

## Shelter Cluster Vanuatu – TC HAROLD SITREP 1

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### 1. Highlights/Response

Shelter Cluster Vanuatu is up and running and being strongly led by the Public Works Department of the Vanuatu Government. Cluster is being supported remotely by IFRC Pacific and global coordination team.

- The Government of Vanuatu is currently conducting assessments.
- There have been cluster meetings in Port Vila and the government coordinator is now in Luganville conducting assessments.
- The in-country and proposed shelter response plans include an estimated 16,000 Tarpaulins, at this stage.
- VRCS - is proposing to target 30% of damaged/destroyed houses with emergency shelter and essential household items (c. 12,000 households) and is currently seeking funding confirmation through its appeals process.
- IOM/CARE partnership - IOM is seeking funding through the CERF with plans to target 2,350 HH with emergency shelter items.
- ADRA, Save the Children, Butterfly Trust, Shelterbox, World Vision, and Act for Peace are also in the process of mobilizing resources and developing response plans.
- Informal feedback indicated that people have already begun to rebuild/repair houses.

### 2. Damages

Official assessments are underway, however, early remote analysis of the potential damage based on the experience of TC Pam and the cyclone path suggest that **22,500HH** are likely to have been damaged/destroyed by TC Harold.

Initial reports suggest that the worst damaged places are:

- North Malekula
- South Pentecost
- South Santo (around Luganville)

### 3. Needs

- Initial analysis shows that **22,500HH** may be in need of emergency shelter assistance.
- Urgent delivery of humanitarian shelter supplies, which would depend on the availability of flights and cargo shipments to Vanuatu.
- Vanuatu had limited disaster relief supplies in-country prior to the cyclone, mostly held by Vanuatu Red Cross.

### 4. Gaps

- The cluster is tracking c. 16,000 tarpaulins in-country or planned, so there is an initial shortfall of **6,500 HH** worth of shelter relief items.
- This figure may change in the coming days as the cluster gets a clearer picture based on incoming assessment data and agency response plans.

The estimate of relief items available does not, so far, include government-to-government assistance (China, EU, France), private sector assistance, or church-based assistance.

### 5. Donor Activities

CARE/VRCS are having resources flown in from the DFAT-funded Brisbane warehouse.



Emergency shelter and essential household items with other NFI's to be flown in from Noumea (New Caledonia).

The Red Cross Movement DREF has been launched

The UN system's CERF is under way.

