Shelter Cluster Vanuatu
Coordinating Humanitarian Shelter

September 2015

Highlights

1. As raised by the Shelter & Settlement Vulnerability Assessment, realized from 15 April to 1 May, 81% of households reported that their shelter had sustained some level of damage as a result of the cyclone.

2. Twenty three partners partially achieved the Shelter Cluster’s first objective within the Humanitarian Action Plan (HAP) timeframe, with 26,304 households reached with tarpaulins and 13,420 with access to toolkit (for a target of 18,000)

Cluster HAP Objectives

(1) Provide emergency shelter and non-food items for people whose houses have been partially damaged or destroyed. (2) Assist affected people with repair and reconstruction of houses, water and sanitation facilities.(3)Investment in safer community buildings.

Government of Vanuatu decided to reduce the HAP timeframe from 6 to 3 months, and request to partners to focus on first strategic and clusters' objectives

Context and Response

•72% of households reported that they had completed substantial repairs or reconstruction work on their shelter at the time of the assessment. The primary goal of the shelter cluster was to support self-recovery through the provision of appropriate tools, materials, and technical assistance. TWIG main technical focus has been on building on Building Back Safer shelter awareness and training framework.

•15 fully funded shelter & settlements recovery projects have been submitted to the Housing Sector Working Group for a total of 5.8 M USD which will support at least 12,240 households. 11 projects have started within HAP timeframe.

According to Shelter Cluster agencies, these are the most critical technical issues they may face in their shelter recovery programming:

- Trainings
- Beneficiary communication
- Logistic and material delivery
- Techn. Guid. / standards

Key figures

Total affected population: 188,000 people
Cluster target: 18,000 HH
Total houses destroyed: 8,101 HH
Total houses damaged: 8,155 HH
Funding needs (USD): 2,805,842
Funds available (USD): 2,340,841 (83%)

Emergency Shelter (HH) Target %
Tarpaulin 26,304 18,000 146 %
Shelter Tool Kits 13,420 18,000 75 %
Kitchen Sets 10,029 8,500 118 %

Support for Self-Recovery (HH) Target %
Safe Shelter Awareness 8,215 18,000 46 %
Fixing Kits 6,783 18,000 38 %

Cluster:
Cluster Lead: Public Work Department (Gov)
Co-Lead: IFRC
No. of HAP cluster partners: 6/23 in total
No. of staff dedicated to the cluster: 3
No. of sub-national clusters: N/A

Key Dates

Crises : 13th March 2015
Activation of Cluster : February 2015 (pre-crisis)
Deployment : 15th March 2015
Handover : 1st August 2015
GLIDE: TC-2015-000020-VUT

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Displacement 35% of households reported that they were hosting at least one other displaced family member or friend in their shelter at the time of assessment, an increase of 6 percentage points since the baseline.

Shelter Assistance 68% of households reported that they had received some kind of assistance since the launch of humanitarian operations, an increase of 14 percentage points since the baseline; a proportion which matches beneficiary numbers reported by partners in the shelter cluster 3W.

Recovery 85% of households reported that they had completed substantial repairs or rebuilding to their shelter at the time of assessment, an increase of 13 percentage points since the baseline.

Disaster Risk Reduction 60% of households reported that they had made changes to their building techniques as a result of the Cyclone; including general strengthening, changes to the foundation, and the addition of bracing.

Remaining Recovery Needs 81% of households reported that they had remaining needs to facilitate full shelter recovery. Of this population 79% reported that they required fixing and nails, 53% milled timber, and 22% chainsaws & accessories.

Preparedness 66% of households reported that they had taken measures to ensure that their shelter was safer in the event of another crisis.

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**HAP Objective 1**

Response 1 May to 31 July 2015 Map & timeline

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**23 Shelter Cluster partners**

- AAR Japan
- Act for Peace
- ADRA Vanuatu
- Butterfly Trust
- Care International
- Caritas
- Disability Desk
- Habitat for Humanity Australia
- Habitat for Humanity New Zealand
- IOM
- Liberty for the Nation
- NDMD
- Samaritan’s Purse
- Save the Children
- The Salvation Army
- ShelterBox
- Vanuatu Christian Council
- Vanuatu Red Cross, with the support of Australian Red Cross, French Red Cross & IFRC
- Vanuatu Society for People with Disability (VSDP)
- World Vision

Shelter Cluster Vanuatu Leads:

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