



## Situation Report

Response Name	Tropical Cyclone Donna
Situation Report	05
Time & Date	18:30 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2017
Reporting period	08/05/2017 – 10/05/2017
Provinces affected	Torba, Sanma, Malampa
Attachment(s)	Situation overview infographic; Torres Islands reference map;
NEOC Status	Operational

## Situation Overview

Tropical Cyclone Donna has passed out of the Vanuatu region and the National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) gave the all clear on the 9<sup>th</sup> of May. TC Donna moved in a westerly direction passing north of the Vanuatu group within 50-100km the Torres islands in Torba Province as a category 3 cyclone. It continued west, before turning south, gathering strength to become a category 5 and passed to the west of Sanma, Malampa and Shefa. TC Donna passed about 200km to the west of the islands of Vanuatu.

## Preliminary Impact

The Torres Island group in Torba Province remains the most affected area, with other areas in Torba less affected. Ongoing assessment of inaccessible areas of Samna and Malampa are ongoing and a full picture will not be known until that is complete. Information available so far is showing modest impacts in other areas.

During TC Donna approximately 60 evacuation centres were activated across Vanuatu, sheltering around 2,700 people. These evacuation facilities include schools, churches, caves, private houses, community buildings and other public buildings which were identified pre-disaster. Almost all evacuees have returned to their homes, however, a small number of evacuation centres remain open in Torres and Shefa.

### Torba Province

Preliminary assessments are showing significant damage on the Torres Islands to crops, shelter, water supply, telecommunications and schools. Three schools have been damaged. Approximately 200 domestic buildings are partly or fully damaged. There are widespread reports of damage to

water supply and contaminated water. A TVL telecommunications tower that was damaged has now been fixed. The airport at Loh is reported operational.

### **Sanma Province**

The Provincial Disaster Committee is operational and coordinating the provincial response. Preliminary updates from sectors is the following. Infrastructure: Most roads have been cleared. South Santo Road to Tasiriki remains blocked. Water: A water sample from the Luganville water system was sent to Port Vila today.

Information on evacuation centres has been collected for Luganville and Canal Fanafo Area Council. There has not been communication with other areas to record statistics. On the night of the cyclone 1100 evacuees have been recorded in 19 evacuation centres. All evacuees returned to their homes the following day. In Canal Fanafo Area Council 576 evacuees were recorded in 10 evacuation centres. All evacuees returned to their homes the following day.

Community Assessment process: nine teams have formulated plans to compile community assessments across Santo. Three teams deployed to Luganville, South Santo Area 2 and South East Santo today. All other teams are awaiting transport options for the West Coast, where impact is likely to be more severe. A camera man has been deployed with the flying doctor to make an aerial assessment of the Torba province, and on his return flight will make an assessment of the West Coast, Santo area.

## General Coordination

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The National Disaster Management Office is coordinating nationally. Provincial Disaster Committees remain operational in Torba and Sanma. For the initial assessment and response to the Torres Islands, the following coordination hierarchy has been put into place:

1. National Emergency Operations Centre, Port Vila
2. Secondary hub at the Provincial Emergency Operations Centre in Luganville, Santo
3. Onsite coordination centre, Loh Island, Torres

Clusters are making initial remote assessments, preparing response plans and gathering information on available resources for response. The Red Cross and local partner agencies are supporting the NDMO with surge staff and technical expertise. Donors have been making offers of assistance. The NDMO is developing a response plan to the known affected areas and continuing to gather information. The National Disaster Committee met at 2.30pm 10<sup>th</sup> May and has been briefed on the situation.

