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Climate Change and Food Security Vulnerability Assessment for Divers Bay Village, Ureparapara, Torba Province, Vanuatu

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Area Description

Vanuatu is one of the six countries that were selected as pilot project countries for the SPC/USAID project titled "Vegetation and land cover mapping and improving food security for building resilience to a changing climate in Pacific island communities". The main goal of the SPC/USAID project is to evaluate and implement innovative techniques and management approaches to increase climate change resilience of terrestrial food production systems for communities in selected PICTS (Fiji, Kiribati, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Vanuatu).

Vanuatu Overview*:

Population: 234,023 GDP (US\$): 684 million

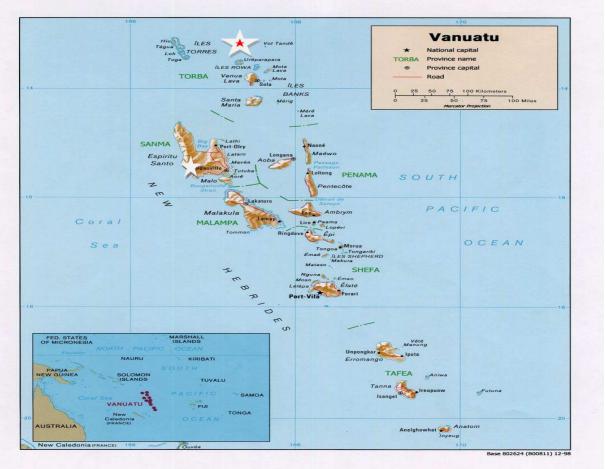
Rural Population: 75% (% of total population)

2.3%

Population Density: 19/km2 Land Area: 12,189 km2 EEZ 680,000 km2

Population Annual Growth *Source: Vanuatu Statistics

Figure 1. Map of Vanuatu showing Ureparapara Island



Source: Vanuatu Government

1.2 Project Site

The project site selected for Vanuatu for the SPC/USAID project is Divers Bay Village in Ureparapa Island. Ureparapara being the third largest island in Banks Island group. Banks Island group together with Torres island group formed the Torba Province, the northern part of Vanuatu (Figure 1). The capital of Torba Province is in Sola, in Vanua Lava island, the second largest island in Banks. Accessing Ureparapara is by boat from Sola, about 3 to 4 hours boat ride. Ureparapara island was formed from an old caldera collapsed to its north eastern side and now forming the passage into, and the bay leading to Divers Village community (Figure 2). The Divers community is the biggest village in Ureparapara and is a coastal village spread along the inner bay coast of the caldera. About half kilometer from the settlement, a sharp relief dominates and surrounds the community and covers areas of both primary and secondary forest, plantation land areas and finally the village settlement on the coast. The volcanic origins of the land is evidenced in the rich mixture of eroded volcanic rocks from the ridges into the sea worn rocks that form a coarse grained grey-brown sandy soil from the beach throughout the community settlement landscape.

Ureparapara was selected as the project sites based on several reasons; the island is very isolated in terms of service access, vulnerability to climate change and natural disasters and increasing population growth, high dependency on agriculture for subsistence and livelihoods and experiencing high production problems. The main types of crops grown by the community includes root crops (taro, sweet potato, yam, cassava) fruits (breadfruits, mango and banana, citrus, pawpaw, coconuts) and vegetables (Bele and eggplants) with a few families keeping indigenous pigs and chickens. Most or all livestock are kept in subsistence production systems. The population of Ureparapara is 436 (2009 Census) and consist of 3 villages. Divers Bay is the biggest village located on the eastern part of the island within the Ureparapara Bay. About half kilometer from the village is a steep cone shape rugged mountain that



1.3 Objective

The main objective of the assessment was to conduct climate change vulnerability assessments on the land based agricultural production systems and identify adaptation measures to the impacts of climate change. More specifically:

- 1. Assess the degree of vulnerability to climate change on food productions systems in Ureparapara;
- 2. Assess food security situation in Ureparapara;
- 3. Identify adaptation measures to the impacts of climate change on food production systems.



2.0 METHODOLOGY

2.1 Site Selection Process

Vanuatu Government recommended ten (10) islands as potential sites for the SPC/USAID climate change project. Because of limited funds to carry out implementation activities in the ten recommended islands, a selection criteria was developed to rank priority potential project site. The following criteria were used to prioritise project site:

- a. Accessibility. For effective delivery of on-the-ground project activities, accessibility was identified as a key criterion for project implementation. On this basis, logistics was considered as important criteria
- b. Socio-economics. A distinctive population trend is a proxy indication of climate change vulnerability (population density) hence inclusion of population trend as another criteria.
- c. Food production systems. Food production systems vulnerability is some indication of potential areas of food insecurity adaptation site. This includes characteristics of the area in terms of agricultural land and water/irrigation problems are important factors for effective implementation and sustainability of the project. Level of agriculture management practices such as soil improvement practices and potential for application of technologies were also considered as important criteria.
- d. Biodiversity/agro-biodiversity is another criterion noting that rich biodiversity is a reflection of high value for resilience to climate change if protected and sustainably managed.
- e. Topography of the area such as soil type, flood plain and soil erosion problems are indications of vulnerability hence its inclusion in the selection criteria.
- f. Climate change impacts. Likewise if the area is vulnerable to impacts of climate change such as, salinity/drought/flooding, prolonged high rainfall, changes in crop and livestock productivity.
- g. Non-Climatic factors: Non climatic factors were also considered such as problems of pest and disease, reduced crop yields, soil fertility problems were also factored in the selection process.

2.2 The Process and Assessment Team

The assessment was conducted from 10th - 14st June 2013 by a team consisting four (4) SPC technical staff, four (4) Department of Agriculture and Rural Development staff and one (1) Department of Fisheries staff and one (1) Forestry staff. Prior to the assessment, a briefing and refresher training was conducted with the Santo based Agriculture staffs. Another training was conducted on 11th June for the Sola based Officers to familiarize team members on the assessment tools including the household survey questionnaires.

