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HIGHLIGHTS

- Strong wind warning issued by the Solomon Islands Meteorological Services has been cancelled at 2:00 PM, Monday 13th April 2026.
- A State of Disaster has been declared by the Chairman of the National Disaster Council on Friday 10th April 2026 for Western and Choiseul Provinces.
- **National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC)** is on **Full Activation**; western and Choiseul **Provincial EOCs (PEOCs)** for national and provincial coordination, weather updates, public messaging, and impact reporting.
- **Widespread impacts** reported: flooding, coastal inundation, infrastructure damage, disruption to transport and utilities.
- **Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF)** operations centres activated in affected provinces to support disaster coordination and public safety.
- Government preparing **emergency funding allocation** under the **2026 Contingency Warrant**
- **National Disaster Operation Committee meets on**
- Multi-agency support from government authorities, NGOs, international partners, and donor agencies is being coordinated through the NEOC to effectively address the ongoing situation.

SITUATION OVERVIEW

Brief Weather Update

The Solomon Islands Meteorological Service has issued Strong Wind Warning Cancellation at 2:00 PM on Monday, 13 April 2026. The warning was previously issued for waters of Western Province.

A general northeast to east wind is flowing over the Solomon Islands and the expected winds of 20 to 25 knots over the water of Western Province is now easing and below warning threshold.

REPORTED IMPACTS

Choiseul Province

Camp Management

- Temporary evacuation shelters have been established at Salakana Primary School, Sasamunga CHS, Nabusasa School, Papara CHS, Kakaza Primary School, Qoqala Primary School, and Sepa Primary School.
- A total of 120 individuals has been displaced, comprising 54 adults and 66 children.

Infrastructure

- Panaurui Road in Sasamunga has sustained damage because of storm surges, impacting accessibility.
- Taro Airstrip remains operational, with no damage reported.

Western Province

Education

- At Madali Primary School, teachers' food gardens were washed away due to riverine flooding.
- At Kongu Primary School, one staff house kitchen was destroyed by strong winds.
- At Vuri CHS, the school shade house sustained wind damage, and teachers' food gardens were affected by flooding.
- At Ngari CHS, water supply pipes were damaged by strong winds, and teachers' food gardens were impacted by flooding.
- At Sidoko CHS, the school dining hall was reportedly destroyed by strong winds.
- Overall, 14 schools were reported to have sustained damage across the affected areas.

Health

- A total of 9 clinics were reported to have sustained damage disrupting health services.

Camp Management

- Evacuation shelters are currently established for school staff and their families at; Maneaba Community Hall, Noro CHS, Telina SDA Primary School
- As of 11 April 2026, 13 displaced individuals from Simbo and Ranogga were admitted to the Gizo Camp Centre.

Infrastructure

- The Malakerava seawall sustained damage as a result of storm surges.
- Ballalae and Sterling (Mono) airstrips are affected by high debris levels, posing operational safety risks.
- Nusatupe and Barakoma (Vella La Vella) airstrips remain operational, with no damage reported.
- In West Gizo, multiple road sections were rendered inaccessible due to coastal flooding.
- Gizo Town experienced drainage blockages and infrastructure deterioration caused by coastal flooding.
- Nusatupe Jetty sustained damage due to storm surges.
- The Mono Wharf approach was damaged by storm surges.
- The Simbo Wharf approach was damaged and rendered cut off due to storm surge impacts.
- Minor damage was reported to several timber bridge structures in Mono.
- In Vasara, North Rendova, a total of 11 building infrastructures were destroyed, comprising; 7 permanent houses, 1 copra shed, 1 canoe shed, 1 church building, 1 community church hall.

Isabel Province

Livelihoods

- Sura Village and Western coastal settlements reported coastal flooding and saltwater intrusion, resulting in contamination and loss of food crops.
- Garanga, Guguha, Gnulahage, Hograno, Dedeu, Kolotubi, Khomuro, Galilee, and Kilokaka reported flooding that washed away food gardens and fruit trees.
- Communities in the RASA flatlands, Ulubea, Kamaosi, and Huali Bay villages reported standing water causing damage to root crop gardens.
- Tausese Highlands, Koregu Highlands, and Kia reported landslides that damaged food gardens.
- Susubona, Katova, Havulei, Hovukoilo, Kmaga, Kaloka, Sigana, and Japuana reported widespread loss of food gardens and fruit trees due to strong winds.

