



Flood Response 2014

World Vision

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FACT SHEET

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



Funding Resources

World Vision is a global partnership based on a federated model, with country offices in both the developed and developing world.

Contributions come from private donors, businesses, foundations and government grants. Gifts-in-kind such as food, commodities, clothing and school supplies are also donated by corporations or government agencies to assist resource our projects.

Following a severe flooding that affected 52,000 people in Honiara and Guadalcanal Plains WWSI received USD \$2.9 million to support its relief efforts. This includes funds from Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFAT) and Trade, European Union, UNICEF, World Vision New Zealand, World Vision Australia, ANZ Bank, SITC, Solomon Islands Credit Union, Natuzzi Family Foundation, Honiara Yacht Club, Woodford International School and Wantok Support UK.

Emergency Response Projects

World Vision Solomon Islands has responded to various emergencies and disasters during its 30 years operating in the Solomon Islands.

World Vision Solomon Islands is a close and trusted partner of the National Disaster Management Office, provincial governments, government ministries and donors for emergency response.

WWSI has a ten person Rapid Response Team who can be deployed quickly in time of emergency and also pre-positioned relief supplies in its Area Program Offices in seven provincial locations that can be quickly accessed in times of disaster. It can also request technical assistance from its Australia, New Zealand and other support offices that can be quickly mobilised.

Our Solomon Islands Flood response projects include:

- Initial relief response
- Management and Coordination Support
- Assessment
- Livelihoods support
- Shelter Assistance
- Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
- Child friendly spaces
- Women friendly spaces



Key Partners & Stakeholders

World Vision Solomon Islands key partners for the 2014 flood response include a variety of government agencies, NGOs, community groups and churches.

- ◆ National Disaster Management Office
- ◆ Provincial Government of Guadalcanal
- ◆ Honiara City Council
- ◆ Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology
- ◆ Ministry of Agriculture and Lands
- ◆ Ministry of Education
- ◆ Rural Water Supply and Sanitation
- ◆ Ministry of Health and Medical Services
- ◆ Aid donors
- ◆ Communities in Solomon Islands
- ◆ Solomon Islands Red Cross
- ◆ Oxfam
- ◆ ADRA
- ◆ Save the Children
- ◆ Other NGOs involved in Disaster Management



Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection



Solomon Islands Flood Response

Following days of heavy rain, river banks were strained and eventually broke inundating communities in Honiara and Guadalcanal Plains on 3 April 2014. Some 52,000 people were affected by the floods and 23 people lost their lives. More than 2,000 families were left without homes as a result of the floods and thousands of livelihoods were destroyed. The flood water and debris damaged hundreds of boreholes and water wells leaving thousands of people without access to clean water.

World Vision responded quickly to the flooding by dispatching emergency aid and essential items such as food, water, shelter kits, family kits, and hygiene and sanitation supplies in coordination with the Solomon Islands National Disaster Management Office (NDMO), Honiara City Council (HCC), Guadalcanal Province (GP) and other agencies. World Vision provided management and coordination support to the NDMO, used its smart phone technology to assist with assessment, provided livelihoods support, shelter assistance and was a lead organisation for water, sanitation and hygiene activities. World Vision also provided support through Child and Women Friendly Spaces.

Assessment

World Vision used its smart phone technology to assess the impact on 30,000 people in Guadalcanal and Honiara to determine where assistance was needed and assist distribution of relief items. This was the first use of this technology in a disaster in Solomon Islands.

Distribution and Logistics

World Vision played a key role in assisting co-ordination of food, water and non food item distribution in Guadalcanal and Honiara and provided management and co-ordination support through the Logistics and Distribution Cluster. Some 26,000 people benefitted from the family kits, shelter kits, hygiene kits, food and water distributed by World Vision.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

World Vision's water, sanitation and hygiene response activities include cleaning more than 200 water wells, drilling boreholes and providing emergency sanitation support in communities. World Vision procured and set up four water purification machines that have led to daily distribution of more than 30,000 litres of clean water to nearby communities. World Vision also established mobile hygiene education teams to assist people in evacuation centres and communities.

Relief assistance

World Vision procured and distributed over 2,000 relief kits, including goods donated by DFAT, to assist 5,000 people who lost their homes. Family kits contain mosquito nets, cooking pots, soap and other essential items. Shelter kits contain items such as tarpaulins, nails, hammers, saws and rope. World Vision facilitated 'Build Back Better' training during shelter kit distributions including demonstrations and awareness talks on key principles of shelter construction such as bracing techniques and house location.

Livelihoods support

World Vision procured and distributed more than 800 livelihood kits containing supplies such as seeds and tools, to assist families regain their productive gardens and assist with their recovery. World Vision also established nursery houses in 20 communities benefiting 3500 people.

Women and Child Friendly Spaces

More than 1200 women and 900 children benefitted from ten women and child friendly spaces established by World Vision. Women friendly spaces provide privacy, support and access to dignity kits while child friendly spaces provide a safe place and sense of normalcy for many children affected by the floods.

