



ANGLICAN CHURCH OF MELANESIA (ACOM)

**ACOM DISASTER RELIEF SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION
TO FLOOD VICTIMS DISASTER 2014**

UPDATE REPORT

AS OF 3RD – 24TH APRIL

Acronyms

ACOM	Anglican Church of Melanesia
DOCM	Diocese of Central Melanesia
DOG	Diocese of Guadalcanal
CH	Central Honiara
EH	East Honiara
WH	West Honiara
NDMO	National Disaster Management Office
NEG	Northeast Guadalcanal
NWG	Northwest Guadalcanal

1.0 INTRODUCTION

This is a short report compiled by the Aid & Program Office on behalf of the Anglican Church of Melanesia (ACOM) Provincial Disaster Committee update on Emergency Relief Action and possible Recovery Plan for the 2014 Flash Flood Disaster which affected parts of Honiara city (*areas closer to Matanikau River Bank*) and Guadalcanal.

With the series of meetings held and resolutions made, the committee had already coordinated relief support through its two (2) Diocesan Disaster Committees [Diocese of Guadalcanal (DOG) & Diocese of Central Melanesia (DOCM)] in respect to the National Disaster Action to the affected population.

The ACOM Provincial Disaster Committee also continues to deliver relief support with the assistance of the respective Diocesan Disaster committees assessing the current situation of the various evacuation centres and condition of disaster stricken areas/communities. Thus, ACOM relief action did not in any circumstances subject to discriminate in terms of ethnicity and/or religion.

The ACOM Committee also recommending Actions and Approach for Recovery and Rehabilitation for affected parts of communities and villages and to liaise closely with the National Disaster Committee and our mission donor partners for further deliberation in the areas of importance that ACOM may take future responsibility.

2.0 ACOM RELIEF ACTION

The ACOM Disaster emergency relief support commenced on Saturday 12th April and still continuing with the second phase on relief supply effort. The distribution action was done on the various evacuation Centres on phases and were done on days apart from other stakeholders and the National Disaster relief support.

Distribution of relief supplies also extended to all ACOM institutions located in Northwest and Northeast Guadalcanal affected by the flash flood as such the Selwyn College, Bishop Patteson Theological College Kohimarama and the four (4) religious orders households.

Thus, goods for the relief supply were purchased directly to the suppliers and allocated through the two (2) Diocesan Disaster Committees for the coordination and distribution.

DOCM Disaster Committee did quickly respond through their Diocese relief support before receiving assistance from the ACOM Provincial Disaster on the 12th of April and the distribution was done taking into consideration of the update situation and continuous assessment of the disaster affected population living in the current 27 evacuation centres.

Both Diocesan Disaster Committees have started their relief effort distribution after further adjustment of their assessed data of the various affected communities in respect to the National Disaster report.

DOCM Data: Updated Honiara City Evacuation Centres

#	Loc.	Evacuation Centre	Total Population
1	CH	Bulaia 2 – Mbokonavera	129
2	CH	FOPA Village	1049
3	EH	Holy Cross	623
4	CH	Honiara High School	28
5	EH	KGVI School	1087

6	CH	Koloale School	167
7	EH	Kukum Catholic Hall	154
8	EH	LR Warehouse	121
9	EH	Lungga School	288
10	CH	Mataniko/Naglitatae	109
11	CH	Mbokonavera School	1669
12	WH	Rove Police Club	311
13	EH	New Zealand Camp	230
14	EH	Panatina Pavilion	1443
15	EH	Soap Factory	238
16	CH	Tuvaruhu School	353
17	CH	Tuvaruhu Riverside	163
18	CH	Varamata- SDA church	322
19	CH	Vatusu-M/street	165
20	WH	White River	905
21	EH	Mbua Valley School	245
22	CH	Coronation School	120
		Total Population	9919

