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# Vanuatu Annual Review

## 2018

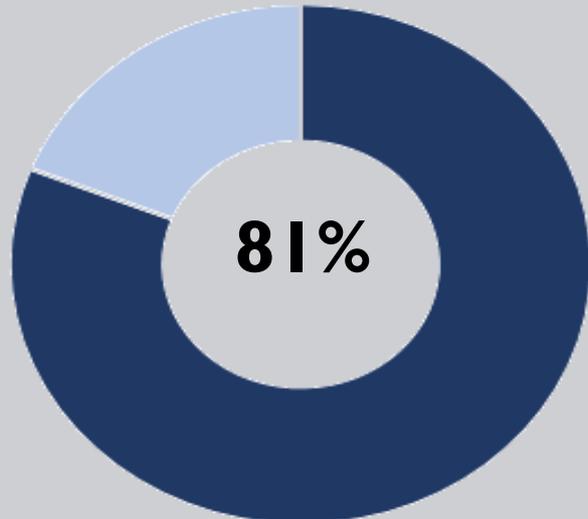
# Fast Facts

## World Vision Supported:



## National staff in senior roles:

## Permanent Employees:



## HOW WE WORK

World Vision Vanuatu (WVV) is 100% grants funded, meaning that we depend upon governments and major donors to cover our programming and operating costs. During 2018 WVV's main government donors were Australia, New Zealand, and Vanuatu. Australian and New Zealand bilateral aid programs invest most of their development funds either directly in Vanuatu Government systems or through programs embedded within government line ministries. This means that all three of WVV's major donors prioritise and fund the Vanuatu Government's development agenda. WVV seeks to add value to the Vanuatu Government's development agenda through its relationships at the community level. WVV further supports civil society in Vanuatu through active partnerships with private sector businesses, local NGOs, church groups, and a number of other local civil society organisations.



# From the Country Director



Dear valued partners,

I am honoured to present World Vision Vanuatu's 2018 Annual Review. In line with the Government's *Vanuatu 2030: The People's Plan*, World Vision works closely and respectfully with girls, boys, women, and men in communities to assist them to achieve sustained improvements in water, sanitation & hygiene, gender and healthy family relationships, and livelihoods. Reading this report gives a glimpse of some of the great development outcomes that have been achieved.

In May and October more than 3500 people came to events in Port Vila and Tanna as part of the Vanuatu Rispek campaign. It was electrifying to stand alongside popular musicians, athletes, and government leaders standing up and promoting strong messages about respect and consent in relationships. The message of "Rispekem yu wan, rispekem narafala man" is ringing loud and clear.

In support of the Vanuatu government's initiative to ban the use of plastic bags, straws, and polystyrene containers, World Vision and Azure Pure Water have launched the innovative Pem Bak Plastik Program. We were honoured to have Prime Minister Salwai give the key speech at the launch in May, and it was a special privilege for him to give me a video interview promoting the Pem Bak Plastik program. Community members are now able to earn income from collection of waste plastics, and so far almost 400,000 vatu has gone into the pockets of men and women in communities, including some of the poorest in Port Vila. What a wonderful result for community members, and also for our beautiful environment.

An independent evaluation of World Vision's counselling approach for reducing gender based violence found that 74% of participants in our counselling workshops have stopped using violence altogether, a finding that was confirmed by triangulating information from their families and community members. World Vision has also initiated a Men's Behaviour Change program – the first of its kind in the Pacific. In December I had the privilege to join a debriefing session where the men who had gone through the program talked about the differences that have occurred in their lives – tremendous impact! If someone were to ask me what's the most powerful work I've seen in my career, I have an answer.



To each of you who have supported us as we continue to work alongside the Vanuatu Government in improving the lives of girls, boys, women, and men in villages across Vanuatu, thank you. Tank yu tumas.

## IT TAKES RESPECT TO CREATE A SAFER VANUATU

"Sexual abuse is the biggest social problem in Vanuatu today," were the words spoken by Ralph Regenvanu, the Vanuatu Minister of Foreign Affairs, during World Vision's launch of the *'It takes respect to create a safer Vanuatu'* campaign in Port Vila on 10 May 2018. Close to two thousand people attended the event in Port Vila, and activities included music by local bands, screening of videos produced by Wan Smol Bag Theatre on the issue of consent, videos of World Vision's youth ambassadors speaking about consent, a video and photo pledge booth, dance groups, statement boards with scenarios and space to answer questions, speeches, an interactive graffiti piece, games, food and kava stalls. The campaign has continued since the event through social media and the launch of a consent-focused video game.