2.2.1 Household surveys

The primary objective of the survey is to collect information on household income and household expenditures, household consumptions and housing characteristics including other living conditions of households. Survey covered 24% of the households. The Survey Questionnaire used in this study is provided in Annex 5. Microsoft Excel was used to analyse data from the survey.

2.2.2 Participatory Rural Appraisals (PRA) Process

During the assessment, community participants were divided into 3 groups (Men's Group, Women's Group and Youth's Group) with two facilitators from team. Figure 3 shows the steps and tools used in the PRA process. Using the PRA steps and tools, the following definition was used to assess the communities' vulnerability to climate:

"Vulnerability is a function of character, magnitude and rate of climate variation to which a system is exposed, its sensitivity, and its adaptive capacity" (IPCC, 2001). This definition is articulated in the following equation for simplicity: V=E x S/A. Where:

V = Vulnerability: The degree to which a system is susceptible to, or unable to cope with adverse effects of climate change, including climate variability and extremes.

E = Exposure: The nature and degree to which a system is exposed to significant climatic variations (TAR, IPCC). The climate variation includes average climate change and the extreme climate variability. Exposure in this assessment is the character, magnitude and rate of climate variation at local level. The more the local climate has changed or deviated from its historical condition or trend, the more the value of exposure (E) will be; the more the value of E means the more the system is exposed to new climate leading to high vulnerability. Through community participation, "E" is assessed through assessment of change in elements of climate over time – temperature, precipitation, etc and the hazards induced by such changes.

Figure 3. PRA Steps and Tools Triangulation with information from Met data where possible Step 2 Effects of climate change and related hazards on biophysical and socioeconomic Hazard mapping, trend analysis of effects on bio-physical and socioeconomic Step 3 Step 1 Climate variation and change Adaptive Capacity including extreme events attributed often as hazards Social mapping, assessment of livelihood Seasonal calendar of climate assets, current response change, climate hazards. Transect walk and adaptation measures indicator of plants and and options for choices. animals, hazard ranking and trend line Step 4 Processing of information from Step 1, 2 and 3 Step 5 Adaptation Planning

S = Sensitivity: Degree to which a system is affected, either adversely or beneficially, by climate-related stimuli. The effect may be direct e.g. a change in crop yield in response to a change in the mean, range or variability of temperature or indirect e.g. damages caused by an increase in the frequency of coastal flooding due to sea-level rise (IPCC, TAR) or floods, landslides, etc. Hence, sensitivity in this assessment is the effect of local climate change and related hazards on local system – biophysical and socioeconomic. Highly sensitive (S) systems will be more impacted compared to low sensitive systems even with a same level of climate change or hazards. Therefore the more the system is sensitive to climate change and

related hazards, the more the system is vulnerable to climate change. Sensitivity of a system is assessed through assessment of effects or impacts or damages of the system from climate change and related hazards.

 $A = Adaptive \ Capacity:$ The ability of a system (in this case the "community") to adjust to climate change (including climate variability and extremes) to moderate potential damages, to take advantage of opportunities, or to cope with the consequences (TAR, IPCC).

Using each of the PRA tools, E, S and A were assessed at LOW, MEDIUM, HIGH and VERY HIGH scales through assessment of their elements based on community perception. In terms of numerical, LOW was denoted by "1", MEDIUM by "2", HIGH by "3" and VERY HIGH by "4". Community perceptions were recorded and collated to determine the E Index, S Index and A Index.

2.2.3 Presentation and Triangulation of Meteorological data

Climate Change awareness presentation was provided to the community by the SPC Climate Change Officer (CCO) prior to the PRA. The purpose of the presentation was to provide understanding on the current and future climate change projections for Vanuatu. The presentation highlighted the climate change projections for Vanuatu, recently completed for Vanuatu in 2011 by the Pacific Climate Change Science Program (PCCSP) and was the primary source for the information on the climate change scenarios presented to the DARD staff (and later in the community PRA). An accurate climatology of the area could not be presented as the invited member of the PRA team from the Vanuatu Met Service could not attend the PRA; however the CCO provided a general climatology overview from personal knowledge the expected climatology given geography of Vanuatu in general, and location of the particular island group. Some graphs displaying climatology of the Vanuatu group are presented in Figure 4 and Figure 5.

400 35 PortVila, Vanuatu, 168.32°E, 17.74°S Monthly rainfall (mm) Temperarure (°C) 25 8 20 Tmax Tmean Tmin SST 50 Jan Apr Oct

Figure 4. Graph illustrating climatology of temperatures (mean, max, min), and precipitation from the Port Vila reference station

Source: Vanuatu Meteorological Office

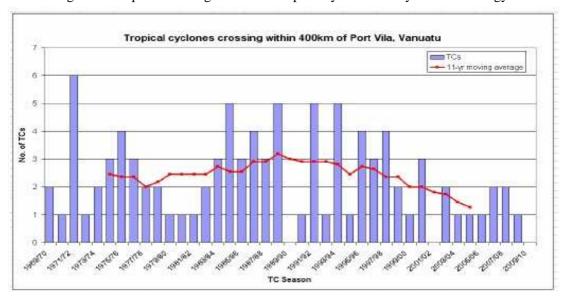


Figure 5. Graph illustrating Vanuatu's tropical cyclone history and climatology

Source: Vanuatu Meteorological Office

In reference to the climate change projections, these were given as from the PCCSP project, and as presented in Table 1. The presentation from the CCO went on to briefly describe the climate projections (Table 1) and the risks and scenarios that could be posed to help the community for future planning. While this information was new to many, the implications were not lost as feedback questions raised indicated some concerns about how the community would cope in the future in terms of livelihoods, food security, and disaster management.

