



Situation Report No.7 Friday 26th February 2010

1. Situation:

Floods caused by a tropical low depression of 1004 hectopascals located near lat.10.6 degrees south and longitude 160.0 degrees east, approximately 50 nautical miles north of Rennell, and 50 nautical miles south of Guadalcanal. Heavy flooding experienced on Guadalcanal, Isabel, Makira and Malaita. Some landslides reported on south Guadalcanal and south Makira. No reports from other Provinces.

2. Scope and scale:

Population affected: East Honiara – 1355; Isabel - 4300; Makira –1352; Malaita – 8,240.
Total: 15,242.

i. Northeast/Central Guadalcanal:

- Assessments still being done

ii. East Honiara:

- Estimated affected population: 1355
- Burns Creek, Lungga, Sun Valley, NZ Camp: High
- Awaiting funds from SIG to purchase relief food and distribution

iii. Northwest Guadalcanal:

- Tomba-Vura: low
- Vura-Aruligo, Vatukulau: low
- Takaboru-Kohimarama: low
- Poha-Vura: medium
- Estimated affected population: 1092
- Damage summary: low

iv. West Guadalcanal:

- Reports still awaited

v. South Guadalcanal:

- Reports still awaited

vi. Makira-Ulawa Province :

a) A four-man team (Works, Police, Agriculture, OBM driver) of the Makira-Ulawa Provincial Disaster Committee conducted assessments from 2nd – the 8th of February and forwarded its report to NDMO on 17th February.

- Most affected areas: Wards 17, 19 and 20 in southeast and southern side of island

Ward	Village/school	No. of families	Population
17	Bagarei Community High School	2	9
19	Marunga village	73	347
	Parego	69	528
	Apurahe	65	332
a) Ward 20	Piruma	11	61
	Apaoro	5	41
	Tetere	6	34
Total:			1352

b) Piruma Landslide:

1 3-bedroom house and a kitchen were buried at Piruma village by two landslides that produced 3 metres thick of soil rocks and trees. The landslide reportedly covered an area 5 metres long and 3 metres wide. Very few belongings of the owners of the house were recovered. The family of 5 that lost its house is now living with relatives some way away from the devastated area.

- c) The water supply at Piruma was also damaged.
- d) Those affected are currently experiencing food shortage, poor drinking water, shelter and health related problems.

The heavy rains caused by the recent bad weather caused water logging, flooding and landslides causing extensive damage to food gardens, cocoa plantations, water supply and some houses, according to the report.

The report also estimated a total cost of \$40,510.00 for repairs to water supplies in Apurahe, Taraogiogi and Bagarei villages.

b) Malaita:

- Total population affected: 8,240; total damaged gardens: 1748
- Awaiting funds from SIG for purchase of relief food and distribution

viii. Isabel:

Awaiting funds from SIG to purchase food and distribution.

- No reports from Choiseul.

3. Response by different partners:

A. Government:

- Awaiting verification and further reports from other Provinces to develop next course of action.

B. Police/RAMSI:

- None

C. Aviation:

- None

D. NDOC:

- Awaiting funds from SIG to purchase food relief and distribution.

E. SIRC:

F. NGOs:

- **Oxfam:**
- **World Vision:**
- **Save the Children:**
- Awaiting results of further assessments/verifications.

G. Assets deployed:

Ministry Of Health And Medical Services Report And Recommendations For Action For Those Areas And Communities Affected By The Floods

- None

H. Proposed Plans:

- Rice procurements and distributions will begin as soon as funds are available.

I. Deployed teams:

- None at the moment

J. Update:

- Guadalcanal Provincial Disaster Committee has completed assessments on the weather coast and is expected to submit its report early next week.

Please note the flood operation is being led by the joint HCC GPEOC and queries relating to the operation should be directed Alice Saefo'oa (HCC PDO) or Herrick Savusi (GPDO) on 677-21861 or emails: herricksavusi@gmail.com or alicealanamae@gmail.com.

The NDMO will help distribute information to partners in situation reports and assist where it is requested.

Next and final update will be distributed after the Weather Coast reports are submitted by the GPDC.