Highlights

- 6,735 affected girls and boys, (42 per cent of target) in Shefa and Tafea Province now have access to temporary learning spaces through UNICEF support.
- 14,368 early childhood- and primary-aged children including children with disabilities (64 per cent of UNICEF target) have received learning materials and school supplies through support to the Ministry of Education and Training.
- 23,962 children (96 per cent of target) have been immunized against measles in Shefa, Sanma and Tafea Provinces.
- 65 per cent of targeted mothers of children aged 0 - 23 months have received basic infant and young child feeding practices counselling in Sanma and Tafea Provinces.
- 71 per cent of the UNICEF’s targeted population of 70,000 persons were reached with water, sanitation, and hygiene supplies and hygiene promotion messages; however serious WASH challenges remain for sustainable, disaster resilient recovery
- 8 per cent of 6,400 targeted children have been reached with birth registration

UNICEF needs US$1 million over the next nine months

- **166,600** people on **22 islands in Vanuatu** affected, including **82,000** children
- **49,524** people reached with water, sanitation and hygiene supplies and messages
- **23,962** children under 5 years of age have been reached by immunization, Vitamin A and deworming
- **14,368** children reached with school supplies
- **18** solar powered refrigerators to store vaccines restored; **10** health facilities receive new-born kits
Overview

The Harmonised Assessment Report was completed and published by NDMO with support from Ministry led Clusters. This information was used to update the Humanitarian Action Plan, which was extended by six months. Vanuatu’s National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) is currently working with partners to link the humanitarian action to the recovery plans determined through the Post Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA). The final version of this assessment along with the damage and loss inventory will be published by the government and partner in May.

Provision of adequate logistic support to get the required supplies to all in need is still the most challenging aspect of this response due to the geographic spread between islands, high prices of shipping between ports and the remoteness of some communities.

Humanitarian leadership and coordination

The NDMO coordinates all clusters and has been busy finalising the Assessment Report and preparing the revised appeal, named the Humanitarian Action Plan (HAP). The UN Humanitarian Coordinator and the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) continue to support the NDMO and OCHA maintains an online Humanitarian Response page (https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/operations/vanuatu) as the central repository of documents generated in support of the coordination effort related to Tropical Cyclone Pam.

Humanitarian Clusters and sub-working groups continue to meet regularly. The Health and WASH clusters produce coordination bulletins.

A draft Post Disaster Needs Assessment was presented to stakeholders by the PDNA drafting team on 23 April. By end of April, the Government will give its feedback on the draft PDNA and plans to hold a donor dialogue. On 15 May the PDNA report will be released to the public.

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\(^1\) The NDMO estimates the number of affected children to be 70,000. However, the total number of children residing in the affected provinces exceeds this estimate.
\(^2\) Number of children aged under 5 in five affected provinces (SOURCE: NDMO projected figures in 2013).
\(^3\) Number of children aged 6-23 months in five affected provinces (SOURCE: NDMO projected figures in 2013 & WHO Emergency tool 6.3 Ref Values, March 2012).
\(^4\) Number of pregnant women in five affected provinces (SOURCE: NDMO projected figures in 2013 & WHO Emergency tool 6.3 Ref Values, March 2012).
Education

Through UNICEF support to the Ministry of Education and Training, 42 per cent of the 16,000 targeted girls and boys (6,735 girls and boys) now have access to temporary learning spaces, while 64 per cent of the 22,540 targeted early childhood- and primary-aged children (14,368 girls and boys) have now received learning materials and school supplies in two provinces: Shefa and Tafea Province. This includes children with disabilities. Many excited people in Tanna mobilized to receive the shipment of school tents and supplies. Over 70 representatives from schools on Tanna (including Ministry of Education and Training representatives, Zone Curriculum Advisors and Head Teachers) participated in an orientation by UNICEF and MoET on 23 April to guide them in setting up tents for temporary learning spaces, and on the use of kits including Early Childhood Development Kits, Recreational Kits and School-In-Boxes. Very strong community engagement led to an efficient and effective response, including assignment of responsibilities, drawing up of distribution lists, organizing trucks and labour, putting up tents and carrying out distributions.

