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Vanuatu Community-based Climate Resilience Project

**National Advisory Board Meeting
29 June 2022**

Project Objective



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□ Purpose/objective

The Vanuatu Community-based Climate Resilience Project (VCCRP) aims to ensure:

- ▶ that communities across Vanuatu have reduced vulnerability and increased resilience in the face of climate variability and extremes, and
- ▶ the adaptive capacity needed to maintain sustainable development pathways across a range of potential climate futures.

Project Timeline



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The Journey so far....

- A series of program development activities took place from 2016 – 2018 involving in depth consultations with former NDA, line ministries and civil society
- **April 2017** – concept note presented to NAB and endorsed by former NDA
- **November 2019** – Save the Children accreditation
- **February 2020** – concept note approved as a proposal by the NAB
- **August 2020** – Updated concept note submitted to GCF, pre- clearance given to proceed to full proposal
- **October 2020 – March 2021** – Program design and feasibility study submitted to GCF
- **7 April 2021** – NAB approval of proposal
- **19 May 2022: FUNDING APPROVAL (GCF & SCA as accredited entity signed contract)**



Project Overview



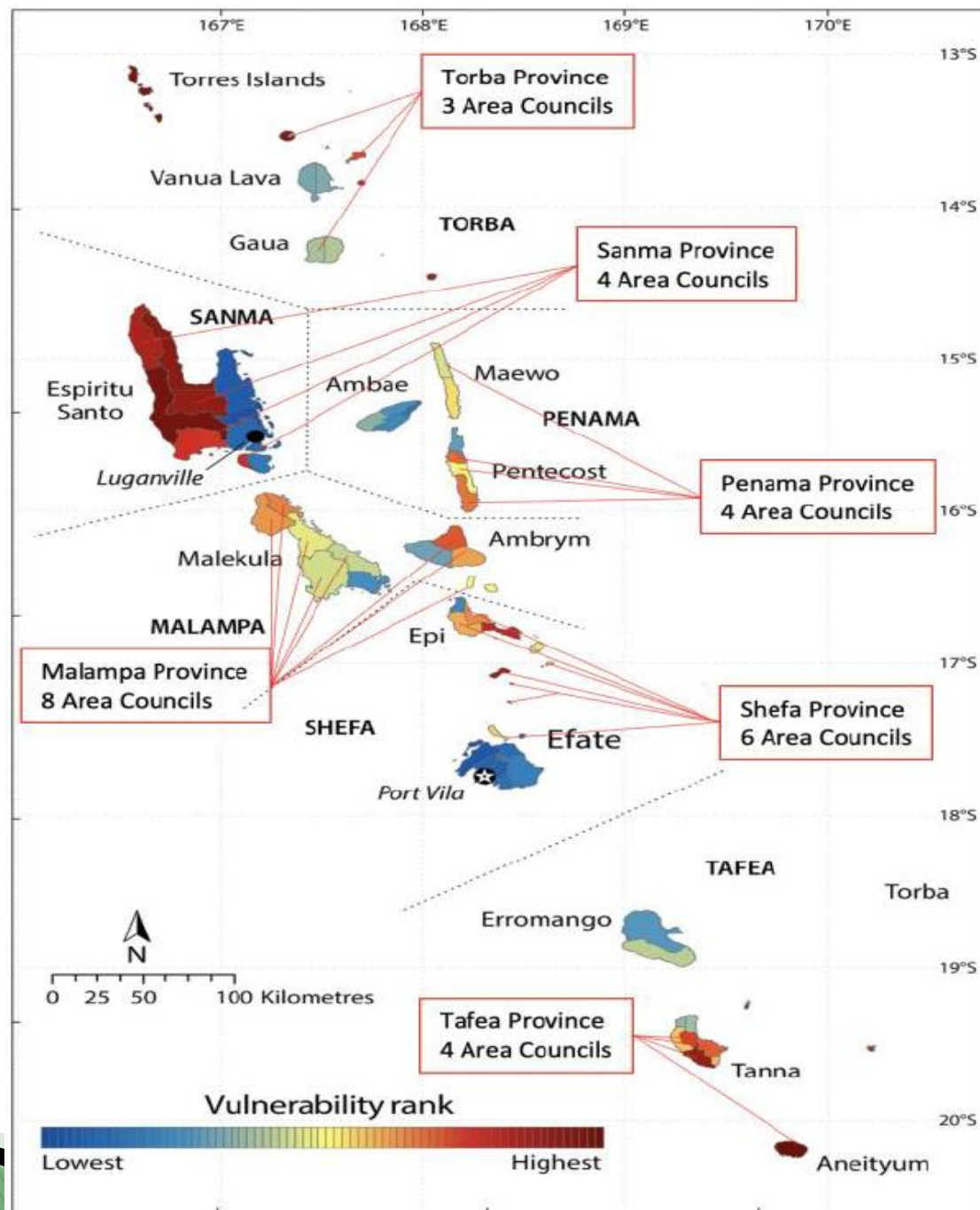
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Title	Vanuatu Community-based Climate Resilience Project (VCCRP)
Donor	Green Climate Fund (GCF)
Period	6 years
Total Budget	USD 32.6m
	USD 1.5m (Vanuatu Govt. contribution)
	USD 26.2m (GCF)
	USD 4.9m (DFAT + Save the Children)
Project partners	Ministry of Climate Change; Ministry of Internal Affairs; Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Forestry, Fisheries and Biosecurity; Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources; Ministry of Justice and Community Services; Save the Children Vanuatu.



