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NEOC Situation Update

Response Name	Ambae Volcanic Activity
Situation Report	19
Date	16:30 24th August 2018
Reporting period	22/08/2018 - 24/08/2018
Provinces affected	Penama, Sanma
Attachment(s)	Maewo EOC daily update, Penama Health Cluster update, WASH Cluster update, Sanma Health and Gender&Protection cluster update
NEOC Status	Operational

Situation Overview

- 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.
- All evacuees on Maewo are now settled into host communities. Clusters and humanitarian partners are working closely with NDMO to provide the evacuees with their basic needs.
- According to Health Cluster, no disease outbreaks have been reported on Maewo.
- The Sanma Health and Gender & Protection cluster through the Provincial Emergency Operations Center (PEOC) continues to focus on providing mental and psychosocial support to the vulnerable group in Luganville.
- MV Aganda will be departing Port Vila for Maewo this evening with NFI's from Care International, Save the Children, UNICEF, Education Cluster and Digicel Vanuatu. A further shipment of dry rations for Santo and Maewo Evacuees is scheduled for next week.
- Water sample report from North Pentecost confirms that the water is contaminated by recent Ambae ash fall and not suitable for drinking. WASH Cluster is working to upscale its water-trucking services on North Pentecost.

General Coordination

- The onsite emergency operations center (EOC) in Kerembei is the primary coordination hub for evacuations to Maewo. Daily coordination meetings are held each morning.
- Another smaller emergency operation center is also active in Narovorovo to support host communities in the South. The Malampa NDMO Provincial Officer has been deployed to Maewo to provide support in the Narovovo sub EOC hub.