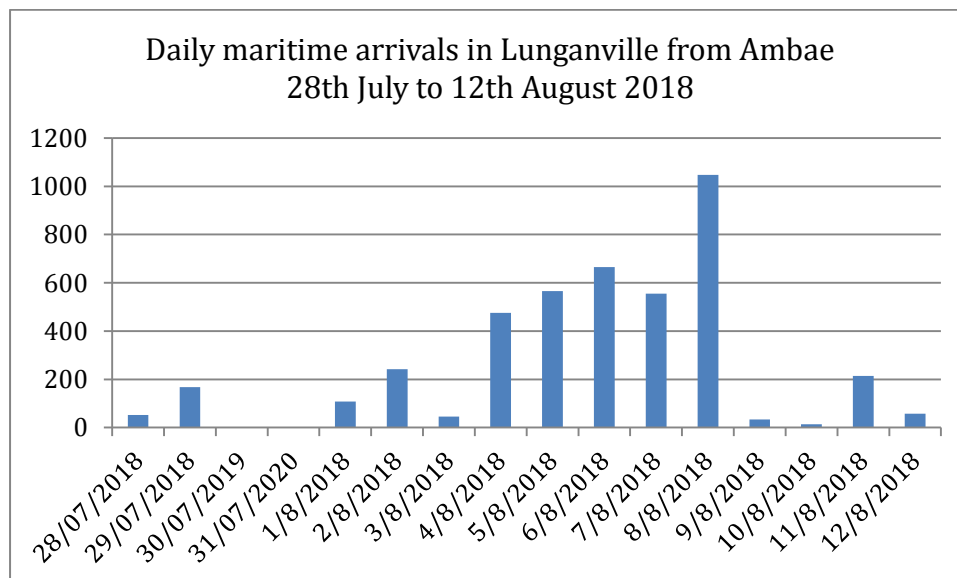
- The Red Cross Ambae office and operation has been relocated to Kerembei in Maewo, including an 15 volunteers.
- The Vanuatu Red Cross are mobilizing Health teams from Port Vila to support the health cluster on Maewo.
- The Red Cross are supporting the gender and protection cluster in assisting the vulnerable population in Santo.
- There is a planned delegation from the International Federation of the Red Cross (IFRC) to visit Vanuatu from Suva, Fiji this Wednesday to discuss further planning of Red Cross operations.
- The Red Cross is supporting the NDMO in distributions on Maewo.

## Displacement Figures

- All evacuations from Ambae are complete. However, registration and population monitoring is still ongoing. Complete figures won't be known for some time. The table below summarises the current estimates.

Evacuated group	Estimated Number
Evacuated population to Maewo including government staff	3,000
Evacuated population to Luganville between 28 <sup>th</sup> July & 12 <sup>th</sup> August	4,250
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED EVACUATION</b>	<b>7,250</b>

- The graph below shows the daily maritime departures from Ambae to Luganville between the 28<sup>th</sup> July and 12<sup>th</sup> August 2018. No further departures are expected.



## Further Information

**VMGD Volcano Update:** [www.vmgd.gov.vu](http://www.vmgd.gov.vu)  
**NDMO:** <https://ndmo.gov.vu>  
**Prepared by:** NDMO Information Management Unit  
**Approved by:** NDMO Officer in Charge  
**Next Sitrep:** TBD

**Morning Briefing | Maewo onsite EOC| 13 August 2018| 8.50am**

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\*Reporting period 12/08 - 13/08 2018

