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### NATIONAL SITUATIONAL REPORT 02

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**EVENT:** BAD WEATHER  
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*New information in red font.*

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#### A. HIGHLIGHTS

- Bad Weather will continue to be experienced for most provinces due to presence of a Tropical Disturbance located North-Northeast of Temotu Province.
- Special Weather Bulletin (No.8) on the Tropical Disturbance (TD02F) is current for Solomon Islands specific for Temotu Province and Sikaiana Islands.
- Guadalcanal Province (including Honiara City) experienced heavy rain as of 10/11/2023, generating flooding 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 have taken 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 locations.
- HCC Clerk has approved some of its Honiara City Council Schools for Temporary Evacuation Centre should the 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.
- **Guadalcanal Province P-DOC meeting convened this morning (12/11/2023).**
- **Most Provinces reported experiencing heavy rain as of today (12/11/2023) and are continually monitoring for impact reports. So far no impact reports received by PEOCs due to limitation in communications.**

## B. SITUATION OVERVIEW

### Weather Updates

The Solomon Islands Meteorological Services (SIMS) has issued a heavy rain warning since Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023, and a strong wind warning since Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

Special Weather Bulletin No. 8 issued (13/11/2023) by SIMS has located the Tropical Disturbance North-Northeast of Temotu around 295km from Duff Islands. The System is likely to trigger rough seas, moderate swells, heavy rain and strong winds up to 65km per hour for Temotu and Sikaiana Islands and other parts of the country up to 58km per hour.

## 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 experienced 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).
- ❖ At USP Hill top today (12/11/2023), behind Multi-Purpose Hall area, a huge stone rolled over and hit a semi-permanent dwelling-house. As a result, the said house has fallen onto the ground with occupants reported to be injured. It is confirmed that a total of 3 families of 20 people were living under this particular household.

### 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 Tetere 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.
- ❖ Food gardens were reported to be destroyed at Kaviki area of Tenaru.
- ❖ Melon farm at Mataruka was also devastated by flooding.
- ❖ Barande River area reported flooding inundating food gardens and farmlands of surrounding communities.

## 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.
- ❖ Choiseul PEOC reported experiencing showers yesterday 11/11/2023. However, today 12/11/2023 only clouds were seen over the Choiseul province. No reports received on damages.
- ❖ Western PEOC reported experiencing occasional heavy rain, strong wind and rough seas and dark clouds. However, there were no reports of damages received. The PEOC has activated on standby and anticipate impacts if the weather intensifies or continues.
- ❖ RSIPF Isabel reported fine weather for Isabel with very small rain and dark clouds experienced. There were no reports received of damages.
- ❖ Malaita PEOC reported heavy rain is ongoing and several main river systems were flooded, but there were no report received of damages.
- ❖ Makira PEOC reported persistent heavy rainfall through the week especially during the afternoons causing flooding to major river systems but there were no reports received of damages yet.
- ❖ RSIPF Rennell and Bellona Province reported dark clouds but there were no rain and strong winds experienced.
- ❖ Temotu PEOC reported experiencing heavy dark clouds, high swells and strong winds. There were no impact reports received yet.

## 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.
- ❖ P-DOC Guadalcanal convened an urgent meeting at 10:00 am this morning 12/11/2023 and has deliberated on the critical responses to be taken.

## **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.
- ❖ All the Provincial PEOCs to continually monitor this bad weather situation and provide situational updates to the NEOC to inform National Situational report and response planning.
- ❖ Communities along the major river system who might be affected by flood need to report damages to the NEOC on phone 955, to enable clarity in the scope and scale of this bad weather impact.

## **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 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

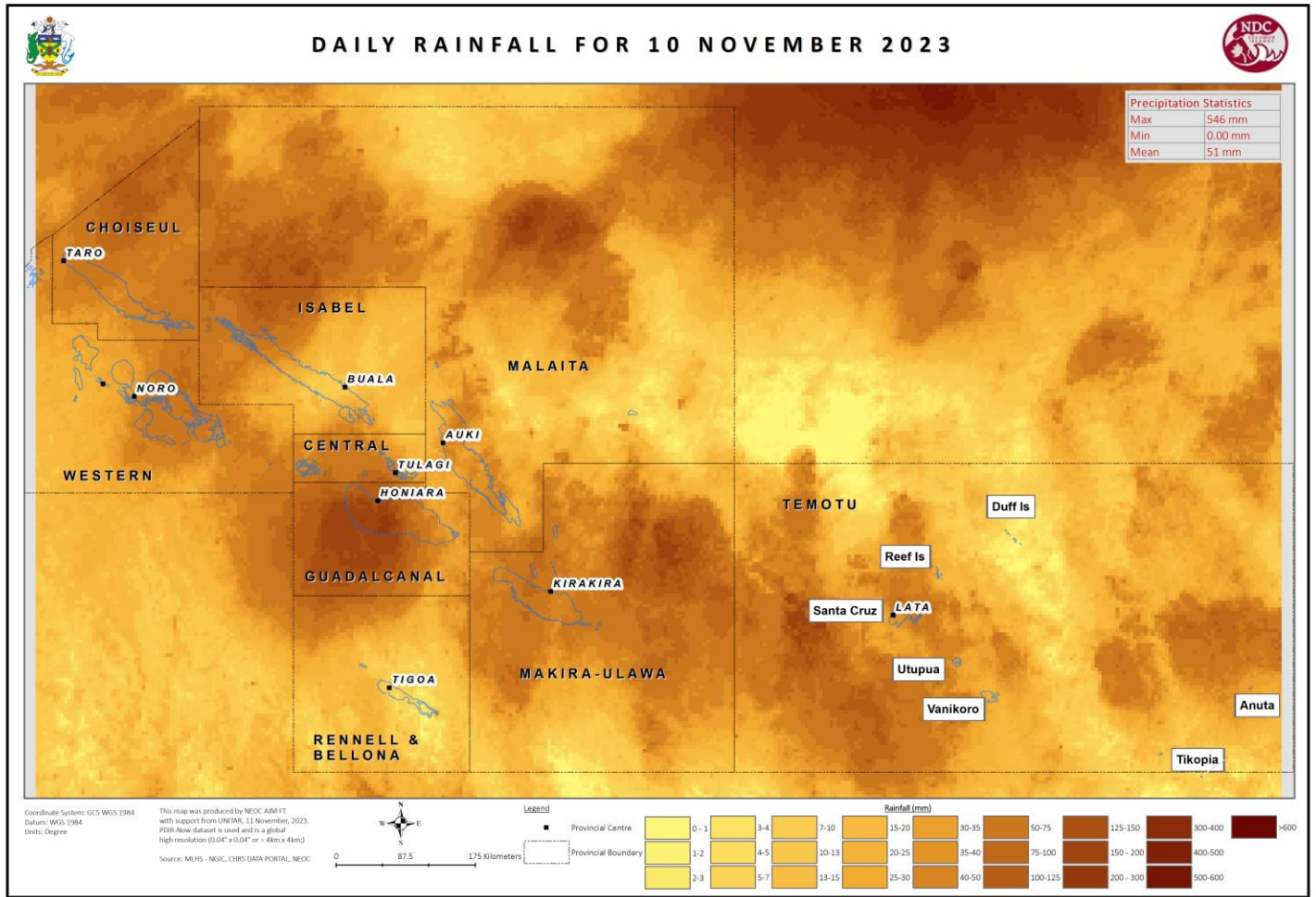


Figure 1. The map shows that most of the islands and provinces of Solomon Islands experience heavy rain.