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The selection of target beneficiaries considered:

- ▶ Vulnerability of communities (based on results of National Vulnerability assessment)
- ▶ Current enabling activities (i.e., whether there are existing or emerging community-based projects) in each Area Council;
- ▶ Recent or current projects that may duplicate effort in each Area Council;
- ▶ Alignment with government/policy priorities (i.e., how potential VCCRP activities align with government priorities).

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Target beneficiary numbers by Province and population and household numbers

Province	Area Councils (#)	Population	Communities (#)*	Households (#)
Tafea	4	21,534	51	3,868
Sanma	4	10,618	37	2,325
Torba	3	3,361	15	924
Shefa	6	7,912	35	2,035
Malampa	8	33,301	99	7,397
Penama	4	13,431	45	3,007
TOTAL	29	90,157	282	19,556

*Community numbers are estimated from Vanuatu National Statistics Office data as they are not reported in the census. A range of very small villages have been combined with neighbouring villages to form communities for the purposes of effective project implementation and service delivery.

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Capacity development & access to information	Local adaptation to build resilience	Linking systems for future adaptation
<p>Component 1 – Government, civil society and communities are strengthened to support local resilience to climate change impacts, including by providing access to climate information and early warnings.</p>	<p>Component 2 – Scalable, locally appropriate actions are implemented to meet community adaptation needs to create climate-resilient, sustainable development pathway.</p>	<p>Component 3 – Institutional adaptive capacity is enhanced by building adaptive governance systems at the local level and enhancing local-provincial-national linkages.</p>
<p>Output 1.1: Community-based climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction mechanisms are strengthened</p> <p>Output 1.2: Communities have increased understanding of climate change impacts and are supported to develop inclusive local adaptation plans</p> <p>Output 1.3: Communities have increased access to climate information services and early warning systems and the skills to utilise them as adaptation tools.</p>	<p>Output 2.1: Local natural resources are more resilient to climate change impacts through implementation of nature-based solutions</p> <p>Output 2.2: Climate-resilient agriculture for food security and livelihood development</p> <p>Output 2.3: Climate-resilient fisheries for food security and livelihood development</p> <p>Output 2.4: Women-led climate-resilient food processing and preservation established to support food security and diversification of livelihoods options.</p>	<p>Output 3.1: Adaptive local governance systems strengthened through sub-national planning</p> <p>Output 3.2: Enhanced local-provincial-national linkages through knowledge management and creation of feedback loops.</p>