On 21 April the Vanuatu Society for Disabled People held its first community based early intervention programme class since Cyclone Pam, just outside Port Vila in Shefa Province. They used the learning materials provided by UNICEF in the Early Childhood Development kits, including beads for threading, blocks and balls.

UNICEF continues to prioritize psycho-social support for children, with two percent of targeted education service providers (20 from a target of 944) at both early childhood and primary level having received orientation in psychosocial support and DRR messaging. In collaboration with the Early Childhood and Development Centres Unit of the Ministry of Education and Training, UNICEF field tested the psychosocial support materials with Kindergartens and Grade Ones in three schools from 22 to 23 April. Approximately 30 girls and boys participated in the field test and were observed to have been captivated by the stories, especially since they are in Bislama, the local language of Vanuatu. The materials will be field tested with an additional school and health centre on 27 April then feedback from this compiled to feed into the finalisation of the materials.

Health and Nutrition

As of 24 April, 23,962 children aged 6 – 59 months were vaccinated against measles in Shefa, Sanma and Tafea Provinces, through UNICEF support. The children in Efate, Santo and Tanna also received vitamin A supplementation, deworming drugs and soap. Children in Santo and Tanna received a combined measles and rubella vaccine. Rapid Convenience Assessment (RCA) is a standard validation process to determine if there are still pockets of populations missed during the campaign as basis for “mopping up” – this is now being initiated in the high risk areas of Sanma Province (Luganville and Port Olry).

As part of the integrated campaign, UNICEF in partnership with the Ministry of Health, through World Vision and SCA, provided 4,196 mothers of children under 24 months with access to Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) counselling in two provinces. 6,390 children 6 to 59 months were screened for acute malnutrition in Tafea. The team identified and treated 22 cases of severe acute malnutrition with complications at the three provincial-level hospitals (Sanma, Shefa and Tafea), of which 10 were males and 12 were females. After many challenges, the UNICEF procured supplies of ready to use therapeutic food finally arrived in Port Vila, and are now ready for distribution to the different hospitals in the country that are treating acute malnutrition cases.

The Nutrition Working Group led by UNICEF continues to monitor nutrition surveillance through eight WHO/Ministry of Health supported sentinel sites in Shefa. Ongoing strengthening of the inpatient treatment programmes at three provincial hospitals through supportive supervision, provision of supplies, and strengthened reporting against SPHERE standards (supported by WHO and World Vision) is another priority. With Save the Children engagement the acute malnutrition screening, and IYCF messaging at aid posts continues.
Cold chain facilities in ten health facilities on Efate (Poananguisu, Imere, Erakor, Nguna) and Tanna (White Sands, Lamalu, Greenhills, Kitow, Ikity, Lowiau) have been restored through technical assistance by fixing the refrigerators and existing solar panels. In addition, nine new solar refrigerators have arrived that will be distributed and installed in government approved priority health facilities. The installation of the 15KVA standby generator at the central cold store is in process while discussion is ongoing with the Ministry of Health for refurbishment of a new space to hold the new national vaccine cold storage facility, which has been ordered.

With UNICEF support, adequate new-born care kits and services have been restored in 10 of the affected primary health care facilities. 17 health facilities have been identified as damaged and prioritized for restoration not only for physical construction but also including emergency maternal and new born services. A 72 square metre tent was delivered to Tanna for Greenhill health facility to use as a temporary fixture for service provision.

An onsite visit by UNICEF, UNFPA, Ministry of Health and a working group on health infrastructure on 22 April to Paunganisu Health Centre (Efate) determined that the MCH and outpatient facilities are operational and only the staff house had damaged roofing. Agreements between Ministry of Health, UNICEF and Save the Children on allowing UNICEF and Save the Children on allowing UNICEF and Save the Children for coordinated direct distribution of supplies, drugs to lowest level facilities and aid posts was signed. This will facilitate shipments to end users especially women and children.

**Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)**

The Second Harmonized Assessment Report indicated that many people still cannot access safe water sources. An estimated 68% of the rainwater harvesting catchment structures are broken, 70% of the wells have been contaminated, and piped water systems have been damaged. Water quality is poor everywhere except in Port Vila, resulting in serious health risks.

