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CC/DRR Project Brief Form

Project Title: Vanuatu Red Cross Disaster and Crisis Preparedness Program	
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Duration: 1 July 2017 – 30 June 2020 (3 years)	Status: New three-year design for ongoing project since 2005
Total Funding: AUD200,000 (VUV 16,112,400) to date guaranteed for Years 1 and 2 of program	Funding Source/s: • Australian Red Cross - DFAT Humanitarian Action Agreement 2015-2019 • Australian Red Cross - TC Pam Appeal
Mode of financing: [eg: Through GoV system] Red Cross Red Crescent Movement	Location & site/s: <u>VRCS Provincial Branches:</u> Malampa, Penama, Sanma, Tafea, Torba <u>VRCS Headquarters:</u> Shefa (Port Vila) <u>Phase 1, Year 1:</u> Ambae (East), Santo (Luganville), Malekula Additional phases TBC subject to vulnerability assessments

Scope: [Regional, National, Provincial, Community] National, Provincial and Community	Project Type: [Educational, Training, Infrastructure, Research, Pilots....] Education and awareness
Sectors & Themes: [CCA, DRR, Governance, Water, Agriculture, CDC....] DRR and CCA awareness	Other Government & Partner Agencies: Australian Red Cross, International Federation of Red Cross Red Crescent Societies, as well as the National Disaster Management Office, Vanuatu Meteorological and Geo-Hazards Department, Provincial Disaster Officers, Area Council Secretaries, Municipal Councils, CDCCCs, targeted communities and volunteers will all be involved in the delivery of this program. Further engagement to be determined following stakeholder mapping and analysis (Year 1).
Lead Government Department: NA	NAB Approval sought: [Please tick] • Concept stage • Site selection • Final endorsement • To seek project funding • Partnership/implementation • Continuation/extension of existing project
Objective/s: [100 words max] Vanuatu is considered to be the world's most at risk country for natural hazards, and as such, Australian Red Cross (ARC) have supported Vanuatu Red Cross Society's (VRCS) DRR/DM programming in various forms since 2005. This program will continue support to the Disaster and Crisis Preparedness Program (DCP) following the conclusion of the previous design (2015-2017). Goal: Vulnerable communities are better prepared and more resilient to the impacts of disasters, crises and climate change. Objectives: • Objective 1: VRC is recognised as a leader and is influencing the national disaster risk reduction and emergency response agenda • Objective 2: VRC is working effectively with communities and other key stakeholders before, during and after disasters and crises • Objective 3: Vulnerable communities are better prepared to address the hazards associated with disasters, crises and climate change • Objective 4: Vulnerable communities are more efficiently and effectively responding to disasters, crises and climate change The program seeks to strengthen resilience in targeted communities through DRR/CCA activities. The program will also contribute towards increasing the capacity of VRCS to respond to disasters and crises at the national, provincial and community level, seeking to position VRCS as a key humanitarian response agency to strengthen coordination, collaboration and effectiveness in line with their auxiliary status.	

Description:**Outline key project components**

The program adopts a systems approach, with DCP one of many programs or initiatives undertaken by VRCS contributing towards the strengthening of Vanuatu's resilience to natural and other hazards. The program will therefore support VRCS in achieving its strategic aim of "saving lives, protecting livelihoods and strengthening recovery from disasters and crises", working towards the broader goal of a reduction in vulnerabilities and an increase in resilience for communities across Vanuatu.

Communities use their increased knowledge to take action through preparedness, adaptation measures and revive traditional systems for early warnings, leading to strengthened resilience to disasters. This is supported and complemented by increasing the capacity of VRCS to support communities and other stakeholders in preparedness and emergency response. At this institutional level, the program seeks to improve the understanding of VRCS staff and volunteers of the ways in which they can support communities to respond to disasters and crises, either through expertise in a range of emergency response skillsets (ie. logistics, shelter, emergency WASH, gender & diversity), and extensive network of trained and motivated volunteers, or through adequate pre-positioned relief items and equipment (ie. NFIs or Nomad). In turn, this leads towards the behavioural-based outcome of greater utilisation of these skills and resources for the benefit of communities during times of disaster and crisis.