Table 1. Climate Change Projections for Vanuatu

Phenomena	Change
Tropical cyclones	Frequency unchanged, intensity increase
Wet season rainfall	Seasonal rainfall to increase over 21st century
Dry season rainfall	Seasonal rainfall to decrease
Total annual rainfall	To increase
Extreme hot days	To increase
Extreme rainfall	To increase
Drought	Little change projected
Ocean acidity	To increase
Mean Sea Level	Continues to rise
Surface temperatures and sea surface temperatures	To continue to rise

Source: Vanuatu Meteorological Office

2.2.4 Transect Walk.

After completing each of the PRA and household surveys, the team did a transect walk to validate findings of the assessment. The transect walk findings were then combined with assessment results to guide the formulation of the adaptation strategies provided in this report.

3.0 RESULTS

3.1 Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment for Divers Bay Village

3.1.1 Analysis of Exposure
Table 2. Divers Bay Village Exposure to Climatic change

Variable	Description	Community Perception	Scale Value
Temperature	Number of hot days has increased	Very High	4.00
	Number of cold days has decreased	High	3.00
Rainfall	Rainfall has become increasingly unpredictable (more frequent)	High - Very High	3.67
Climate induced disasters	Occurrence of Landslides has increased and sea level rise	Medium - High	2.67
	Occurrence of drought has decreased	High	3.00
Mango	Not fruiting for about ten years	Very High	4.00
Breadfruit	Unlike before, fruiting all year round	High	3.00
Yams	Shorter Season but smaller tubers and more diseases (Anthracnose)	High	3.00
Cassava	Smaller tubers and taste change (bitter) and harder tubers; rat problems	Medium	2.00
Banana	Fruits are smaller and taste changed (saltier); more damage from fowls	Low	1.00
Pigs	Higher mortality; less pigs now; slow growth; low survival rate	High	3.00
Chicken	 Lowered egg production = less number of chickens; eye disease problem 	High	3.67
Fish/Crab	Less fish/Inconsistent catches	Very High	4.00
Total			40.00
Average Exposure	Index:	High	3.08

Table 3. Dives Bay Village Sensitivity to Climate Change

Sector	Hazards	Indicators	Community Perception	Scale Value
Agriculture and Food Security	Landslides & Cyclone	Agricultural land damaged	High	3.67
	Cyclone & landslides	Loss of Crop lands	High	3.33
Forest and Biodiversity	Cyclone	Loss of Forest cover	High	3.00
	Cyclone	Loss of Forest products	High	3.33
Water	Cyclone and landslides	Reduced quantity of water	High	3.33
	Cyclone and landslides	6 months to recover water quality	High	3.33
	Cyclone and landslides	Reduced Quality of water	High	3.67
Settlement and	Cyclone and landslides	Damaged infrastructure	Very High	4.00
Infrastructure	Cyclone	All infrastructure (houses) damaged	Very High	4.00
Human Health	Cyclone and landslides	Outbreak of Malaria & diarrhoea	High	3.33
	Cyclone and landslides	Number of people (majority of the population)	Very High	4.00
Average Index Sc	High	3.55		

Table 2 presents the results of the analysis of Divers Bay village exposure to climate change. The average Exposure is high (3.08). The perceived level on local climate change ranked from High to Very High by the three working groups. Behaviour of plants and animals were also assessed as proxy indicators of climate change. It was found that behaviour of most plants and animals are changing. Mango has not fruit for about 10 years. Cassava and yam productivity is reduced with cassava taste is becoming more bitter. It was also noted during the assessment that livestock numbers are decreasing due to high mortality and this is a concern for the communities given their dependency on local production due to their isolation. Beside banana, the perception on behavioural change of the crops and animals were ranked from medium to High.

3.1.2 Analysis of Sensitivity

Table 3 shows the degree of sensitivity of Divers Bay Village to climate change. The results showed that the Sensitivity of the village to adverse impacts of climate and related stimuli ranges from High to Very High (3.55). Five sectors were selected for the sensitivity assessment (Natural Assets, Physical assets, Social assets, Financial and Human assets). The highest values were assigned to infrastructure and human health. This is due to absence of proper infrastructure and medical health clinic located on the island. All other sectors including Agriculture and Food Security were ranked High.

Table 4. Dives Bay Village Adaptive Capacity to Climate Change

Parameters	Indicators	Criteria	Community Perception	Scale Value
Natural	Agriculture Land	Land use and productivity	M	2.00
Assets	Forests Land & Forest products	Availability of product and services	M	2.00
	Water	Availability of drinking water and Water Quality	L	1.67
Physical	Infrastructure for services	• Trails	L	1.67
Assets		Drinking water and electricity	L	1.67
		Settlements and Community Hall	M	2.00
		Housing standards	M	2.00
		Access to transportation (land, air, sea)	L	1.33
		Access to Health Posts	L	1.67
		Access to Schools	M	2.00
	Information and communication sources	Access to mobile phones, radio, TVs, papers, and internet	L	1.33
Social	Social institutions and service providers	Community affiliations to formal/non-formal institutions and engagements of NGOs and GOs with community	L	1.00
Financial	Financial institutions and sufficiency of incomes	Access to Banks, cooperatives and sufficiency for household needs	L	1.00
Human	Demography, Education, Skilled Labour	More elderly and young (lack trained or skilled labour and low education levels)	L	1.00
Total				22.33
Average Inde	ex Score		Low	1.60

3.1.3 Analysis of Adaptive Capacity

Table 4 shows the adaptive capacity of Divers Bay village to climate change impacts on the five sectors assessed. The adaptive capacity for each of the sectors is low indicating the limited capacity to adapt to climate change impacts. All social institutions and service providers are outside of the village/island. Most if not all houses are constructed from thatched materials.

3.1.4 Vulnerability index of Divers Bay

Vulnerability (V) = EXS/A = 3.08 X 3.55/1.60 = **6.84 (VERY HIGH)**

3.2 Population Characteristics

Table 5 shows the population distribution and characteristics of the households. The analysis revealed that only 15% of the population surveyed attended high school while majority of the population's level of education is pre-school and elementary.

