

## KEY FIGURES



**166,000** people affected on 22 islands



**3,995** people in evacuation centres in Efate



**39** centres of evacuation centres in Efate



**16** fatalities confirmed fatalities

Source: Vanuatu National Disaster Management Office



Preliminary results of Government-led joint rapid assessments that had been conducted in most islands as of 20 March highlighted **water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH)** as some of the most pressing needs.

## BACKGROUND

Severe Tropical Cyclone (TC) Pam struck Vanuatu (population 234,000), affecting the capital of Port Vila, as an extremely destructive category 5 cyclone on the evening of 13 March at around 11p.m. local time.

## FOOD SECURITY

Source: WFP



**162,000** Food is planned to be distributed to **162,000 people** by 26 March. A food package per household, lasting 15 days, will include 25 kilo kilograms of rice, 5 cans of meat (an additional 5 cans of fish in hardest hit areas) and 10 packets of noodles.

## SHELTER

Source: Shelter Cluster



**65,000** Around **65,000 people** are in need of temporary emergency shelter. Distribution of **shelter kits and tarpaulins** are continuing to affected areas.

## HEALTH & NUTRITION

Source: Health Cluster



**14** **14 International Medical Teams (IMTs)** have been registered and approved in-principle to date; in the next 24 hours, teams are deploying to Tanna and Ambrym.

**Safe food and drinking water** is an urgent need to prevent food and water borne diseases.

## WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

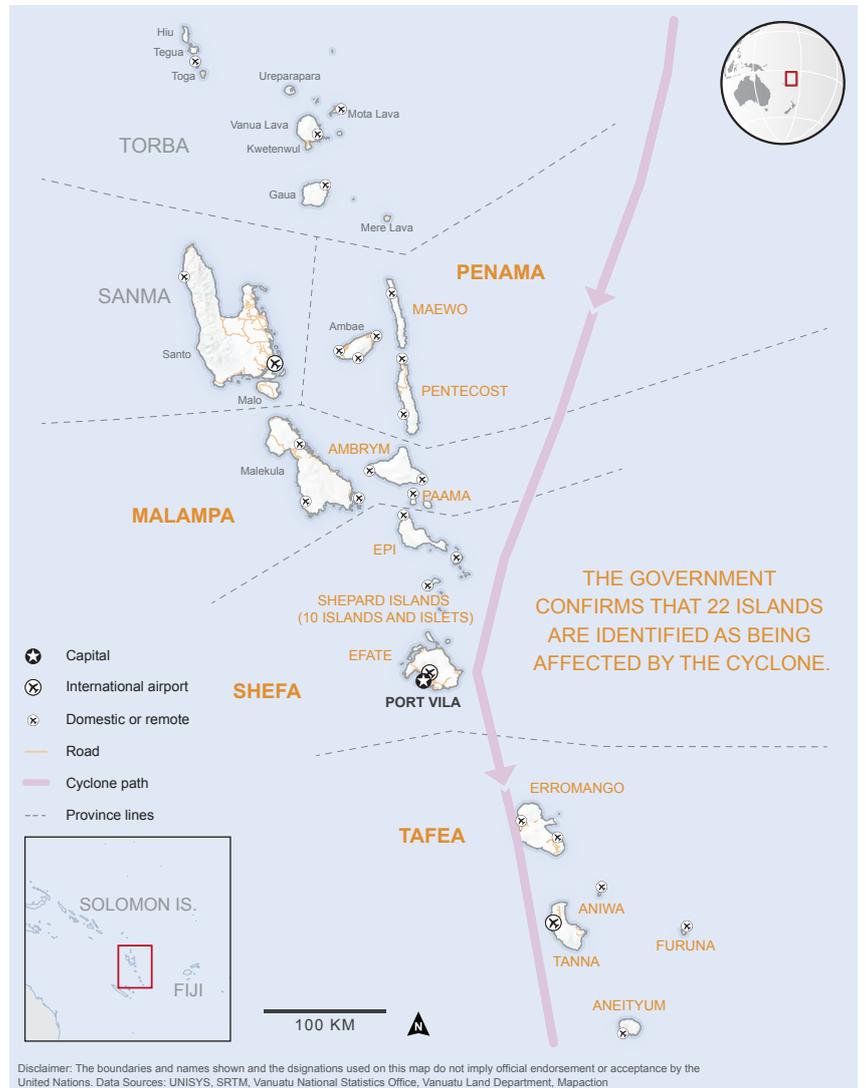


**60%** The WASH sector estimates **60 per cent** of the population of Shefa and Tafea has been affected and have no access to safe drinking water.

## LOGISTICS



**2** The World Food Programme (WFP), with assistance from UNICEF, is to establish **two storage hubs, one in Port Vila and another in Tanna**, and additional WFP staff will be hired to establish and run these hubs.



## EDUCATION



**34** The UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) has confirmed **damage to 34 schools** on the affected islands in Vanuatu.

## EMERGENCY TELECOMMUNICATIONS (ETC)

Source: ETC Cluster



Due to extensive damage to the power grid, all response efforts in Vanuatu continue to rely on **solar chargers and generators** for power.

## COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMMUNITIES (CWC)

Source: Digicel



**70%** Digicel's network has been restored to more than **70 per cent population coverage**. Digicel is providing US\$250,000 in free credit for customers to get in touch with families as services are being restored.

## PROTECTION

Source: Protection Cluster



NDMO/Vanuatu has prioritized shelter, water and food assistance for the initial emergency response. The aim is to ensure **protection monitoring for all distributions** and to use distributions as an opportunity to monitor protection issues.