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A. HIGHLIGHTS

- Tropical Cyclone Warning is current for Western Province.
- Tropical Cyclone Warning Number 17 issued by the Solomon Islands Meteorological Service as of 1:30AM, Thursday 08th April 2026.
- Severe Tropical Cyclone Maila (Category 4) is located approximately 85 kilometers southwest of Ranogga, Western Province.
- 3 people reported missing in Waghenia, Choiseul Province.
- 4 people reported missing in Marovo, Western Province.
- The United Nations Charter (UN Charter) has been activated by the NEOC to provide access to satellite-derived information and products for Initial Situation Overview (ISO).
- The National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) remains on Full-On Activation to monitor the weather situation, receive impact reports, provide the public with safety messages and coordinate national and provincial response efforts.
- Choiseul, Isabel, Western, and Guadalcanal Provincial Emergency Operation Centres (PEOCs) remain activated to support coordination and forward response planning.
- The Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF) have activated operation centres in Choiseul and Western Provinces to support Provincial Disaster Committees (PDCs) and Provincial Disaster Operations Committees (P-DOCs) to ensure safety and well-being of the public.
- The public is advised to take all safety measures when going about daily activities as cyclone warnings remain enforced in the country.

B. SITUATION OVERVIEW

Brief Weather Update

- At 11:00pm, 8th April 2026, Severe Tropical Cyclone Maila (Category 4) was located about 85 km southwest of Ranogga Island in Western Province. Severe Cyclone Maila is slowly moving in the Solomon Sea, southwest of Western Province.
- Gale-force winds (34–47 knots) are expected across Western Province, bringing very rough seas, large swells (3.5–6.0 m), coastal flooding, and widespread heavy rain with thunderstorms.

- In other provinces, winds of 20–25 knots are expected, increasing to 33 knots in Choiseul and Isabel, with moderate to rough seas, swells of 2.5–4.0 m, possible coastal flooding, and periods of heavy rain and thunderstorms.

C. REPORTED IMPACTS

The NEOC continues to collect and collate information regarding impacts caused by Tropical Cyclone Maila. A summary of impacts to date by province is highlighted below:

Choiseul Province		
Constituency	Name/Location	Impact
South Choiseul	Kakaza, Lokalaji, Pujivai CHS, Taravaranga, Katurasele, Sasamunga, Mboe, Panarui, Dara, Papara, Qoraebara, Tuzu, Sepa, Kinoso, Kenani	Storm surges and strong winds have damaged dwelling houses, buildings and infrastructures along coastal areas.
	Wagina	3 persons reported missing.
NorthWest	Moli, Ngarione	Strong winds, high sea swells damaging dwellings, properties and crops.
	Taro	Taro Market experienced coastal inundation

Western Province

Impacts received to date are tabulated below:

Sector	Type of Impact	Location(s)	Damage / Impact Details	Figures
Shelter	Houses destroyed	Harapa, Vatoro	Fully damaged/collapsed houses	4
Shelter	Houses damaged	Multiple locations	Partial damage reported	Not quantified
Shelter	Kitchens destroyed/damaged	Harapa, Bibolo	Kitchen structures impacted	5
Shelter	Leaf huts damaged	Multiple villages	Traditional housing affected	Not quantified
Shelter	Displacement	Alenga/Nila	People evacuated to school	120 people
Shelter	Evacuations	Multiple	Movement to schools, churches, higher ground	Widespread
Shelter	Shelter requests	Titiana, others	Requests for tents/NFIs	Multiple requests
Infrastructure	Boat sheds damaged/destroyed	Paramata, Mondo	Boat sheds impacted	5 (4 damaged, 1 destroyed)
Infrastructure	Copra dryers/sheds damaged	Paramata, Lale, Kuzi, Sae Vuke	Copra infrastructure losses	32+
Infrastructure	Fuel depot & jetty damaged	Kekehe	Key facilities impacted	1 site

