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DEPARTMENT OF CLIMATE CHANGE



“Vanuatu is committed to leading the fight against climate change from the national level to the provinces and communities. As one of the most vulnerable Small Island Developing States (SIDS), we are driving climate actions through strong national policies, coordinated provincial engagement, and community-based solutions. Our approach ensures that every level of society is empowered to build resilience, protect livelihoods, and contribute to global efforts for a sustainable and climate secured future”
Acting Director Nelson KALO

TOGETHER FOR A SUSTAINABLE AND CLIMATE RESILIENT FUTURE FOR VANUATU



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- NATIONAL ADAPTATION PLAN CONSULTATION WITH KEY CLIMATE CHANGE SECTORS, FACILITATED BY GGGI.
- PARTNERSHIP FORMALIZED THROUGH AN MOA TO ENABLE DATA SHARING.
- LARGE-SCALE OUTREACH CAMPAIGN ACROSS THE SMALL ISLANDS OF TORBA.

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“Climate Action Planning and Implementation”

The Department coordinated closely with provincial governments and local partners to support the rollout of Area Council Climate Action Plans. Field missions were conducted in Torba, Tafea, and Sanma Provinces to carry out Vulnerability and Impact Assessments (VIA), facilitate awareness sessions, and monitor implementation progress of community-based resilience initiatives.



“School Outreach and Community Engagement ”

Community dialogues and awareness campaigns were conducted in rural and remote areas in Torres and Banks Group, highlighting climate adaptation practices, traditional knowledge, and disaster preparedness. The initiatives placed particular emphasis on engaging youth and women's groups to promote inclusivity and ensure sustainable local climate action. The Department of Climate Change (DoCC) acknowledges the valuable partnership with Respond Global and the Torba Provincial Government in delivering its outreach campaign to Torba Province.





“Policy Development”

The DoCC continued its work in updating and aligning national climate policies with global frameworks, including the UNFCCC Framework, the Paris Agreement, and the Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific (FRDP). Policy consultations were held with stakeholders to refine the National Adaptation Plan (NAP) which is still on data collection phase, with inputs from sectoral agencies and local authorities. At the national level, the “ACT” is currently at the development stage with the local consultants working with related sectors on the cited facts.



“Research and Knowledge Generation”

In collaboration with partners such as the Vanuatu Bureau of Statistics (VBOS) and academic institutions, the Department supported vulnerability assessments and climate risk profiling. These efforts contributed to the refinement of datasets feeding into the National Vulnerability Dashboard and other decision-support tools.





Community Outreach & Advocacy

A team was actively engaged in delivering Small Island Awareness campaign under the New Project Proposal (NPP), which included grant writing support for TORBA and PENAMA Provinces. The TORBA outreach was successfully carried out in partnership with VanKIRAP and VCAP II project teams, targeting schools and communities with climate change messaging and Climate Change Disaster Risk Reduction education.



Human Ressource Strenghtening

The DoCC acknowledges the Climate Finance Capacity Support Programme (CFCSP) for enabling the recruitment of four additional team members to provide additional capacity support to DoCC. These additional team members began work during Q2 of 2025. The CFCSP is supported by the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.



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PSC SHEFA DAY 2025 HIGHLIGHTS...

CONGRATULATIONS to **HUMAO TOMAT SELE** -Senior Finance Officer, for receiving an award for **BEST EMPLOYEE for the Year 2024 Award** from the Public Service Commission (PSC)! 🏆🌟

Your dedication, hard work, and commitment to serving our communities have not gone unnoticed. This award is a true reflection of your passion and the positive impact you've made through your role at the Department of Climate Change. On behalf of the whole team – Congratulations once again! Your achievement inspires us all to aim higher and work together for a more resilient Vanuatu.

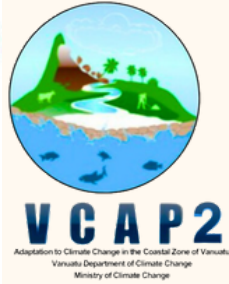
CONGRATS



Acknowledging our guests who visited our booth at Siviri village -North Efate



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