

Shelter Cluster Vanuatu – Meeting Notes

Meeting:	Shelter Cluster Vanuatu - Cluster Meeting – Earthquake response		
Date:	8 January 2025	Time:	1600-1700
Meeting Facilitator:	Marcin Pius Marianne Pecnik	Location:	NDMO

Agenda

Attendance: NDMO, IOM, DFAT, World Vision, IFRC, FAO, Food Security & Livelihood Sub-Committee Representatives, Wan Smol Bag (WSB), ADRA, DUAP, Salvation Army

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Last meeting's action items:

Action	Owner	Result or status
Share the key messages documents with the Partners	SCV	Shared in the email on 1 Jan 2025 and also online: Vanuatu webpage of the Global Shelter Cluster website
Share Recovery plan	SCV	Efate Earthquake Recovery and Resilience Plan
Share SCV EQ Factsheet	SCV	Shared in the email 13 Jan 2025 SCV Vanuatu EQ Factsheet
Contact to Cash Working Group	SCV	For Cash Working group best contact is Katalaine Duaibe and email is katalaine.duaibe@un.org or Whatsapp +679 998 1073.
DUAP to share the physical planning area (map of areas under DUAP responsibility), the building code, and the Building Act.	DUAP	In progress
NDMO to provide more information about feedback mechanism and feedback tracker	NDMO	Feedback tracker information and link was provided by email on 2 Jan 25 (Feedback tracker link)
Water tank	SCV	World Vision International (WVI) is willing to share their guidance or methodology for securing water tanks.

Partners updates (distributions, stocks, plans):

- DECM cluster has reported a decrease in the number of displaced individuals. In Manples, key needs identified include assistance with repairs or reconstruction, as well as the provision of tents, tarpaulins, jerry cans, first aid kits, and cash support, including funds to rebuild livelihoods. Other areas requiring similar support include Mangalilu and Malapua. Shelter partners are encouraged to consider these areas for additional shelter assistance and/or repair and reconstruction initiatives. Further details about the specific locations and needs can be provided by the DECM cluster.
- Wan Smol Bag (WSB) volunteers are conducting weekly reassessments of displacement sites and host households every Tuesday and Friday. Additional information regarding needs and targeting will be provided as it becomes available.
- World Vision International's most recent distributions took place on 2 January. Distribution to 11 sites in Port Vila of shelter items. They are currently planning recovery efforts in WASH, with a focus on quick fixes in schools and health centers. WVI is also restocking and prepositioning shelter and other emergency items around Port Vila in preparation for the cyclone response. At this time, there are no plans for shelter recovery activities.
- Regarding the issue of securing water tanks to prevent damage during earthquakes, World Vision International (WVI) has been securing the tanks and is willing to share any relevant documents outlining their approach.
- ADRA reached 97 HH in rural areas and is also planning WASH quick fixes.

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- **Salvation Army Australia:** Participated in the response for a short period, distributing vouchers (valued at 15,000 Vatu) for tools and household items to 120 households in the affected areas around Tagabe. Plans are in place for a short-term WASH recovery initiative.

Shelter Cluster Strategy: Draft Shelter Cluster Strategy (attached). Partners are invited to comment on the draft via email, and in the next SC meeting. Please provide your feedback particular on the target numbers. The draft will be submitted to the Director of NDMO (Shelter Cluster lead) for final comments and endorsement.

Initiation of the Technical Working Group (TWiG): The Technical Working Group will be established to ensure a coordinated and effective approach to shelter assistance in Vanuatu, as well as to support the preparation and submission of proposals for the Government Investment Projects (GIP). Its primary purpose is to address identified needs, including equitable support for vulnerable households, refinement of disaster-resilient housing designs, and alignment with shelter standards. The group will enhance collaboration between the Government of Vanuatu, humanitarian partners, and technical experts, preventing duplication of efforts and ensuring that interventions adhere to the Do No Harm approach. Additionally, it will facilitate capacity building through Training of Trainers (ToT) initiatives, promoting community ownership and sustainable recovery processes. The SCV is currently in negotiations with a consultant who will provide dedicated support for the implementation of the aforementioned tasks.

Recovery and Resilience Plan: The State of Emergency (SoE) ended on December 24, 2024. In accordance with the Disaster Recovery and Resilience Act of November 17, 2024, leadership of the recovery operations has transitioned to the Prime Minister's Office, with coordination held by the Recovery Operations Centre (ROC). The Port Vila and Efate Earthquake Recovery and Resilience Plan was presented to international partners on January 2nd. With the transition to response the leadership for all activities has transitioned to the Recovery Operations Centre (ROC). The Housing Recovery Subcommittee regards the immediate recovery phase (0-6 months) as part of the emergency response.

Housing Sector / Immediate Recovery Priorities (0-6 months)

1. Provide temporary shelters, including prefabricated housing units and tents, to accommodate over 2,000 displaced individuals currently residing in evacuation centres and host households.
2. Assess and repair damaged public sector housing, prioritising accommodations for essential service workers such as healthcare staff and teachers.
3. Launch financial assistance programs to help low-income families secure safe temporary housing.

Reporting (5Ws) and information management: As always, partners are encouraged to report shelter assistance activities in the 5Ws. SCV is currently developing a dedicated shelter dashboard to provide a common operating picture for the shelter response. If you have any questions or suggestions regarding this dashboard, please feel free to reach out to us.

Earthquake awareness documents: we would like to draw your attention to the following earthquake related information materials that were prepared previously. We hope these will be informative and useful, until we develop Vanuatu specific materials in relation to earthquake resilient building techniques.

- [Earthquake resistant guide to timber design](#) - a good document with good and simple drawings although some constructions are a little sophisticated.
- [Promoting earthquake resistant housing](#) – good and easy guide.
- [Earthquakes don't kill people, non-engineered buildings do](#) – good example of one page document on what to do in an earthquake.

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Useful links:

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- [Shelter Cluster Common Operating Picture](#) – a dashboard presenting, on page 1: shelter assistance data provided in 5Ws and presenting it in graphs and maps, and on page 2: damage assessment data (you can display each severity separately or see it all together). (under progress)
- [Global Shelter Cluster earthquake compendium of earthquake related documents](#).
- [Shelter Cluster Vanuatu Earthquake](#) page (webpage established for this Earthquake shelter response coordination; you can find there minutes, meeting invitations, and soon: information management products, technical documents etc.)
- [Shelter Cluster Vanuatu page](#) (standing Shelter Cluster in Vanuatu web page).
- [Shelter Cluster Vanuatu technical guidance](#). This document is drafted in three parts to show (A) the recommendations for responses of the Shelter Cluster to natural hazards in Vanuatu, (B) recommended shelter and non-food items (NFI) technical specifications and (C) case studies and key references.
- [5Ws consolidated data \(Live\)](#)
- [5Ws Dashboard](#)
- [Meeting calendar for all clusters](#)
- [Damage assessment dashboard](#)
- [DECM live displacement data spreadsheet](#)
- [All Clusters Coordinators Contact List](#)
- [Choice for better shelter](#) A Protocol for Developing Shelter and Settlement Information Education Communication (IEC) Resources.

Action Items

Action	Owner	Due Date
1. Technical Working Group (1 st Session)	SCV	14.01.2025
2.		

Next Meeting

Date:	22 January 2025	Time:	1600 hrs	Location:	NDMO
Comment:	Shelter Cluster and DECM agreed to connect the meetings – to allow partners to attend both one after another – as there are number of connected discussion and many partners are attending both clusters. (DECM meeting is at 1500 hrs in the same location, just before Shelter Cluster meeting).				