Table 5 Population Demographics

Village	No. of households	Population			Education – elementary plus			
		Male	Females	Total				
Divers Bay	94	226	211	437	84.6% Pre-school/Elementary and 15.4%			
			`		High School			

3.3 Households Income

Table 6 shows average income for households surveyed. On average, 90% of households surveyed indicated sufficient income for their household needs. However, school fees and church obligations have the biggest impact on financial situation followed by food security. During the assessment, it was noted that due to limited income, most students from Ureparapara attending high school in Gaua, were expelled due to unpaid tuitions. The possible caused of indicating sufficient is due to the fact of their isolation.

Table 6. Households Income

Village		Weel	kly Income Sou	Income Sufficiency	Expenses Impacting			
	Farming Cooked Handicrafts Other Total Incom						%	financial
-		food				households		situation most
Divers	19900	1300	2500	32500	58700	1087.037	90	School fees (1),
Bay			All A					Church
								Obligations (1)
	_							and food security
								(2)

3.4 Housing/Housing types and appliances

Table 7 shows the housing and housing types for the households surveyed. Majority of the households share living quarters with most or all living quarters are made up of local thatch materials. Community water supply is not evenly distributed to all households. About 77% of the households have water tanks. All households use outhouse toilet pits and battery lamps are the main source of lighting. Households use open fire for cooking.

3.5 Land Access and Land Use

Table 8 shows land access and land use for households surveyed. All households have access to land with on average, each household having access to about 6.42 acres. In terms of land quality for agriculture production, 77% indicated that their land is of average quality. All households surveyed grow their own

food. Majority of the households surveyed also indicated interest for diversifying their fruit tree and timber tree species (84%).

Table 7. Housing types, Water Sources and Facilities

Village	Living Quarters	Water	sources	Toilet Facilities	Power & Light	Cooking
		Drinking	Washing			
Divers Bay	Independent (38%)Share 62%Bamboo (15%)Thatch (85%)	 Household tank (77%) Community water supply (8%) Unprotected well & Spring 15%) 	• Spring (100%)	• Outhouse pit toilet (100%)	• Solar Panels/Generato r (38%) • None (62%) • 92% Battery Lamp	• Open fire (100%)

Table 8. Land Access and Land Use

Village	% HH have land	Average size (acre)	Land Quality	% Grow own food	Interest for tree
Divers Bay	100	6.42	• Good (23%) • Average (77%)	100	Fruit tree & Timber (84%)Firewood and other (69%)

Table 9. Energy Availability

Quantity / Person /day	Xan- thosoma	Sweet potato	Cassava	Banana	Total Local	Rice	Flour	Noodle	Total Import	Tot./ person/day	% Import
g	106.9	114.8	134.1	154.4	510.2	22.5	37.1	9.8	69.4	579.6	24.5%
kcal	91.9	105.7	485.3	92.6	775.5	81.1	135.0	36.0	252.1	1027.6	

Table 10. Protein Availability

Quantity / person/ day	Pig	Chicken	Tuna and Deep fish	Reef fish	Total Local	Can fish	Can meat	Chicken	Tot import	Tot./ person/day	% Import
g	4.9	6.5	14.3	4.2	29.9	8.1	2.7	1.1	11.9	41.8	
kcal	15.9	8	12.3	2.7	38.9	14.9	6.3	1.3	22.6	61.4	36.81%

3.6 Food Consumption Analysis

3.6.1 Energy and Protein Availability

Table 9 shows energy availability while Table 10 shows protein availability for the village. The analysis indicated that on average, the energy intake per capita per day is less than the FAO/WHO minimum daily requirement for a person to be food secure. Although the village is quite isolated, there is an established tendency for reliance on imported food (rice, flour and noodles) for the community. Similar trend was observed for protein source, there is a tendency to rely on imported food. This is a concern for the community given their isolation and limited shipping to the islands (1 ship in 3 months).

3.7 Transect Walk Findings

Table 11 shows the summary of the transect walk findings. Transect walk findings were used to validate the results of the assessment. Several issues or problems were observed during the transect walk through the farm lands.

The village & Farming Systems	Main Type of Crops	Livestock
The Village:	Major fruit trees are:	Main types of livestock
• The village is located on a strip of	Breadfruit	are:
the coastal area within the Bay.	Banana	 Chicken
	• coconut	• Pigs
Crop Lands:	Great orange/lemon/citrus,	• Cattle
• Crop lands are situated about half	• pawpaw	
a kilometre from village	r····r	Issues:
 Mixed Cropping/Agroforestry 	Major root crops are:	Very limited
• Flatland is about ½ km from coast	Sweet Potato	livestock number
to steep slopes.	Cassava	observed
• Plots of Root crops within	Taro	 Communities
Agroforestry	• Yam	indicated that the
 Cropping on sloping land 		number of livestock
	Major leafy & vegetables:	is decreasing
Issues:	Bele &	resulting in low
 Village is located in valley near 	egg plants	land based protein
the coastal area, vulnerable to	361	source for
natural disasters and sea level rise	Issues:	communities
 Limited access to communication 	• Copra is the main source of income	 Need to increase
and basic services	but with the limited transport, copra is	land protein based
 Need diversification of 	usually not sold; limited diversity	
agroforestry species	• Nutrient and pest and disease	
 Need proper spacing 	problems observed on root crops	
recommendations	Fruit fly on citrus fruits	
• Area is vulnerable to landslides	Anthracnose disease affecting yams	
due to steep mountain (need	• Limited diversity of Vegetables; Insect	
proper farming systems for slopy	boring on bele leaves	
lands)		

4.0 DISCUSSIONS

4.1 Climate Change Vulnerability of Divers Bay

The study found that the Exposure and Sensitivity to climate change for Divers Bay community is high while their adaptive capacity is low. This has resulted in the climate change vulnerability of the community to be Very High (EXS/A). The results of the analysis indicated that rainfall is increasingly unpredictable by the communities. The topography of Divers Village reveals its direct consequence in some of the exposures experienced in this community. While sheltered to some degree by the surrounding ridge, its north-easterly passage break reveals that during tropical cyclones the winds are funnelled into the interior of the island and according to the islanders, intensify thus the phenomena as experienced on the ground. As mentioned earlier, rainfall should be (and is) of high amounts here, however the variability of the rainfall has increased with more frequent extreme events being experienced particularly in the early onset of the wet season (a link is made here to the observation that despite the many mango fruit trees in the village, there has not been a mango producing season in the last 4 years as heavy rainfall has managed to knock the flowers off the trees themselves). Water collected from rainfall it would seem, would not be a problem in this particular community. Several streams are said to flow when rainfall is particularly heavy, while a consistently flowing stream is located to the rear of the settlement, providing for community use. The mountain ridges and topography of the island means a persistent cloud cover over the ridges which provide for some rainfall during the dry season by orography (from south easterly trades), and particularly high intensity rainfall.

