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Project 1

Wokbaot Wetem Kalja:

Strengthening the use of traditional knowledge and social and cultural systems in displacement management in Vanuatu



Project overview:



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- Key partners: DLA; VKS
- Donor: IOM Development Fund
- Operational budget: USD\$190,000
- Timeframe for completion: by end 2022
- Objective: Improve Government and community preparedness for displacement from volcanic eruptions by strengthening the use and awareness of traditional knowledge, social and cultural practices and networks, and environmentally sustainable practices in displacement planning and management.
- DRR area of work: Disaster and displacement preparedness
- Previously planned activities:
 1. Cultural and social mapping research x 2 communities (1 displaced, 1 host)
 2. Development of community resource for displacement preparedness
 3. Development of government resource for displacement preparedness that integrates cultural priorities and traditional knowledge (e.g. cultural protocol for displacement management)

Significant outcomes:



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- ❑ Series of consultations with government departments and non-government partners (Further Arts)
- ❑ Established Project Advisory Group in January 2022 comprising:

Malvatumauri National Council of Chiefs	National Recovery Unit
Vanuatu Kaljoral Senta	Vanuatu National Statistics Office
National Disaster Management Office	Department of Lands
Department of Local Authorities	National Customary Lands Management Unit
Department of Women's Affairs	Vanuatu Meteorological and Geohazards Department
Vanuatu National Statistics Office	

- ❑ Background research
- ❑ Completed recruitment for international technical cultural advisor
- ❑ Commenced (but did not complete) recruitment process for 2 local cultural consultants to become part of project team



Significant challenges:

- COVID-19 transmission has impacted on ability to undertake community-based research on volcanic islands.
- Project revision underway.



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Project revision – options scoping:

- Moving away from community-based work
- Investigating work at provincial or national level
- Maintain focus on displacement but may expand beyond just volcano-related displacement
- Options currently include support to Area Councils in disaster planning; national housing recovery research; capacity building for cultural leaders in formal disaster systems



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Project 2

Bildimap save blong yumi:

Developing awareness and preparedness regarding human mobility in Vanuatu



Project overview:



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Key partners: DLA; DoCC

Donor: IOM Development Fund

Operational budget: USD\$88,000

Timeframe for completion: by end 2022

Objective:

- Communities in Vanuatu utilize multimedia resources to share their experiences related to displacement with Government officials, members of the public, and an international audience at COP27.
- Government authorities (DLA) lead interventions to mainstream displacement and migration considerations into policies and operational plans.

DRR area of work: Disaster and displacement preparedness / awareness raising

Planned activities:

1. Development of several multimedia resources for use in raising awareness domestically and regionally regarding community experiences of displacement-related issues in Vanuatu, for government and public stakeholders (videos, photographs, social media infographics/explainers, music)
2. Support to DLA in disaster/displacement-related planning through in-person support at national level.

Status: awaiting official donor sign-off

Significant challenges:

- ❑ COVID-19 outbreak will mean consultations on outer islands inhibited; consultations and filming will be designed in line with current arrangements – Vila, potentially Santo later this year
- ❑ Support to DLA was planned to occur at provincial level (Penama Province) though support will now be at national level or remotely



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Project oversight and reporting arrangements:

- ❑ Original project stated that NAB would be the oversight mechanism
- ❑ IOM would like to continue this arrangement – through simple project updates
- ❑ Individual focal points requested within DoCC and DLA for ease of any detailed project coordination and questions

Thank you!



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Questions / comments:

Wokbaot Wetem Kalja:

- Feedback or potential suggestions welcome on project revision options

Bildimap Save blong Yumi:

- Request feedback on the idea to develop a video that explains displacement issues from Vanuatu's perspective (community and government insights) – that could be used for UNFCCC audiences at COP27.
- Requesting focal points (individual staff members) within DLA and DoCC to act as liaison point for project. Involvement may include discussing video content, providing advice, passing messages.
- Seeking confirmation that NAB can act as project oversight mechanism - through project update now, and endorsement of materials and report at project closure.