Infrastructure	Petrol shed washed away	Mondo	Fuel storage loss	1
Infrastructure	School damaged	Baniata	Primary school impacted	1
Infrastructure	Roads/access affected	Lajaka, Gizo	Access constraints due to flooding/rivers	Not quantified
Livelihoods	Boats damaged/lost	Munda, Lale	Fishing assets impacted	6 (5 damaged, 1 lost)
Livelihoods	Canoes washed away	Koliai, others	Transport/fishing disrupted	Not quantified
Livelihoods	Copra losses	Gaomae	Partial recovery of copra stock	234 affected (113 saved)
Livelihoods	Fishing disruption	Coastal communities	Limited access to sea resources	Widespread
Agriculture/Food Security	Gardens destroyed	Multiple (15+ locations)	Flooding and storm surge damage	Widespread
Agriculture/Food Security	Root crops damaged	Karaka, Koroka, Poitete	Staple crops affected	Not quantified
Agriculture/Food Security	Food shortages	Maleai, Harapa, Paramata, Ngari	Food access severely limited	Widespread
Agriculture/Food Security	Food access constraints	Lajaka, Maleai	Cannot reach gardens	Multiple communities
Agriculture/Food Security	Food rationing	Several locations	Households reducing consumption	Increasing
WASH/Health	Water supply damage	Rannogga	System affected	1 system
WASH/Health	Sanitation damage	Kuzi	Facilities impacted	Not quantified
WASH/Health	Contamination risk	Multiple	Flood-related health risks	High risk
WASH/Health	Health risk	Affected communities	Potential disease outbreaks	Elevated risk
WASH/Health	People with Disabilities (PWD) incident	Menge	Near fatal due to waves	1 case
Environment	Storm surge	Coastal areas	Sea water reaching homes/roads	Widespread
Environment	Flooding	Multiple villages	Village-level flooding	Widespread
Environment	Landslides	Menge, Lajaka	Slope failures	2 locations
Environment	Strong winds	Entire affected region	Structural/environmental damage	Widespread
Protection	Evacuation center pressure	Harapa, Nila	Schools/churches used as shelters	Increasing
Protection	Communication issues	Koriovuku, others	Difficulty contacting PEOC	Reported
Protection	Access to services	Gizo, remote areas	Limited access to health/food	Reported
Protection	Safety concerns	Multiple	Fear, relocation needs	Widespread

National Responses

Coordination

- The NEOC remains on Full-On Activation to respond to the current situation and to monitor and receive impact reports from provinces and the public.
- A virtual briefing was conducted on 7th April 2026 with P-DOCs Western and Choiseul Provinces to inform them of the current situation and get first-hand information of current actions taken by respective P-DOCs.
- A joint Briefing Paper by the Ministry of Finance and Treasury, Ministry of Provincial Governance and Institutional Strengthening, and the Ministry responsible for Disaster Management (MECDM) will be presented to the Cabinet by the National Disaster Council Chair (NDC) to deliberate on financing the Forward Response Plan.
- The UN Charter activation has been made by the NEOC on 8th April 2026 to allow the NDMO to access high-resolution satellite-derived information. The activation was requested to provide an ISO to inform the NEOC on likelihood of the scope and scale of impacts, prioritizing Isabel and Choiseul Provinces.
- NEOC through the Logistics Functional Team has requested the Logistics Working Group in the country to provide pre-positioned stocks in Honiara as well as the provinces to NEOC for stocktaking Shelter Kits and Non-Food Items.

National Disaster Operations Committee (N-DOC)

