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A. HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ Honiara City and Guadalcanal experience heavy rain as of Friday 10th November 2023 generating flood and Landslide impacts.
- ❖ NEOC has been put on Standby Activation as of 11/11/2023 to support coordination with National Sector EOCs and PEOCs.
- ❖ Guadalcanal PEOC and Honiara City Municipal Emergency Operation Centre (MEOC) fully activated to coordinate emergency responses as of 11/11/2023.
- ❖ Internally Displaced People now taking shelter in various safe locations assisted by Police (RSIPF).
- ❖ NDMO has issued Special Advice No. 1 for General Public urging People in High Flood Risk Area to undertake Voluntary Evacuation to safer location as Heavy Rain will continue to be experienced.
- ❖ HCC Clerk has approved some of its Honiara City Council Schools for Temporary Evacuation Centre should need arise and RSIPF has been notified on this approval for their noting and evacuation planning.
- ❖ RSIPF continues to monitor Flood Situations for Honiara and Guadalcanal and support Evacuation of High Risk Flooded Areas as of 10/11/2023.
- ❖ RSIPF undertakes Evacuation in a number of Locations for Guadalcanal Province as of the night of 10/11/2023.

B. SITUATION OVERVIEW

The Solomon Islands Meteorological Services has issued a heavy rain warning since Thursday 9th November 2023, and a strong wind warning since Sunday 5th November 2023. Until today, a total of 5 heavy rain warning and fourteen Strong Wind Warnings has been issued by the SIMS.

However, since Friday (10/11/2023), most provinces has experienced heavy rain causing significant flooding to main streams and rivers. Honiara and Guadalcanal especially have observed serious heavy rain triggering flooding and landslides affecting numerous communities across Guadalcanal and Honiara.

This heavy rain was triggered by a trough that lies over Solomon Islands and links to a low depression located northeast of Malaita. Due to general easterly wind flow persists south of the trough associated clouds and heavy rain with thunderstorms are expected to affect most provinces of Solomon Islands since 10/11/2023.

On 11/11/2023 (1900HRS) the first Special Weather Bulletin was issued for Sikaiana and Temotu Province replacing the Strong Wind and Heavy Rain Warning with Low Depression now upgraded to Tropical Disturbance (TD02F) with central pressure of 1000hpa located 70km Northwest of Nupani Island, Temotu Province. The TDF02F is slow moving southeast towards Temotu. Heavy Rain and Thunderstorms are expected to affect most provinces.

C. REPORTED IMPACTS BY LOCATION

Honiara City Council

- ❖ A landslide destroyed 1 dwelling house at Kwaio Valley (Kobito Area) with 3 Casualties (Children) and 1 Injury (Mother)
- ❖ Lunga and Mataniko rivers experience high flood this morning
- ❖ Burns creek flooded and impacting the Burns creek School, Palm Drive School, Solomon Power Residents and main road access to Betikama Adventist College (BAC).
- ❖ Landslide reported at Yellow Bamboo at Kaibia of central Honiara.
- ❖ Flooding and debris along Honiara roads due to blocked drainage systems
- ❖ Flooding at Green Point Valley (Panatina campus) contaminating the community's water well for cooking and washing. (Domestic use)

Guadalcanal Province

- ❖ Most of the river systems of Guadalcanal plains and West Guadalcanal were flooded and burst their banks affecting communities.
- ❖ 40 Children and 65 Adults living at Corona Market evacuated and take shelter at the Henderson Police Station as of 10/11/2023.
- ❖ 46 people were also evacuated to the Tetera Catholic Church and in need of drinking water and food.
- ❖ 100 people evacuated to Nguvia School
- ❖ Mbalasuna River flooded destroying food gardens of nearby villages.
- ❖ Flooding within Sopapera village (Foxwood Area)
- ❖ Tenaru school up to the Corona market area flooded from the water burst out of Tenaru river destroying market stalls.

Other provinces

- ❖ According to the satellite imageries of Friday rainfall, there is a high chance that all river systems across the Solomon Islands were flooded. Refer to Annex 1.

D. UP-TO- DATE: RESPONSES

National Responses

- ❖ NEOC activated on standby to support coordination with PEOCs, National Sector EOCs and provide safety advice to the public.
- ❖ Police Operation Centre activated and maintained coordination and support on emergency evacuations and responses undertaken by HCC and Guadalcanal Province Police.

Provincial Responses

Honiara City

- ❖ Honiara City MEOC fully activated to plan and coordinate emergency responses

- ❖ City Clerk as Chair of Municipal Disaster Committee briefed and updated on Honiara City Flood and Landslide situation and need for set-up of Temporary Evacuation Centres.
- ❖ HCC Clerk approved Panatina, Vura, Naha, Mbua Valley, Mbokonavera and White River Schools for Temporary Evacuation Centre should worst case scenario of flooding continues.
- ❖ RSIPF HCC maintain monitoring of Rivers and Communities for Flood and Evacuation needs.
- ❖ RSIPF HCC deployed Forensic Team to conduct Disaster Victim Identification (DVI).

