

Vanuatu 72 Hours Rapid Assessment Training Agenda (draft)

Background

The “72 hours assessment approach” is an innovative rapid assessment approach led by VAM, WFP Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific (RBB), which aims to provide a “good enough” estimate on number of affected population and their location within the first three days following a significant natural disaster. Continuous updates and field validation are then conducted over the following weeks to keep decision-makers informed of on-the-ground developments and validate the initial estimates. The approach has been adopted in post-disaster responses in Nepal, Philippines and Vanuatu and generated in-time initial scoping of the impact using country-specific method under the 72 hours approach model.

In 2015, WFP VAM RBB adopted 72 hours approach in Vanuatu during Cyclone Pam which provides entry point to establish the approach in the country for future disaster scenarios, mainly cyclone and earthquake. This training workshop is initiated to convene the national key stakeholders and pinpoint the interest and capacity within the country and collaboration mechanism both institutionally and technically.

Objectives

The objectives of the training as outlined in this TOR and agreed with the national government included:

- i. Examine existing institutional arrangement and technical capacity of information collection and reporting system in the post-disaster context of Vanuatu;
- ii. Sensitize the in-country stakeholders on the technical flow and resource and human resource requirement to implement the assessment;
- iii. Explore the country-specific approach to build 72 hour assessment framework with various stakeholders (WFP Fiji Office, Government, partners, etc.) and reach consensus on way forward.

Methodology

The training workshop will be composed of technical presentations, consultative discussions, and ArcGIS-based simulation exercises to seek for technical sensitization and political agreement among various Government partners, WFP management, and other UN and NGO partners. The discussions and conclusion of the training will lay a cornerstone foundation for 72hrs approach implementation in Vanuatu from 2017.

Proposed Agenda

Day 1:

9:00	Opening	Remarks
9:15	Introduction of participants and icebreaking	Interaction
9:35	Overview of 72hrs Rapid Assessment Approach -Background -Technical flow and rationale -Application in Vanuatu & lessons learnt -Expectations and desired outcomes in Vanuatu	Presentation (Yingci)
10:00	Overview of Post Disaster Assessment Mechanism in Vanuatu -Institutional Arrangement -Key Stakeholders -Past Practices -Challenges and limits -Expectations and desired improvements	Presentation (Vanuatu government & civil partners)
10:30	Understanding of Population Vulnerability against Disaster in Vanuatu (Cyclone scenario) -Which social dimensions that have been mostly affected by cyclone?	Discussion (Jone)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Are there any particular social groups/livelihoods who are more vulnerable than their counterparts? If yes, what are the characters that define their vulnerability? -Are there any gender-sensitive issues that affect population's vulnerability? -What are the primary questions you (participants) aspire to address to make decisions when disaster hits? 	
12:00	Lunch	
13: 20	Review of 72hrs Rapid Assessment Approach – Phase 1 -What it involves -What we already have established for Vanuatu -Discussion with the panel on gaps & potential improvements	Presentation (Ruangdech)
14: 00	Review of 72hrs Rapid Assessment Approach – Phase 2 -What it involves -How it was applied in Vanuatu's disaster scenario -Discussion and reflection	Presentation (Eleona, Ruangdech)
14:40	Tea Break	
15:00	Review of 72hrs Rapid Assessment Approach –Phase 3 -What it involves -How is was applied in Vanuatu's disaster scenario -Lessons learnt and reflections -Discussion with the panel on potential improvements	Presentation (Yingci, Eleona)
16:00	Q&A	Discussion
16:20	Wrap-up of Day 1	Remarks

Day 2:

9:00	Opening	Remarks
9:10	Simulation Exercise of 72hrs Rapid Assessment (Cyclone scenario) -Briefing & introduction -Hands-on ArcGIS practice -Q&A	Simulation Exercise (Ruangdech, Eleona)
11:10	Tea Break	
11:30	Group Exercise on Field Validation (Cyclone scenario) -Briefing & introduction -Review of the questionnaire used during Cyclone Pam -Suggestion on the questionnaire design -Brainstorm on the validation approach in Vanuatu	Presentation Group exercise (Yingci, Jone)
12: 30	Lunch	
14:00	Next steps of 72hrs approach in Vanuatu -Country-specific approach and sustainability -Institutional setting and key stakeholders -Next steps and timeline	Group exercise Discussion (Jone)
16:00	Wrap-up of Day 2 and the training	Remarks