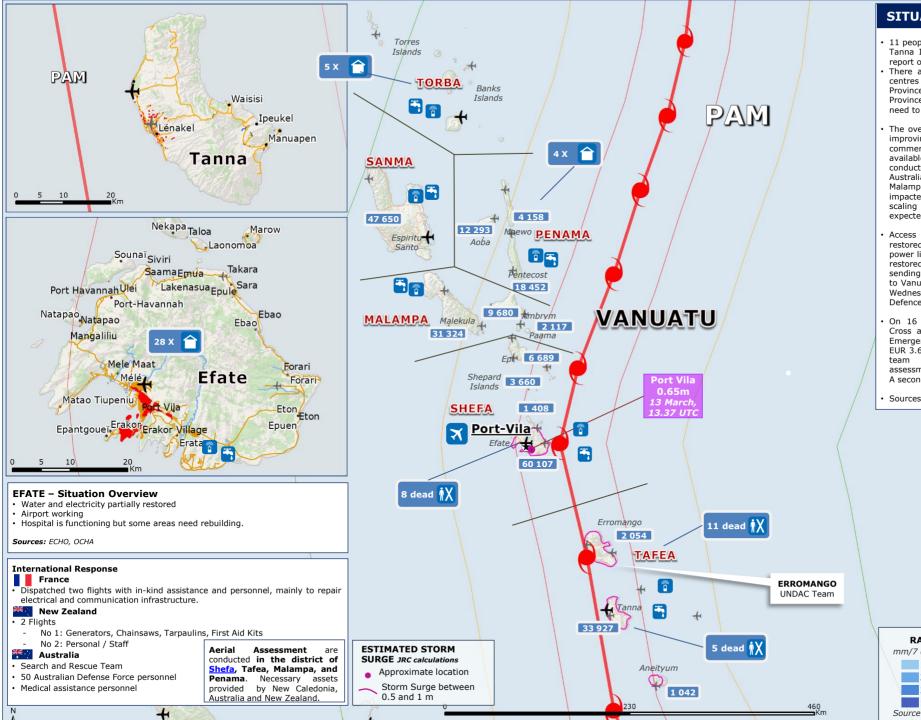
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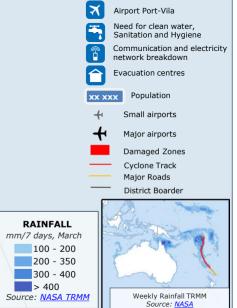




SITUATION

- 11 people have been confirmed dead, including five on Tanna Island in Tafea province, lowering the earlier report of 24 casualties.
- There are 3 300 people sheltered in 37 evacuation centres in Torba Province (215 people), Penama Province (216 people) and Efate Island in Shefa Province (2 865 people), however exact numbers need to be confirmed through further assessment.
- The overall situation regarding air traffic disruption is improving, as Port Vila airport has been reopened to commercial flights. Nonetheless, unloading equipment available at the airport is limited. Aerial assessments conducted by military aircrafts from New Caledonia, Australia and New Zealand indicate <u>Shefa</u>, Tafea, Malampa and Penama provinces as the worst impacted areas. Assessments to different islands are scaling up today. Considerable damages might be expected in Erromango and Tanna islands.
- Access to water and electricity is rapidly being restored in Port Vila, from an estimated 80 per cent of power lines damaged or down. Water supply has been restored to 80 percent of Port Vila. Australia is sending extra 70 medical and search and rescue staff to Vanuatu. They are due to land on Tuesday 17 and Wednesday 18 March. There are also 50 Australian Defence Force personnel on the ground.
- On 16 March, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) issued an Emergency Appeal of CHF 3.9 million (approximately EUR 3.66 million). An ECHO expert has joined UNDAC team to conducting rapid emergency needs assessment in Erromango Island on 17 and 18 March. A second ECHO expert just arrived in Port Vila.

Sources: ECHO, OCHA, UNITAR (1, 2), WHO



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