Guadalcanal Province

- ❖ PEOC fully activated to plan and coordinate emergency responses.
- ❖ P-DOC Chair briefed and updated on current situation for Guadalcanal Province.
- ❖ RSIPF Guadalcanal Province evacuated Corona Market to Henderson Police Station and GPPOL 2 surrounding communities to Nguvia School, and community of Roroni, Rarate and Talaura to Tetera Catholic Church.

E. RECOMMENDATIONS

- ❖ Humanitarian Agencies and Organisation are urged to work in coordination with PEOCs and MEOCs to support manage Evacuation Centres and Emergency Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) efforts.
- ❖ People on flood high risk areas should voluntarily undertake evacuate to high safe locations if threats from Floods and Landslide increases.
- ❖ Public are encouraged to call the following toll-free Operational Centres line for assistance;
 - Police Operation Centre (999) if need evacuation,
 - Solomon Islands Meteorological Services (933) for Weather Updates and information
 - National Emergency Operation Centre (NEOC) (955) on need for reporting impacts
 - National Health Emergency Operation Centre (NHEOC) (115) for Health Emergencies.
 - St. John Ambulance for Medical Emergencies (111).
 - Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC) (977) for Maritime Search and Rescue.
 - Solomon Power (166) or (167) for Electricity issues

F. NEXT UPDATE

Next update will be issued upon availability of new information.

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G. Annexes

Annex 1. Daily rainfall map for Friday 10th November 2023.

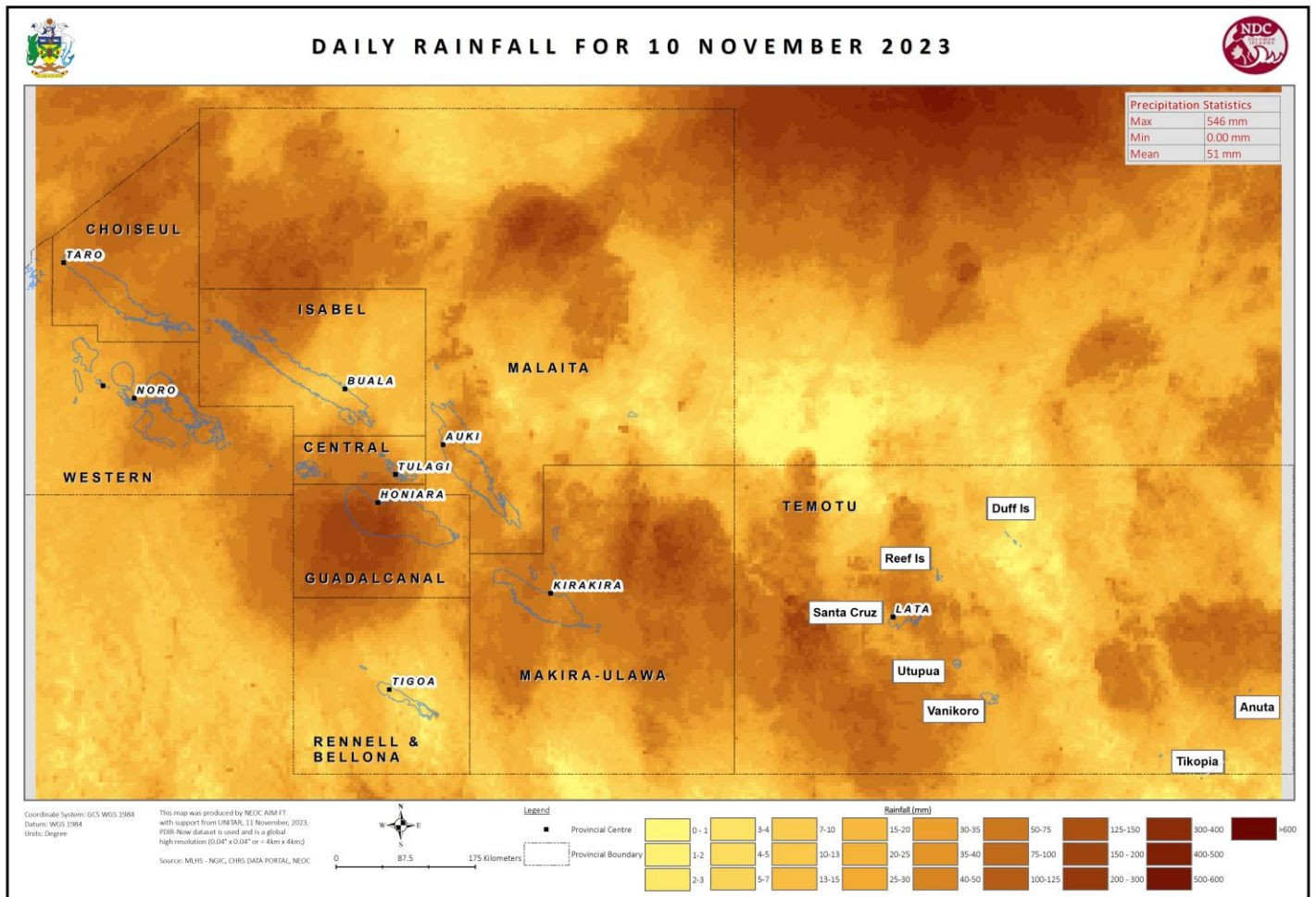


Figure 1. The map shows that most of the islands and provinces of Solomon Islands experience heavy rain.