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A. HIGHLIGHTS

- A Tropical Cyclone Warning is currently in effect for Solomon Islands.
- The Solomon Islands Meteorological Service (SIMS) has issued Tropical Cyclone Warning Number 10 as of 7:30AM, Tuesday 07th April 2026.
- Severe Tropical Cyclone Maila (Category 3) is located approximately 187 kilometers southwest of Ranogga Islands, Western Province, and intensifying.
- The National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) has scaled up from Standby to Full-On Activation as of Friday 03rd April 2026 to monitor the current bad weather situation and to provide the public with safety messages and recording of impact reports.
- All Provincial Emergency Operation Centres (PEOCs) have also been instructed to activate their provincial response arrangements.
- The NEOC is receiving impact reports on infrastructure damage across the provinces of Choiseul, Western and South Guadalcanal.
- The public is advised to take all safety measures when going about daily activities as the current bad weather (heavy rains, strong winds, rough seas, and coastal inundation) remains within the tropical cyclone forecast track.

B. SITUATION OVERVIEW

Weather Update

The Solomon Islands Meteorological Services ([SIMS](#)) began issuing Heavy Rain and Strong Wind Warnings on the 30th – 31st of March 2026, linked to a trough which lies to the East of Solomon Islands. This was upgraded to a Special Weather Bulletin on Friday 03rd April 2026 as the trough formed into a tropical low and moved towards the Southwest of the country.

Tropical Cyclone Maila (Category 1) formed in the waters of Solomon Islands on the 05th of April 2026, located 228km southwest of Ranogga Island, Western Province. Favorable weather conditions later saw Tropical Cyclone Maila upgrade from Category 1 to 3 on the early hours of Monday 06th April 2026. To date, Tropical Cyclone

Maila (Category 3) is located approximately 187km southwest of Ranogga Island, Western Province and is slowly moving south towards the south of Western Province and intensifying.

Anticipated Impacts

The risk analysis associated with Tropical Cyclone Maila, given its Category 3 intensity and slow movement, suggests the following potential impacts on the respective sectors:

- **Livelihoods** - significant damage to food gardens is expected, leading to reduced food availability. This may worsen existing food insecurity already caused by bad weather experienced by the country.
- **Infrastructure** - There is a high likelihood of damage or destruction to residential houses, kitchens, roads, and bridges. Critical infrastructure such as telecommunications networks and energy sources may also be disrupted.
- **Education** - School buildings and learning materials may be damaged or destroyed, potentially interrupting education services.
- **Health** - services may be disrupted, and shortages of essential medical supplies could occur. Secondary health impacts are likely, including outbreaks of diarrhoea and dysentery due to the consumption of contaminated water.

C. REPORTED IMPACTS BY LOCATION

Initial reports received indicate strong winds, heavy rains, rough seas and storm surge continues to be experienced in southern Guadalcanal, Western, Choiseul and the remaining provinces within the track path of the cyclone.

Guadalcanal Province

- Storm surge damaged dwelling houses and infrastructures along the coast of Verahue Village, South Guadalcanal.
- Wanderer Bay experienced coastal inundation from storm surge.

Western Province

- Strong winds damaged buildings along the coastline of Mondo Village, Ranogga Island. Significant damages were caused by strong winds and storm surges to semi-permanent houses, boat sheds, canoes and OBMs located along the shoreline.
- Coastline mechanisms (sea-breakers) reported to be destroyed by storm surges in Koriovuku Village, Ranogga Island.
- Coastal inundation from storm surges damaged infrastructure and school properties along the coastline in Jones Adventist College, North Vella La Vella.
- Irigilla Community High School, North Vella La Vella reported damages to houses and school properties from coastal storm surge.
- Strong winds and storm surges experienced by villagers in Lengana, Simbo, which caused destruction to traditional and permanent dwelling houses. Lengana Wharf also reported to be badly damaged by storm surges.
- Dwelling homes in Titiana Village, Gizo reported to inundated by storm surges.