Infrastructure

- In Gove Community, multiple community properties were damaged due to coastal flooding.
- In Buta Settlement (Hovikoilo), damage to dwelling houses was reported because of strong winds.

CURRENT RESPONSES

Response & Coordination Actions

- On Sunday, 12 April 2026, a coordination team was deployed to Munda to establish an On-Site Operations Coordination Centre (OSOCC) to support and coordinate response activities for affected communities in Western and Choiseul Provinces.
- On Tuesday, 14 April 2026, the Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) conducted an aerial damage assessment over parts of Isabel and Choiseul Provinces using an aerial surveillance aircraft.
- On 14 April 2026, an NDMO team was deployed to Taro to support provincial operations and coordinate response activities for affected communities in Choiseul Province.
- On 13 April 2026, the first Rapid Response Team was deployed to Simbo, Lengana, and Tapurai to conduct community assessments and distribute immediate food relief.
- On 14 April 2026, a second assessment team was deployed to Vella La Vella to conduct community assessments in Ward 7 and Ward 10.
- A multi-sectoral NDOC team is scheduled to depart to Western Province via patrol boat to support the distribution of relief supplies and non-food items (NFIs) to affected communities.

International Support & Logistics

- On Sunday, 12 April 2026, the Australian Defence Force (ADF) delivered 360 household shelter and hygiene kits to Honiara. In addition, three large community tents were delivered to support storage operations in Munda and Taro.
- On Tuesday, 14 April 2026, an additional consignment comprising 216 household shelter and hygiene kits, 1,200 solar lights and mobile phone chargers, and 20 community streetlights was delivered to Honiara.

- Between Monday, 13 April and Wednesday, 15 April 2026, the ADF, in close coordination with the NDMO, supported the airlift of humanitarian supplies to Taro and Munda using an ADF Spartan aircraft, in line with national and provincial response plans.
- From Monday, 13 April 2026, Australia also supported the transport of emergency food relief and pre-positioned NGO NFIs via barge.
- The ADF will continue to support the delivery of humanitarian supplies to priority affected areas in coordination with NDMO's disaster response plan.
- Australian Humanitarian Partnership (AHP) NGO partners are progressing planning for additional community-focused assistance aligned with the Solomon Islands Government (SIG) response priorities.

National Responses

Coordination

- The National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) remains at Full-On Activation, coordinating response efforts, monitoring the evolving situation, and receiving impact reports from provincial authorities and the public.
- On 7 April 2026, a virtual briefing was conducted with Provincial Disaster Operations Committees (P-DOCs) from Western and Choiseul Provinces to provide situational updates and to receive first-hand information on response actions undertaken at the provincial level.
- A joint Briefing Paper prepared by the Ministry of Finance and Treasury, Ministry of Provincial Government and Institutional Strengthening, and the Ministry responsible for Disaster Management (MECDM) will be presented to Cabinet by the National Disaster Council (NDC) Chair to seek deliberation and approval for financing the Forward Response Plan.
- On 8 April 2026, the NEOC activated the UN Charter on Space and Major Disasters, enabling the NDMO to access high-resolution satellite-derived information. The activation aims to generate Initial Satellite Observations (ISO) to inform the NEOC on the potential scope and scale of impacts, with priority focus on Isabel and Choiseul Provinces.
- Through the Logistics Functional Team, the NEOC has requested the Logistics Working Group to provide updated information on pre-positioned shelter kits and non-food item (NFI) stocks held in Honiara and provincial locations, to support national stocktaking and planning.
- Following a request for international coordination support through the Pacific Response Coordination Mechanism (PResCoM), one OCHA Information Management Officer (IMO) is currently supporting damage assessment reporting and mapping at the NEOC. Two additional officers from SPC and OCHA are pending deployment later this week to further support coordination and relief distribution planning.
- The Australian Government is responding to the Government of Solomon Islands' request for assistance to support Tropical Cyclone Maila response efforts, in coordination with the NDMO and NEOC

National Disaster Operations Committee (N-DOC)

Protection Sector Committee:

- Gender Based Violence in Emergency (GBViE) service providers are on standby to respond to GBV cases with key messages on GBViE to be issued to the public.
- Child Protection in Emergency (CPiE) service providers are on standby to respond to CPiE cases.
- Committee on standby to support Multi Sector Assessment and Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) efforts.

