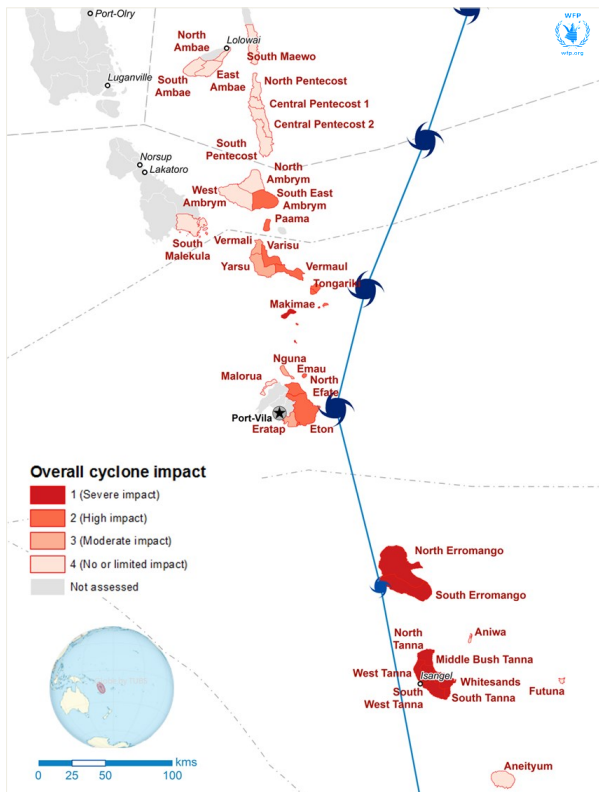




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Highlights

- 3rd push food distributions commenced 27 May starting on Tanna island from the island's available stocks. As of 1 June, WFP cooperating partners, Samaritan's Purse and World Vision, have distributed food to 8 sites, assisting approximately 5,000 beneficiaries with some 42 mt of emergency food rations.
- On 30 May, WFP attended an appreciation ceremony held by the Provincial Government of Tafea to thank all international agencies for their assistance following the devastation caused by Tropical Cyclone Pam. A WFP representative thanked donors for their contributions, and also expressed appreciation for the close coordination and support from local and national governments, and cooperating partners.
- The Director General of the National Disaster Management Office (NDMO), Mr. Jotham Napat, will be travelling to Tanna island from 4-8 June to visit distribution sites assisted by WFP and cooperating partners.

In numbers



Approximately **70,000 targeted people** (58% women and children) receive food under the EMOP

Approximately **1,671 mt** of food has been procured for the IR-EMOP and EMOP

Funding Update

EMOP: US\$3.8 million confirmed (73% of the required USD5.2 million)

SO: US\$731,500 confirmed (32% of the required US\$2.28 million)

Situation Update

- The situation in Vanuatu remains fairly stable with the focus shifting towards recovery nearly three months after Tropical Cyclone Pam hit the island nation.
- The Government continues to follow the effects of the weather event, *El Nino*, monitoring any irregularities in precipitation. The Government has already started awareness campaigns for people living in vulnerable areas on the possibility of an extended dry period or drought, with onset expected in 3-4 months. Based on preliminary feedback from beneficiaries on Tanna island, there are concerns that with the current lack of rain, which has hampered crop growth, and *El Nino* warning, there may not be enough food to cover some people's basic nutrition in the future.

WFP Response



Food Assistance

- WFP monitors visited Tanna island to observe the

start of distributions and to speak with beneficiaries about how the food assistance has helped their families. Monitors have also collected informal data on the food security situation on the island. The information gathered will help to inform the Lessons Learned Report at the end of the operation.

- WFP is working with cooperating partners and its government counterpart, NDMO, to arrange shipment of food commodities to the affected islands for the 3rd push distribution.



Logistics

- Shipment of food for the 3rd push distributions is underway, with a total of 359 mt of food dispatched from Port Vila. The first ship arrived on Tanna island on 30 May carrying 154 mt of emergency food rations. A second vessel carrying 205 mt of food for the southern islands left the capital on 31 May and dispatched food on Erromango and Aniwa, making its way to Tanna, Aneityum and Futuna. Food will be dispatched to a total of 14 ports on 5 islands.
- As of 3 June, two ships are preparing to load 211 mt of food for transport to Tanna island, which will complete all shipments to the southern islands.

Clusters



Food Security Cluster

- The 2nd push of Government food distributions was completed and reached approximately 136,000 beneficiaries with 431 mt of food.
- The 3rd push food distribution is expected to start on Monday 8 June on Efate island. The plan is to assist approximately 112,281 with some 1308 mt of food consisting of rice, noodles and canned fish.



Logistics Cluster

- The ship, *Rainbow Warrior*, departs for its last trip today to Futuna, Aneityum, Tanna and Erromango. The operation was considered a success providing services to 15 organizations and dispatching 2.3 tons of goods. The ship will return to Australia following this last dispatch.
- Two patrol boats from the Vanuatu Police and Vanuatu Mobile Force are still available for use to remote locations. Requests will be processed by the Cluster on a case by case basis.
- The Logistics Cluster team is preparing to cease transport services, ensuring there are no gaps

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from commercial vessels, and will concentrate on information sharing, coordination and capacity building. As part of the phasing out of operations, the Cluster is preparing the handover of activities to the NDMO at the end of the month. The Cluster is consolidating recommendations, guidelines and formats for the NDMO.



Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

- The Cluster is in the process of gradually decommissioning three British Telecom VSAT installations on Tanna, Malekule and Ambae that will be shipped back to the United Kingdom. The only service that remains is on Tanna island providing network service to the Government, NGOs, and United Nations staff. Service is currently being provided by the emergency.lu VSAT and Ericsson WIDER equipment. Final decommissioning will take place on 20 June.
- An expert has been provided by ETC standby partner Ericsson to support ICT including the decommissioning of equipment on Tanna island in mid-June.

Other/Miscellaneous

- There are currently 18 WFP staff deployed in Vanuatu.

Resourcing Update

- A US\$29.9 million United Nations Flash Appeal was launched on 24 March. Based on this Flash Appeal, the CERF proposal allocated WFP US\$1.2 million for its food operation, US\$480,000 for the Logistics Cluster and US\$150,000 for the Emergency Telecommunications Cluster.

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