DOG Data: Updated data of parts of Guadalcanal receiving relief support

#	Loc.	Areas/Communities	Total Population
1	EH	Lungga Area	36
2	EH	New Zealand Camp	230
3	NEG	Henderson Area	11
4	NEG	CC Dance Area	8
5	EH	Solomon Star Area	10
6	EH	Police Quarter	5
7	NEG	Vutu Community	71
8		Tumunigela	42
9		Koli	40
10		Kuara	17
11		Komuvaolu	33
12		Babani	9
13		Komuporo	12
14		Bubulu	20
15		Magitha	38
16		Corn field	2
17		Kabinaohu	17
18		Sirobiru	36
19		Havaha	19
20		Komavohi	31
21		GPPOL 2	16
22		Keinivele	338
23		Verasuvia	16
24		Komukama	31
25		Selevana	66
26		Kolona	32
27		Rauni	37
28		GPPOL 3	76
29		Dadae	318
30		Magia	24

31		Toghonibela	19
32		Su'u	9
33		Nguvia School	7
34		DOG Priest – Lungga * 2 Priests	2
35		DOG Priest – Ghaobata * 4 Priests	4
36		DOG Priest – Guoera * 2 Priests	2
37		DOG Priest – Tasimboko * 2 Priests	2
		Total	1695

ACOM Institutions in Guadalcanal Affected Areas;

#	Loc.	Areas/Communities	Total Population
1		Society of St. Francis Hautabu	15
2		Community of Sisters of Melanesia, Veranaso	50
3		Selwyn College	563
4		St. Francis, Vaturanga School	25
5		Melanesian Brotherhood, Tabalia	50
6		BPTC, Kohimarama	200
7		Community of Sisters of the Church, TNK	50
8		Community of Sisters of Melanesia, Vutu	10
9		Christian Care Centre (CCC), Red Beach	20
		Total	983

The distribution of relief supply has now concentrated to these targeted areas with the total population of approximately **12,597** for both in Honiara evacuation centres and parts of Guadalcanal (both Northeast and Northwestern region).

The distribution efforts done in affected areas around Honiara city and parts of Guadalcanal;

Phase 1

4th April - for most affected families around Matanikau river bank

12th April - for 27 evacuation centres in Honiara city

14th April - for Guadalcanal plains, Northeast Guadalcanal

15th April - for Northwest parts of Guadalcanal

Phase 2

17th April - for ACOM Institutions affected by flooding

19th April - for Evacuation centres in Honiara (*currently reduced to 22 evacuation centres*).

19th April – Trauma Healing & Counseling team start sessions in the evacuation centres.

23rd April - goods for relief supply still on stock for transportation to various evacuation centres and parts of Guadalcanal.

* Distribution to all the following affected areas still underway.

See ANNEX for some pictures of the Distribution of relief supplies done by DOCM & DOG Disaster Team

3.0 FINANCE

The ACOM Provincial Disaster Committee Committed Budget on Relief Action Update;

DISASTER FUNDS AQUITTAL REPORT (1ST PROGRESS)

AS AT 14TH APRIL 2014

DATE	DETAILS	OVERSEAS PARTNERS	REF	AMOUNT	
				SBD	BENEFICIARY
INCOME					
08-04-14	ACOM Disaster Fund Budgeted	ACOM Disaster Fund		50,000.00	ACOM Disaster
17-04-14	Disaster Relief Funds Received	Anglican Missions - NZ,ERD,ABM_Australia, Melanesian MSN Trust Brd,MMUK	B-st	936,572.74	ACOM Disaster
TOTAL INCOME				986,572.74	
DISBURSEMENTS					
08-04-14	Disaster Fuel Costs		2994	200.00	Quan Chee
09-04-14	Disaster Fuel Costs		2997	600.00	Quan Chee
11-04-14	Disaster Relief Supplies		3036	40,330.00	Disaster Areas
15-04-14	Disaster Relief Supplies		3056	21,438.00	Disaster Areas
15-04-14	Disaster Fuel Costs		3041	1,500.00	Quan Chee
17-04-14	Disaster Relief Supplies		3082	36,900.00	Disaster Areas
17-04-14	Disaster Trauma Healing		3081	8,600.00	Cash Imprest
17-04-14	Vehicle Costs - dispatch		3076	10,000.00	Transport cost
23-04-14	Disaster Relief Supplies			50,150.00	Disaster Areas
23-04-14	Disaster Relief Supplies			6,500.00	Disaster Areas
23-04-14	Disaster Relief Supplies			12,250.00	Disaster Areas
23-04-14	Trauma Counseling & Healing			11,600.00	Cash Imprest
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS				\$ 200,068.00	
AVAILABLE FUNDS				\$ 786,504.74	
DISBURSEMENT SUMMARY:					
	Transport Logistics/Fuel			12,300.00	
	Relief Support			167,568.00	
	Trauma Counseling			20,200.00	
TOTAL				200,068.00	

All Stakeholders and the National Disaster committee still continue relief efforts. The NDMO had assessed most centres and affected population and now focusing on closing down some evacuation centres for the schools to start classes soon as possible.

