



# Community Resilience Humanitarian Response Solomon Islands

## Who We Are

**World Vision is a Christian relief, development and advocacy organisation dedicated to working with children, families and communities to overcome poverty and injustice.**

Inspired by our Christian values, World Vision is dedicated to working with the world's most vulnerable people. World Vision serves all people, regardless of religion, race, ethnicity or gender.

World Vision has more than 30 years of experience in community development in Solomon Islands. World Vision works with children, families, government, communities and other partners to improve lives and combat poverty.

## Where We Work

<b>CENTRAL ISLANDS</b>	<b>16 Communities, 4 Clinics</b>
<b>EAST MALAITA</b>	<b>10 Communities, 7 Clinics</b>
<b>TEMOTU</b>	<b>16 Communities</b>
<b>WESTERN</b>	<b>3 Clinics</b>



### Solomon Islands rank:

**5<sup>th</sup>** highest worldwide for  
**Natural Disaster Risk**

**2<sup>nd</sup>** highest for risk overall in  
**East Asia & Pacific region**

*World Risk Report 2015 & Index for Risk Management 2015 - Inter-Agency Standing Committee Task Team for Preparedness and Resilience and the European Commission.*



*Photo: Rolland Gito/World Vision Solomon Islands*

## Disaster Risk in Solomon Islands

The Solomon Islands are extremely susceptible to natural hazards. Over the past decade, several natural disasters have struck the country, including cyclones, floods, droughts, earthquakes and tsunamis. These have resulted in destruction of property, livelihoods and loss of life. Humanitarian relief and response to such disasters presents many challenges for government and non-government organisations. Hence strong co-ordination is essential during these times.

## Our Disaster Risk and Resilience Projects

Through disaster preparedness and resilience training, World Vision aims to reduce community vulnerability to both slow and rapid-onset disasters. Communities receive Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials and disaster awareness training. The projects address concerns of livelihood and food security. World Vision assists in the establishment of disaster preparedness committees and community action plans. Committees oversee community-based disaster simulations to ensure that plans are achievable. Water storage and supply is a key focus during disaster preparation so that communities can maintain health and hygiene following a disaster.



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## El Nino 2015 - 2016

El Nino is a weather phenomenon associated with a band of warm ocean water that develops in the central and eastern Pacific. El Nino events impact the global climate, disrupting normal weather patterns. This can lead to intense storms in some places and severe droughts in other areas. The southern hemisphere summer of 2015-2016 produced one of the strongest El Nino events on record and brought drought to much of the Solomon Islands.

## El Nino Response Project

This project aims to help communities better withstand climatic shocks by improving access to water and water storage capacity and reducing vulnerability to food security. The project targets communities in East Malaita and Central Islands whom have been affected by El Nino-related drought and will benefit over 9,700 people. It is funded by the New Zealand Government and runs for 12 months, due to end in 2017.

## Drought Mitigation Project

This project aims to improve water storage capabilities for clinics and communities in Makira, Temotu and Western Province. The project will provide water tanks and jerry cans to target communities and increase drought awareness messaging through the use of posters and other Information, Education and Communication materials. The project is funded by World Vision Taiwan.


## Our Key Partners and Stakeholders

- New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- Taiwan International Cooperation and Development Fund
- Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock
- Ministry of Health and Medical Services
- National Disaster Management Office
- Central Islands Provincial Disaster Office
- Malaita Provincial Disaster Office
- Provincial Government of Central Islands
- Provincial Government of Malaita
- Provincial Government of Temotu
- Kastom Garden Association
- Rural Water Supply and Sanitation
- Other Non-Government Organisations

## Funding

World Vision receives funding from private donors, businesses, foundations and government grants. Corporations or government agencies also donate gifts-in-kind such as food, commodities, clothing and school supplies to resource education and other projects.

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