Community Resilience in Vanuatu Lessons from Cyclone Pam





















OUR PROGRAM

- •A consortium approach
 Six agencies working together across the islands
- •A strong civil society network
 Helping to build the Vanuatu Climate Action Network
 and Pacific Islands Climate Action Network
- •Working with the Vanuatu Government
 Through through the National Advisory Board on Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction
- Empowering communities
 Participatory assessments, Community Disaster Committees and
 Supporting women and youth-led adaptation decision making and planning



MEANINGFUL PARTNERSHIPS AROUND A SHARED VISION



has
governments
that are
connected,
listen to and are
responsive to
community
needs

has social

networks that

extend

beyond the

immediate

community

A resilient community in Vanuatu

has its basic

needs met

has leadership and decision making that is fair, inclusive a responsive

has belief
systems and
culture that
help
understand
and act

is supportive and open to innovation and new ideas

has access to relevant information, traditional and external

can build its

livelihood on

a diverse

equity



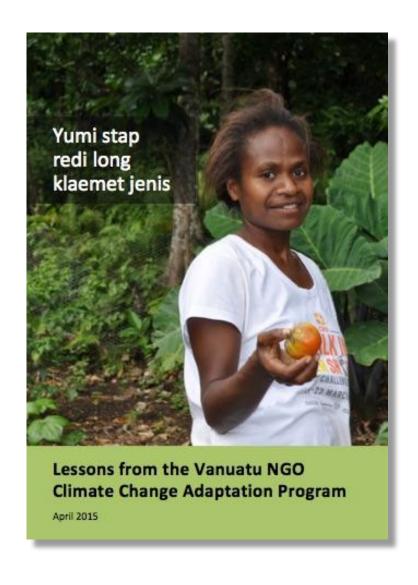
LESSONS FROM PAM

Traditional knowledge + inclusive community preparedness + coordination saves lives

People in Vanuatu have a vast store of indigenous knowledge and wisdom to help them deal with cyclones. Programs must continue to recognize and build on Vanuatu's strengths and resilience.

Investment in coordination and collaboration has increased the speed and effectiveness of the response and recovery.





These findings and more are discussed in our new report:

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Lessons from the Vanuatu NGO climate change adaptation program

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We would also like to share with you our short case study of the Vanuatu program, along with case studies of other community-based adaptation programs in the region.