

Shelter Cluster Vanuatu – TC HAROLD SITREP 14

7th August 2020

1. Overview of coordination and Shelter Cluster response

This is the 14th and final sitrep for the Vanuatu Shelter Cluster TC Harold response.

The overall summary of the emergency response based on information made available to the Shelter Cluster Coordination Team is as follows:

- **17,248 HH** have received assistance from the Vanuatu Shelter Cluster partners. This is from the distribution of tarpaulins supported with the distribution of the following items:
 - shelter tool kits/ shelter repair materials including tools and fixings.
 - essential household items such as kitchen sets, sleeping mats, blankets, clothing & solar lamps)
- **3,080 HH** worth of shelter relief items that have been consigned to the NDMO from overseas government donations. The distribution of these items has not been reported to the cluster.

This brings the overall potential assistance of the Vanuatu Shelter Cluster in relief item distribution to **20,328 HH**. *(also considering the stocks that have been consigned to the NDMO)*

The target # of HHs: **21,000 HH** *(damage data)*

Estimated response gap: c. **672 HH**

Technical Support has been provided to **1,230 HH** *(this includes safe shelter awareness, trainings, and coconut thatch workshops).*

2. Summary of Shelter Cluster activities

Please click on the following link to gain access to the [Summary of Shelter Cluster Activities](#)

***NB:** *There are still some significant gaps identified in the table above when comparing the best available damage data with the assistance provided. Shelter Cluster agencies are encouraged to investigate the Area Councils that are shown to have a high level of damage/ gaps and are also encouraged to continue with recovery activities and support communities with preparedness for the upcoming cyclone season beginning November 2020.*

3. Response highlights

We acknowledge the considerable efforts of the communities affected by TC Harold to get back on their feet through their own resourcefulness.

We would like to thank all the contributions of the following Shelter Cluster agencies towards the TC Harold response:

CARE Vanuatu, Vanuatu Red Cross Society (VRCS), International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), World Vision, International Organisation for Migration (IOM), The Butterfly Trust, Save the Children, Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), Vanuatu Skills Partnership (TVET), Caritas, Rotary Club, Vanuatu Climate Action Network (VCAN) and ShelterBox.

We would also like to acknowledge all the donors that have donated shelter relief items and funded Shelter Cluster agencies for this TC Harold response. The list of donors per agencies is included in the 'Summary of Shelter Cluster activities' table in section 2 above.



4. Key Coordination Resources for the TC Harold response

We would like to show our appreciation to Shelter Cluster partners for their contribution to the development and revision of the following key documents during the response:

- [Shelter Cluster Vanuatu Presentation for NDMO LL Workshop](#): This was presented by Augustine Garae (VRCS) on behalf of the Shelter Cluster. The NDMO Lessons Learnt workshop was conducted on the 14th and 15th of July.
- [Shelter Cluster Vanuatu Recovery Guidance](#): This document was developed in consultation with Shelter Cluster partners and it seeks to link humanitarian shelter with longer term recovery processes.
- [Technical Guidance for the use, reuse, and disposal of tarpaulins](#): This document has been adapted from the Global Shelter Cluster and Vanuatu Red Cross guidance materials.
- [Introduction: Environmental Checklist for Shelter Response in Vanuatu](#): this document provides a brief background outlining the linkage to humanitarian standards and list of linked annexes.
- [Technical Guidelines for Preparedness and Response to Natural Hazards in Vanuatu](#): this document consolidates technical guidance from past responses in Vanuatu, specifically:
 - recommendations on the responses to natural hazards in Vanuatu
 - technical specifications for recommended emergency shelter relief items
 - case studies and key references

The Shelter Cluster Coordination Team and partners have also contributed to the following:

- [The Vanuatu Shelter Recovery Strategy 2020-2030](#) which was approved by the Vanuatu Council of Ministers
- The Post Distribution Needs Assessment (PDNA) - *the report is in the process of being finalized.*

5. Next Steps

- Several agencies are currently engaged in the development of recovery shelter programs. It is requested that regular progress updates are shared with the Shelter Cluster Coordination Team who are ready to provide technical support upon request.
- The Shelter Cluster Lead, PWD has received a grant from MFAT to support continued TC Harold related shelter activities. Shelter Cluster agencies interested in accessing funding under this grant are invited to contact Judicael Mloturala for further details (jmloturala@vanuatu.gov.vu).
- Agencies are encouraged to consider cyclone season preparedness activities with communities, country wide. A Shelter Cluster cyclone preparedness meeting is scheduled for October 2020.
- Revision of the Shelter Cluster preparedness workplan taking into account lessons learnt and good practise from the TC Harold response.

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