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Email Subject Line: NetHope Vanuatu 26Mar Brief #5

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Team Logs -

- Steve & Brian in PV
- Matt arrived

General Updates -

- *State of Emergency has been extended to all provinces in Vanuatu.*
- Rapid Assessments with 34 received to date
- *Flash Appeal released-* seeks US\$29.9 million for humanitarian operations.
- ETC requires \$400,000 to deploy satellite systems for data backup, and to coordinate and facilitate the provision of telecommunication services to affected communities.” (OCHA)
- Health Facilities Assessments by MOH completed. Shefa/Tafea completed, Melampa/Penema ongoing. 15/21 are severely damaged.
- Reporting on shelter item distributions on remote islands is difficult due to limited availability of communication.
- Power is the most pressing challenge currently. Due to extensive damage of the power grid, all response efforts in Vanuatu are heavily reliant on solar chargers and
- generators.

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- state of emergency has been extended to 27 March.
- Unreliable comms limiting early info gathering and relief efforts.
- Plans to assess the Northern island
- NDC (National Disaster Committee(NDC) has regular meeting, with the Foreign relations sub-committee helping to coordinate the response.
- MFAT, DFAT, UN, IFRC, World Bank, SPC, RedCross on site and meeting daily

Logs (logcluster sitrep 3)

- Ad-hoc boat transportation to various locations is available.
 - 25Mar 0800 1) Boat chartered by Save the Children of 200mt capacity heading north (Shepherd Islands, Epi, Tongoa etc)
 - Contact Mark (Save the Children) on Ph: 5475110 to discuss availability.
 - The HMS Canterbury boat will be traveling to Epi 25 March. To request transportation, please submit a Service Request Form (SRF) to vanuatu.cargo@logcluster.org
 - The HMAS Tobruk (over 100mt capacity) will return to Port Vila on approximately the 28th and can be tasked to go north or south dependent on the need.
- The owner of Emua Wharf has two secure empty containers on the wharf available for storage.
- Humanitarian organizations entering Vanuatu must provide a detailed manifest on their planned activities and relief distributions to NDMO before
- they enter the country. jwaters@vanuatu.gov.vu and ndmo.logistics@gmail.com.”

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- The two communications companies in Vanuatu, TVL and Digicel, claim to have restored telecoms to 80 percent of the area of Vanuatu.
- 7x VSAT stations are inbound (Ericss/BT)
- GSMservices are coming back online across the countryhowever 3G data connectivity remains an issue.
- 7 internet sites provided by ETC, 5 additional sites across Aoba, Malalkula, Vanua Lava, Epi and Espiritu Santo.
- (ITU) has loaned the Government of Vanuatu 10x BGANs, 20xThuraya satphones and 20x Iridium satphones for distribution
- ETC requesting 2x IT Specialists from stand-by partners for an initial period of 3 months.
- On 23 March a team deployed to Erromango on a flight chartered by CARE International to offer free telephone calls via Sat phone to affected populations. Four Sat phones
- are currently deployed for this purpose in Erromango.

Contacts: ([xls update](#), [online update](#))

New Maps:

- Map Action - Helicopter landing zones in the Shepherd Islands(as of 24 Mar 2015)
https://app.box.com/files/0/f/3305826420/1/f_27908655336
- NetHope Overview of Vanuatu & Cyclone Pam ICT Resources 25 March 2015
https://app.box.com/files/0/f/3305826420/1/f_27908657732
- UNOSAT Potentially Damaged Areas in Southeastern Tanna Island 24 March 2015
https://app.box.com/files/0/f/3305826420/1/f_27880988984
- Via WHO-OMS w ICT-GIS assistance from Palantir Tech, Direct Relief and Team Rubicon “Health Facilities Assessments of health facilities by the Ministry of Health with support from WHO have been completed in the hard hit provinces of Shefa and Tafea, and are ongoing in Melampa and Penama. 21 health facilities out of a total 118 have been assessed and 15 of them suffered significant damage. Repairs are underway now.”