# Health & WASH

More than 100 individuals from 6 communities in South and Southwest Tanna participated in surveys and focus groups to inform the design of World Vision's new Wai Nui WASH project.

1313 School children and community members in Tanna attended plays on hygiene and sanitation performed by Rainbow Disability Theatre.

Two water systems were upgraded to provide more consistent water supply and comply with the August 2017 Rural Water Supply construction standards, benefitting 759 people.

## Key Activities

8 men and 3 women in Tanna completed a one-week community plumbing course and were provided with materials to maintain their communities' water systems.

2500 "Ademap Kala Kits," consisting of bags, plates, cups, tablemats, posters and cookbooks with positive nutrition messages, were printed. So far, kits have been distributed to 150 attendees at the National Disability Influencing Forum, and to communities on 10 islands through partnership with the United States Peace Corps.

### Contribution to *Vanuatu 2030 - The People's Plan*:

- We work to ensure all people within our reach have access to safe drinking water and sanitation infrastructure (ECO 2.2)
- We help protect our natural water resources, including community water resources (ENV 4.2)
- We promote *aelan kaikai* as a key part of a sustainable and nutritionally balanced diet (ENV 1.2)

## Impact

In villages without a water system, the journey to a water source to fetch water can take up to two hours. Dakere, a resident of Imarkak village in South Tanna, contracted a disease as a child that almost fully impaired the use of his left leg. This has greatly restricted his ability to walk and has made it particularly difficult for him to provide water for himself and his family. 'It was very hard for me to get water for my home so I rarely helped to fetch water and I was never able to join the work parties who fixed our water system'.

After World Vision Vanuatu repaired a damaged spring collection box in the mountains, Dakere's village was the first to receive running water from the repaired system. Sitting with the other old men from the village, Dakere's eyes became moist with tears as he said "I am grateful that I do not need to worry about water anymore. Having water at home means I can now fetch water for my family too!"

Project Name	Description	Donor/s	Province/ Area Council	Project Reach (people)
<b>Vanuatu WASH 2018: WASH System Upgrades and Leveraging of WASH Gains for Future Work</b>	Facilitate significant upgrades to water system infrastructure in the two communities of Imaki and Imarkak in South Tanna.	World Vision New Zealand Private Non-Sponsorship Funding	Tafea/South Tanna	759
<b>Ademap Kala</b>	Conduct a nation-wide multimedia campaign promoting the importance of a healthy diet.	DFAT ANCP	Nation-wide	2,000 + radio & tv viewers
<b>Vanuatu Inclusive Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Project (Wai Nui)</b>	Increase inclusive access to sustainable, clean water sources and improve sanitation, hygiene and nutrition behaviours in west, southwest and south Tanna and parts of SANMA province.	DFAT (ANCP)	Tafea/Sanma	1313
<b>Laetem Dak Kona</b>	Achieve improved health and well-being for people with disabilities and women in Sanma and Torba provinces through access to gender-equitable and disability-inclusive WASH systems.	DFAT Water for Women Fund	Sanma/Torba	<i>None yet (design phase)</i>
<b>AHP Ambae Response</b>	Improve access to clean water, safe sanitation facilities, and basic waste management in Santo resettlement areas for evacuees from Ambae island.	DFAT (AHP) World Vision US, Canada & Australia	Sanma	2603

Access to clean water, good toilets, and appropriate menstrual hygiene and continence management products are essential to achieving a basic level of dignity for people with disabilities and women. Unless this basic level of dignity is available and accessible, people with disabilities and women cannot fully and meaningfully participate in household, community, and national activities and decision-making.

In 2018 World Vision Vanuatu secured funding for Laetem Dak Kona and Wai Nui, projects which will work to improve this access in some of Vanuatu's remotest areas of Torba and Sanma provinces.

Through community-level discussions and consultations with a wide variety of governmental and non-profit actors, World Vision has set the stage for successful implementation in the new year.