There are concerns raised in the media by some people that most evacuees have taken advantage of the disaster and claimed that the government through NDMO must assist in their recovery and rehabilitation support.

4.0 RECOVERY & REHABILITATION PHASE PLAN

The recovery and rehabilitation phase plan still awaiting declaration from the National Disaster office to confirm their action on winding down their relief effort and concentrate on the recovery and rehabilitation effort.

It is now obvious that evacuation centres have dramatically reduced from 33 to 22 since the actual disaster event took place. Currently, the most populated evacuation centres were the Panatina Pavilion and FOPA village (*these are people from the bench creek, lungga and Sun Valley areas*). These huge population had been assessed separately and had been proven beyond means that they were not really affected compared to those living along the Matanikau river bank area.

Most evacuation centres are schools that will certainly need the disaster victims to move out early as possible for the school to restart from its mid semester break. This is also another issue that needs to be dealt with professionally seeing that most evacuation centres will need to close down.

It is clear from assessment reports and observation that most households from around Honiara city were not destroyed except for those that live along river banks of the Matanikau river (*from Tuvaruhu to Koa Valley and Mamanawata areas*) that were fatally destroyed and will certainly need full recovery and rehabilitation support from National Disaster and other donor agencies.

The NDMO Director also declared in media that recovery and rehabilitation plan is still far from their discussion and they still continue emergency support and urging people to evacuate evacuation centres if their houses are still intact or not destroyed.

Thus, the ACOM Provincial Disaster with the DOCM & DOG Disaster Committees assessment team will also make an effort to check on Anglicans at the evacuation centres who may have taken advantage of the situation and to solve their trauma and frustrations pastorally.

The ACOM Provincial Disaster committee also agreed and already engaged the Trauma Healing and Counselling Team from the ACOM Justice, Reconciliation and Peace Commission to carry out counselling sessions in the respective evacuation centres.

As of 19th April 2014, the Trauma healing and counseling team had visited all the evacuation centres and started off sessions early this week. As of today (24th April) update, most centres have been covered and have shown visibility and greater impact to rebuilding peace of mind and people reconciling with nature and God.

Data also (*yet to be verified*) shown obvious presence of Anglican members in the respective evacuation centres and the DOCM Disaster committee will work closely with the National Disaster Committee to work on future aspects of the recovery plan.

5.0 CONCLUSION

This is an update report of the relief distribution effort done and coordinated by the DOCM and DOG in support and coordination of the ACOM Provincial Disaster Committee.

So far, the second phase of distribution arranged in a way that requests are obtained from the Dioceses responsible for the affected population and hence, more relief support is provided.

The Director of National Disaster and Management Office (NDMO) stated in the media report that the NDMO representing the government is still concentrating on emergency response and property claims by the flood victims is still far from their current discussions.

6.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

On behalf of the Church, we as members of the ACOM Provincial Disaster Committee would like to convey our sincere appreciation and acknowledgement to all our overseas mission partners and donors in the immediate positive response to our request for emergency relief effort towards the Honiara and Guadalcanal flash flood victims which affected almost 40,000 people.

We, therefore, look forward for your continuous support in the recovery and rehabilitation effort to the most affected population and future emergency relief efforts.

ANNEX:



Relief Supplies Stored at ACOM PHQ Conference Room



Distribution at Evacuation centre



TNK Community of Sisters of Church received relief supply



Relief Distribution - Chairman of the group and Logistics Officer Thomas Loms



Distribution of Relief supplies to one of the Evacuation centres



ACOM Clergy with Logistics Officer (RHS) and Diocesan Disaster Team Member looking (LHS).