

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE COORDINATION

A. Aid Coordination and External Assistance

1. The Government of Vanuatu has requested emergency assistance to support its post-cyclone recovery and reconstruction efforts following the devastating category 5 cyclone that struck the country in March 2015. Based on the findings of its post-disaster needs assessment, the government prepared the Strengthening Ni-Vanuatu¹ Resilience for the National Recovery and Economic Strengthening Program Plan. The 2-year plan outlines a criteria-based approach across competing inter-sector priorities within an indicative financial envelope. The restoration of infrastructure, social services, and Ni-Vanuatu livelihoods was cited as a guiding principle for project prioritization. The government estimates recovery and reconstruction costs to be up to \$500 million. Bilateral and other development partners have pledged up to \$180 million of financing as of August 2015.

2. Before the cyclone, Asian Development Bank (ADB) assistance was focused on energy, transport, and water and other urban infrastructure and services. Two ongoing ADB projects concern the latter two sectors; the energy project was deferred to 2016. ADB approved emergency assistance of \$1 million on 20 March 2015 and, along with the school reconstruction project, is preparing a road reconstruction project for approval.

Table 1: Major Development Partners

Development Partner	Project Name	Duration	Amount (million)
Agriculture and Natural Resources			
EU	Rural Development (EDF11)	2014–2020	€31.00
EU	Global Climate Change Alliances+		€3.20
JICA	Grace of the Sea in Coastal Village Phase II	2016	
	Grace of the Sea in Coastal Village Phase III	2012–2015	
	Improvement of Equipment for Disaster Risk Management	2014–2018	
	Reinforcing Meteorological Training Function of Fiji	2016–2018	
	Meteorological Services		
	Seismic Network Project		
World Bank	Pacific Resilience Program	2015–2020	\$1.65
Education			
ADB	TC Pam—School Reconstruction Project	2015–2017	\$5.00
Australia	Technical and Vocational Education and Training, Phase III	2012–2016	A\$11.30
Australia	Vanuatu Education Support Program	2012–2016	A\$39.50
Australia	Australia Awards	2015–2016	A\$6.00
New Zealand	TC Pam—Repairs to schools	2015–2017	\$3.00
Australia	TC Pam—Repairs of Schools	2015	\$0.80
France (New Caledonia)			
Health and Social Protection			
ADB	TC Pam—Disaster Response	2015	\$1.00
Australia	Vanuatu Health Sector	2010–2016	A\$25.00
World Bank	TC Pam—Insurance payout (PCRAFI)	2015	\$1.90
Japan	Redevelopment of Vila central Hospital	2012–2015	¥140.00
Australia	TC Pam—Relief Response	2015	A\$10.00
China	TC Pam—Food and emergency relief	2015	\$0.35
Japan	TC Pam—Disaster relief	2015	\$1.42
Indonesia	TC Pam—Disaster relief	2015	\$2.45
United States	TC Pam—Emergency Assistance	2015	\$1.35
United Kingdom	TC Pam—Emergency Assistance	2015	£3.00

¹ Ni-Vanuatu refers to the indigenous population of Vanuatu.

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Germany	TC Pam—Emergency Assistance		€0.20
Multisector			
Australia	Vanuatu Women's Centre	2012–2016	A\$5.40
Australia	Vanuatu Policing and Justice Program	2014–2017	A\$18.60
Australia	Vanuatu Land Program	2009–2015	A\$11.60
New Zealand	Vanuatu Land Program		NZ\$6.00
Public Sector Management			
Australia	Governance for Growth, Phase II	2012–2016	A\$23.40
Australia	TC Pam—Recovery Program	2015–2017	A\$35.00
EU	TC Pam—General Budget support (EDF10)		€13.00
	TC Pam—Recovery/Reconstruction (pledged)		€25.00
World Bank	TC Pam—Budget Support	2016	\$15.00
IMF	TC Pam—Rapid Credit Facility/Instrument	2015–2020	\$23.50
Economic Growth			
World Bank	Rural Electrification Project	2014–2019	\$4.90
	Improved Electricity (GPOBA)	2013–2018	\$4.00
	Energy Sector Development Project	2013–2016	\$2.20
New Zealand	TC Pam—Tourism Recovery Projects		NZ\$1.50
Transport, Information and Communication Technology			
Australia	Roads for Development Program	2013–2016	A\$36.60
ADB	TC Pam—Road Reconstruction Project	2015–2017	\$16.30
ADB, New Zealand	Interisland Shipping Support Project	2011–2017	\$51.60
JICA	Lepatasi International Multi-Purpose Wharf Development	2013–2017	\$85.00
	TC Pam—Heavy-duty Machinery		\$2.00
New Zealand	TC Pam—Rehabilitation of Tourism Infrastructure	2015–2019	NZ\$26.00
	Vanuatu Tourism Infrastructure Project	2012–2017	\$12.70
World Bank	Vanuatu Aviation Investment Project	2015–2019	\$59.50
	TC Pam—Rehabilitation/Reconstruction	2015–2017	\$50.00
Water Supply, Sanitation, Waste Management			
ADB	Port Vila Urban Development Project	2013–2016	\$5.00
Australia	Port Vila Urban Development Project	2013–2016	A\$31.00
JICA	Japanese Technical Cooperation Project of Regional Initiative on Solid Waste Management in Pacific Island Countries	2011–2015	¥270.00
	Japanese Technical Cooperation Project of Regional Initiative on Solid Waste Management in Pacific Island Countries, Phase II (Tentative name)	2016	¥300.00
New Zealand	TC Pam—Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Systems	2015–2017	NZ\$2.50
World Bank	Developing a Multi-sector Utilities Regulatory Body	2007–2016	\$0.50

ADB = Asian Development Bank, EDF = European Development Fund, EU = European Union, GPOBA = Global Partnership on Output-Based Aid, IMF = International Monetary Fund, JICA = Japan International Cooperation Agency, PCRAFI = Pacific Catastrophe Risk Assessment and Financing Initiative, TC = tropical cyclone.
 Sources: Asian Development Bank; Development Partners' Round Table Conference, 5 August 2015; New Zealand: www.aid.govt.nz; Australia: [www.https://dfat.gov.au/geo/Vanuatu/development-assistance](http://dfat.gov.au/geo/Vanuatu/development-assistance); JICA Country Office information; European Union: [www.https://eeas.europa.eu/Vanuatu/index_en.htm](http://eeas.europa.eu/Vanuatu/index_en.htm)

B. Institutional Arrangements and Processes for Development Coordination

3. The government held a roundtable conference with its development partners on 5 August 2015. Government ministries, representatives from the private sector, nongovernment

organizations, and 15 bilateral and seven regional or international development partners attended it. The purpose of the conference was to (i) provide an update on the completion of the humanitarian aid phase, which ended on 31 July 2015; (ii) inform development partners of the government's priorities for the rebuilding and construction phase in each sector; (iii) harmonize pledges and commitments from development partners in alignment with the government's national development priorities; and (iv) endorse a strategic partnership with the development partners for the next 24 months. The government has established a Recovery Program Committee to approve projects and have the overall management oversight on the projects following the release of its Strengthening Ni-Vanuatu Resilience for the National Recovery and Economic Strengthening Program Plan. Development partners have indicated their support to work within the government's recovery plan.

C. Summary and Recommendations

4. ADB has applied simplified processing procedures for the preparation of the proposed grant project financed through the Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction. ADB will continue to identify additional sources of financing to assist the rehabilitation and recovery efforts.