# Design

# Gender & Healthy Family Relationships

Over 3,500 people heard local music and sports celebrities promote the importance of consent at the public launch of Vanuatu's "It takes respect to create a safer Vanuatu" campaign.

12 faith leaders were trained as facilitators for a Men's Behavioural Change program, which was piloted with 18 participants.

69 teachers were trained to deliver the "Good life for boys and girls" curriculum to 871 students.

## Key Achievements

61 secondary school students in Port Vila completed a program on online safety and healthy relationships.

Since its launch in May, the Vanuatu Rispek Facebook Page has reached 1,278 followers with messaging around consent and how to build respectful, supportive relationships.

Rispek Danis, — the first video-game specifically made for Vanuatu—was created, allowing youth and young adults to practice consent and healthy relationship behaviours in a culturally relevant way.

### Contribution to *Vanuatu 2030 - The People's Plan*:

- We work to promote an inclusive society that upholds human dignity, where the rights of all Ni-Vanuatu—including women—are supported, protected, and promoted (SOC 4)
- We want to prevent and eliminate all forms of violence and discrimination against women (SOC 4.2)

## Impact

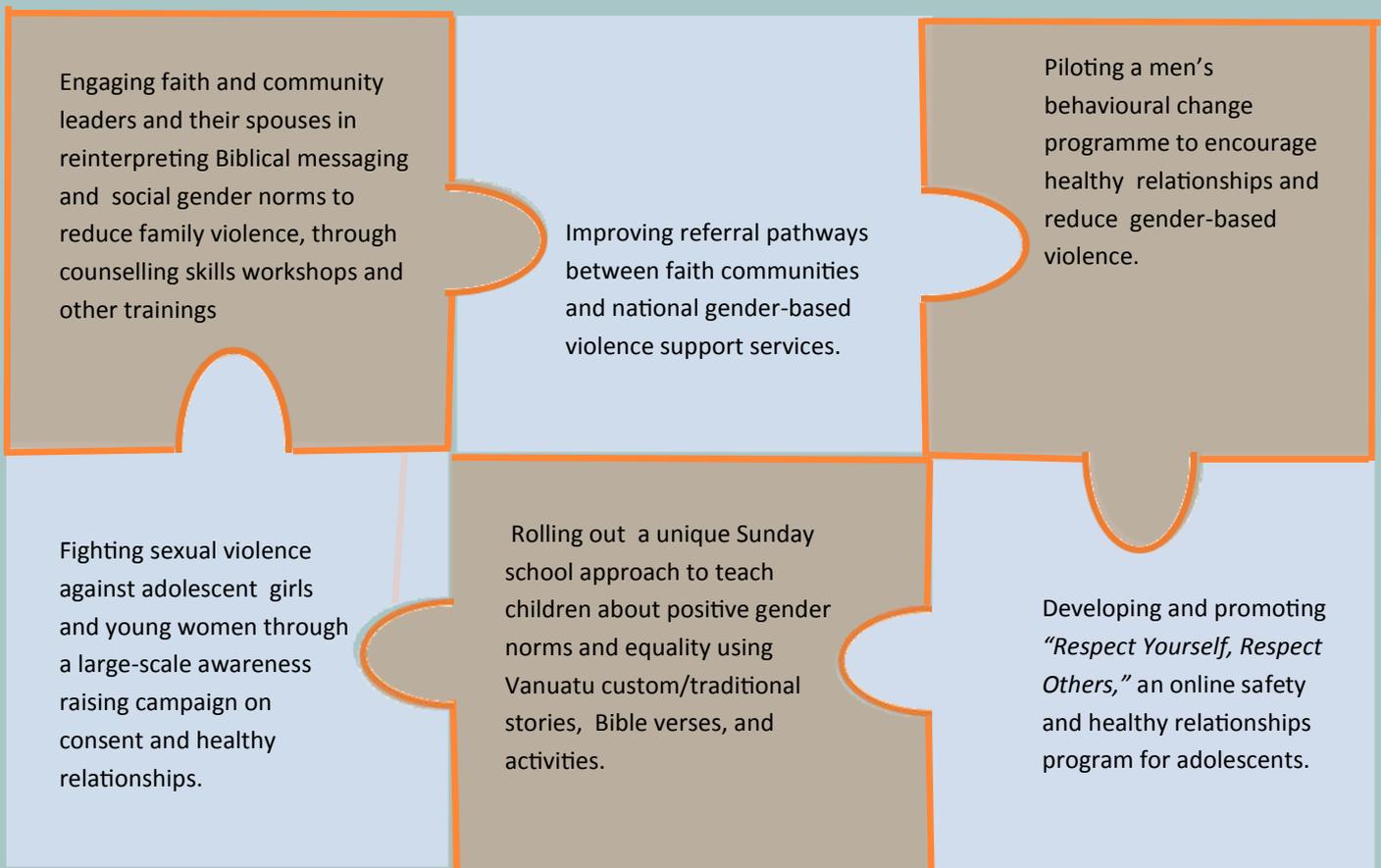
Amanda is a 38-year-old mother of two and a Sunday school teacher. Over a year ago, Amanda started using World Vision's 'Gudfala Laef blong ol gel mo ol boe/a good life for girls and boys' curriculum. The curriculum uses bible passages, Vanuatu kastom stories, and interactive activities to deliver messages on positive gender relationships.