- Committee continues to strengthen coordination with P-DOC Protection Sector Committee in the provinces impacted.

Livelihood Sector Committee:

- The Committee developed a consolidated Livelihood Response Plan to support livelihood relief across all affected areas.
- Coordinated interventions are being implemented to support the recovery of income-generating activities among affected communities.

Education Sector Committee:

- Dissemination of key messages which contain guidelines regarding commencement of term 2 and other recovery actions for all affected Schools and ECE centers across Choiseul and Western provinces.
- Convene an NDOC Education Sector Committee meeting to update partners on current situation and to discuss the development of an Education Sector Response Plan.
- Situational report two (2) received by NEOC for Western and Choiseul Province

Development Exchange Services (DES)

- NGOs under Development Exchange Services have met and agreed to support the response efforts.
- Initial preparations are underway to identify potential areas of support, pending official Government direction.
- A consolidated response report and budget will be prepared and submitted to the National Disaster Operations Committee (N-DOC).

Solomon Islands Red Cross Society (SIRC)

- The SIRC Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) was activated on 7 April 2026 to coordinate and support impact reporting with the Western Province Branch.
- Work is ongoing to finalize a SIRC Response Plan.
- The Health Manager attended the N-DOC briefing to ensure alignment on coordination arrangements, budget planning, and relief stock availability.
- All Non-Food Item (NFI) stocks at the National Branch have been reviewed and updated to ensure readiness to replenish the Western Province Branch.
- A request for Disaster Response Emergency Fund (DREF) support is currently being progressed with the IFRC Pacific Disaster Management Focal Point
- The Western Province Branch is supporting the Provincial Emergency Operations Centre (PEOC) through; Communication and data collection, Stocktaking of available NFIs, Briefing and preparedness of volunteers for potential deployment
- Planned actions include supporting Initial Damage Assessments (IDA), identifying priority needs, and preparing volunteers for community-level deployment

Provincial Responses

Western Province

- PDOC Multisectoral Assessment Team preparations are underway for the first deployment to Simbo. The team will be led by the Livelihoods Sector Chair and includes 12 sector representatives and PERT
- A draft Operational Plan is being finalized and will be submitted to NEOC and the Logistics Team for coordination and endorsement.
- PDOC to identify and confirm airlift and shipping distribution sites to enable effective delivery of relief supplies.

- Protection and Camp Management teams are coordinating to streamline operations and management at designated camp centres.
- PEOC to continue receiving situation reports and disseminating accurate and timely public information regarding the Western Province response plan.
- Public health awareness messages, including health talks, are to be disseminated through radio and other media outlets.
- Logistics arrangements for the transportation of relief supplies are ongoing to support current and planned response activities.
- A First Rapid Response Team, comprising officers from Education, Livelihoods, Health, Protection, PEOC, NGOs, and Media, has been successfully deployed.
- Regular coordination and situation update meetings are being conducted among NDOC, NEOC, partners, PDOC, PDC, and WPG to ensure alignment and information sharing.
- All sectors operating under the PDOC coordination framework have activated their response plans, with personnel on standby to support emergency operations.
- International partner agencies, including Save the Children and World Vision Solomon Islands, have committed personnel and relief supplies to support the disaster response in Western Province.
- Relief food distributions have been conducted in Gizo/Kolobangara, Ranogga/Simbo, North Vella La Vella Constituency, and Shortland Constituency for affected communities.
- Community impact reports have been submitted to PEOC through Community Chairpersons and local Disaster Committees.
- The Red Cross team in Gizo has mobilized and trained volunteers and remains on standby to support ongoing and future relief distribution activities.
- Continuous rapid community assessments are ongoing alongside food distributions, public health awareness, livelihood support, crime prevention, child protection interventions, and response planning activities.

Isabel Province

- The Isabel PEOC remains active and is currently implementing its Response Plan of Action.
- Impact reports and needs assessments are being compiled and consolidated by PEOC Isabel.
- Ongoing communication is being maintained with Chiefs and Chairmen of the affected communities to gather updates and verify community impacts.
- PDOC sector teams are on standby for deployment once funding is released and channelled to Isabel Province.

