

# INCLUSIVE WASH

## Capability Statement

World Vision



### OUR VULNERABILITY

85% rural areas do not have access to improved toilets

(Vanuatu National Statistics Office, 2020)

Comprising of an archipelago of 83 islands, Vanuatu is rated as the most vulnerable country out of 181 countries across the world, to be impacted by the rapidly increasing effects of climate change.

Rising sea levels and increased frequency and intensity of extreme weather events, such as cyclones, earthquakes and tsunamis bring heavy rainfall, intense winds, storm surges and frequent flooding to the many small, remote and often low-lying islands.

Coastal erosion poses a significant challenge, with increasing saltwater intrusion reducing the availability of fresh, safe drinking water and unmanaged sanitation and wastewater compromising the health and well-being for many.

The presence of six active volcanos across the country exposes inhabitants to frequent risk of volcanic ashfall, destroying crops and contaminating water sources, impacting water security for the population of more than 300 000 people and exacerbating access to basic needs for the most vulnerable people.

**People with disability are 2.45 times more likely as those without, to be affected by natural disasters in Vanuatu**

### 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 INCLUSIVE WASH

World Vision Vanuatu works with and through our partners to deliver inclusive, person-centred and holistic, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) as a vehicle to improve the health and well-being of the most vulnerable



#### We strengthen

hygiene practices by using participatory training approaches and supporting the development of accessible, well-managed WASH solutions



#### We value

people-led development to create fit for purpose WASH solutions for the most vulnerable community members



#### We contribute

to climate resilience and SDG 6 by building stronger connections between WASH, water security and water resource management



#### We train

community water management committees, ensuring there is inclusion of vulnerable community members in decision making



#### We coordinate

with government agencies to ensure WASH solutions adhere to National Sanitation and Dept of Water Resource standards.



#### We partner

with local organizations to reach the most vulnerable community members safely together.



#### We nourish

vulnerable children and community members through the development of skills to support strong resilient and economic futures



#### We build

awareness & acceptance of people with disabilities through the provision of disability inclusion training aimed to improve overall quality of life



#### We address

poverty and health inequalities by working to reduce the impact of water borne diseases

# OUR RECENT INCLUSIVE WASH REACH



*'Since WVV built the toilets in the community, I've noticed that health of the whole community has improved, especially the children. I see that we don't have to go to the health centre as much. Before we had people going to get their sores looked at, but after Carer's Training, we now use soap more often for bathing and washing our hands. People aren't needing to go to the health centre.'* - Woman, 43, Tanna



**6**

donor partnerships funding our recent inclusive WASH work

**17**



Communities reached through the design and ongoing construction of 6 direct gravity fed water systems, 3 solar pump systems and development of 8 Community Drinking Water Safety and Security Plans (DWSSPs)



**1560**

Community members across 3 provinces, including women, children and carers of people with disabilities, supported with accessible sanitation solutions through practical on-site training, including audio and visual guides and construction of 42 Disability Inclusive VIP Latrines for household and community use



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publications in internationally peer-reviewed journal articles, 3 presentations at National and International Symposiums and 1 international poster presentation at the Water, Wash & Futures Conference, generating greater awareness and understanding of disability through dissemination of the Water, Women and Disability Survey key findings



**398**

People with disabilities and their carers supported with Incontinence and Menstrual Health & Hygiene Training and distribution of Disability Inclusive Care Kits and Disaster Preparedness and Planning Training



**265**

Individual people with disabilities reached across 3 provinces to have increased safe and independent access to an Inclusive VIP Latrine, Inclusive Portable Toilet Chair or Personal Incontinence Product



**602**

Community members, including both women and girls as well as men and boys, were reached by 30 Menstrual Health & Hygiene Trainings conducted in communities and schools



**208**

Hours of training provided in schools and development of training guide to support the education and development of practical daily living skills for children with disabilities and their teachers

## OUR CURRENT AND RECENT DONOR PARTNERS



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