Amanda is enthusiastic about the changes she's seen, saying "As time went on I was surprised to see boys and girls working together in new ways. The boys would share more with the girls, groups that would normally be made up of only one gender became more mixed and the girls who were usually reluctant to speak or participate in front of boys were more confident to participate."

The program has also had flow-on effects in Amanda's own life. "[My husband and I] have started introducing ideas like inclusion in how we live and teach our children," said Amanda enthusiastically.

Programme Name	Donor/s
<b>The “Relationship Education About Choices and Healing” (REACH) programme , consisting of:</b>	
<b>Pacific and Timor-Leste Reducing Gender-Based Violence Project</b>	DFAT (ANCP)
<b>World Vision Vanuatu Relationship Education about Choices and Healing</b>	DFAT (ANCP)
<b>Action Against Gender Violence: Engaging Men, Youth and Children</b>	DFAT (GAP)
<b>Cyber Safety and Healthy Relationships</b>	DFAT (Vanuatu-Australia Policing and Justice Program)
<b>World Vision International It Takes a World Campaign</b>	World Vision New Zealand Private non-sponsorship funding

**As an integrated programme, these grants work together to change attitudes around domestic violence and promote healthy family relationships. Activities include:**



**Provinces:** Sanma, Shefa, Tafea

**Programme Reach: 4856**

An independent **evaluation of the counselling component of the PTL Reducing Gender-based Violence Project** was conducted in **June 2018**. The evaluation found that World Vision’s counselling workshops have had promising impacts. Faith and community leaders and other course participants have **changed their attitudes to violence and gender equality** and some are **changing gender norms** in their households and communities - 74% of all course participants indicate that they have personally stopped using violence in their own families. In the words of one focus group participant, “Physical and sexual violence has been reduced a lot... The impact is huge in the families.” Women in particular indicated that they were no longer being beaten and felt “100% better.” The evaluation team found that the counselling approach was both highly **relevant** and highly **appropriate** in the context of Vanuatu, and recommended that World Vision continue and seek to expand the counselling program.

# Evaluation

# Resilient Livelihoods

World Vision worked with members of **three communities** to raise disaster awareness and preparedness through piloting Participatory Three-dimensional Mapping

**14 Tanna coffee farmers, including 7 women**, travelled to Luganville to represent the coffee industry at the National Agricultural Fair.

**10** new savings and loan groups were established in urban and peri-urban Port Vila and Luganville communities.

## Key Achievements

**Four new coffee flipcharts** were developed through collaboration with local coffee industry partners, using attractive images to teach Tanna communities about coffee production and processing techniques.

**Pem Bak Plastik**, Vanuatu's innovative plastics rebate program, was launched through a partnership between World Vision Vanuatu and Azure Pure Water. The program has already collected **nearly two tonnes of waste plastics**.