<b>Chairperson</b>	Rasa Ure (Elison Reveala)
<b>NDMO Support Staff</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Director</li> <li>- Presley Tari</li> <li>- Alice Iarem Natu</li> <li>- Zoe T Ayong</li> <li>- Brenda Williams</li> </ul>
<b>Attendees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NDMO</li> <li>- Finance</li> <li>- Shelter</li> <li>- Education</li> <li>- Red Cross</li> <li>- Save The children</li> <li>- Police</li> <li>- VMF</li> <li>- Area Admin</li> <li>- WASH</li> <li>- Health</li> </ul>
<b>Agenda</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Welcome</li> <li>2. Cluster Report             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report back on yesterday's activity</li> <li>• Report today's activity</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
<b>Welcome + Inputs</b>	<p><b>Rasa Ure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Welcomes everybody</li> <li>- Request brief report from cluster on yesterday's tasking and what to each cluster will do today</li> <li>- Few host communities have requested specific group of evacuees (ward and village council)</li> <li>- Kerepei and Betarara will be the last host communities to be filled by evacuees (those still in transitional sites)</li> <li>- Nasawa has Lolopuepue community (French primary community)</li> <li>- Request if Education cluster can upgrade both Nasawa and Gambule to be bilingual school</li> <li>- Request a control of water plastic (need more water filter). Want to avoid plastic pollution</li> <li>- Local food will be provided for free (community chiefs to handle this)</li> <li>- Local food can be purchased on Santo and other island, but in Maewo local food will be provided free by the communities</li> <li>- Request police officer to control the latest drunkenness activity near the transition EC of Gambule</li> </ul>

Cluster Report	NDMO	Action Items
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 11 Evacuation Centers / Host Communities still have space to accommodate additional evacuees. These include:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Narea</li> <li>2. Qwatewol</li> <li>3. Umlongo</li> <li>4. Ngota</li> <li>5. Rembu</li> <li>6. Naonone</li> <li>7. Kerepei</li> <li>8. Betarara</li> <li>9. Lalavaru</li> <li>10. Naumumu</li> <li>11. Gantaroa</li> </ol> </li> <li>- Currently Nasawa community holds highest number of evacuees (today to move/reunite Ambae communities together)</li> <li>- Evacuees at Sulua and Gambule school will be relocated to HC today</li> <li>- Few villages in North Maewo can still welcome more evacuees</li> <li>- Few evacuees 'group' have made arrangements with host communities already. Logistics cluster needs to be provided to move evacuees from transition evacuation centre (Gambule school) into host communities</li> <li>- Host communities on South Maewo are requesting shelter cluster to support in the shelter construction model</li> <li>- SDA community at Naone needs to be relocated into Marino host community (Faith base)</li> <li>- Naumumu host community has located a permanent place for the school to set up.</li> <li>- Request FSAC to provide next shipment of dry ration.</li> <li>- Awareness for local food crops needs to be done to have a balance diet</li> <li>- Sub-division plan remains with the relocation task force –NDMO to follow up on this</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Request cluster head to coordinate each humanitarian actors activities has each clusters has on the ground</li> <li>- Request cluster plan to be provide immediate plans (3 months) by today</li> <li>- Last shipment of evacuees arrived on Saturday night – Sunday morning, 11-12/08 with 128 HH – relocated to Nasawa</li> </ul> <p><b>Population data update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Because internal movement of people from transition EC to host communities is taking place today, the population updated data will be provided once this internal movement is completed.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Rasa Ulumanu</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Request a schedule from NDMO to let Rasa Ulumanu team knows for Maewo airstrip cleaning</li> <li>- Request airport to be close on Tuesday 14/08 for airstrip cleaning - Director NDMO to organize with Airports Vanuatu Limited (AVL)</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>VMF/Police (Security)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 25 Force member to arrive today and support this operation in shelter setting up and security provision</li> <li>- No crime reported in the past 48 hours</li> <li>- Request an updated population data</li> <li>- Snr Officer Ture will be posted in EOC for security purposes</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>ETC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ship arrive with E-gov and digicel and tvl on Satrudya 11/08 (Touraken II)</li> <li>- E-Gov awaiting OGCIO team to be deployed nearly next week to install telecommunication tower</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Digicel has started work on the construction and setting up of its new telecommunication tower at Betarara (uphill)</li> <li>- TVL upgrade</li> </ul>