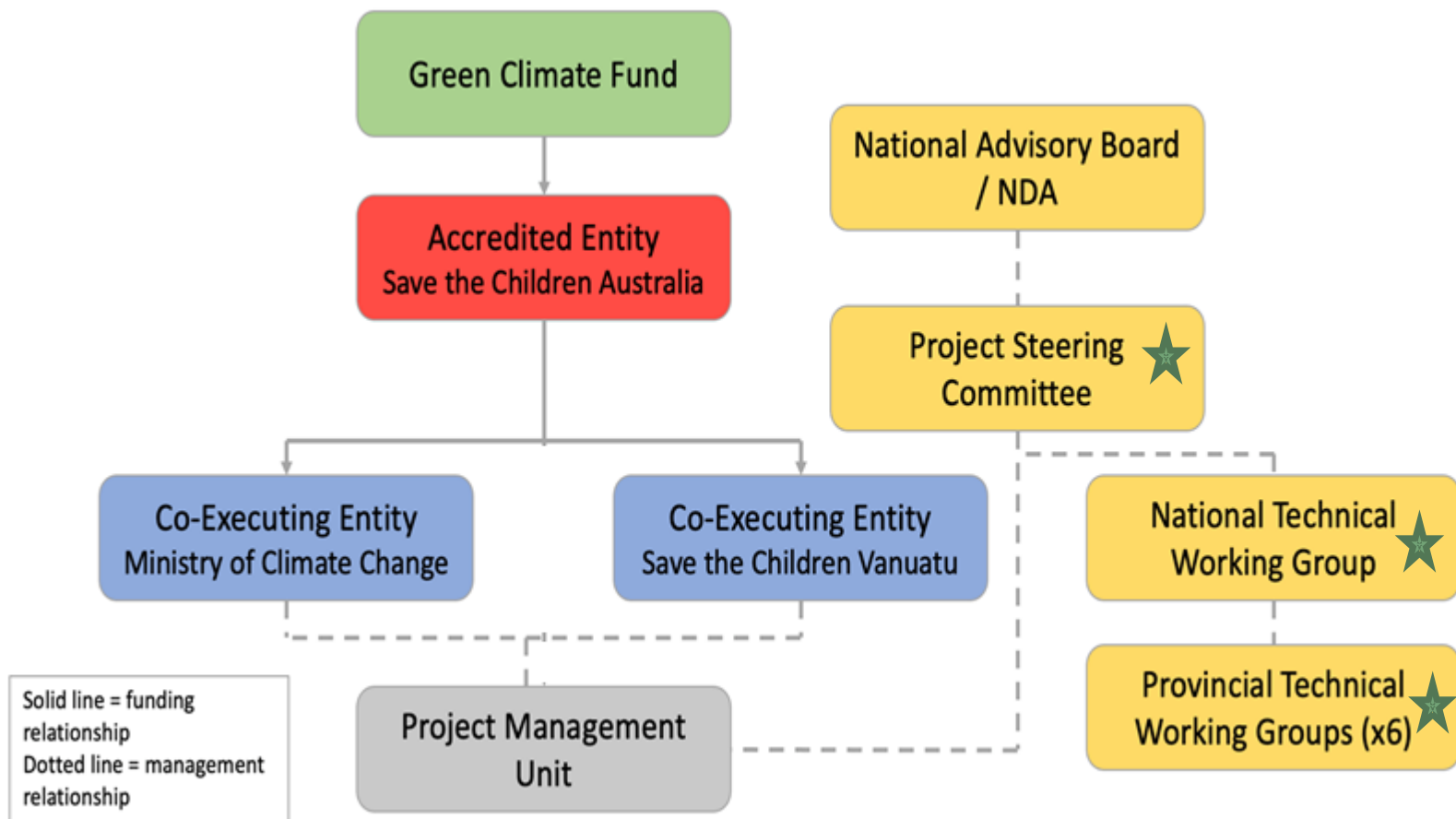
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□ Governance arrangements

★ Urgently need to be established.



