



HIGHLIGHTS

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Following a visit to Tanna Island, IOM discovered that severely damaged schools were primarily being used by the community as ECs. (© IOM 2015).

OVERVIEW

The first round of food distributions is nearing completion with emergency food assistance having been dispatched to reach more than **180,000 people** in 20 of the 23 targeted islands. Almost 800 metric tons of food have been procured for the second round of distributions. In addition, **30,000 school-aged children** have been affected across the country. In Tanna Island, some schools continue to function as evacuation centres (ECs). The WASH Cluster has prioritized the Shepherd Islands for emergency water supply interventions and tarpaulin distributions.

An estimated **166,000 people** across **22 islands** have been affected by the events of Tropical Cyclone Pam. Approximately 50,000 people have received emergency shelter assistance and 20,000 people have received hygiene kits (OCHA, 8 April).

IOM RESPONSE

IOM continues to work closely with the National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) in monitoring specific locations and vulnerable IDP groups throughout the country. The IDP Working Group continues to coordinate with the Protection Cluster to ensure that data on vulnerable groups are collected in multi-sectoral in-depth assessments, and are disaggregated by sex and age. IOM is taking the lead on demographic and mobility information in the upcoming assessments. Twelve Government-led teams completed Penama and Malampa provinces this week with a recommendation report to be finalized next week.

Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM)

Following a monitoring visit in Mataso, a group of 20 men are present on the island to rebuild for their community. At this stage they are focusing on

constructing two buildings for the storage of goods and the replanting of crops. IOM and NDMO will be meeting with the group on 13 April to receive feedback from the community to identify what needs and gaps are present. The group has already identified shortage of building materials and tools as a major hurdle to returning home.

Following a joint visit between IOM and NDMO to Tanna Island to investigate reports of open ECs on 6 and 7 April, local provincial leaders provided a list of 32 ECs located on the island, of which, 15 were visited by the team. The majority of the ECs are schools that are close to the affected villages and are hosting between two to 12 households. Most school headmasters are actively looking to resume classes and have requested families move out by specific dates. Under these circumstances, some communities are rallying to assist vulnerable groups in rebuilding their homes via construction teams.

As part of IOM and NDMO's ongoing monitoring of residents from Mataso who have been temporarily relocated on Efate, a meeting was held with the group on 13 April.

Shelter and Non-Food Items (NFI)

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IOM has been holding meetings with the council of chiefs, and governmental departments including forestry to oversee issues affecting the implementation of IOM's ongoing debris to shelter project. Progress made in this effort include positive agreements made following a meeting with the municipal authority in Port Vila.