Other PDCs & P-DOCs

Response Plan of Action

- PEOCs to continue monitoring the evolving situation and provide timely guidance and technical advice to PDC, PDOC, VDRCs, and affected communities.
- PDOC to develop an Initial Damage Assessment (IDA) Response Plan of Action and formally seek national-level support and resources as required.

Other Support:

- Acknowledgement is also given to other support from Constituency Development Offices, NGOs, Faith-Based organizations, churches, and individuals in assisting the Government in the emergency relief efforts.

PRIORITY NEEDS

Based on the impact reports received by the NEOC, the following are now seen as priority needs:

- **Emergency Food & Water**

Distribution of food rations and safe drinking water to affected populations, with priority given to the most vulnerable households. Provision of water purification supplies and safe storage containers is also critical.

- **Shelter, Hygiene, and Kitchen Kits**

Supply of emergency shelter materials (e.g., tarpaulins, tents) for displaced households. Distribution of hygiene kits (soap, buckets, sanitary items) to reduce disease risk, along with kitchen kits to support basic cooking needs.

- **Emergency Health Relief (Satellite Clinics)**

Deployment of mobile or satellite clinics to areas where health facilities are damaged or inaccessible. Ensure availability of essential medicines, first aid services, and monitoring for potential disease outbreaks.

- **Support for Initial Damage Assessment and Detailed Sector Assessments**

Support for rapid assessments to determine the scale and severity of impacts, followed by detailed sectoral assessments (Health, WASH, shelter, livelihoods, infrastructure, Protection and Camp management) to guide targeted response and recovery planning.

OPERATIONAL CHALLENGES

National Responses:

- Communication and coordination with National sectors and provincial counterparts in this initial response stage is still a challenge.
- Verifying of impact data remains a challenge. However, it must be noted that TC Maila warnings remain in place for the country.

Provincial Responses:

- Support from National to support Sectors and Agencies Response Plans.
- Limited PEOC resources (stationaries, ICT equipment etc.) to ensure effective delivery of responses and in a timely manner.
- National surge capacity (NERT and Sectors) support to allow provinces to respond to the situation whilst maintain its critical services and functions.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Public are encouraged to call the following toll-free Operational Centre lines for assistance:

- SIMS (933) for Weather Updates and information.
- NEOC (955) for reporting impacts.
- Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC) on 977 for Maritime Search and Rescue.
- All the Provincial PEOCs to continually monitor this bad weather situation and provide situational updates to the NEOC to inform national situational reporting and response planning.

- Disaster Management Stakeholders and Partners are to report to NEOC and to their N-DOC Sector Committees on their available supports in country for better coordination on responses.

NEXT UPDATE

Next update will be issued upon availability of new information.