- N-DOC convened its second meeting on 08th April 2026 to consolidate a consolidated Forward Response Plan for Tropical Cyclone Maila Response. Forward Response Plan aims to outline a coordinated, province-led approach to immediate response actions, including Initial Situation Overview (ISO), Initial Damage Assessment (IDA), and targeted emergency relief for Western, Choiseul, Isabel, Guadalcanal and Central Islands Provinces as soon as warnings are cancelled.
- Sector Committees have also been tasked to work with provinces to develop a Sector Response Plan to feed into the consolidated Forward Response Plan.
- **RSIPF** - Activated its Operation Centres in Choiseul and Western Provinces to support PDCs on ensuring safety and well-being of the public. A response plan and budget will be finalized and provided.
- **Health Sector Committee:**
 - Activated its National Health Emergency Operations Centre (NHEOC) to Full Activation to coordinate health response efforts and further disseminate safety information to provincial hospitals, rural and area health clinics.
 - Incident Controller has advised Provincial Health Emergency Operation Centres (PHEOCS) in areas impacted to go on Full Activation to support preparedness and response efforts and to provide reporting to NHEOC.
- **Livelihood Sector Committee:**
 - Activation of its response arrangements, making initial contacts with Provincial Agriculture Officers in Western, Choiseul and Isabel.
 - Reports received indicate damage to copra driers and other infrastructures.
 - Sector Committee Planning Team will consolidate livelihood impact data from provinces to provide to NEOC and for overall response efforts.
- **Education Sector Committee:**
 - DRR Focal Point has established communication with provinces despite ongoing challenges with coordination.

- Identification of Sector Committee NERT Officers has been initiated for possible assistance to Provincial Sector Committee.
- Partners (UNICEF and Save The Children) have expressed readiness to support Sector response.
- A Sector budget to be compiled for response efforts.
- Sector Committee to coordinate with UNICEF, Save The Children and provincial offices for response planning.
- **Development Exchange Services:**
 - NGOs have met and agreed to support the response. Initial preparations have begun to look at where support can be channeled, pending Government direction. A consolidated report and budget will be submitted to the N-DOC.
- **Solomon Islands Red Cross Society:**
 - The SIRC EOC was activated on 7th April 2026 to provide coordination and support to Western Province Branch on impact reporting.
 - Work is ongoing to finalize a Response Plan.
 - The Health Manager attended the N-DOC briefing to align on coordination, budget, and relief stocks.
 - All NFIs at the National Branch have been updated to ensure stocks are ready to replenish the Western Province Branch.
 - A Disaster Response Emergency Fund (DREF) support is currently being sought for from the IFRC Pacific Disaster Management focal point.
 - Western Province Branch is supporting the Western Province PEOC with communications and data collection, conducting stock take of available NFIs, and briefing volunteers for possible community deployment.
 - Planned Actions are to look at supporting IDA and identify priority needs, and volunteer preparation for deployment.

Provincial Responses

Western Province

Coordination:

- PEOC remains on Full Activation coordinating with communities to collect and collate impact reports.
- PEOC has beefed up personnel and continues to monitor the situation, provide public safety information and receive impact reports.

PDC & P-DOC:

- A Sector Response Plan has been developed and submitted to NDC by the PDC.
- PDC and P-DOC briefing is scheduled for 2PM, 8th April 2026.
- **PHEOC:**
 - PHEOC has been activated along with the Gizo Hospital Disaster Response Plan in place to maintain service delivery as well as respond to victims impacted. A flow and triage system is in place. Business Continuity Plan will be maintained.
 - Public Health Care and Health Facility Team – all health clinics are in emergency mode, while health care services are under assessment to see if facilities are capable to continue normal service delivery as majority of the facilities is managed by 1 person.
 - OBMs have been pulled inland into drier areas for safekeeping.
 - A Sector budget has also been submitted to PDC and P-DOC.

Choiseul Province

Coordination

- Provincial Emergency Operations Center (PEOC) activated since 4th April 2026.
- First coordination meeting held on 6th April 2026.
- Provincial Staff are rotating to support limited personnel in the PEOC.
- Ongoing coordination with:
 - NDOC
 - Line ministries and stakeholders.
 - RSIPF (police) for logistics and security support.
- Information Management:
 - Collecting reports from affected communities.
 - Challenges verifying data due to reliance on social media and limited field access.
 - Using 2019 census data as an estimate for affected populations.
 - Daily updates planned to improve accuracy.