		work on its telecommunication network service
	<p><b>FSAC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 912 bag rice (25 and 27.5 kg) being distributed last two weeks</li> <li>- Left bag rice is 588</li> <li>- 896 carton tin fish distributed last two weeks</li> <li>- 404 carton tin fish left</li> <li>- Paper process for next shipment is currently underway. Next shipment hopefully by the end of this week</li> <li>- Need exact number in order to distribute dry ration per HH</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nasawa distribution and Narovorovo distribution (evacuees who arrived during the weekend)</li> <li>- HH food distribution to Nadonga community per HH</li> <li>- Chief consultation for local food supply</li> <li>- Identify storage for food ration in North, South and Central)</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Shelter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Red Cross volunteers at the moment are the ones from Ambae. Possibility to engage more volunteers from Maewo to support the cluster work</li> <li>- Friday, Red Cross provided tents to Narovorovo. Ngota will set up shelter as well</li> <li>- Request FSAC cluster can provide breakfast (crackers and noodles)</li> <li>- Request NDMO to bring road culverts on Maewo that are still left on Ambae</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- More shelter distribution today in targeted host communities</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Wash</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Stop bottle water shipment to Maewo (to avoid pollution)</li> <li>- 500 carton bottle water currently being distributed on Maewo. This is the only stock of bottle water</li> <li>- Request a sub-division plan for the MoL as soon as possible for wash planning purpose at Loloruku land</li> <li>- No water filter on stock at the moment. Request evacuees to boil water before consumption</li> <li>- Request a tent for WASH/Health cluster coordination</li> <li>- Request NGO to be distributed among each host communities to avoid duplication of work</li> <li>- Wash team has the capability to construct 9 VIP toilets slabs per day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- VIP slab construction for VIP toilet</li> <li>- <i>Loloruku</i> water source flow still maintained at 2.4 since April. Positive news in this current dry season</li> <li>- Survey at Naruru land today</li> <li>- Distribution of hygiene kits at Gaiowo and Nasawa</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Vila team deployed last weekend</li> <li>- Virana Lini being the team leader</li> <li>- 3 months plan prepared and submitted to NDMO</li> <li>- Nasawa is a French community, we need to make sure all French education primary school to be located in Nasawa</li> <li>- A possibility to set up a school in Marino centre</li> <li>- 6 UNICEF tents are on the way</li> <li>- 12 tents are in Port Vila atm, awaiting next Maewo shipment to be sent to Maewo</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Verification of Data – confirmation of children number (North, Central and South). Boat will be used to travel to Asanvari community</li> </ul>



	<p><b>Health</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Completed phase 3 of hospital evacuation (Lolowai)</li> <li>- Continue with Maewo response</li> <li>- Need to divide health staff based on health post and health centre on Maewo</li> <li>- Kerepei health centre needs a storage facility and an outpatient/emergency</li> <li>- Health cluster equipment being set up.</li> <li>- Challenge at the moment is the internet speed and telecommunication</li> <li>- Ambae staff will work today after a week 'spell' from the evacuation</li> <li>- No theatre service provided yet until further notice</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Surveillance system ongoing, and will report any disease outbreak in HC. No outbreak in the past 48 hrs</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Logistics</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mobile storage Unit set completed on Kerepei last weekend</li> <li>- Onsite EOC set up and need to be furnished</li> <li>- Last shipment of evacuees arrived on Saturday night 11/08</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Internal movement of evacuees on Maewo today (this week)</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Gender &amp; Protection</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 5 CFS set up and complete (up and running) 3 lo North 2 lo South</li> <li>- Conduct training for CFS volunteers on Friday 10/08</li> <li>- Continue to work in liaison with other clusters</li> <li>- Disability desk collate 40 people with disability</li> <li>- Request diapers for people with disability</li> <li>- Request maternity sanitary kits for pregnant women</li> <li>- Request health cluster to use health</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Meet with WASH/Health cluster for wash CFS</li> <li>- Training (3 days) for volunteers for CFS</li> <li>- Set up tents (CFS) at Talise and Toss</li> <li>- Develop 2 months action plan (Wash.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Approval</b></p>	<p><b>Minute approved by Chair (Rasa Ure) and NDMO Chair</b></p>	