To date emergency distributions of water, sanitation, and hygiene supplies and hygiene promotion messages have reached an estimated 71 per cent of the targeted 70,000 people (49,524 people reached to date), through a coordinated effort from Cluster members, coordinated by Government with UNICEF support. WASH cluster members are working with the Shelter cluster to prioritize tarpaulin distribution to the Shepherds and Aniwa islands as a quick fix to restore rainwater harvesting.

The WASH Cluster has agreed on key health and hygiene messages with the Health Cluster for use by health and hygiene promotion teams. UNICEF is supporting the development of IEC materials for printing and distribution through partners. The WASH Cluster is working with the Health Infrastructure working group, which has identified water and sanitation risks at health facilities.

The Protection and Gender cluster has warned of possible gender and protection issues around water and sanitation facilities, especially after the cyclone, and called for attention to the restoration of structures that allow privacy and protection. The cluster has called for the development of specific messages for children to prevent them from drinking unsafe water. The WASH Cluster has designated a protection and gender focal point.

A UNICEF WASH Cluster Coordinator arrived on 18 April, and an Information Management Officer arrived on 11 April, enabling the WASH Policy specialist to return to more of his regular duties.
Assessment reports demonstrate a need for waiver on fees for the replacement of civil documents including birth registration documentation. UNICEF supported the Ministry of Internal Affairs to launch mobile birth registration on Tanna in Tafea Province from 23 April. Over 350 girls and boys had their births registered on Tanna on 23 and 24 April, thus reaching eight per cent of the target of 6,400 children on 15 islands in six provinces. The campaign targets replacement of birth registration documentation but also targets children who have never been registered. Other Ministries involved include the Ministries of Justice & Community Services, and Youth Development and Sports. The Just Play NGO and programme is also a partner.

UNICEF continues to support psycho-social needs through the provision of recreational kits coupled with orientation to caregivers on psycho-social support. To date, 26 girls and boys have received orientation as peer educators. In addition, with UNICEF support, 58 service providers (17 per cent of the 350 targeted), including front line child protection officials, have received orientation on child protection in emergencies.

Communication for Development (C4D)

The communications team supported the Child Protection Programme with its National Free Birth Registration campaign that was launched on 23 April at Lamenu Stadium on Tanna. Development of print materials, SMS awareness/promotional texts, press releases, radio, social media and Just Play festivals promoting key integrated messages were organized together with the Ministry of Internal Affairs and in collaboration with Tafea Football Association. The Assistant Secretary General of Tafea Provincial Government launched the “kick off” of the national campaign alongside the President of the Tafea Football Association.

The communications team also supported the Child Protection Program with documentation of a peer to peer orientation on psychosocial first aid that was held in North Tanna. The initiative which was led by the Ministry of Youth Development and Training with support from UNICEF, focused on strengthening existing youth networks and capacity at community level. Further community outreach activities will be similarly held for Western, Eastern and South Tanna as well as other selected islands.

The communications team also supported the Health and WASH cluster programs with integrated IEC materials. Materials will be disseminated through existing networks including the Just Play programme. The team is also exploring use of SMS texts for awareness messaging and expanding existing radio awareness through Radio Vanuatu.

UNICEF children’s productions on voices of children after Cyclone Pam were distributed on social media and were part of an art exhibition held at Fondation Bastie in Pango, Port Vila along with additional artwork from participants of the one week orientation on production of children’s books that were also featured.

The OFC Champion’s League football tournament has been ongoing in collaboration with FIFA and the Just Play Programme. At the final match in Fiji, OFC presented a cheque of USD 100,000 to UNICEF as a generous contribution to the UNICEF New Zealand fundraising campaign for Cyclone Pam response.

Local media coverage is ongoing for the national free birth registration campaign, Just Play activities, as well as WASH, education and health initiatives. Additional stories including blogs, web and social media content and press releases for programmes including survival, impact and supplies will be issued over the next few days.