PDC & P-DOC

- **Education:** All 22 coastal schools affected (damage to buildings, materials, and staff housing).
- **Health:** Sasamunga health centre/hospital flooded and damaged; other clinics also impacted (water supply and facilities).
- **Shelter:** Widespread damage and flooding of homes along coastal areas.
- **Infrastructure:** Damage to schools, health facilities, seawalls, market house, and government buildings.
- **Livelihoods:** Food gardens and crops destroyed or damaged.
- **Business:** Several small businesses damaged across multiple wards.

Response Actions Planned

- Immediate assessments (IDA) and emergency relief distribution.
- Relief supplies (NFIs) - Shelter kits, WASH kits, kitchen sets, clothing, tools.
- Food assistance - To support affected communities' post-impact.
- Logistics - Fuel, boats, freight, accommodation, and personnel support.

Timeframe & Resources

- Initial response planned for 21 days.
- Initial logistics budget to support response efforts.
- Supplies to be sourced from government and partners (including NGOs).

E. 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) to guide targeted response and recovery planning.

F. OPERATIONAL CHALLENGES

National Responses:

- Communication and coordination with 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.

G. 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.

H. NEXT UPDATE

Next update will be issued upon availability of new information.

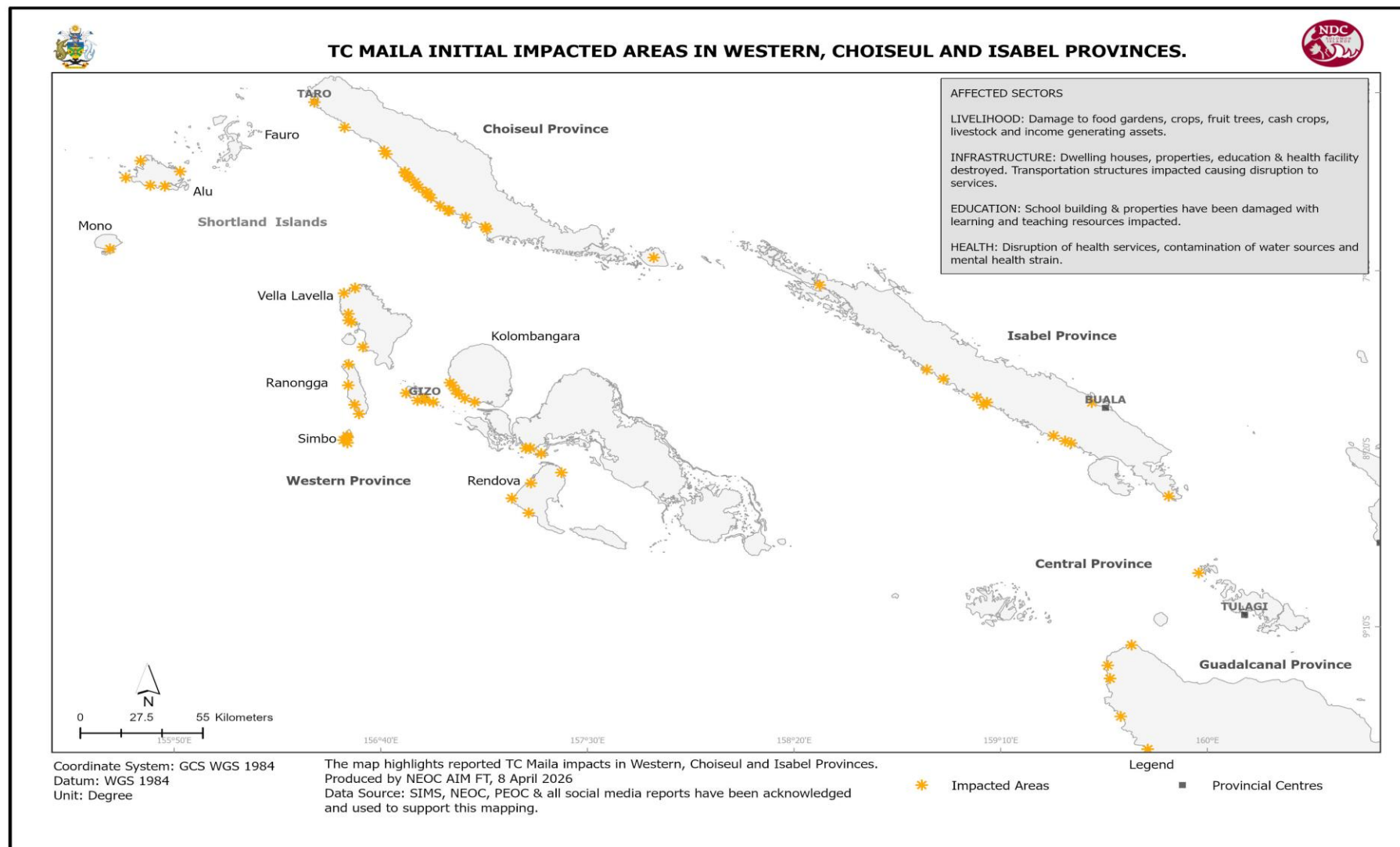
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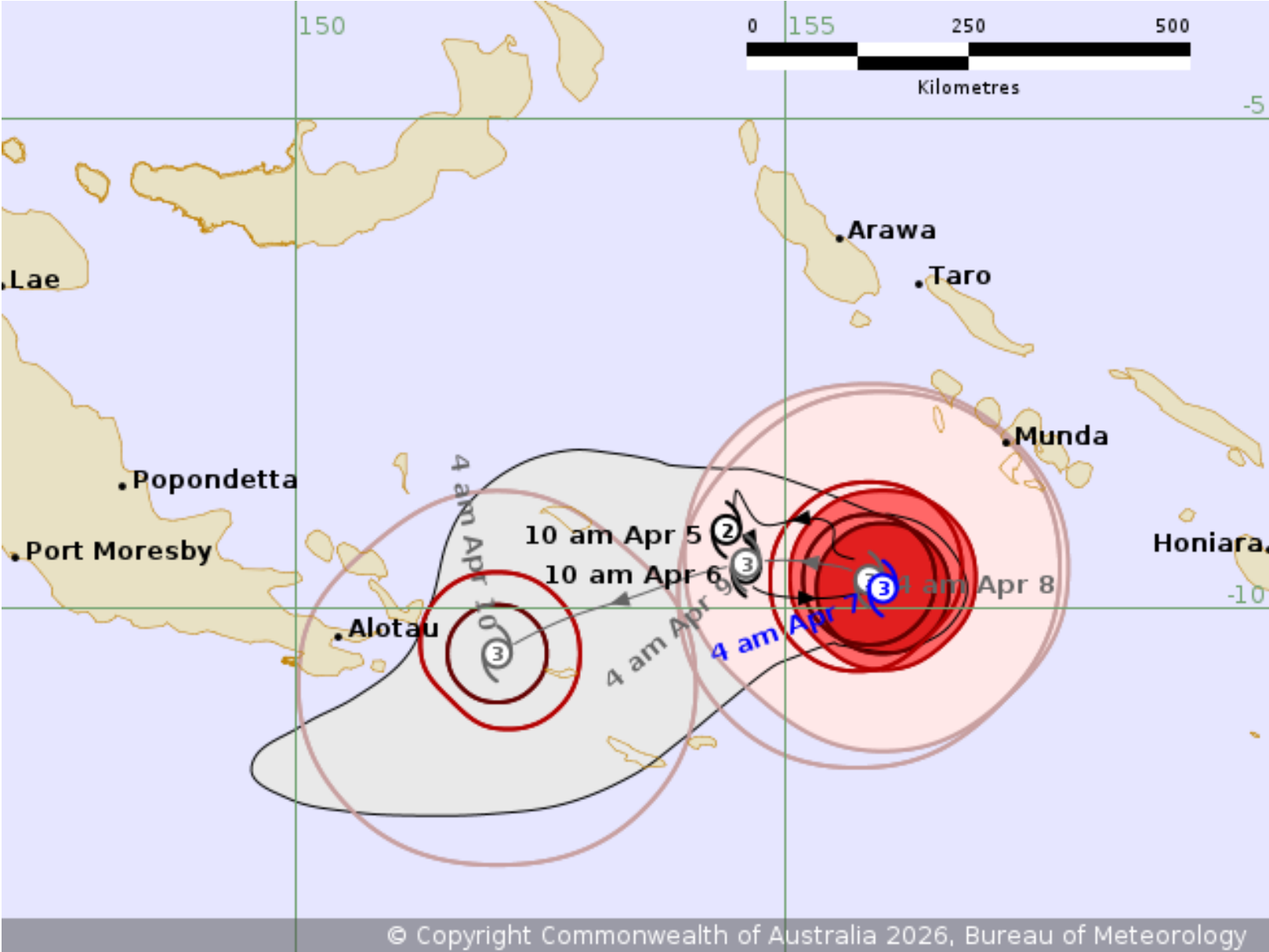
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I. Annexes

