

## Capability Statement



### OUR VULNERABILITY

The small Pacific Island Nation of Vanuatu is ranked No. 1 -The most disaster prone country in the world\*  
 \*(World Risk Report, 2021)

Vanuatu is a Pacific nation of 83 islands extended over 1,300 kilometres and is considered the most vulnerable country to natural disaster in the world.

This is due to both the regular occurrence of natural hazards, including cyclones, earthquakes, tsunamis and volcanoes, as well as Vanuatu's low level of coping capacity to respond, exacerbated by the geographic isolation of communities. The Pacific is experiencing an

increase in the frequency and severity of extreme weather events and this trend is projected to continue. In the past several years Vanuatu has experienced two category five cyclones, volcanic eruptions and ashfall, widespread flooding, earthquakes and has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

**The probability of a natural disaster happening in Vanuatu in any given year is 65 percent and more than 99 percent in a five-year period (IMF, 2016)**

### WHO WE ARE

World Vision has been partnering with communities in Vanuatu for over 40 years and currently has 93 employees (88 are Vanuatu citizens) who have experience responding to humanitarian disasters, reducing gender-based violence; enabling resilient livelihoods; and ensuring inclusive access to water, sanitation and hygiene through programs across four of Vanuatu's six provinces.

### OUR APPROACH TO HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE & RECOVERY

World Vision supports communities to prepare and respond to disasters by leveraging our comprehensive suite of tools and approaches and our extensive experience to ensure that the needs of the most vulnerable people are met.

After the immediate response, our recovery interventions are integrated into our ongoing development programming to strengthen long term resilience and promote sustainability. World Vision is heavily invested in coordinating with, and being accountable to, the Vanuatu Government, humanitarian and donor partners, and the communities we serve.



#### We prepare

communities & stakeholders to ensure they are well equipped to respond, recover, and have increased resilience, to future disasters & climate change.



#### We coordinate

with government & other stakeholders to ensure our response activities are relevant & complimentary to national & provincial efforts.



#### We mobilise

our staff & extensive community & church networks to distribute emergency non-food items & awareness to meet the immediate needs of community members post-disaster.



#### We partner

with faith & community leaders to promote strategies for dealing with increased stress & violence during disasters to improve the safety of women & children.



#### We integrate

solutions across all our programming to ensure that the needs of community members living with disabilities are considered & met, particularly during response efforts



#### We leverage

relationships, knowledge and tools from our full suite of community development programming so that our humanitarian responses are informed by best practice solutions.



#### We support

vulnerable households, including those that are headed by females & where we know people with disabilities are living.



#### We fund

local partners to conduct assessments & implement response activities to promote localisation & capability strengthening.



#### We prioritise

the procurement of local products for emergency distributions wherever possible to support the local economy & livelihoods.



#### We adhere

to international humanitarian principles & protocols & work through our national cluster system to ensure our responses locally appropriate.

# OUR RECENT HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE REACH

Figures reflect individual program life



**USD 5.6 million**

of investment in humanitarian response initiatives



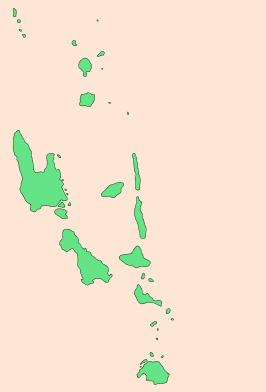
**17**

donor partnerships funding our recent response work



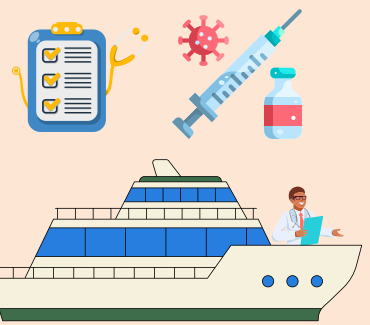
**92,335**

NFIs distributed to families in the last 3 responses



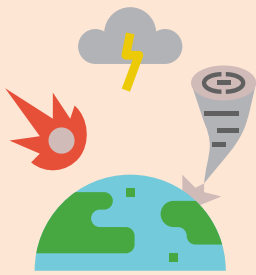
**37%**

of Vanuatu's total population reached with NFI distributions



**1,247**

people supported through integrated health services delivery via HELPR1



**558**

community members have completed disaster awareness training & developed community disaster mitigation plans



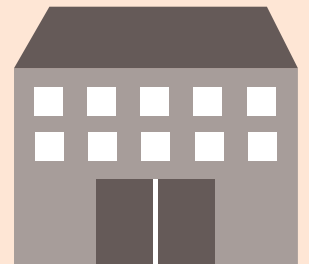
**1,424**

people supported through mobile family friendly spaces set up during disaster response, along with 888 pastoral care recipients



**50**

accessible handwashing stations constructed



**3**

Provincial Emergency Operation Centres supported to increase operational capacity

## OUR CURRENT AND RECENT DONOR PARTNERS



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