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Media Release

Australia provides further support for Ambae

On Tuesday 31 July, Australia's Minister for Foreign Affairs, Julie Bishop, and Minister for the Pacific and International Development, Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells, announced an additional 164 million vatu to support the Vanuatu Government's Ambae evacuation and resettlement efforts.



Australian-funded supplies are loaded onto MV Tauraken II to support those affected by the Ambae volcano.

The additional support, which brings Australia's assistance to those affected by volcanic activity on Ambae to 458.7 million vatu since October 2017, will support government-led efforts. The funding will support the evacuation of Ambae's population by commercial vessels and the Vanuatu Government and Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) to provide essential shelter, water and sanitation, health, education and protection services to the evacuees and host communities on nearby Maewo.



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An Australian disaster management expert and a resettlement adviser are currently working in Vanuatu's National Disaster Management Office. Australia will provide further expertise to bolster the Vanuatu Government's efforts to resettle Ambae's population.

Australia is coordinating closely with the Vanuatu Government and partners including New Zealand and France. Australia stands ready to provide further assistance to the Vanuatu Government to support those affected by this disaster.

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