



## NEOC Situation Update

Response Name	Ambae Volcanic Activity
Situation Report	22
Date	08:30 06th September 2018
Reporting period	31/08/2018 - 06/09/2018
Provinces affected	Penama, Sanma
Attachment(s)	N/A
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 delegation led by the Minister of Agriculture, Honorable Matai Seremaiah is currently in Maewo, to visit the host communities and to observe the work of the FSAC (Food Security & Agriculture cluster).
- A 2<sup>nd</sup> push of dry rations has been delivered to Maewo last week via MV Kalyara and MV Aganda and is currently being distributed starting from the North and Southern part of island.
- MV Kalyara and MV Aganda also delivered Non-Food Items to Maewo.
- The E-Gov. team travelled from Maewo to Ambae last weekend with the Vanuatu Police Force to restore the e-government network on Ambae.
- WASH Cluster has installed VIP toilets in 50% of the Maewo host sites so far.
- MFAT and DFAT have visited the Luganville Vulnerable group yesterday, 05<sup>th</sup> September 2018, to observe the activities they have funded through Health and Gender & Protection cluster. The team also visited the Sanma EOC to get an overview of the current operation in Sanma.
- Based on ground observations Ambae evacuees on North Maewo are currently facing challenge with Shelter as the recent heavy rainfall soaks through their tents causing damage to their belongings.
- Water trucking by WASH cluster in North Pentecost is on-going; however with poor road conditions and limited capacity of bladder tank that is used for distribution, it slows down the operation. The cluster continues to encourage people to clean their roofs and tanks in order to be able collect good water from the rain.

## General Coordination

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- The onsite emergency operations center (EOC) in Kerembei is the primary coordination hub for evacuations to Maewo. Daily coordination meetings are held each morning.
- The Sanma Provincial EOC in Santo has been activated on the 28<sup>th</sup> of August 2018 to coordinate both the Ambaean vulnerable group and those that voluntarily moved to Santo. Daily coordination meetings are held each morning.
- Another Council of Ministers meeting is expected to be held this week to discuss further on the Ambae evacuation and permanent relocation.

## Displacement Figures

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- Registration of Ambaeans who have voluntarily moved to Santo is still ongoing. Logistics is a challenge as their settlements are widely dispersed around Sanma.
- The Penama Education in Sanma registered a total **297 ECCE students, 1,475 Primary School Students, 29 school teachers** in Santo. 24 Primary Schools within Luganville and peri-urban areas have enrolled most of the students. The teachers also managed to secure a space to teach in Primary schools around Santo urban and rural. The number is expected to increase over-time.

## Further Information

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