A deep bay is present in the village and is the primary fishing grounds of the Divers Village community. The bay is protected from weather to some degree although first-hand experience during the visit highlighted the unpredictability of the open water weather due to it being somewhat obscured by the abrupt relief of the island and the southern origins of the weather (as relayed by community members). Likewise, number of hot days is increasing. The communities indicated that the observed changes in the local climate are responsible for observed changes in behaviour of plants and animals. Mangoes are flowering but never reached fruiting stage for the past ten years. Taste of bananas and cassava is also changing. The taste of cassava is becoming more bitterness while bananas are becoming saltier. The actual cause of this is unknown. Mortality rate for livestock is also increasing and were observed to be high during high rainfall. All the five sectors assessed on the impacts of climate change showed that the sectors are highly impacted by climate change and natural disasters. The study also recorded that landslide is frequently occurring during high rainfall causing agricultural lands and communities to be impacted. Pest and disease incidences are increasing and also coincide with high rainfall. Some households have relocated upland from the current main settlement, a reaction to a recent tsunami experience and a flash flood event.

The study also found that the adaptive capacity of the community to the impacts of climate change is low. Adaptive capacity of all sectors assessed was ranked low. The community is situated within a valley of Ureprapara Bay with no access to any form of communication reception. The types of housing for the communities is mainly thatch/bamboo houses. This indicates the vulnerability of the houses to cyclones and other types of natural disasters. On top of that, the community is located on the strip of the coastal areas, very low lying and vulnerable to tsunami, tidal waves and sea level rise. There is limited transportation to the islands and even the islanders' lack boats/engines. A fibre glass boat has just been donated to the community with two engines but the size of the boat is difficult to travel during rough weathers. The Vanuatu National Boat comes to the islands ones in 3 months. There is neither medical clinic nor bank located on the islands. The nearest island to access these services are in Sola which is about 3-4 hours boat ride. In terms of schools, only one primary school is located on the island. The high school that the islands usually send their kids to is on Gaua. All social institutions and service providers are outside of the community, mostly in the neighbouring islands. Income generating opportunity to the

islands is almost nil except during visiting vessels/ yachts, offers opportunity to sell local foods and handicrafts.

4.2 Food Security situation for Divers Bay

The four determinants of food security (food availability, food access, food utilization and food stability) were assessed to determine the communities' food security situation.

4.2.1 Food Availability

The food consumption analysis indicated that the energy supply per person per day is much lower than the FAO/WHO minimum daily requirement for an individual to be food secure. Also, protein availability for the village population is quite low (41.8g/day). The main protein source for the community is from the fish with limited from land based sources. Despite the isolation of the community, there is a tendency to rely on food imports. Given the limited income opportunity for the community, this is a big concern for the community. Nevertheless, subsistence agriculture remains vital for food security and livelihoods of the community. Proxy indicators for plants and animals showed that productivity of most staple crops and livestock is decreasing. Mortality rates for livestock is observed to be high compared to before. This is resulting in less number of chicken and pigs to continuously supply the protein requirement for the households. As such it is important to devise interventions to assist boost food production systems for the community.

4.2.2 Food Access

Food access is determined by the household's/individual's access to resources to either produces the food or enough income to purchase a sufficient and safe food. Most households in both villages have access to land to grow their own food. However, the quality and topography of the land is vulnerable to landslides due to the sloppiness of the area. In addition, some households have limited land to continuously cultivate for food production. Income generating opportunity for the community is very low. The only income source for the villagers is copra however, with the irregular shipping to the island is causing most of the copra to rot as the ship comes ones in 3 months. The other income opportunity is during visiting of yachts and tour vessels where the islanders can sell local produce and handicrafts. The villagers indicated the need to establish a proper copra house to store copra for a minimum of three months. If quantity and consistency of copra supply from the island, may stimulate more frequent shipping to the island to pick copra.

4.2.3 Food Utilization

Food utilisation is still very much reliance on local food production. However, there is a need to strengthen food production for the village population to reverse the already established tendency for reliance on imported foods. Diversification of food production systems will ultimately help diversify the low diversity of diets observed in the village.

4.2.4 Food Stability

In terms of stability of food supply, it is clear from the exercise that food production is already impacted by climate change and non-climatic factors. Behaviour of plants and animals are changing. Fruit trees such as mango are no longer fruiting for about 10 years. Income opportunity for the households is low. Income generating opportunities is limited hence, a need to create income opportunity for the community. A possible opportunity is to build copra house to increase shelve life of copra between shipping schedules. This may also influence more frequent shipping route through the island.

