



GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

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NEOC SITUATION REPORT

Disaster Type:	Earthquake
Situation Report #:	02
Date:	18 December 2024
Provinces Affected:	SHEFA
Reporting Period:	Wednesday, 18 December 2024 (1600Hrs)

SITUATION OVERVIEW:

7.3 Magnitude **1251 HRS** Occurrence time

80,000 Estimated Affected Population

Earthquake Location: Latitude: **17.7** Degree South,
Longitude: **167.8** Degree East
(**34 Km** West of Efate and **150Km** West of Erromango)
Confirm source: Vanuatu Meteorology and Geohazards
Department (VMGD)

- A State of Emergency is declared throughout the worst affected areas of Vanuatu on the 17th of December 2024. This declaration of State of Emergency is for a period of 7 days from the date on which the order is made.

IMMEDIATE IMPACT:

- Most of the damage in Port Vila, Efate.
- Main down town Port Vila, Efate closed to public.
- 9 confirmed deaths by Vila Central Hospital (VCH) and number is expected to increase.
Over 200 injured treated at the main hospital (VCH) and numbers expected to increase
- Many buildings sustain major structural damage:
 - Over 10 building in Port Vila town damaged including - Billabong Building, (US Embassy building, New Zealand High Commission building, UK Embassy) Wong store building, Vila Central Hospital (VCH)
 - Search and rescue in damaged building still ongoing.
- Damage to Tagabe bridge, Teouma bridge and Blacksand bridge. Tagabe bridge high risk of collapse if heavy flow of water is experience due to rainfall.
- Damage to power lines and public water supply in the urban area.



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- Two major water reserves in Ohlen area which supplies water to Port Vila are totally destroyed and will need reconstruction, assessment of water network is ongoing
- Mobile phone communication functional with intermittent disruptions.
- Ports of Entry – Port Vila main wharf (Lapetasi) is closed due to major landslide
- Port Vila Airport not operational, aircraft fuel reserve contaminated, however operational for incoming humanitarian assistance
- Nearby villages near Efate and off-shore islands experienced landslides

IMMEDIATE NEED:

- Medical supplies and repairs to damage medical structures
- Mobile Emergency Medical Teams
- Search and Rescue Teams and heavy machinery for cleaning landslides and collapse buildings
- Safe drinking water and Jerry Cans.

Vanuatu Hospital

- Urgent need for Starlink internet connectivity to re-establish communication with Vanuatu Mobile Force (VMF) and support personnel as liaison officer to manage communication.
- Request for Structural Engineer Specialist to access the main hospital building.
- Additional Security staff.
- Urgent need for water connection to support 10 Dialysis patients.
- Urgent Need for fuel for the running of hospital generators

Security

- Request for additional Police personnel for directing Traffic and ensuring adherence to security protocols

RESPONSE EFFORTS

- NEOC operational and National Surge capacity activated.
- Joint Police Operation Centre (JPOC) assisting with search and rescue
- UNELCO is working to restore power and water supply. Water restored from Tagabe to 7star area and C-Side area to No 3 Area and slowly progressing to greater urban area. However, UNELCO advises to boil water before drinking.
- Relocation of emergency service from Vila Central Hospital to Vanuatu Mobile Force (Cook Barracks), ongoing treatment of injuries by health services and pro-medical team.
- UNELCO is restoring back power lines at Digicel No3 and will work from there to other power sources
- Cluster response activated.



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- Helper 1 supporting Ministry of Health conducting medical services at Shepherds outer island

INCOMING INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT

AUSTRALIA

- C17 Hercules – planned flight to arrival today at 1640Hr.

NEW ZEALAND

- C17 Hercules – planned flight to arrival today at 1610Hr.
- Aerial assessment conducted

FRANCE

- Puma Helicopter Plane arrived today at 1145Hr with military personnel and communication equipment to support humanitarian efforts.
- Guardian plane completed aerial assessment today

USA

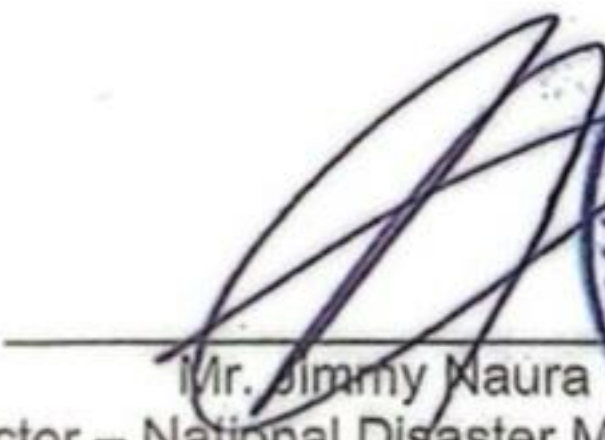
- Planned US military aircraft to arrive tomorrow from Fiji to assist with humanitarian efforts.

FRANZ PARTERSHIP

- Planned aerial assessment

INTERNATIONAL PARTERSHIP

- On standby for Humanitarian assistance on request by Vanuatu Government.


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