The final step in this theory of change articulates the need to create a strong enabling environment and network of partnerships that supports the work of VRCS in times of disaster and crisis. The first element of this outcome is attitudinal, seeking to establish positive rapport with stakeholders in order to maintain a valued position within Vanuatu's National Disaster Management Plan as well as a reputation as a leading actor in disaster risk management and emergency response. In terms of behavior-based outcomes at this level, VRCS must continue to actively engage in a range of national fora with a wide range of stakeholders at all levels and publicise their capacity to support the Government of the Republic of Vanuatu in its auxiliary status during times of disaster and crisis.

How will it be implemented?

The DCP Program will be managed and implemented by the VRCS Disaster Risk Management department, with support from Australian Red Cross, and in partnership with key agencies at the national, provincial and local level.

Will the project fund local positions? Where?

The Program will support the following existing local positions within VRCS:

- Disaster Management Coordinator (based in headquarters, Port Vila)
- Disaster Support Officer (based in headquarters, Port Vila)
- Logistics Assistant (based in headquarters, Port Vila)
- Malampa Branch Officer (based in Ambrym)
- Tafea Branch officer (based in Tanna)

What related projects are being undertaken in the area?

Given the broad reach of the program, with VRCS branches or headquarters based in each of Province, there are several community-based DRR and Climate Change programs being undertaken in the project areas. In the identified geographic locations in phase 1, the following VHT actors are implementing DRR/CCA or shelter activities:

Malampa (Malekula) – Oxfam, ADRA, Save the Children, Action Aid, IOM

Penema (Ambae) – VCC, Oxfam, IOM, Save the Children

Sanma (Santo) – Action Aid, Oxfam, IOM, Save the Children

Potential overlaps/duplication to be resolved

VRCS coordinates regularly with the NDMO, clusters and VHT to prevent duplication in community selection.

Risk Management Strategies

A risk assessment of the program has been developed, and mitigation strategies for the following programmatic risks have been put in place:

- Fraud & Financial loss
- Child Exploitation and abuse
- Security (personal)
- Project management challenges
- Environmental impact(s)
- Terrorism
- Natural Disasters

It is also acknowledged that transportation and logistics can greatly hinder program delivery across Vanuatu, so VRCS is increasingly seeking to decentralise in order to support strong branches and build volunteer networks across the country to help minimise the reliance on long-distance transport, as well as by pre-positioning relief supplies in logistical hubs and branches supported through this program. Further means of reducing the risk of delays due to transportation addressed in this program include the packaging of community activities as well as the development of community champions.

How does the project link to GoV priorities: (NAB agenda, NAPA, New CC/DRR Policy....)

The project goal aligns directly with the duties of VRCS in National Response Plans and the National Disaster Committee under the National Disaster Act (2000), as well VRCS' role in the implementation of the NDMO Strategic Plan 2016-2020. It also reflects the focus on resilience embodied in the vision of the Vanuatu Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction Policy 2016-2030, as well as objective 7.4 which seeks to "integrate and strengthen climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction initiatives across national, provincial and local levels, and across all sectors".

The program also contributes towards the achievement of SOC 4 (Social Inclusion) and ENV 3 (Climate and Disaster Resilience) of the National Sustainable Development Plan 2016-2030.

Progress to date and current activities: [100 words max]

Implementation of this program has not commenced, however communities under Phase 1 of Year 1 were identified as part of the program's previous design (2015-2017) and thus continuation of community-based activities will roll over into Year 1 of this program.

Once approved by relevant national authorities, Australian Red Cross and Vanuatu Red Cross, the program will undertake the following activities:

- Stakeholder mapping and analysis
- Community vulnerability assessment and selection (phase 2)
- Provincial Emergency Response Team (PERT) training
- Gender and diversity awareness for PERT
- First Aid training for PERT
- Shelter training of trainers
- Pre-cyclone season checks
- Pre-positioned relief items stocktake
- DRR and CCA awareness activities as per national guidelines

Outputs: [IEC Materials, guidelines & handbooks, certified trainings, resources....]

- Stakeholder mapping and analysis
- KAP, baseline and endline surveys
- Training certificates
- Updated VRCS volunteer register
- Hazard awareness posters and materials