Choiseul Province

- Coastal inundation from storm surges destroyed buildings and infrastructure along coastal areas in Sasamunga Village, South Choiseul. Sasamunga Hospital have also reported damage to its infrastructures.
- Sepa Village, South Choiseul reported damages to houses, buildings and other infrastructure along the coast.
- Villagers from Sarora to Tangito experienced coastal inundation to dwelling houses and infrastructure.
- Katurasele Village reported heavily inundated by storm surges along its coastal shores destroying canoe and OBM sheds, dwelling houses and infrastructure.
- Boe Village reported damages to building infrastructures along its coastal shores by storm surge.
- Gorebara and Tasure Villages reported damages to building infrastructures along its coastal shores by storm surge.
- Ngarione Village reports confirmed damages to dwelling houses and building infrastructures from strong winds and storm surges.
- Puzivai Community High School also sustained major damages from coastal inundation caused by storm surge with school properties and infrastructure inundated.
- Papara Village reported damaged to building infrastructure caused by storm surge.

D. UP TO DATE RESPONSES

National Responses

- Chair of National Disaster Council has activated the NEOC on Full-On Activation to respond to the current bad weather situation and to monitor and receive impact reports from provinces and the public.
- The National Disaster Operations Committee (N-DOC) has convened its first meeting on 06th April 2026 to deliberate on the forward response plan for Tropical Cyclone Maila Response. A Briefing Paper will be presented to the National Disaster Council to look at immediate actions to address the situation.
- NEOC through the Logistics Functional Team have informed the Logistics Cluster in the country to prepare for initial responses in the form of Shelter Kits and Non-Food Items (NFIs).
- The N-DOC Chair has also directed Provincial Disaster Management Offices and the Provincial Disaster Operations Committee (P-DOC) to activate its provincial response arrangements and mechanisms to support impact reporting and respond to urgent matters regarding action on.

Provincial Responses

- All Provincial Disaster Management Offices have been directed to activate their PEOCs to receive impact reports and monitor the situation.
- Western, Choiseul and Isabel Provinces have stepped up response efforts with the submission of a Forward Response Plan to conduct Initial Damage Assessments (IDA) and distribution of NFIs once cancellation of the tropical cyclone warnings is issued by Solomon Islands Meteorological Service.
- Western P-DOC activated its PEOC and provincial arrangements on 06th April 2026 to monitor the situation, provide public safety messages and receiving of impact reports.
- Choiseul P-DOC convened its first briefing on 06th April 2026 and approved its members for surge capacity support to its PEOC

E. EMERGING PRIORITY RESPONSE NEEDS

Based on the current situational analysis and impact reports received by the NEOC, the following are the emerging 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) to guide targeted response and recovery planning.

F. 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.

G. NEXT UPDATE

Next update will be issued upon availability of new information.

