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Heavy rainfall causes widespread flooding in Alas and Suai areas

Police have warned that freak weather conditions are causing widespread flooding and severe disruption in Cova Lima (Suai) and Manufahi (Alas) districts. In Suai, 50 millimetres of rain fell in just one hour late this morning. Two bridges are impassable and one of them could collapse at any moment.

This follows heavy flooding around Alas yesterday afternoon. Reports from the area say that 24 houses were destroyed in one sub-village [Ailora], with a further four houses destroyed and many animals lost in another [Knua Alas].

PKF in the area are helping residents, including evacuees, and monitoring conditions but assistance from outside is very restricted at the moment, as roads are impassable and helicopters cannot fly there under the current weather conditions.

Police are warning the public not to travel to the area while the bad weather persists.