5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS AND ADAPTATION STRATEGIES

The results of this study show that the Divers Bay Villages is already impacted by climate change. The food security of the community is quite vulnerable. From the results of this study (High Vulnerability to Climate Change and Food Security Risks) and in line with the SPC/USAID project purpose (*Enhanced Climate Change Resilience of Food Production Systems*), below are some adaptation strategies the project will focus on:

- Institutional and social strengthening
- Diversification of food production systems in order to ultimately diversify diet
- Introduction of hardy crop varieties
- Introduction of hardy livestock breeds
- Development of demonstration farms (both crop and livestock)
- Capacity Building in all areas of intervention including climate change and disaster risk reduction programs



Appendix 1. Master Logframe

Objectives & activities	Objectives Verifiable Indicators (OVIs)	Baseline	End of the Project	Means of Verification (MOVS)	Assumptions
GOAL: Agricultur	re production and pro	ductivity increased		•	
PURPOSE: Resiliency of Agriculture production systems	Crop area increased	• Low crop production	• Crop diversity increased	Project reports	• Limited capacity in agriculture farming techniques
strengthened	• Livestock production increased	Limited crop diversity	• Crop production and productivity increased	• Project survey	• Limited access to extension services
	Crop diversity increasedProduction	Pest and disease problemsLow livestock	Livestock production increased		• Strong participation of community members
	problems reduced	production			
OUTPUTS: 1. Diversity and productivity of crops and livestock	# of crops varieties introduced and utilisedIncreased	Limited crop diversityPoor	% increase in crop area & agroforestry% increase	project reportsProject	Limited farming techniquesStrong
increased	• # of livestock/breeds increased	agriculture farming practices • Low livestock production	livestock numbers (pigs and chickens) • Diet diversity increased	survey	support from Govt and donors Strong support from partner
	On farm trials established	 Low capacity in livestock production Low diet 			agencies/ stakeholders • Strong participation of community members
	 Capacity building provided 	diversity			
2. Community Adaptation Capacity strengthened	Income from agriculture sales increased	Limited income opportunity	• Income opportunity enhanced	Project reports	• Limited capacity in agriculture farming techniques
	Climate tolerant varieties introduced and distributed	• Limited market access	• % increase in agriculture sales	• Project survey	• Limited access to services
	• Appropriate farming systems adopted	Poor access to basic/agri. services and	• Pest and disease problems identified and		• Strong support from partner

	communications	control measures provided	agenc stakel	cies/ holders
Capacity building on agriculture production	• Poor agriculture farming practices	• Appropriate farming practices adopted	partic	Strong cipation mmunity bers
systems and CC/DRM provided	• Limited capacity/knowledge on CC adaptation and DRM	• Agriculture production problems reduced		
		• CC / DRM awareness and capacity strengthened		

Appendix 2. Detailed Logframe

• •	productivity of crops and					
Output 1.1 Diversity and	productivity of agroforestr	y strengthened				
Activities	Indicator	Budget Description Budg Amou		Responsible / Partners	1	
1.1.1 Evaluate and document Agroforestry systems and diversity	Agroforestry systems evaluated and documented	Travel / Supplies		Lead: Gibson / Jalesi/Maria Partners: DARD, Vanuatu Forestry, Community	X	
1.1.2 Demonstration site for agroforestry on sloping land established	At least two pilot farms identified	Travel (As in Activity 1.1.1)		Lead: Gibson / Jalesi/ Maria Partners: DARD, Vanuatu Forestry, Community	X	
1.1.3 Introduction of recommended crop varieties incorporated into agroforestry systems	Number of crop varieties introduced and planted	Tools/Planting Materials / Transportation		Lead: Gibson / Jalesi /Valerie/ DARD, Vanuatu Forestry, Community	X	X
Output Sub-Total						
Output 1.2 Increased div	versity of vegetable product	ion				
1.2.1 Identify potential nursery site for seedling propagation	Nursery site identified	Consultation cost/ Supplies		Gibson/John/Oniel/ Barton/DARD/ Community	X	
1.2.2 Identify community members (preferably women's group) to participate in vegetable production	Formation of Divers Bay Women's Vegetable growers	Consultation cost / Supplies		Gibson/John/Oniel/ Barton/DARD/ Community	X	
1.2.3 Introduction of vegetable seeds and other input supplies for vegetable growing	Vegetable seeds and other input supplies sourced, procured and distributed	Vegetable seeds and other input supplies		Gibson/John/Oniel/ Barton/DARD/ Community	X	X
1.2.4 Training on vegetable production provided (from nursery to field Management)	At least 3 trainings provided	Consultation costs /Supplies		Gibson/John/Oniel/ Barton/DARD/ Community	X	X
1.2.5 Compost production training provided to communities	Training provided to women and farmers	Consultation costs/ Supplies		Gibson/John/ Oniel/Barton/DARD/ Community	X	X

Output 1.3 Livestock pro	duction increased					
Activities	Indicator	Budget Description	Budget	Responsible / Partners	Ye	ear
			Amount		1	1
1.3.1 Explore interest for livestock types	Livestock types preferred by communities identified	Travel		Gibson/John/Oniel/ Barton/DARD/ Community	X	
1.3.2 Identification of hardy breeds (pig and chicken) and introduced to the village	At least 2 each hardy breeds of chicken and pigs identified and introduced	Livestock/ Transportation		Gibson/John/Oniel/ Barton/DARD/ Community	X	
1.3.3 Feasible livestock breeding center established for livestock distribution	Livestock center established within the community & Increased availability of improved livestock breeds for distribution to households	Construction materials / transportation / Shipment		Gibson/John/Oniel/ Barton/DARD/ Community	X	X
1.3.4 Development of feasible livestock production model (piggery and chicken) for the community	Potential farmer identified and Livestock production model established	Construction materials / transportation / Shipment		Gibson/John/Oniel/ Barton/DARD/ Community		X
1.3.5 Introduction of other feasible livestock species (such as goats)	At least 1 other livestock introduced to the community	Livestock costs / Transportation		Gibson/John/Oniel/ Barton/DARD/ Community		Х
Output Subtotal						
Output 2. Adaptation C						
Output 2.1 Enhanced In Management (DRM)	stitutional and social capac	rity of the community to	Climate Cha	nge (CC)and Disaster Risk		
Activities	Indicator	Budget Description	Budget Amount	Responsible / Partners	Ye	ear
					1	2
2.1.1 Establishment of internet and radio communication access in Sola and Ureparapara	Capacity to respond to emergencies strengthened	Communication equipment / Monthly fees		Gibson/John/Oniel/ Barton/Torba Province / Community	X	
2.1.2 Climate change awareness strengthened (and Early Warning Systems provided)	Number of awareness / campaign materials distributed	Printing / Supplies/Tsunami Early Warning System	2000 USD X 2 = 4000	Gibson/John/Oniel/ Barton/Torba Province / Community	X	X
2.1.3 Food security awareness strengthened	Number of awareness materials / campaigns distributed	Printing / Supplies		Gibson/John/Oniel/ Barton/Torba Province / Community		
Output Subtotal						
Output 2.2 Enhanced res	siliency of agriculture prod	uction systems to Clima	te Change			
Activities	Indicator	Budget Description	Budget Amount	Responsible / Partners	Ye	ear
					1	1
2.2.1 Establishment of climate ready collection crops in Divers Bay and Sola	Climate ready collection centre established in Sola and Divers Bay	Climate ready crops costs		Gibson/John/Barton/ Oniel/PGR/ Community	X	Σ