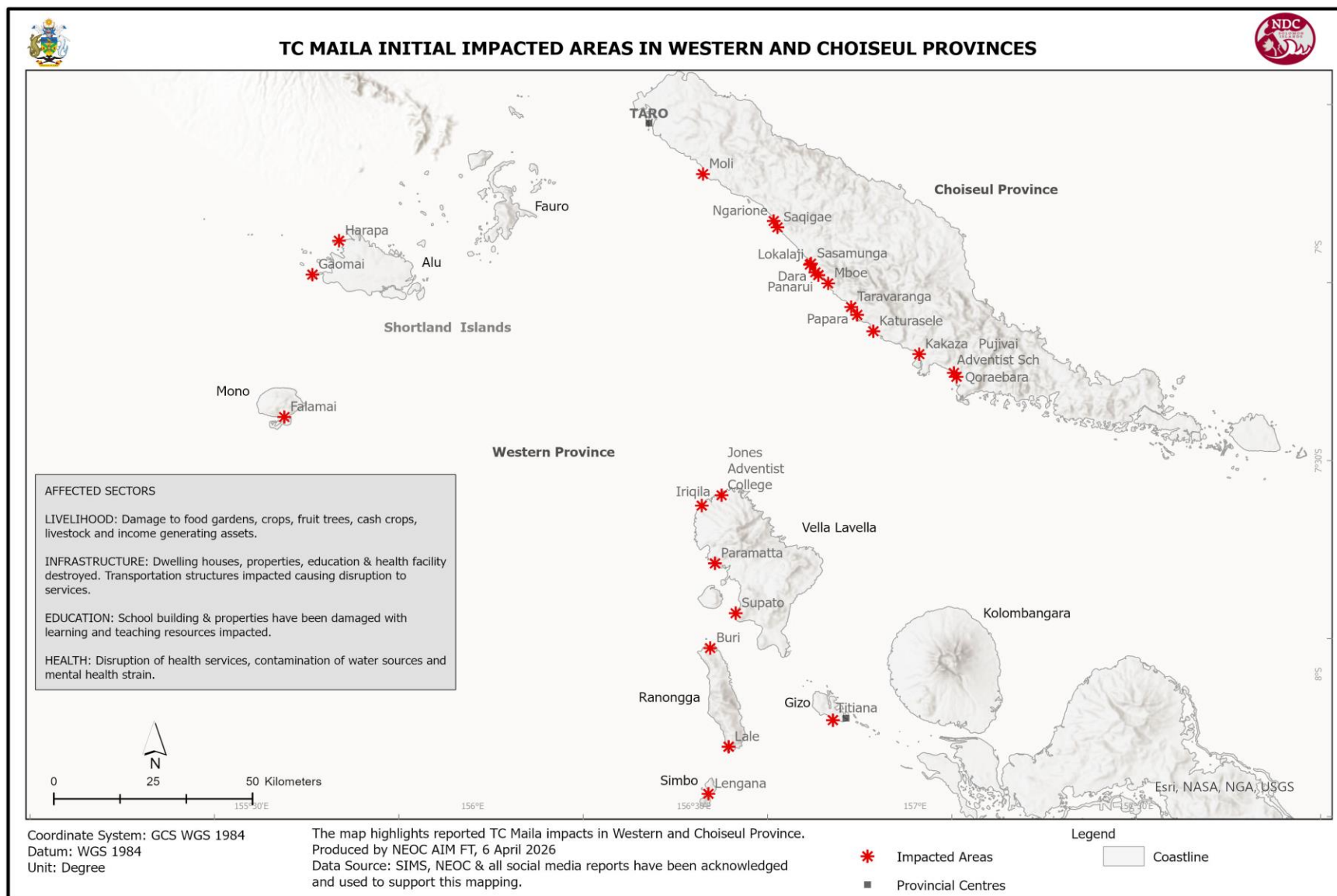
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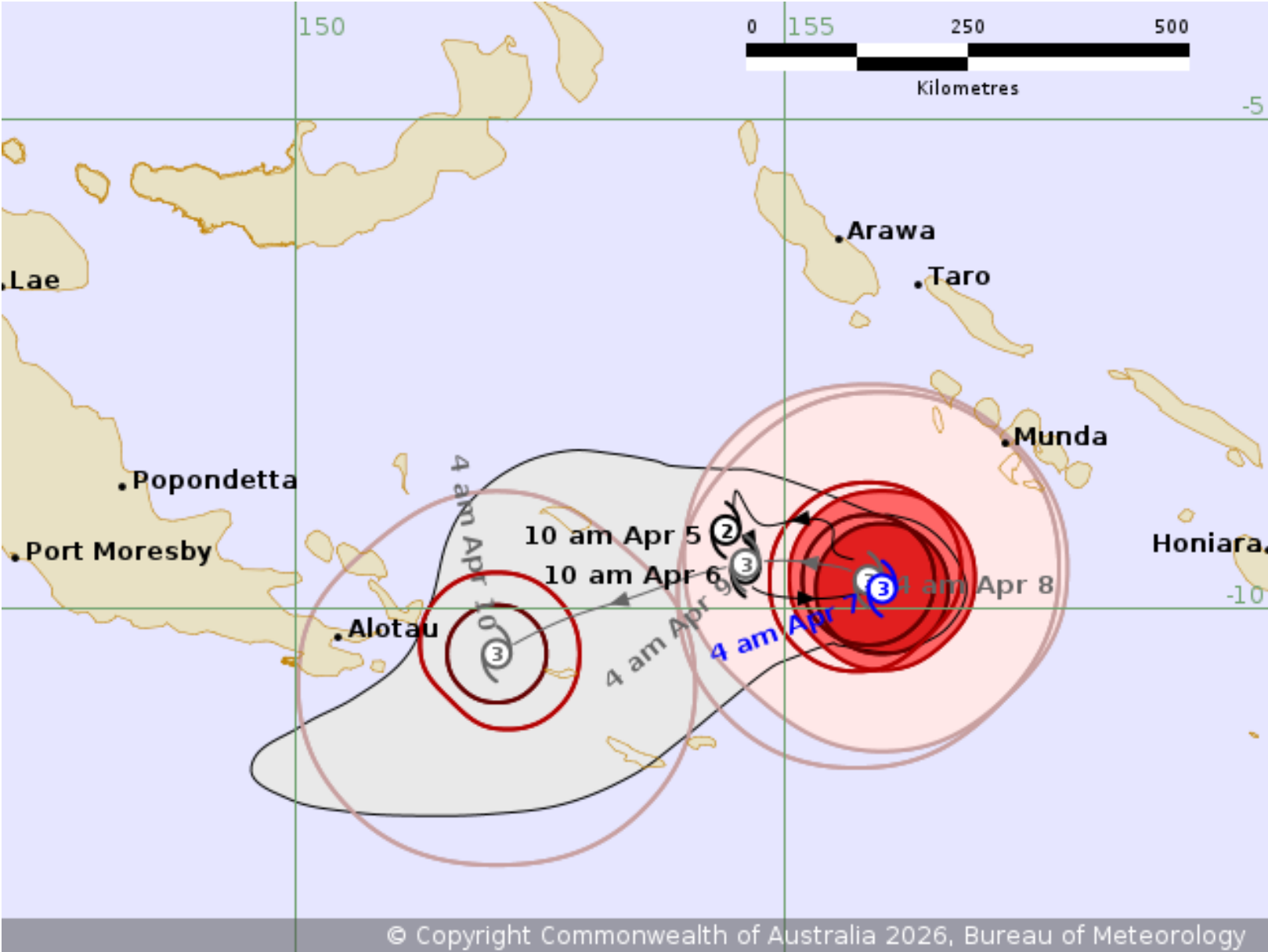
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H. Annexes