Initial Impact Map of Areas Affected by TC Maila





Impact Based Warning



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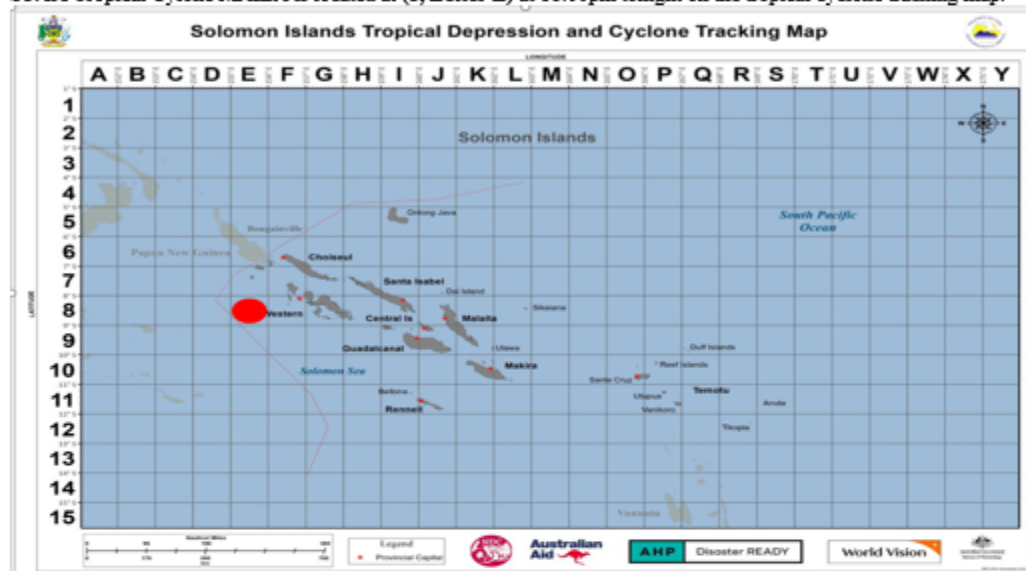
IMPACT BASED WARNING NUMBER SEVENTEEN ISSUED FOR TROPICAL CYCLONE

Impact Based Warning Number seventeen issued by the Solomon Islands Meteorological Services at 1:30am after midnight tonight, on Thursday 9th 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 (8, Letter E) at 11:00pm tonight 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 7:30am this morning.

Impact Photos – received by NEOC WhatsApp & NDMO Facebook Page



Dwelling house destroyed in Leona Village, North Vella la Vella. Source: +6777481932



Storm surge destroying footbridge at Ughele Village, Rendova. Source: +6777657504



Pujivai CHS heavily inundated by storm surge. Source: PEOC CHP



Building destroyed by storm surges in Ngari Island. Source: Olia Lianga



Destruction to roads, Titiana Village, Gizo. Source: PEOC WP



Storm surge experienced in Ughele Village, Rendova. Source: +6777657504