

LOCATION: Vanuatu
DATE: 31 March 2015
Situation Overview

- On 16 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 a direct hit (NDMO Vanuatu, 16 March 2015). The most impacted provinces include Shefa, Tafea, Malampa and Penama.
- The Vanuatu National Emergency Operating Centre (NEOC) / NDMO is managing the coordination of the information gathering, the initial response and the planning for assessments.
- The Logistics Cluster is collecting and consolidating information on challenges and constraints at extended distribution and delivery points on the islands.
- On 31 March, the Vanuatu Ministry of Public Works and Infrastructure provided an overview of current road access constraints for each island which will be shared and made available on the Vanuatu Operation webpage on the Logistics Cluster website: <http://logcluster.org/ops/van15a>

Sea Transport

- The MV Island Claws will be tasked with transporting fuel to the Provincial Disaster Committee (PDC) in Emae, Epi, Tongoa and one VSAT set for Emae.
- The MV Sabrina was unable to offload food in North-Pentacost on 30 and 31 March due to low tide. The PDC is working to identify solutions.

Current shipping schedules:

Date	Vessel	Destination (ETA)	Activity/supplies
01.04.15	Vanuatu ferry	PV to Tanna (2.04)	Food, Shelter, NFI
02.04.15		PV to Litz Litz (3.04)	
03.04.15		Litz Litz to Santo (3.04)	
04.04.15		Santo to PV (5.04)	
31.03.15	HMAS Tubruk	PV to Tanna (2.04)	Assessment task
3.04.15		Tanna to Noumea (4.04)	Re-supply
6 - 7.04.15		Noumea to PV	Assessment task
31 -1.04.15	HMNZ Canterbury	Epi island	Assessment task
31 -1.04.15	Auki (Solomon MPV)	PV	TBC
31 -1.04.15	Neiafu (Tonga MPV)	PV	TBC
31 -1.04.15	Tokuro (police MPV)	PV	TBC
7.04.15	Frio Athens (China)	PV international supply	58MT food, CGI, etc.
7 - 8.04.15	Southern Trader (Fr)	PV international supply	42MT food, clothes
15.04.15	MSV Bob (Ge)	Tanna international supply	unknown

PV: Port Vila, MPV: Marine Patrol Vessel, TBC: To be confirmed

Air Transport

- The Logistics Cluster is facilitating the transportation of 10mt of fresh produce from Sanma Province to Port Vila by C130 in order to increase and support local trade and livelihoods.
- The C130 and most of the army helicopters are tasked for passenger transportation to support the assessment and census activities from 1 April until 7 April. During this time they have limited or no cargo transport capacity. To request access to this service provided as part of the civil military corporation, humanitarian organisations should submit a Service Request Form (SRF) <http://logcluster.org/document/vanuatu-service-request-form> to vanuatu.cargo@logcluster.org.

Storage and Incoming Humanitarian Relief

- The Logistics Cluster is planning to implement a central temporary warehousing solution for transit cargo of 40 container capacity at Star Wharf, Port Vila. An agreement with the EFIRA Company and NDMO was made on 31 March, and is expected to be formalized soon.
- On 31 March, IFRC received 40mt of shelter and household relief items of which some remain in the VLI Mobile Storage Unit (MSU) and the remainder loaded on to the Vanuatu ferry for transportation to Tanna.
- On 30 March, NDMO in Port Vila received a 35mt donation from the Chinese Government of rice, noodles, biscuits, tarpaulin and six generators. A second donation containing an additional 42mt of food is expected to arrive on 2 April.
- 30 mt of food and 30 mt of Non Food Items (NFIs) are expected to arrive as part of a donation to the affected population of Vanuatu from the Russian Government into Port Vila on 1 April.

Other Logistics Gaps or Bottlenecks

- There is a need for local skilled staff for the management of the Mobile Storage Unit (MSU) at Port Vila.
- Diesel and petrol is required for Provincial Disaster Committee (PDCs) at Epi, Emae, Tongoa, Tanna and North Pentacost.
- The limited trucking capacity on Efate and Tanna remains a constraint for the efficient delivery of humanitarian relief items.

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