Initial Impact Map of Areas Affected by TC Maila



TC Maila Forecast Track Map – Issued at 7:45AM 7 April 2026



Impact Based Warning



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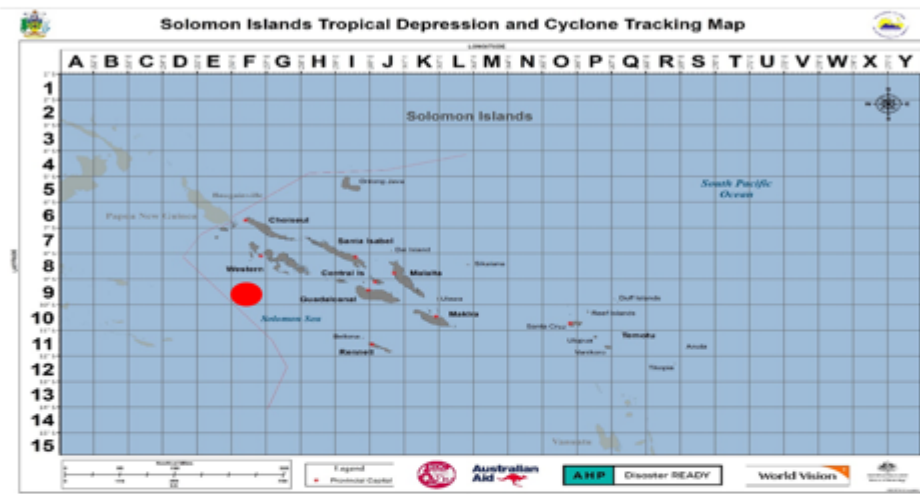
IMPACT BASED WARNING NUMBER TEN ISSUED FOR TROPICAL CYCLONE

Impact Based Warning Number Ten issued by the Solomon Islands Meteorological Services at 7:30am this morning, on Tuesday 7th April 2026.

A Red Alert for Western, Choiseul and Isabel Provinces.

Orange Alert for Central, Malaita, Guadalcanal, Makira, Temotu and Rennell/Bellona Provinces.

Severe Tropical Cyclone MAILA is located at (9, Letter F) at 5:00am this morning on the tropical cyclone tracking map.



Likely impacts

Expect flooding over communities living close to large rivers, streams and low-lying areas.

Landslide for communities living near hill slopes.

Flooding roads.

Coastal flooding by high waves and storm surges over communities living near coastal areas.

Rough seas and poor visibility in heavy rain areas.

Air and land transports services will be affected.

Response

Sea travelers are urged to consider safety actions and discouraged to travel during bad weather.

Do not attempt to cross rivers and large streams of unknown depths.

People should take precautionary measures as bad weather can pose threats to lives and properties.

Pass this information to people with disabilities.

Please listen to SIBC and all media outlets for further updates.

Likelihood	High			Remaining Provinces	Western, Choiseul, Isabel	Risk Level	Response
	Medium					High	Take Action
	Low					Medium	Be Prepared
	Very Low					Low	Beware
		Minimal	Minor	Significant	Severe	Very Low	No Action
Impact							

The next Impact-based warning will be issued at 1:30pm this afternoon.