## Further Information

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**Weather:** VMGD website [www.vmgd.gov.vu](http://www.vmgd.gov.vu)

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**Next situation report:** TBD

# Situation update: Tropical Cyclone Donna

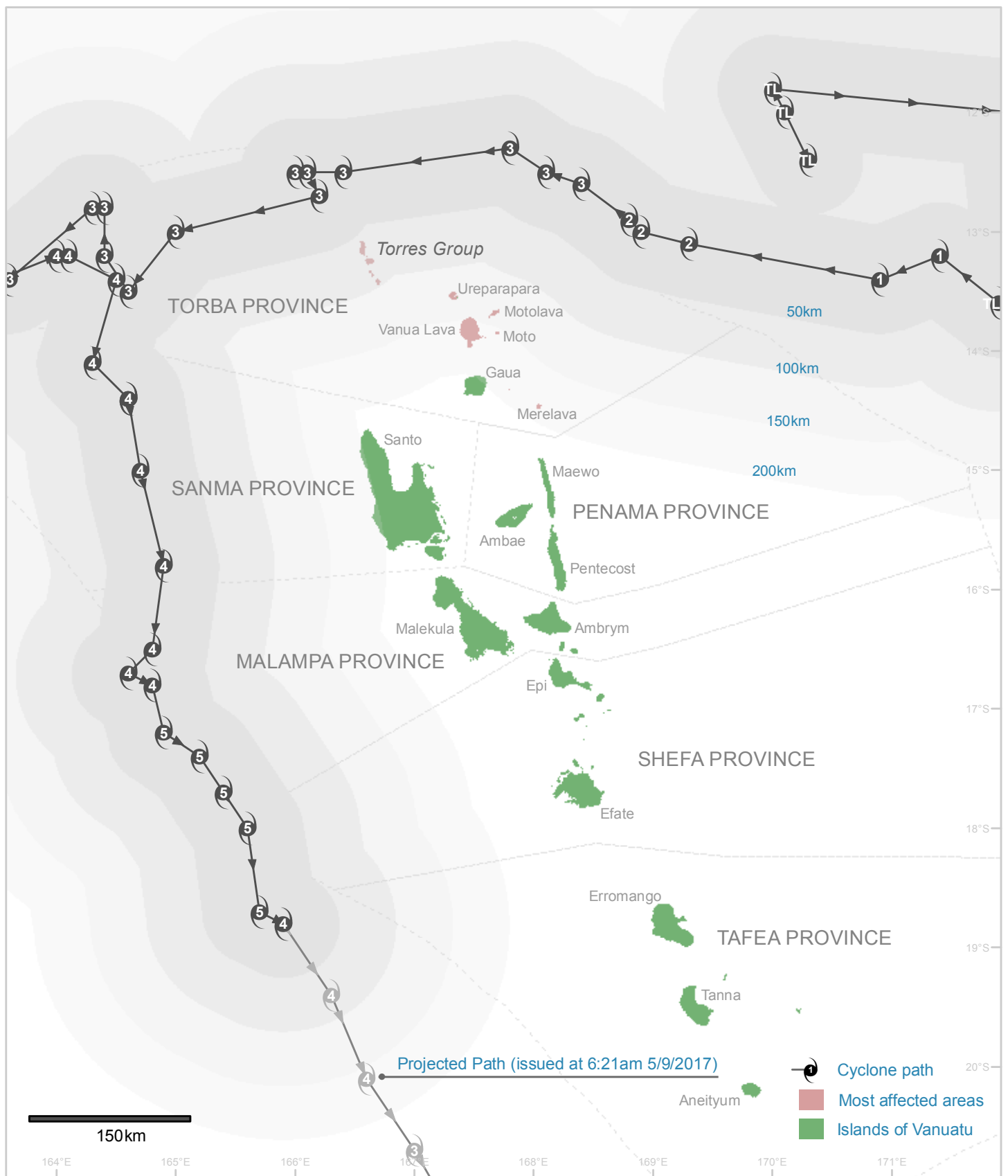
Cyclone path and most affected areas

Map details

Version 2

16:00 Port Vila, Vanuatu

9<sup>th</sup> May 2017



## Data Sources

Cyclone path: [meteo.gov.vu](http://meteo.gov.vu)