2.2.2 Field try conducted on the climate ready	Climate hardy varieties identified	Research costs		Gibson/John/Barton/ Oniel/PGR/ Community	X	X
collection varieties 2.2.3 Hardy varieties to different climatic situations are propagated and distributed	Hardy varieties identified and # distributed	Transportation		Gibson/John/Barton/ Oniel/PGR/ Community		X
Output Subtotal						
Output 2.3 Strengthen in	come opportunity for the c	ommunity				1
Activities	Indicator	Budget Description	Budget	Responsible / Partners	Y	ear
			Amount		1	2
2.3.1 Copra processing facility developed	Sales for copra increased	Copra ware house building materials		Gibson/John/Barton/ Oniel/BAT/ Community	X	
2.3.2 Conduct feasibility study for income generating opportunities	Study identifying income opportunity for the communities	Travel		Gibson/John/Barton/ Oniel/IACT/ Community		
2.2.3 Identification of other potential income generating agricultural products	At least 2 commodities for each village identified	Consultation costs / Supplies		Gibson/John/Barton/ Oniel/IACT/ Community	X	X
2.3.3 Training on food processing and marketing provided	Enhanced capacity	Consultation costs / Supplies		Gibson/John/Barton/ Oniel/IACT/ Community	X	X
Output Subtotal						
Output 2.4 Production pr		D 1 (D) ()	D 1 4	D 31 / D 4	X 7	
Activities	Indicator	Budget Description	Budget Amount	Responsible / Partners	Y	ear
					1	2
2.4.1 Identification of pests and diseases	Major pests and diseases identified	Travel		Gibson/Atu/Oniel / John/Barton	X	X
2.4.2 Control measures sought and provided	Control and eradication methods provided	Consultation costs /Supplies		Gibson/Atu/Oniel /John/Barton	X	X
2.4.3 Identify non- climatic production problems and solutions identified	Non-climatic factors identified and solutions provided	Transportation / Supplies		Gibson/Atu/Oniel / John/Barton	X	X
Output Subtotal						

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Section1: Background Information

1.1 Household No.:	1.4 Interviewer name:
1.2 Village:	1.5 Date://
	1.6 Time:
1.3 Respondent name:	
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Section 2: Demographics

2.1 Household composition

Household Member No.	Ethnicity	Relationship to H/H	Sex	Age(Years)	Marital Status	Highest level of Education completed
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Ethnicity	R'ship to HH	Sex	Marital Status	Education
1.Fijian	 Hhold head 	1. Male	1. Never Married	0. None
2. Indian	2. Spouse	2. Female	2. Married	 Kindergarton
3. Chinese	3. Child		3. Widowed	2. Elementary
4. Others	4. Parent		4. Separated	3. High School
	5. Grandchild	A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A	5. Divorced	4. College
	6. Other relation		6. Other	5.University
	7. Not related			Vocational

Section 2: Household and Housing 2.1 – .9 Dwelling Structure and Amenities

- 2.1 MAIN type of living quarters
 - 1-Independent
 - 2-Shared building
 - 3-Other
- 2.2 MAIN type of material for walls of the house
 - 1-Concrete
 - 2-Corrugated Iron/Tin
 - 3-Timber/Wood
 - 4- Thatch
 - 5-Other
 - 6-None
- 2.3 MAIN source of drinking water

1Public utility water supply

- 2-Community water supply
- 3-Household tank
- 4-Protected well
- 5-Unprotected well
- 6-Other
- 2.4 MAIN source of washing water
 - 1-Public utility water supply
 - 2-Community water supply
 - 3-Household tank
 - 4-Protected well
 - 5-Unprotected well
 - 7-Spring, river, lake
 - 8-Other
- 2.5 MAIN toilet facility

- 1-Flush toilet
- 2-Water seal
- 3-Outhouse, pit toilet
- 6-Other

2.6 MAIN form of sewage disposal

- 1-Connected to sewer line
- 2-Connected to septic tank
- 3-Use other means

2.7 MAIN source of power you have access to;

- 1-Public utility
- 2. Generator
- 2-Solar Panels
- 3-Other
- 4-None

2.8 MAIN source of lighting

- 1-Public utility
- 2-Generator
- 3-Solar panel
- 4-Kerosene lamp
- 5-Battery lamp
- 6-Other
- 7-None

2.9 MAIN cooking facility

- 1-Electric range
- 2-Gas stove
- 3-Portable electric stove
- 4-Kerosene stove
- 5-Microwave oven
- 6-Wood stove
- 7-Open fire
- 8-Other

Section 3: Income

3.1 Income Sources

In the table below, please provide the average annual income of the household as a whole, for each of the categories provided below (Please leave the total as blank)

Sources of incomes	Av. income/week (\$)
Selling farm produce	
Selling cooked foods	
Salary/wages	
Selling handicrafts	
Remittances	
Others (small business etc.)	
Total weekly income	

3.2 Income Sufficiency

Is the total weekly income sufficient for the household?