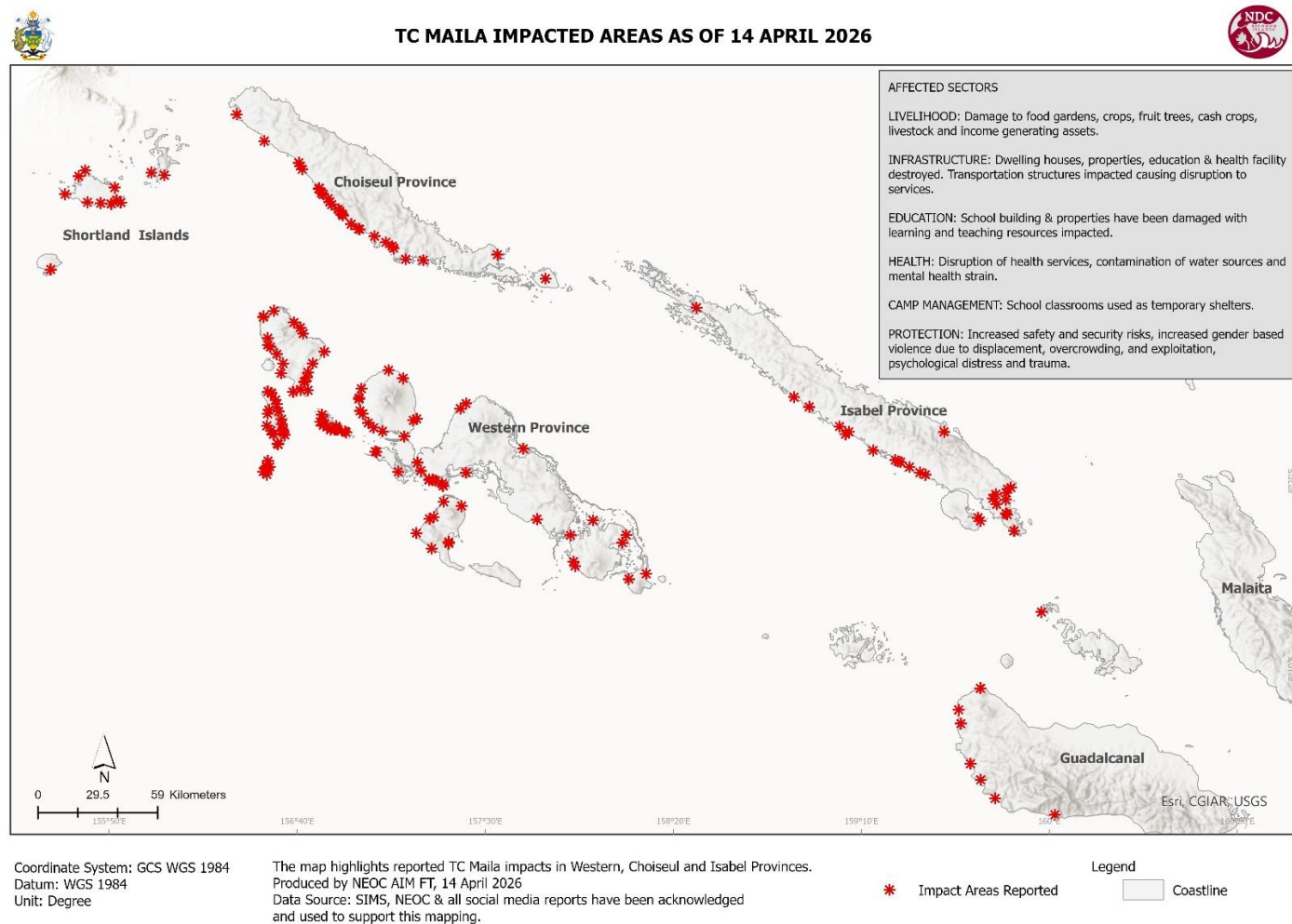
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Annexes

i. Impact Map of Areas Affected by TC Maila



ii) Aerial survey for TC Maila – FFA, 2026



Photo 1: Coastal inundation washing away coastal vegetation and properties in Southwest Choiseul Province



Photo 2: Coastal inundation washing away coastal vegetation and properties in Southwest Choiseul Province



Photo 3: Seaweed farms in Wagina Islands, Choiseul Province

iii) Impact Photos – received by NEOC



Photo 1: Betel nut plantation damaged by flooding in Isabel



Photo2: Root crops uprooted from flooding in Dedeu riverbank in Isabel

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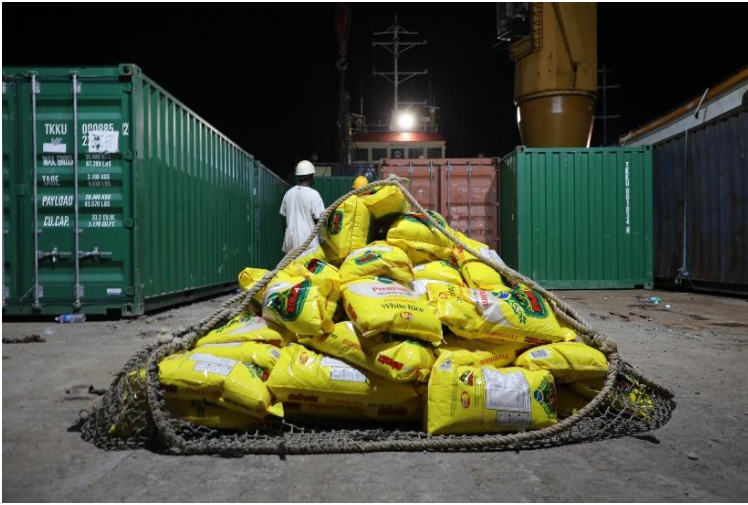


Photo 2: loading of emergency relief supplies on to patrol boat



