



### SITUATION

- Tropical Cyclone DONNA continued moving west-southwest strengthening and passing north of the Torres islands (Torba province, Vanuatu) on 4 May evening (UTC). On 5 May at 6.00 UTC its center was located approx. 110 km south-west of Hiw island (Torres islands) and it had max. sustained winds speed of 157 km/h.
- Over the next 48 h it is forecast to keep moving south-west with turning to the south-east on 6 May, strengthening further. Its center is forecast to move over open sea between Vanuatu and New Caledonia from 5-11 May. Heavy rain, strong winds and storm surge may affect the provinces of Torba, Penama, Sanma and Malampa during 5-7 May as well as the South Vanuatu group during 7-10 May. Heavy rain and strong winds may affect Loyalty Islands over 9-10 May. Vanuatu Meteorology and Geo-Hazards Department (VMGD), as of 5 May at 14.00 UTC, reported a Red Alert for Severe Tropical Cyclone in effect for Torba while a Yellow Alert is in effect for Sanma and Malampa. They also reported, as of the same date, that flash flooding is expected in Torba, Sanma, Penama and Malampa.
- According to local media, as of 5 May at 8.00 UTC, hundreds of people have been evacuated in the islands of Banks and Torres (Torba province) and several schools have been damaged in Vanu Lava Island (Torba).

Sources: GDACS, JTWC, VMGD, Local media.