### Contribution to *Vanuatu 2030 - The People's Plan*:

- We promote financial literacy and consumer empowerment (ECO 1.9)
- We work to increase agricultural production using sustainable practices, ensuring rural communities have sufficient access to nutritious food (ENV 1.1)
- We seek to enhance traditional agricultural practices, focusing on disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation (ENV 1.5)
- We promote strengthened resilience and adaptive capacity to climate related, natural, and man-made hazards (ENV 3.4)

## Impact

Community members in Etas, a peri-urban community of Port Vila, have demonstrated their enthusiasm for their new savings and loan group established through the Waste Not, Want Not project by coming together to build a local food cooperative to sell homemade goods. Local women sell their food and vegetables and use the proceeds to assist with their loan repayments. Community member Lydia Malep has already taken loans from the group. She said, "Our first loan was towards school fees. The second will assist with our poultry project. The constitution [of the savings group] makes it not only easy for us to save money but unlike other loan schemes that pressure our payments, this one gives us enough time so we do not exhaust our finances."

Her face beaming, she added, "Now we can repay loans but also have enough to give lunch money, bus fare and provide for other needs in the home."

Project Name	Description	Donor/s	Province/Area Council	Project Reach (people)
<b>Agricultural Development for Tanna's Economic Growth</b>	Improve livelihood opportunities in Tanna through coffee and vegetable production for increased resilience and nutrition.	MFAT	Tafea/South & South-West Tanna	2,772
<b>Waste Not Want Not</b>	Help urban and peri-urban communities in Efate and Santo experience increased economic resilience and health, through improved waste management practices and business opportunities.	DFAT (ANCP)	Shefa (Port Vila)/ Sanma (Luganville)	1379
<b>Disaster Ready: Strengthening Coordinated and Socially-Inclusive Disaster Preparedness and Response in SANMA Province</b>	Work With the SANMA Provincial Disaster and Climate Change Committee (PDCCC) and representative Area Councils in SANMA to build their capacity to appropriately respond to local disaster events in a standardised, coordinated and socially-inclusive way.	DFAT (Australian Humanitarian Partnership)	Sanma	1590

World Vision Vanuatu contracted a local consultant to conduct an independent mid-term review of the Agricultural Development for Tanna's Economic Growth (ADTEG) project. Drawing on surveys, focus groups, and key informant interviews conducted with project participants in seven South and Southwest Tanna communities, the review found that the project is already having positive impact. 99% of those surveyed were happy with the project, with particular appreciation for the impact which savings and loan groups have had on their communities. The review included recommendations for the long-term sustainability of the project, including reinforcing partnerships, providing more support to the project's network of volunteer key farmers, strengthening monitoring and evaluation practices, and exploring more ways to involve women and people with disability in project activities. The ADTEG team has already begun to incorporate recommendations from the review into their plans for 2019.

# Evaluation

# Responding to Disaster

Disaster preparedness and response are an important part of how World Vision Vanuatu supports the communities where we work. This year, the entire population of Ambae island was evacuated due to volcanic activity. World Vision's response has involved the following:

Staff from World Vision's Northern Area Program office are supporting the water, sanitation and hygiene needs for evacuees in Santo's Banban and Bomboa neighbourhoods and students in schools relocated from Ambae. This has included repairing, upgrading and building Ventilated Pit latrines, constructing hand-washing stations, repairing rainwater collection systems, trucking water to communities during periods of dry weather for the displaced communities reliant solely on rainwater, distributing hygiene kits, jerry cans and 'hippo rollers,' improving safety and security for women and girls and improving accessibility for people with disability to participate in school and daily life while away from their home island. This work is ongoing, and has reached more than 2000 people thus far.



Working in partnership with Anglican Overseas Aid, World Vision provided training to increase awareness, skills, and strategies for prevention and response to gender based violence (GBV) to those affected by the Ambae Manaro Volcano emergency. Training was conducted through one-week sessions with faith and community leaders in Maewo and Santo islands, where evacuees were based.



## Preparing for Disaster

World Vision also works closely with communities when they are not facing an immediate disaster, to improve their preparedness and ability to respond to a disaster when one occurs.

Disaster preparedness is incorporated into all of our livelihoods-related programming. In 2018, World Vision worked with communities in Tafea, Shefa, and Sanma provinces to set up Savings and Loan Groups, encouraging group members to set aside funds for unanticipated emergencies. World Vision has also worked with communities to set up Community Disaster and Climate Change Committees (CDCCS), and has conducted research in partnership with CARE International on how community members view the effectiveness of CDCCCs.



