

LOCATION: Vanuatu**DATE:** 14 April 2015**Situation Overview**

- On Friday 13 March, a Category 5 Cyclone named 'Pam', caused widespread, severe damage and loss of life throughout Vanuatu, particularly affecting the Central and Southern regions, as these areas experienced direct impact. The most impacted provinces include Shefa, Tafea, Malampa and Penama.
- The Vanuatu National Emergency Operating Centre (NEOC) / NDMO is managing the coordination of information gathering, initial response and planning for assessments.

Coordination and Information Management

- Information on limitations and constraints at extended distribution and delivery points on the islands is being collected and consolidated by NDMO, and is expected to be disseminated by NDMO on 15 April.

Storage

- Waybills and storage release forms have been printed on behalf of the NDMO and are expected to be implemented for use as of Wednesday 15 April.
- The NDMO is setting up a Mobile Storage Unit (MSU) in front of the NDMO office in Port Vila for the storage of government-owned NFIs; the MSU is due to be set up on 17 April.
- The common storage MSU at the Tanna Provincial Disaster Committees (PDC) is currently at 60% capacity, and primarily contains food items.
- A local manufacturer of pallets has been identified in Tanna which will resolve the need for an additional supply at the MSU.

Fuel

- The eleven drums of fuel for the PDC at Epi, Emae, Tongoa, Makira, Mataso, Buninga have been prepositioned at the Vanuatu Police dock; departure of the fuel is pending ballasting.

Air transport

- The Australian Blackhawk helicopters are currently fully tasked in the northern islands and are scheduled to be withdrawn and return to Australia tomorrow, 15 April.
- The Civil-Military Joint Task Force will continue providing transport of cargo to the humanitarian community using the Tonga, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu patrol boats, each with a carrying capacity of 5 mt. A two-week extension is being sought for the Tonga and Solomon Islands boats, with the decision due to be finalised tomorrow.

Land Transport

- A shortfall of trucking capacity in Tanna will be partially relieved by the arrival of two trucks on 15 April which have been rented by WFP. The Logistics Cluster is obtaining quotations locally for additional trucking capacity to meet the transport needs of the humanitarian community.

Sea Transport

- Commercial transport provided by the vessel MT Melisa from Port Vila to Pentacost and the islands in between was cancelled due to low demand.

- **Current shipping timetable¹:**

Vessel	Date	Destination (ETA)	Activity/supplies
Auki (Solomon MPV)	14.04.15	PV	Pending extension
Neiafu (Tonga MPV)	14.04.15	PV	Pending extension
Turoroe (Vanuatu Police MPV)	14.04.15	PV	Available for tasking
Vanuatu Ferry	14.04.15	Lamap, Litzlitz, Santo	
	14.04.15	Santo to Litzlitz (15.04)	
	15.04.15	Litzlitz to PV (16.04)	
	16.04.15	PV to Tanna (17.04)	
	18.04.15	Tanna to PV (19.04)	
HMNZ Canterbury	14.04.15	Shepherd Is.	
Sarafenua	14.04.15	PV to Tanna (15.04)	186 MT of food, 2 trucks
Southern Mouna (Voy278)	15.04.15	PV (ex Fiji)	8 cont. rice, 3 cont. noodles, 4 cont. tinned fish
SeaMercy - Chez nous	14.04.15	Aneityum (sailing vessel)	TBC
SeaMercy - Salsa	14.04.15	Aneityum (sailing vessel)	TBC
SeaMercy - Lil' Explorers	14.04.15	Aneityum (sailing vessel)	TBC
MSV Bob (Ge)	15.04.15	Tanna (int'l supply)	Unknown
Tokuro	18.04.15		Will be refloated at high tide
Buffalo Nickel	25.04.15	PV	TBC

Cont: Container, PV: Port Vila, MPV: Marine Patrol Vessel, TBC: To be confirmed, NC: New Caledonia

Other Logistics Gaps or Bottlenecks

- The regular supply of fresh water in North Tanna and the Shepherd Islands (Mataso, Tongariki, Puninga) remains problematic. The areas are covered temporarily by supply of water-purification tablets. The Logistics Cluster is exploring mid-term solutions until water systems can be repaired.

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