



VANUATU DRR & DM TERMINOLOGY WORKING GLOSSARY

TERM	DEFINITION
HAZARD	Something natural or man-made that may cause disruption or damage to life, property and/or environment
DISASTER	When a hazard strikes a community and the result level of impact exceeds the affected community's ability to respond and allow the community to get back to normal .
DISASTER RISK	Impacts that could happen to life, property and or environment if a hazard strikes a community.
VULNERABILITY	Vulnerability is the degree to which life, property and/or environment is open to being affected by, or unable to cope with , adverse effects of hazard impacts.
DISASTER MANAGEMENT	All aspects of planning for and responding to emergencies and disasters, including both pre-and post-event activities .
DISASTER RISK REDUCTION	Prevention, Mitigation, Preparedness and Response Activities , that a community may decide to undertake to reduce present and future hazard impact .
DISASTER PLAN	An agreed set of arrangements that is developed and acted upon by the community to reduce the impact on to life, property and/or environment, when a hazard strikes .
PREVENTION	The measures taken to avoid a disaster from occurring
MITIGATION	Measures taken before and after an event to reduce the extent of a disaster or potential disaster
PREPAREDNESS	Measures taken in anticipation of a hazard to reduce the level of damage

ALERT	A notice indicating that precautions should be taken because a hazard is expected to affect the specified community or area in the near future
RESPONSE	Actions taken in anticipations of, during and immediately after a hazard strikes to ensure that that it's effects are minimized and that people affected are given relief and support as soon as possible.
REHABILITATION	Restoring people's life back to normal , re-establish essential services, including the repair of physical, economic, social and psychological damage
RECONSTRUCTION	Permanent measures to repair or replace damaged dwellings and infrastructure and set the economy back on course
RECOVERY	The immediate and long term restoration of physical, social and psychological damage.
REVITALIZATION	Move to higher than pre disaster levels of social and economic wellbeing in the community
EMERGENCY	A situation generated by the real or imminent occurrence of an event that requires immediate attention.
RESILIENCE	A person, household or community's adaptability (ability to cope) and capacity to prepare for hazards and recover from disaster.