



# VANUATU

## TC HAROLD DISASTER WASTE RESPONSE CHALLENGES

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# PREPAREDNESS

- **Policy Development:**

1. 1<sup>st</sup> Disaster Waste Management Training in November 2019 to pilot the Regional Disaster Waste Management tool kit.

**Acknowledgment:** Canadian Government for funding the training through the joint coordination of SPREP, JICA J-PRISM II Project, and the University of Newcastle.

2. Follow up workshop from the training with the main goal to develop Vanuatu's National Disaster Waste Management Contingency Plan

**Acknowledgment:** SPREP and J-PRISM II Team Experts for their commitment to undertake this task jointly with the Government of Vanuatu.

The workshop provided an overview of relevant stakeholder roles in terms of Disaster Waste Management during a Disaster.

**Disaster Waste Contingency Plan to be finalized by November 2020 or earlier.**

# RAPID DISASTER WASTE ASSESSMENTS

- Conducted on Sanma Province and Penama Province:
  - 1) Santo Island – Luganville, Show Ground, Banban, Butmas, Fanafo, South Santo
  - 2) Malo Island – West Malo
  - 3) Aore Island (Visual on the way to Malo Island)
  - 4) Pentecost Island – South Pentecost and Central Pentecost 2
  
- At all locations, majority of waste was **Green Waste** and **Building Debris** including **bulky wastes** such as iron roofing's, timber etc.

# EMERGENCY RESPONSE CHALLENGES

- **FUNDING**: Access to the Main Disaster Funding from the Disaster Management Office was an issue – other internal funding were diverted to fund the disaster waste assessment activities.
- **DELAY IN RESPONSE**: Disaster Waste Assessment Team comprising DEPC & Port Vila City Council undertook assessments at least three weeks after TC Harold came through Vanuatu.
- **LACK OF APPROPRIATE EQUIPMENTS/RESOURCES**:
  1. Rapid Assessment was conducted on phone
  2. No People Protective Equipment, Wood Chippers, Chain Saws, Minor Oil Spill Tool Kits
  3. No Temporary Dumpsite secured in Luganville
- **COLLABORATION BETWEEN RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS**: Needs to be strengthened
- **ASSESSMENT FORMS**:
  1. Technical Issues – Revision of Forms without knowledge of assessment teams
  2. Technical Capacity/Guidance to undertake assessment and lack of baseline data to refer to
- **DATA ANALYSIS**: Delay in submission of assessment forms

# RECOVERY: Post Disaster Needs Assessment

- **Government Level** : A PDNA Report has been submitted to the Prime Minister's Office it covers both Disaster Waste and Biodiversity recommendations post assessments.

Due to Dengue Fever Outbreak in Luganville, Santo a Massive Clean-Up Campaign was jointly organized by the Ministry of Health, the Luganville Municipal Council and the Department of Environmental Protection & Conservation – Fully funded by the DEPC.

- **Regional Level:** A formal request for assistance sent to SPREP

## EXPECTATIONS:

- Regional & International: Continuous dialogue with Regional & International Organizations including SPREP to Technical and financial support
- Coordination & Support by in-country representatives be in line with actual Country Needs post disaster



**THANK YOU !**