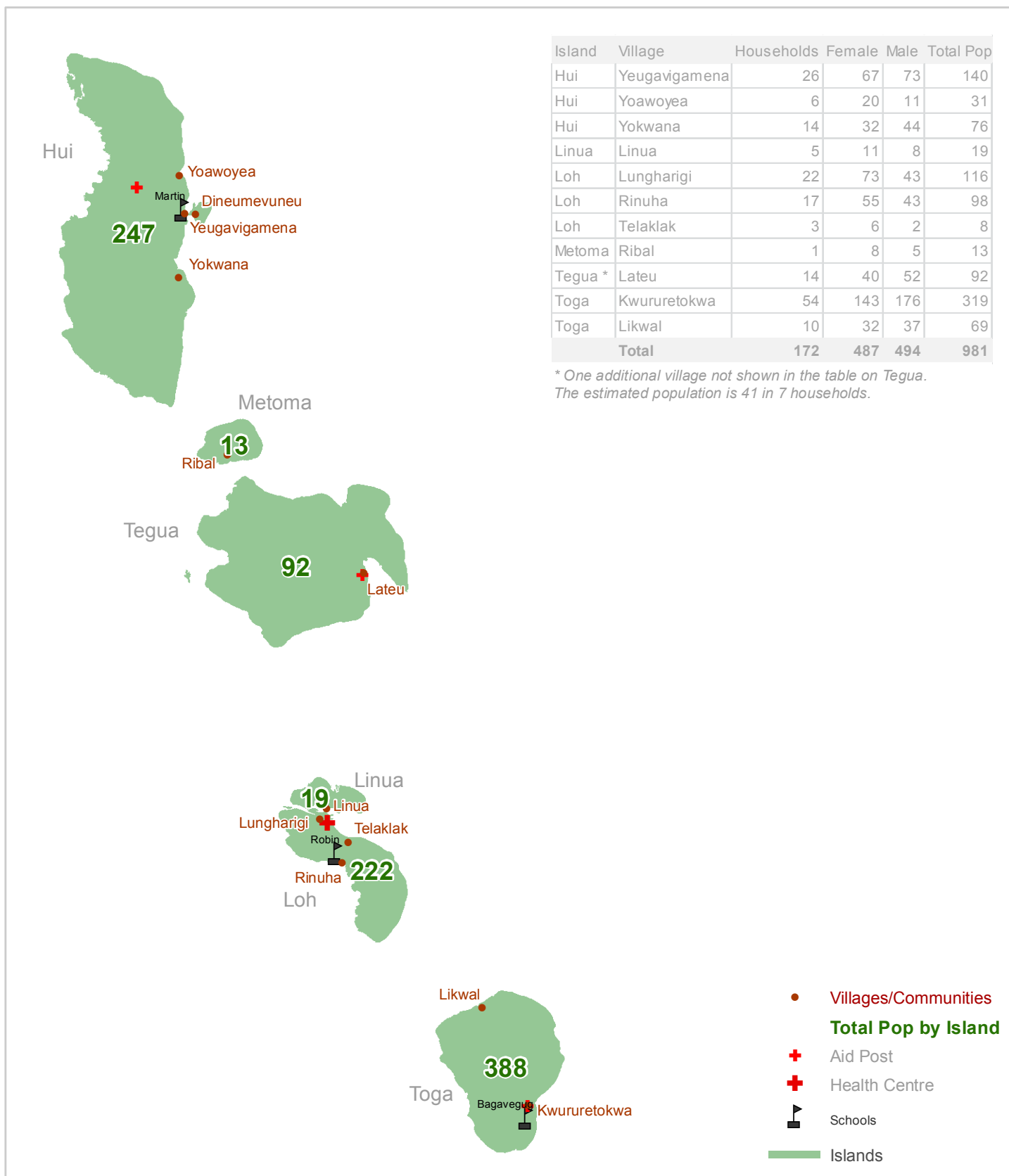
Most affected areas: NDMO



The information in this map is from a range of sources. The NDMO takes no responsibility for the accuracy of the information provided.

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## Torres Island group population summary 2016 census



**Data Sources:**  
 Vanuatu National Statistic Office (VNSO),  
 Preliminary Data for 2016 Mini Census.

