



An IOM Migration Health Officer is conducting pre-departure medical checks in Mataso Islands. (© IOM 2015)

OVERVIEW

Currently, there are an estimated **166,000 people** on **22 islands** in Vanuatu who have been affected by Tropical Cyclone Pam. An estimated 15,000 homes have been damaged and approximately 75,000 people are in need of emergency shelter, and 110,000 people are without access to clean drinking water. Numbers of displaced are fluid and constantly changing as more areas are being accessed and assessed.

The National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) is arranging transportation assistance for residents of Mataso to temporarily relocate to Port Vila in collaboration with community representatives. Around **50 vulnerable persons** from Mataso Island are being relocated to Port Vila due to the uninhabitable situation on the Island, destroyed livelihoods and infrastructure. A police patrol boat is expected to depart for Mataso on 28 March transporting a plane which will transport women, children and the elderly to Port Vila where they will stay in a community-organized support centre. Some of the men will remain in Mataso to continue with debris clearance and housing repairs. Additional volunteers from Port Vila will also assist with these debris clearance efforts in Mataso.

HIGHLIGHTS

On 22 March, **650 hygiene kits** were delivered to Emae Island and distributed prioritizing given to the most vulnerable.

IOM assisted with the relocation of the **most vulnerable IDPs** from Mataso Island, through conducting pre-departure medical checks, including measles immunization for children, and registration

The distribution of relief items is starting to roll out more efficiently with community-wide food distributions in all affected areas. Severe Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) conditions are starting to be addressed through the repairing of water systems and distribution of water ongoing across affected areas. Although there have been no confirmed outbreaks of communicable diseases, there have been isolated cases involving diarrhoea.

IOM RESPONSE

The terms of reference for the IDP Working Group have been endorsed, with IOM assuming the supporting role. The IDP Working Group will closely following the relocation process until the affected people return to their homes. IOM continues to provide support the Shelter Working Group, as well as participate in the Logistics, WASH and Health Clusters.

The Republic of Korea made a contribution of **USD 200,000** towards IOM's activities listed in the Flash Appeal.

CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT

Out of the initial 43 Evacuation Centres (ECs), **32 ECs** are now closed and **11 ECs** remain open housing **295 people**. Those accommodated in the ECs have stated their intention to return once shelter assistance has been provided. In Mataso, IOM has registered for **37 households** who will be relocated to Port Vila, the date of departure has yet to be confirmed.

SHELTER AND NON-FOOD ITEMS (NFIs)

On 22 March, **650 IOM hygiene kits** were delivered to Emae Island as part of a larger distribution targeting multiple islands. Coordination is ongoing for the second wave of delivery.

HEALTH

In preparation for relocation of 37 households from Mataso to Port Vila, IOM conducted **pre-departure medical checks** as well as administered **measles vaccinations** to children under the age of 5.

In Port Vila, IOM has been coordinating with the Vila Central Hospital to develop an assisted discharge and referral system for patients who are referred from other islands.



Families in Emae Island received IOM hygiene kits. (© IOM 2015)