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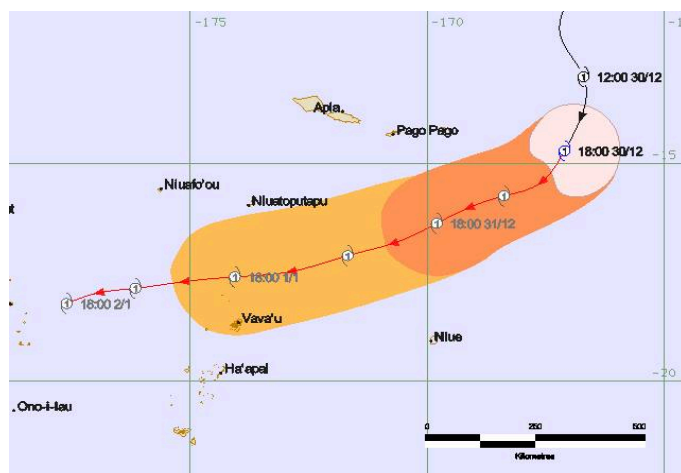
SITUATION REPORT

Event:	Tropical Cyclone Ula (TC ULA)	Sit Rep No:	SITREP01
Date:	01-02 /01/2016	Period:	0400 hrs – 1100 hrs

This situation report released by the National Emergency Management Office to inform operational partners on current situation of TC Ula. This Situation report covers the period stated above. Frequency of reports will depend on availability of new information and evolving operation.

Highlights:

- 11 Evacuation Centre have been identified in the Vava'u Groups
- Over 392 people have been relocated to evacuation centres.
- Electricity was cut off at 3:21am this morning
- Prince Ngu hospital still operating using generator.
- EOC Vava'u, operated from Police HQ Vv but now from Governor's office.
- No casualty as of this morning. Verified by Police from Prince Ngu Hospital.
- LDS Evacuation Centres really need electricity for water and cooking
- Some roads have been cleared by police and Fire (leimatu'a, Haalefo, kameli, Airport)



Evacuation Centres
11

People Displaced
392

Confirmed Fatalities
0

Source: NEMO

Situations Overview

On the last day of 2015, Tropical Cyclone ULA was located about 570KM East of Niuatoputapu or 670KM Northeast of Vava'u at 12:00pm. Tropical Cyclone Ula (CAT1) has estimated winds of 80KM/HR and it will be moving South Southeast at 25KM/HR.

In the past 24 hours TC ULA have developed its strength to CAT3 and continuous to travel West Southwest at a speed of 20KM/HR North Of Vava'u. TC ULA passes with heavy rains with strong winds.

Operational centre was activated 1130 31st December 2015.

Storm warning was upgraded to Tropical cyclone warning on 1st January 2016.

The National Emergency Operational committee met 5 times to date.

National Response

State of Emergency has been declared commencing at 10:00pm 1st Jan 2016 for Vava'u and Ha'apai Group by the Prime Minister of Tonga Hon, Akilisi Pohiva. This will continuously be reviewed by Disaster Operation Committee.

National Operation centre in OG Sanft Building, Nuku'alofa continuous to manage and collate information from actors such as Governor's Office, Police, Armed Force, District and Town officer and Red Cross Representatives

Community Response

Most of the communities have been prepared for the TC Ula such as put up window shutters, using roofing iron, timbers etc.

Town officers have been working together with the community to relocate some of the families that need to be evacuated earlier yesterday.

Report received from different actors on the ground verifies that No major damage at this point.

Humanitarian Response

Humanitarian Response will be decided later, depending on the information gathered and the impact of TC ULA.

Sector Report

WASH

- Prince Ngu Hospital is currently operated by a Generator after the Power temporary switch off.

EDUCATION

- No report of any damage made by TC Ula

HOUSING

- Talau: 1 -Dwelling House with minor damage
1- Completely Destroyed. (Fale kalapu)

AGRICULTURE

- Minor Damage to root Crop and Fruit trees. Banana and its kind are affected

- Evacuation Centres in Vava'u.

Serial number	Evacuation Centres	Families	Total Person	Contact Person
1	Ha'alaufuli (LDS)	20	70	Tevita Veni – 7529882
2	Houma	7	28	Helu Tupe-8717742
3	Holonga (LDS Lotofoa)	12	51	Mokosia Kofiloa 8730374
4	Tu'anekeviale (LDS Faleloa)	7	40	Fuea Aisea- 8421655
5	Holeva (LDS)	2	15	Peni Moeata- 8457073
6	Koloa (LDS Uiha)	11	48	Minart Fifita-8881343
7	Neiafu(LDS)	8	46	
8	Neiafu (Tonga Houeiki)	1	8	
9	Taanea	2	9	Sione Niu Saateki- 8731282
10	Feletoa	4	22	
11	LDS POUONO	13	55	
	TOTAL	90	392	

Specific Details of evacuation centre will be available later today.

LOGISTIC & TRANSPORT

- Roads are being cleared by Police, Fire, MOI and Defence.

INFRASTRUCTURE

- According to Police report from Neiafu, There is no damage to key the infrastructure.
- Causeway from Tuanekivale to Uoleva is flooded with high seas and currently cannot be used
- Lupepau'u Airport is functional but road to the airport is currently being cleared

- Wharf is operational
- Water is operational. Town officers confirmed no issues with water from local suppliers
- Power was temporary switch off this morning at 4:00am in Vava'u, while Prince Ngu Hospital continues to operate on standby power supply.

Ha'apai

- Last routine inspection carried out at 7am this morning shows no sign of Damage and the network supply is on to All Customers both Foa and Lifuka.
- Water and electricity were not affected

Vava'u

ELECTRIC / POWER

- Power to Feeder 1 was turned off at the power station at 2:32AM this morning and then Feeder 2 followed at 3:21AM causing the whole of Vava'u supply to be OFF
- Power has been restored to the Digicel Tower right next to the Power Station
- 3 Teams currently inspecting the Whole Network and should be completed by 12PM with final assessment to follow at around 1PM
- Supply to Neiafu town centre and most parts of Neiafu including the Hospital, Water Board, Police and Fire has been inspected with minor damages to the Main Network and is planned to be switched on by 2PM today and a team will carry out repairs to customer services as required
- We will then progressively move outwards of Neiafu, prioritising the route to the Airport to switch the HV Network back on and then assess the LV network and switch on as required

Further update will be provided by 2PM today. We have already carried out radio announcements since yesterday evening to Customers in Vava'u and Ha'apai to keep away from any fallen electrical lines and other safety tips during this time emergency.

Key TPL Personnel to communicate with during this time of emergency

response and restoration

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- Both Communication provider still operating well in Vava'u and Ha'apai group
- TCC operation was temporary shut down but is operational now

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