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Beneficiaries wait their turn to receive food rations on Tanna island.



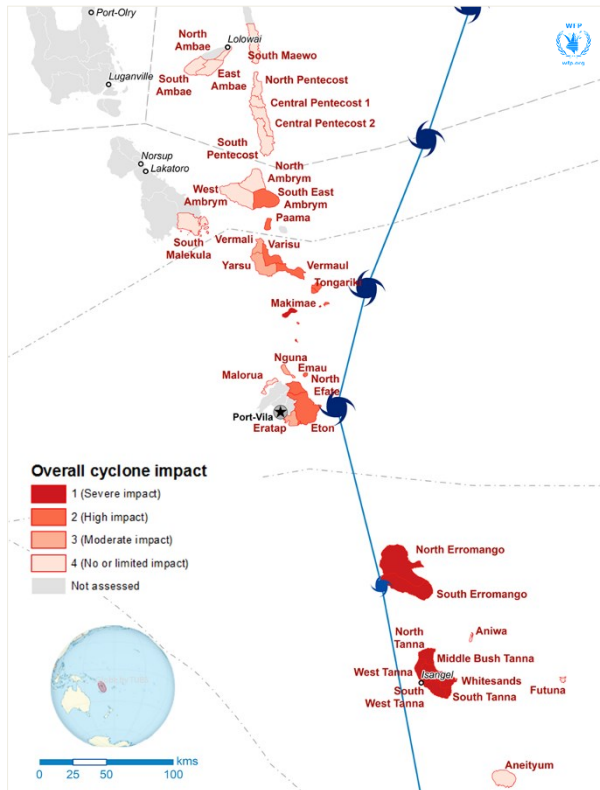
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## Country: Vanuatu

### Highlights

- WFP-supported 3rd push food distributions are well underway in Tanna and are expected to be completed the week of 15 June, weather permitting. All distributions of emergency food rations were completed on Erromango, Aniwa, Futuna and Aneityum.
- WFP attended the Women in Emergency Response and Recovery Forum that took place 9-10 June in Port Vila. The objective of the workshop was to reflect on women’s experiences during and after the cyclone; and to develop recommendations in priority areas to better support women, young women and women with disabilities. Inputs gathered at the forum will contribute to the National Disaster Management Office’s (NDMO) Lessons Learned workshop taking place on 24-25th June.



### 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.
- OCHA’s update on El Niño in the Pacific warns that this year’s El Niño phenomenon is predicted by climate models to be a major event, and could be one of the strongest on record. Past events and meteorological data suggests that the risk of severe drought is high in Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea, Solomon islands, Fiji, Tonga and Samoa. The Vanuatu Government, in conjunction with the Food Security and Agriculture Cluster, is planning an agricultural assessment to determine El Niño risks and hotspots and should begin on 12 June.

### 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 US\$5.2 million)

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

### WFP Response



#### Food Assistance

- Last week, WFP and cooperating partners (Care, Samaritan’s Purse and World Vision) reached approximately 21,800 beneficiaries distributing some 250 mt of rice, canned fish and noodles on Tanna, Aneityum, Erromango, Aniwa and Futuna.

- WFP and NDMO continues to arrange and coordinate the dispatch of food for the northern islands of Efate Offshore, Shepherd islands, Epi, Paama, Ambrym and Pentecost. WFP plans to start distributing food to these islands by 15 June beginning with Efate Offshore.



### Logistics

- All food dispatches to the southern islands have been completed with the exception of Tanna island, which is still ongoing. The final ship to Tanna is expected to depart in 1-2 days depending on weather conditions.
- A vessel has been loaded carrying approximately 236 mt of emergency food rations for Efate Offshore, Shepherd islands, Paama, and Epi and is expected to depart 12 June.
- The logistics team is preparing for the decommissioning of Star Wharf in the capital, Port Vila, as WFP begins the process of closing the operation.

## Clusters



### Food Security Cluster

- Fishing gear was provided to communities in Aneityum, Futuna, Erromango and Wasisi in Tanna for reef fishermen and women. Along with distributions of gear, surveys were conducted to find boats that required repair or replacement.
- Seeds for household gardens that were affected by the cyclone have been packed for community groups and distributions will begin this week.



### Logistics Cluster

- The Cluster's lessons learned workshop took place on 4 June. Twenty-one participants from NGOs, government ministries, and UN agencies attended the workshop. The lessons learned report will be compiled and presented to the NDMO next week.
- A warehouse management training is taking place on the 10-13 June. Sixteen participants from the Government, NGOs and UNICEF are confirmed to attend the training, and a logistics officer from WFP will provide support. The training allows the NDMO and active cluster partners to build technical capacity and help in the transition process from emergency to recovery, and also contribute to emergency preparedness activities.

- As the Cluster continues to phase out, the NDMO requested a scope of work including an organizational chart, terms of reference, standard operating procedures and recommendations from the Global Logistics Cluster to create an operational and cost efficient national logistics unit.



### Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

- In order to fulfil the needs of the Government of Vanuatu, the ETC has extended its support until 15 June.
- ETC continues the process of decommissioning. However, it will also continue to provide connectivity to the Government and humanitarian community on Tanna island until the end of the operation, with the support of ETC partners emergency.lu and Ericsson Response. Final closeout of the operation will take place on 20 June.

## Other/Miscellaneous

- There are currently 19 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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