



Vulnerable patients assisted through IOM's discharge support programme. (© IOM 2015).

OVERVIEW

In Vanuatu, an estimated **166,000 people** have been affected by Tropical Cyclone Pam spanning **22 islands**. Approximately 75,000 people are in need of emergency shelter after 15,000 homes have been damaged. Furthermore, 110,000 people are without access to clean drinking water.

Logistical backlog has started to improve with the arrival of a large shipment of shelter and other materials aboard military assets originating from Brisbane. Between 27 and 29 March, **37 people** were transported from Mataso by police patrol boat for temporary relocation following severe damage to shelter and infrastructure on the island. Upon arrival, the group was joined by an additional **20 people** who had left the island using private transportation. The group is currently staying with host families in Port Vila in a community that received emergency shelter and food distributions. The National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) is supporting with additional shelter and food provisions for the additional caseload.

The Port Vila based community will send volunteers to Mataso between 3 and 6 April to assist in clearing debris and building transitional shelters in preparation for

HIGHLIGHTS

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IOM provided **training on Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) basic concepts** to government and NGO staff.

Three patients were assisted through IOM's assisted discharge support programme for patients referred from affected islands to Port Vila.

impending returns once conditions are improved. Although people in evacuation centres (ECs) have returned home, there is still a need to ensure that host communities are supported whilst recovery efforts are ongoing.

IOM RESPONSE

The IDP Working Group is working with the Protection Cluster to ensure that sex and age disaggregated data and information on vulnerable groups, including displacement patterns are collected in upcoming multi-sectoral in-depth assessments. IOM is taking the lead on demographic and mobility information in the upcoming assessments.

CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT (CCCM)

All of the ECs within the Port Vila area are now closed. Following the latest monitoring trip, all of the people who were residing within the ECs have received shelter assistance. There are still incoming reports of other evacuation centres on other islands that have yet to be closed including a school on Tanna Island.

IOM provided training on Displacement Tracking Matrix methodology, as well as CCCM fundamentals to **12 participants** from the government and NGOs including representatives from the Rainbow Disability Organisation.

In coordination with NDMO, IOM is monitoring the residents of Mataso who have temporarily relocated to Efate Island.

SHELTER AND NON-FOOD ITEMS (NFIs)

A shipment of **495 shelter kits** arrived into Port Vila for further distribution. IOM received **USD 446,376** from CERF under the Rapid Response window to provide emergency shelter and NFI assistance, and to reconstruct safer shelters and provide technical support to affected communities.

HEALTH

IOM is coordinating with the Vila Central Hospital in Port Vila to assist with the discharge of patients referred from other islands to return to their homes. This week, **three patients** benefitted from the assisted discharge programme.



Emergency and transitional shelter continues to be a pressing priority for the displaced on outer islands. (© IOM 2015).