As a partner in Vanuatu's Disaster Ready consortium through the Australian Humanitarian Partnership, World Vision has provided capacity building support to the Sanma Provincial Emergency Operations Centre (PEOC), and has piloted participatory three-dimensional mapping (P3DM) in three Sanma province communities. P3DM consists of building stand-alone large-scale relief maps made of locally available and cheap materials, which serves as a tool for plotting different kinds of information—including information related to disaster. World Vision has also partnered with the PEOC to make a provincial level disaster risk map using P3DM.

# Supporting Government of Vanuatu Initiatives

## Single-use Plastics Ban

On July 1, 2018 the Government of Vanuatu became a global leader in waste management, banning plastic straws, single-use plastic bags, and polystyrene takeaway containers. World Vision supports this commitment to improved waste management as part of our DFAT (ANCP) funded Waste Not, Want Not project. World Vision has partnered with Azure Pure Water to establish the Pem Bak Plastik rebate program. Several types of waste plastics are not included in the ban – such as dairy product containers and bottles for various liquids. The Pem Bak Plastik program expands waste management impact by providing rebates for all waste plastics of resin codes 1, 2, and 5. World Vision and Azure Pure Water have also worked to increase the public's awareness of recycling and waste management through participation in major events like the Fest Napuan music festival, where about **12,000 people heard messages on positive waste management** and had access to stations where they could separate their waste into biodegradable, recyclable and other items.

## National Disability Inclusive Development Policy

Vanuatu's National Disability Inclusive Development Policy (DID) was launched on May 18, 2018. World Vision's new Laetem Dak Kona (LDK) project, funded through DFAT's Water for Women fund, is focused on gender and disability-inclusive WASH and closely corresponds to many of the strategic priority areas identified in the DID. LDK will support the Government of Vanuatu to make progress towards **Strategic Priority Area 4: Disability Statistics** through a survey determining the prevalence and proportion of disability in Sanma & Torba provinces - reliably informing disability inclusive development efforts, and enabling reporting against national and international indicators. LDK will support **Strategic Priority Area 6: Accessibility** by working to remove barriers in the built WASH environment, and promoting accessible infrastructure through accessible taps & toilets for people with disability in Sanma & Torba provinces. And **Strategic Priority Area 8: Women and Girls with Disabilities** is a key focus for LDK, which will work to prioritise equitable participation of women and girls with disabilities of all ages in community, provincial, and national decision-making forums. Work will also be done to improve menstrual hygiene management and continence management for women and people with disabilities as this is also a major barrier to participation.

# World Vision

## RESULTS AT A GLANCE:



- ✓ **Over 3,500 people** heard local music and sports celebrities promote the importance of respect and consent in relationships at the public launch of Vanuatu's "It takes respect to create a safer Vanuatu" campaign.
- ✓ A Cyber Safety and Healthy Relationships programme led to improved attitudes about relationships among participants, with a 29% reduction in the number of participants who thought a woman should always say yes to sex if they and their partner have engaged in it previously.
- ✓ **69 teachers** were trained to deliver the "Good life for boys and girls" curriculum to 871 students.
- ✓ An independent evaluation found that **74% of counselling workshop participants** had stopped using violence in their families.



- ✓ **759 people** in Imarkak and Imaki communities in South Tanna have access to more consistent water supply.
- ✓ **1313 School children and community members** in Tanna attended plays on hygiene and sanitation performed by Rainbow Disability Theatre.
- ✓ **2157 evacuees from Ambae Island** gained access to improve access to clean water, safe sanitation facilities, or basic waste management.
- ✓ **2500 "Ademap Kala Kits,"** consisting of bags, plates, cups, tablemats, posters and cook-books with positive nutrition messages, were printed.



- ✓ **10 new savings and loan groups** were established in urban and peri-urban Port Vila and Luganville communities.
- ✓ A total of **VT 7,464,655** was saved by 18 savings and loan groups in Tanna.
- ✓ **14 Tanna coffee farmers, including 7 women,** travelled to Luganville to represent the coffee industry at the National Agricultural Fair.
- ✓ **4 new coffee flipcharts** were developed through collaboration with local coffee industry partners, using attractive images to teach Tanna communities about coffee production and processing techniques.



- ✓ Members of **3 communities** increased their disaster awareness and preparedness through piloting Participatory Three-dimensional Mapping
- ✓ **48 community members in Tanna** attended Disaster Preparedness, Mitigation and Management training.