



## FOOD SECURITY AND AGRICULTURE CLUSTER

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Food Security and Agriculture Cluster

Lead Organisations: DARD, SPC/GIZ, FAO

#### Urgent Needs:

- Import of seeds (specific shortfalls in cucumber, beans and squash) and tools to address shortfall in locally available stocks. Require ~400,000USD
- Purchase of farming tools require ~3 million USD
- Long term rebuilding and restructuring of the Ministry ~5 million USD
- Urgent long-term food needs, ~5million USD per month; 15 million USD for 3 months

#### Response (high priority actions)

- Shipping of food packages to TAFEA: Tanna and Erromango, Aniwa, Futuna (shipped Monday)
- Shipping of food packages to PENAMA (Pentecost, Maewo), TORBA (Merelava), MALAMPA (Paama, Ambrym), SHEFA (Epi, Lanem) (shipped Tuesday and Wednesday)
- Distribution of rice in Port Vila (all 5 municipal wards) and Peri-urban areas (Pango, Mele) commenced 22<sup>nd</sup> March; Distribution rural Efate commenced 23<sup>rd</sup> March ( North Efate)
- Rapid animal needs assessment and mobile vet clinics, has started in priority areas in SHEFA
- Assess fisheries damage commenced in the Shepherds islands with the support of SPC
- German Government has provided through the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs 200 000.- Euros with immediate effect for food aid in Vanuatu

#### Gaps & Constraints (beneficiary needs)

- Urgent information on the situation of fishery impacts and locally available fishing gears on the islands



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- Availability of crops planting materials not clear yet
  - Information on number of people received food packages is not clearly being reported in a systematic way
  - Volunteers for distribution supervision (short on people who have time to supervise the food distribution process in the islands –in Efate area council and Northern islands)
  - Volunteers for seed packing
  - Locate Oversea seeds suppliers for long term food import
  - More profound assessments and planning for further long-term planning
  - Identify unconsidered priority areas for aid (not already in the priority 1 areas).