



*IOM continues to support the Vanuatu Government and is responsible for the population demographics and mobility data collected by government teams via the DTM across the country. (© IOM 2015).*

## OVERVIEW

In Vanuatu, an estimated **166,000 people** have been affected by Tropical Cyclone Pam spanning **22 islands**. Approximately 50,000 people have received emergency shelter assistance and 20,000 people have received hygiene kits (OCHA, 3 April).

More than **26,000 people** have received food in the latest round of distributions with the following round commencing with priority given to cyclone-affected areas. The Government of Vanuatu and humanitarian partners are supporting affected people to restore their livelihoods through the distribution of seeds, fresh planting materials and livestock. Access to clean water remains one of the most pressing humanitarian concerns with an estimated 100,000 people in need of safe drinking water.

Following the latest monitoring trip conducted by humanitarian partners, approximately 40 people comprising of residents and community volunteers returned to Matso from Port Vila on 9 April. They are due to return to Port Vila on 13 April. The community has planned to erect 2 structures to begin the rebuilding process but face challenge in locating building materials.

## IOM RESPONSE

The IDP Working Group is working with the Protection Cluster to ensure that data on vulnerable groups, including displacement patterns, are collected on upcoming multi-sectoral in-depth assessments and

## HIGHLIGHTS

**500 IOM shelter kits** are planned for delivery to beneficiaries in Epi and Tongoa Islands in the coming days.

IOM has coordinated a visit to Tanna Island with NDMO in order to **evaluate reports of open evacuation centres**.

disaggregated by sex and age. IOM is taking the lead on demographic and mobility information in the upcoming assessments.

There continues to be reports of displacement following the closure of all official evacuation centres (EC) around the Port Vila area. One group of approximately eight households (HHs) were identified in an informal settlement and IOM has requested the National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) to visit the site to provide clarification on any potential shelter related projects occurring in the area.

CARE has informed IOM that there are ECs that continue to operate on Tanna Island. IOM has coordinated a visit to Tanna Island with NDMO to evaluate the number and status of these ECs.

In addition, IOM is preparing to distribute **500 IOM shelter kits** to beneficiaries on Epi and Tongoa Islands in the following days.