



# NATIONAL DISASTER COUNCIL

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## SITUATION REPORT FOR THE HEAVY RAIN ASSOCIATE WITH TROPICAL LOW

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### A. HIGHLIGHTS

- Rainfall recorded since 11pm to 2am, Honiara totalled 89 mm and Henderson recorded 65mm within 3 hours, This was quite a lot of rain over a period of 3 hours
- Increased water level in rivers and most drainage system within Honiara city were compromised and over flooded as a result of the heavy downpour.
- Most houses in the Kastom Gaden area and behind Panatina were submerged by flood and water logging
- Other parts of Honiara did not report any major impacts
- No response will be provided until the scale of impact is properly determined

### B. SITUATION OVERVIEW

- Current weather information indicates that a trough lies over southern parts of Solomon Islands and links to a Tropical Low located southwest of Rennell & Bellona Province

### C. SITUATION UPDATES

#### Honiara

- Most of the main drainage systems were blocked and cause backlog of water along the main roads and other feeder roads especially Bahai, Kukum, Marine School and Rove
- The Mataniko water level rose but did not burst its banks
- National Referral Hospital labour ward was flooded due to poor drainage system
- Bishop Epalle School Hall was flooded
- Streams and drainage of white river community were flooded
- Most of the dwelling residence within the Custom garden (Burns creek) and behind the Panatina college were flooded and at least 6 Families did evacuate and were living with relatives
- Falling trees and minor landslips were reported in parts of Honiara.

## **Guadalcanal**

- Few residents of Henderson area reported flooding into their homes.
- Balasuna and Barande rivers were heavily flooded.
- Tenaru School students were evacuated this morning to KG VI School
- Whole of Guadalcanal Plains were covered with water
- Bemuta Bridge cutoff from western approach restricting Tetere police to reach Gold ridge Tailings Storage facility (TSF)
- Barande Bridge at eastern side of Honiara still submerged under flood water and vehicles still could not cross over.
- Guadalcanal Oil Palm estate also reported surface flooding and inundation of road access into Honiara city.

## **Malaita province:**

- Rivers flood but no cases of damage reported.

## **Western province:**

- Rivers were flooded however there were no subsequent damage reported
- At Vella La Vella a Landslide was reported.

## **Tulagi/ CIP:**

- No reports received.

## **Makira & Ulawa province:**

- No damage reported but only reports of flooding river.

## **Choiseul province:**

- Rivers were flooded due to the heavy rain, however the weather returned to normal when the report was received

## **Rennell & Bellona province:**

- Rivers flooded however there was no report of damage
- Rain fall continues

## **Isabel province**

- There was no rain as weather in the province is fine with bright sunshine

## **D. FUNDING**

- The NEOC logistics function team is currently working on the operational budget to support the NEOC operations

## **E.SUMMARY OF RESPONSE BY SECTORS**

- MID assessment team have already been deployed to Tanavasa bridge at Kakabona.
- The RSIPF providing support to the GP PEOC, evacuating students of St. Josephes Tenaru school
- Dalgro Vehicles were deployed to support the evacuation of St. Joseph's Tenaru school students

## F. SUMMARY OF PROVINCIAL SUPPORT

- GP PEOC on full activation
- Provincial Disaster Officers will brief their respective Provincial governments including the Municipality Regime on updates regarding the situation.
- Guadalcanal Province supported by the RSIPF and Dalgro company evacuated St Josephs Tenaru School students to Holy Cross hall
- Surveillance and monitoring were conducted by GP Police (Tetere and Henderson) using their resources.
- Two GP Rapid Assessment Teams ready to be deployed to East and West sides of Guadalcanal today.
- Currently the PEOC is utilising police resources to get updates and support

## G. SUMMARY OF NATIONAL SUPPORT

- The National Emergency Operation Centre and Solomon Islands Meteorological Service were so far issuing 2 heavy rain alerts , 4 heavy rain warning and What to do information since Saturday (04/02/17) till then
- National Emergency Operation Centre (NEOC) coordinating with RSIPF for patrol from White River to Lunga and advice vulnerable residents to move to relatives residing on higher grounds as of 0130hrs last night
- A Rapid ground run through survey conducted this morning by deploying a team within Honiara and Guadalcanal by the RSIPF
- NEOC situation check to western province, Choiseul and Isabel province confirmed that they experience heavy rain however, there are no impacts reported yet

## H. OPERATIONAL CONSTRAINTS

### **Information Sharing:**

- 955 free toll line not working due to technical fault. Hence, not much information was collected from the public

## I. RECOMMENDATIONS

- Urgent repair of 955 free toll line (emergency line) as soon as possible
- N-DOC committees to be on standby in case the situation changes. Each committee is required to review their internal preparedness plan

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