

Shelter Cluster Vanuatu – Meeting Notes

Meeting:	Shelter Cluster Vanuatu - Cluster Meeting – Earthquake response		
Date:	26 February 2025	Time:	1600-1700
Meeting Facilitator:	Shelter Cluster Coordinator	Location:	NDMO

Agenda

Attendance: Noel Puno (UNDP), Vanessa Organo (IOM), Elisabeth Araujo (IOM), Marianne Pecnik (IFRC), Jerry Talesa (IOM), Kate Marshal (IFRC/AusRC), Terry Lancashire (UNDP/RedR), Anila Qehaja (UNDP), Francis Sail (BildBeta), Albert (BildBeta), Steven Clegg (IOM)

Agenda

Last meeting's action items:

- Updates from Shelter Cluster partners
- HBDA update
- Technical working group
- AoB

Action	Owner	Result or status
Efate EQ Recovery plan	DUAP	Efate Earthquake Recovery and Resilience Plan
Efate EQ Housing Sector Recovery Plan (update)	DUAP	https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/sclrt29cumea5hnapwdkuf/20022025-Efate-Earthquake-Housing-Sector-Recovery-Plan-Update.pdf?rlkey=kgtrrhawdj9v600giy0eqv8po&dl=0
IFRC Shelter Kit	SCV	Specifications
Household and Building Damage Assessment	UNDP	HBDA Fact Sheet
Vanuatu Skills Partnership	Ministry of Education&Training	Skills partnership
Certificate II in Building and Construction (General Construction)	Vanuatu Qualification Authority	https://vqa.edu.vu/index.php/accredited-courses-quick/311-certificate-ii-in-building-construction-general-construction#s5_scrolltotop

Agenda item 1: SC minutes No comments were raised on the previous meeting minutes.

Agenda item 2: Partners updates:

The IOM Displacement Monitoring and Data Overview highlights that there is currently a displaced population of 42 individuals, with one active evacuation center. Of the displaced, 21 households are residing in evacuation centers, and 3 households are being hosted by families.

Several challenges have been identified, including gaps in data related to returnees and the progress of home repairs. There is also a need for better tracking of secondary vulnerabilities. Discussions are underway about utilizing Red Cross survey data to provide additional insights into these issues.

To address these challenges, the methodology for data collection includes baseline registration and regular monitoring every 10 days. This process also involves tracking household repairs and assessing the levels of financial support needed for the affected individuals.

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Regarding the Administrative Lands site, 28 people need to be relocated due to the planned demolition of buildings. IOM will explore the legal frameworks available, including the DRM Act and the Disaster Resilience Recovery Act, to guide the relocation process.

An update regarding the community living behind the former MoLNR building indicates that the National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) has advised that the relocation trigger could be activated under either the DRM Act or the DRR Act. IOM will investigate this situation further. NDMO has also suggested that it is essential to determine the demolition timeline of the building, along with the tenure and income status of the affected households, to better inform potential relocation options.

VRCS (Shelter kit distribution): VRCS has provided 16 kits; some distributions are pending.

Agenda item 3: Technical working groups

TWiG 1: Household and Building Damage Assessment (HBDA): The HBDA results are set to be presented on 7 March, with data collection progressing. Over 200 buildings assessed for damage, materials, and vulnerability. Preliminary findings show traditional buildings were less affected than hybrid or modern structures.

Key data points: 54% of affected homes still need repairs. 45.8% require debris management. 66% of affected homes need technical support.

Challenges in Debris Management: Some structures require controlled demolition for safety. Proposal to form mobile technical assistance teams for safe removals. Further analysis of data and coordination with government agencies. Discussion on training for safe demolition and debris management.

TWiG 2: IEC shelter material: The Shelter Cluster plans to collaborate with partners to develop messaging on: IEC shelter/housing material - Building SMART houses. Kick off meeting planned on 3rd March 2025

AOB: The UNDRR Global Head will visit Vanuatu in March.

Reporting (5Ws) and information management: Partners are encouraged to report shelter assistance activities using the 5Ws. NDMO Information Management (IM) team will ensure the data remains up to date.

Partners to update VRCS on stock levels and fill in the **Stockholm** register.

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.

Useful links:

- [Shelter Cluster Common Operating Picture](#)

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- [Global Shelter Cluster earthquake compendium of earthquake related documents.](#)
- [Shelter Cluster Vanuatu Earthquake](#) page (established for this Earthquake shelter response coordination)
- [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 Dashboard \(new\)](#)
- [DECM PowerBI](#)
- [All Clusters Coordinators Contact List](#)
- [Choice for better shelter](#)

Action Items

Action	Owner	Due Date
1. Technical Working Group / Damage assessment	SCV	14.01.2025
2. Technical Working Group / Damage assessment (HBDA) Technical Working Group / GIP process	SCV	17.01.2025
3. Technical Working Group / Damage assessment (HBDA)	SCV	28.01.2025
4. Technical Working Group / SCV BBB messages	SCV	30.01.2025
5. Technical Working Group / Damage assessment (HBDA)	SCV	06.02.2025
6. Technical Working Group / Damage assessment (HBDA)	SCV	18.02.2025
7. HBDA Training	SCV/UNDP	19.02.2025
8. HBDA assessment	SCV/UNDP	20.- 26.02.2025
9. Coordination meeting with PVCC on debris management	SCV	25.02.2025
10. Coordination meeting on Shelter Recovery Concept Paper	SCV	27.02.2025
11. HBDA first presentation to DUAP and SC partners	SCV/UNDP	28.02.2025
12. Coordination meeting with VSP on skills development	SCV	28.02.2025
13. Coordination meeting with PWD on Geo-Physical Faults and Ground Crack Data	SCV	03.03.2025
14. Technical Working Group / IEC shelter material	SCV/IOM	03.03.2025

Next Meeting					
Date:	12 th March 2025	Time:	1600 hrs	Location:	NDMO
Comment:	Department of Energy conference room.				

Annex 1: Shelter Cluster Stock Update (please kindly check if the numbers are correct)

Province	Partners	Tarpaulins	Shelter tool kit	Kitchen set	Mats	Solar lights	Blankets
12.02.2025							
Shefa:	VRCS	6057	2123	1375	0	2593	0
	Care	1550	0	0	0	0	0
	SC (NDMO)	214	121	0	0	0	0
	Caritas	0	0	791	0	0	0
Sanma:	VRCS	2970	1176	1633	0	1500	0
	WV	920	0	0	0	0	0
Malampa:	VRCS	405	202	202	0	200	0
Penama:	VRCS	300	150	150	0	150	0
Torpa:	VRCS	203	101	101	184	204	204
Tafea:	VRCS	200	100	100	0	100	0
	WV	1000	0	0	0	0	0
Total		13819	3973	4352	184	4747	204

Annex 2: STOCKHOLM platform (please update)