Yes (Go to q3.3)

No (Provide the MAIN method the household meets their basic needs)

- 1-Assisted by extended family members
- 2-Borrow from neighbors
- 3-Barter exchange
- 4-Other
- 5-None

3.3 Financial Impact

Please rank from 1 to 6 (1 being "most impact") the impact of the following obligations on the household's financial situation?

	Rank from 1 to 6 (1 most impact)
Traditional obligations	
Church obligations	
Food security (meals, preserved food, etc.)	
School fees	
Health care	
Shelter, clothing, etc.	

Section 4: Land Access/Use

4.1 Land Access

Do you have access to land?

Yes – my own land (Go to q7.3)

Yes – leasing from someone else

No

4.2 – 4.5 Land Use

- 4.2 How much do you pay a year for the land? \$______ m (length) x ______ m (width)

 4.4 Do you grow your own food on this land? Yes / No.
- $4.4\ Do\ you\ grow\ your\ own\ food\ on\ this\ land?\ Yes\ /\ No$
- 4.5 How would you describe the quality of land?
 - 1-Good
 - 2-Average
 - 3-Poor

4.6 Trees in Agroforestry systems

- 1. What does a forest or a tree mean to you?
- 2. Do you know what benefits you can derived from forests and trees
- 3. Do you have trees in your farm? Are they planted or part of the natural stand? If the trees are planted, how were they selected?
- 4. What are the trees currently planted at your farm (species\local names and nos. of trees)
 - Fruit\nuts trees
 - Timber trees
 - Ornamental trees
 - Fuelwood trees
 - Medicinal trees
 - Others (fodder, soil conditioner\protection, etc.)
- 5. How the trees were planted (positioning) within the farm lot? Are they integrated with food crops?
- 6. What benefits have you derived so far from the existing trees?
- 7. Are you interested to plant more trees in your farm? What kind of trees would you prefer to grow?
 - Fruit\nuts trees
 - Timber trees
 - Ornamental trees
 - Fuelwood trees
 - Medicinal trees
 - Others (fodder, soil conditioner\protection, etc.)
- 8. Do you already have the skill on how to propagate trees?
 - From seeds (including seed collection seedling production and maintenance
 - Vegetative propagation (cuttings, grafting, marcotting, etc.)
 - Field planting and maintenance
- 9. Do you have existing facilities (including labor) to raise your planting materials?

Section 5: Food Availability

5.1 Crops

In a typical <u>WEEK</u> how much crops does your household consume, give away, sell, receive as gifts and purchase?

CROP	Total produced by the household Weight (lbs)							Purchased from another household/ store	
	Total	Household consumpti on	Preserve d	Given Away	Sold	Sold (\$ Value)		Amount (lbs)	\$ Value
	=a+b+c +d	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)				
Taro (Colocasia)									
Cassava									
Banana					A				
Yams									
Taro (Xanthosoma)			4						
Coconut									
Sweet potato					A				
Breadfruit									
Other									
Total					7				

5.2 Livestock harvest
In a typical <u>WEEK</u> how much livestock does your household consume, give away, sell, receive as gifts and purchase?

LIVESTOCK	LIVESTOCK Total produced by the household Weight (lbs)					Received as gift (lbs)	Purchased from another household/ store	
	Total	Household consumption (a)	Given Away	Sold	Sold (\$ Value)		Amount (lbs)	\$ Value
	=a+b+c		(b)	(c)				
Pigs								
Beef								
Mutton								
Chicken								
Ducks								
Other								
Total								

5.3 Seafood harvest

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In a typical WEEK how much sea food produce does your household consume, give away, sell, receive as gifts and purchase

SEAFOOD	Weight (lbs)						Received as gift (lbs)	Purchased from another household/ store	
	Total	Household consumption (a)	Preserved	Given Away	Sold	Sold (\$ Value)		Amount	\$ Value
	=a+b+c+d		(b)	(c)	(d)				
Tuna and other deep sea fish									
Reef fish					A				
Shellfish									
Crab									
Lobsters			4						
Coconut crab									
Other									
Total				40					

<u>5.4 Frequency of Consumption (Staple Foods)</u> How many days in a typical week does your household consume the following produce? Check $(\sqrt{})$

Food Items	Mostly (5+)	Sometimes (2-4)	Rare (once or less)	None
taro				
cassava				
Banana				
yams				
Coconut				
Sweet potato				
Breadfruit				
Other				

Section 6: Imported Foods

6.1 Amount and Value of Imported Foods

In the following table, please provide details of the amount of each imported food item the household purchases in a typical MONTH. Also provide an estimate of the value of this food

Imported Food	Quantity imported (quantity in numbers e.g. cases)	Total Costs (\$ Value)
Rice		
Flour		
Ramen Noodles		
Canned fish		
Canned meat		
Soft drinks		

Chicken							
Mutton							
6.2 Frequency of Co						_	
How many days in a	* *						1
Food Items Rice	Mostly (>5	<u>)</u>	Sometimes ((2-4)	Rarely (or	ice)	None
Flour							
Ramen Noodles							
Canned fish							
Canned meat							
Chicken							
			A				
Mutton							
Section 7: Informati 7.1 Rank the followin Format			ir usefulness to		information		Useful
Posters/leaflets							
1 Osters/ learnets		· ·	# 1				
Radio programme							
Newspaper							
Video programme							
Mobile phone							
Internet							
7.2 Do you own a mo	bile phone		yes	no			
7.3 If you own a mob	ile phone, w	hich servic	e provider		Digicel	TCC	
7.4 Do you own a sm	arthphone?	es/No.					
7.5 Do you know son	neone who o	wns a smai	rtphone? Yes/N	No			
7.6 Do you want to re			_		? Yes/No		
•			e text message	_		ige? Yes/N	o
7.7 Does your househ						-	
7.8 Do you have acce		_					
7.9 Do you know you							
			sion officer? In	the last	six months?	Yes/No.	
7.10 Do you belong to							
7.11 Do you belong to							