VCCRP Budget



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Component	Output	Indicative cost Options	GCF financing		Co-financing		
			Amount million USD (\$)	Financial Instrument	Amount million USD (\$)	Financial Instrument	Name of Institutions
Component 1	Output 1.1	2,060,687	1,751,424	Grants	309,263	In Kind	Government of Vanuatu
	Output 1.2	1,401,149	1,196,775	Grants	204,374	In Kind	Government of Vanuatu
	Output 1.3	3,217,477	3,074,374	Grants	143,103	In Kind	Government of Vanuatu
Component 2	Output 2.1	4,388,046	4,176,620	Grants	211,444	In Kind	Government of Vanuatu
	Output 2.2	3,875,004	3,639,309	Grants	235,695	In Kind	Government of Vanuatu
	Output 2.3	1,450,329	1,321,420	Grants	128,927	In Kind	Government of Vanuatu
	Output 2.4	4,848,679	4,754,172	Grants	94,507	In Kind	Government of Vanuatu
Component 3	Output 3.1	6,968,283	2,227,622	Grants	4,625,040	Grants	ANCP
					115,621	In Kind	Government of Vanuatu
	Output 3.2	1,538,992	1,440,696	Grants	98,296	In Kind	Government of Vanuatu
Component 4	Output 4.1	1,429,494	1,429,494	Grants	0		
Project Management Component		1,472,300	1,171,008	Grants	301,292	Grants	Save the Children Australia
Indicative total cost (USD)		32,650,440	26,182,878		6,467,562		

Mobilisation Plan and next steps

Actions	<i>Expected</i> Execution Date
LEGAL	
GCF & SCA (AE) – contract agreement	19 May 2022
SCA & SCV – subsidiary agreement (SA)	30 June 2022
SCV & MoCC – subsidiary agreement (SA)	As soon as we can
Legal opinion (SCV & MoCC)	Once SA's are signed
COMMUNICATION	
VCCRP official launch (SCV & MoCC)	To be agreed with MoCC & NAB
RECRUITMENT	
Recruitment consultant/specialist recruitment and onboarding	27 Jun 2022
PMU staff, M&E Manager, Technical Advisors, Subnational positions' end to end recruitment & onboarding	8 Aug to 5 Sep 2022
PMU staff resource mobilised – work space and equipment	18 Jul 2022

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Actions	<i>Expected</i> Execution Date
GOVERNMENT ENGAGEMENT	
Re-socialise VCCRP with executing entities (MoCC, DoCC, DLA, DARD, DWA, DoWR, NDMO) including the following:	In progress
▪ Start up meetings with each dept to confirm budget, co-financing and activity plans.	In progress
▪ Facilitate GIPs, donor codes – with DSPPAC & MFEM, integration of project activities into business plans of executing entities.	In progress

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Actions	<i>Expected</i> Execution Date
OTHER STAKEHOLDERS' ENGAGEMENT	
Re-socialise VCCRP with other key stakeholders including DFAT, GGGi	In progress
FINANCE & PROCUREMENT	
Procurement plan development	Pending Finance Manager and Procurement & Compliance Manager recruitments
Establish GIP codes aligned with Implementation Plan & Budget	Pending Finance Manager and Procurement & Compliance Manager recruitments
MONITORING & EVALUATION	
Invitation to Tender (ITT) document is published to identify a firm to undertake project baseline.	Pending M&E Manager recruitment

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Actions	<i>Expected</i> Execution Date
PROJECT GOVERNANCE	
Setting up governance mechanisms (ToRs, agendas and meeting schedules for steering committee, PMU, TWG, etc.)	In progress
Prepare inception and project kick off workshop agenda and required inputs	In progress
Convene inception and project kick-off workshop	Tentative – week of 5 Sep

Support needs from NAB



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- ▶ VCCRP Steering Committee established and attending meetings
- ▶ Technical Working Group established and attending meetings
- ▶ Detailed activity plans or implementation plan and budget approved
- ▶ Regular update at NAB meetings
- ▶ MOUs between executing entities i.e. MoCC and implementing dept. partner (GCF requirement)

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Importance of the project beyond Vanuatu

- ▶ ***Largest community-based/locally-led adaptation project ever funded (in the world!)***

The project will prove that community-based adaptation can be taken to scale – it will set the standard for future projects in the Pacific and beyond.

- ▶ ***High level of GCF interest, with Executive Director noting:***

“GCF is proud to partner with Save the Children Australia on this project, which will help highly vulnerable rural and coastal communities to increase their resilience to climate change and to protect their livelihoods with a range of innovative and targeted adaptation measures. It will make a real difference in a country which is being severely affected by climate change.” (<https://www.greenclimate.fund/news/gcf-partners-save-children-major-vanuatu-climate-resilience-project>)

- ▶ ***And GCF Executive Director also telling international media:***

“If it works, we will reproduce it” (<https://news.trust.org/item/20220610150657-j2h4t/>)

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Thank you!

QUESTIONS / COMMENT



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