

CYCLONE HAROLD RESPONSE

Highlights

Cat II NO response

Humanitarian overview

Approximately 53,000 people are severely affected.
13,000 households are without shelter.
All face food shortages.

On South Pentecost, 100% of avocados, grapefruit and mangoes have been lost.

Additional shelter materials are required to assist around 6,320 HH

Reports of increases in communicable diseases (diarrhoea) and vector-borne (dengue & malaria)

More than 17,500 ha of cropland/natural vegetation has been damaged which is expected to significantly impact the start of the growing season.

Distributions

Distributions: 3 communities completed (Vunavus on 5 May & Vilijo/Tanavoli on 7 May). NFI's distributed to 578 people including 228 children and 7 people with disabilities. Items: 214 Tarps, 40 shelter tool kits, 42 solar lanterns, 304 blankets, 160 mosquito nets, 305 jerry cans, 28 hygiene kits. Registration completed for all South Santo Area 2 communities on 6 May. The final communities were Rata, Usa, Perol and Naonepan.

Ending Violence Packages supported by DFAT via the AHP continues to be distributed. They provide information on safety and planning for managing and mitigating increased risks of gender-based violence in the aftermath of a disaster as well as referrals to support services. 137 Ending Violence Packages were distributed to community members in Vunavus, Vilijo and Tanavoli on 5 and 7 May.

Key messaging: COVID-19; gender & protection; and WASH key messaging has been delivered to community members during distributions, supporting 706 households by Start Fund.

Logistics: Additional tarps, hygiene kits, jerry cans, shelter tool kits and water purification tablets are now scheduled to arrive into Port Vila from Australia (via Fiji) on Tuesday 12 May. After undergoing appropriate disinfection procedures, these items will be freighted to Santo and incorporated into upcoming distributions across other South Santo Area 2 communities. WVV is aiming to support the Government of Vanuatu with the distribution of a number of NFIs offered to organisations by the NDMO. If approved, WVV will work with the shelter cluster to ensure these additional NFIs reach those most urgently in need. WVV continues to work with WVA to determine ADF flight options for upcoming freighting of additional hygiene kits and jerry cans provided by UNICEF.

Pentecost response activities: Melsisi Market House is repaired through quick fixes via cash for work scheme: WVV response team has carried out initial community mobilisation, information and assessment visit at Melsisi. A detailed internal implementation plan and sub-budget have been developed; and procurement of materials and arrangements for freighting of items have commenced. Staff are re-deploying to Melsisi next week (w/c 11 May) to commence activities; conduct further community consultations; follow up infrastructure assessments; and identify suitable workforce and foreman.

WVV NFI Distributions: Daily NFI Totals

The following number of each type of NFI were distributed...

NFI	Item description	Grant/Donor	Imp Plan Activity #	Daily counts (since previous sit rep)			Cumulative Total (pieces)	Cumulative Total (HH)
				05-May-2020	06-May-2020	07-May-2020		
	Tarpaulins	DFAT	2.1.1	122	82	11	1391	873
	Shelter Tool Kits	TBC	TBC	27	12	3	281	281
	Solar lanterns	TBC	TBC	27	12	3	283	283
	Blankets	TBC	TBC	144	114	16	1660	830
	Mosquito Nets	CHAF	5.1.1	0	114	16	130	65
	Jerry Cans	START	1.1.1	144	114	16	435	218
	Hygiene Kits	START	1.2.1	22	6	0	66	66

TANNA ASHFALL RESPONSE

Humanitarian overview

10,000 people affected in the east and south of Tanna island.

Highlights

Tanna Ash Fall Localised Response: Distribution of rations has been completed for Zone 3 as of 6 May. Further assessments and verifications have also been completed for Zone 2 and distributions began today (8 May) and will likely run through next week. World Vision will resume involvement with food distribution next week (11 May).

The Tanna Yasur volcano is currently at Alert level 2 according to the Vanuatu Meteorological and Geo-Hazards Department.

The March 31 assessment showed there is a major impact on livelihoods from east to central Tanna.

NDMO assessments for zone 2 in East Tanna including part of South East Tanna are still ongoing and World Vision will likely assist in these assessment this week.



Tanna ashfall distributions.



COVID-19 RESPONSE

Humanitarian overview

Currently no COVID-19 cases in Vanuatu

Highlights

COVID surveillance and community awareness activities have been significantly ramped up. World Vision has reached a total of approximately 30,000 individuals across four provinces with COVID preparedness, hygiene, and violence reduction messaging.

Across the island of Santo, World Vision reached 12,551 individuals with COVID-19 hygiene and prevention awareness messaging.

Key messaging: COVID-19; gender & protection; and WASH key messaging has been delivered to community members during distributions, supporting 701 households by Start Fund.

COVID-19: International Border controls for COVID-19 measures continue to be maintained with all incoming supplies quarantined for at least 72 hours before released for distribution. International Air Vanuatu cargo flights remain suspended while the Government revises its quarantine requirements.

State of Emergency: On 26 March 2020, the President of Vanuatu signed a declaration for a State of Emergency over the whole of Vanuatu for a 2-week period, for the purpose of strengthening COVID-19 prevention and containment measures. There are currently no confirmed case(s) of COVID-19 in Vanuatu, however testing is limited and must be flown overseas for validation.

Situational Reports: from the Government of Vanuatu on COVID-19 can be found here: <https://covid19.gov.vu/index.php/situation-reports>

Communications

SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS

World Vision Vanuatu Facebook

Non-food items distributed to over 3,400 people

<https://www.facebook.com/WorldVisionVanuatu/photos/a.787701747908332/3272821112729704/?type=3&theater>

Female-headed households receiving support

<https://www.facebook.com/WorldVisionVanuatu/photos/a.787701747908332/3267136626631486/?type=3&theater>

World Vision Vanuatu Twitter

Female-headed households receiving support

<https://twitter.com/WVVVanuatu/status/1258552687810867200>

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<https://twitter.com/WVVVanuatu/status/1258545490590744576>

IMAGES



Female-headed households receiving support.



Non-food items have been distributed to over 3,400 people.



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