



FOOD SECURITY AND AGRICULTURE CLUSTER

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Urgent Needs:

- Distribution of food to 162,000 people by the middle of next week; govt purchased 94.5 millionVT worth of locally available emergency rations
- 800 metric tons of rice have been sourced in Santo, require urgent finance for procurement
- People getting key information on food aid and distribution; 20,000 leaflets printed and distributed to affected areas
- Need for finance (~100 million vatu) and in-kind of tools and seeds to be distributed (according to FSAC standards and guidelines).

Response (high priority actions)

- Food Package per household for 15 days will include 25kg rice, 5 cans of meat (and an additional 5 cans of fish in hardest hit areas), and 10 packets noodles
- Provision of locally procured seeds and planting materials to affected households
- Import of seeds and tools to address shortfall in locally available stocks
- Identifying farmers that can supply breeding stock (small livestock) especially chickens
- Finalising official FSAC Food Distribution Guideline
- Draft for Seeds & Tools Distribution Guideline; contents of standard agricultural relief package
- Develop comprehensive plan for livestock recovery phase
- List of approved seed supplies by Bio Security Vanuatu
- Assess fisheries damage and food security situation in Shepherd Islands

Gaps & Constraints (beneficiary needs)

- Urgent information on the situation of fishery impacts and locally available fishing gears on the islands
- Information on Shepherd Islands
- Availability of crops planting material not clear yet