UNICEF C4D Officer departed Vanuatu on 26 April. A temporary communications consultant has arrived into Port Vila on 25 April for a three month deployment to assist with external relations and C4D in-country. The UNICEF Sports for Development consultant has also arrived into Vanuatu to conduct a capacity strengthening workshop this week to launch the OFC, Vanuatu Football Federation, Just Play and UNICEF programme. This programme already has been extremely successful in Fiji, in bringing girls and boys, including disabled children, into a recreation programme, as well as integrating learning on preventing bullying, having good hygiene.
practices, appreciating diversity, and learning how to help each other prepare for, survive and recover from a disaster.

Supply and Logistics

UNICEF and RedR continue to support the NDMO through a National Logistics Coordinator in Port Vila. UNICEF is providing humanitarian stakeholders further support through a cost-shared transit warehouse to facilitate the unpacking and repacking of bulk imports into smaller shipments for inter-island freight forwarding.

UNICEF Logistics has established partnerships with CARE International and Act for Peace to continue supporting both the ongoing emergency response and the recovery phase, which both require substantial supply inputs.

UNICEF has unloaded two, 20-foot containers of education supplies and materials from the UNICEF Pacific Office in Fiji. An Australian Military aircraft arrived on 23 April with 9.4 metric tonnes of cargo, most of which is to cater for the nutritional needs of children. The team in Vila is working hard with governmental and non-governmental partners to ensure that all received supplies reach the targeted, affected populations as soon as possible.

Funding

UNICEF has now secured 88 per cent of the funds required to deliver life-saving aid to thousands of children and their families in Vanuatu and other affected countries. An additional USD one million is needed until the end of 2015, particularly for education, child protection and expensive transport costs to reach remote islands.

UNICEF Pacific and its field office in Vanuatu are very grateful to have received funds from Australia, France, Japan, the United Kingdom, the UNICEF National Committee for Australia, the UNICEF National Committee for New Zealand, the UNICEF National Committee for the United Kingdom, the Japan Committee for UNICEF, the United States Fund for UNICEF, the UNICEF National Committee for France, the OFC and UNOCHA. These contributions have allowed UNICEF to reach children and families with much-needed support.
### Results

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5 Targets are for Vanuatu
Tuvalu, Solomon Islands and Kiribati

TUVALU
The Government of Tuvalu officially declared the emergency period over at the end of March, with focus now being on recovery efforts. UNICEF education supplies including backpacks for children, drawing books, exercise books, and colour pencils that were airlifted by French aircraft have been distributed to the Northern Islands. The supplies were delivered to the primary schools and ECCE centers by the Prime Minister’s delegation that included the Minister of Education.

The UNICEF supplies that were sea freighted were released from customs on 24 April. Storage and repacking of all UNICEF relief supplies continues to be a challenge due to space constraints on boats. The primary schools backpacks for Nukulaelae were dispatched (all 68 backpacks) and will be delivered by the Education Minister on 27 April, as part of the PM’s delegation visit.

Preparations are underway for the Cabinet National Disaster Committee (NDC) paper to be submitted on 30 April. UNICEF will be supporting the Ministry of Education Youth and Sports for their presentation of a revised sub sector report. The revised sub sector report will be consolidated into the forthcoming NDC Cabinet paper.

SOLOMON ISLANDS
Tropical Cyclone Pam brought Cyclone category 3 to 4 winds and rain to southern islands of Solomon Islands. There was significant damage to houses, food gardens and fruit trees as well as flooding and contamination of water sources. Agriculture, fishing, health and infrastructure were severely affected.

Although assessment and initial response teams returned to Honiara two weeks ago, the NDMO has faced constraints in providing an approved report, due to human resources constraints.

Based on preliminary information, UNICEF is supporting the WASH Cluster in responding to the impact on water and sanitation. It has provided soap, chlorine tablets and collapsible water containers for use in Temotu Province. It is also providing WASH containers and soap for use in the preparation of 305 household kits for other affected areas. Initial WASH supplies were delivered by sea to the remote outer islands of Temotu province by the Ministry of Health and the medical services assessment team.

UNICEF is also supporting the Ministry of Health and Medical Services with flip charts, board games, and posters. The materials, which promote hygiene practices such as hand washing with water and soap, safe food handling, boiling of drinking water and using a toilet, have now been cleared by the MHMS and UNICEF is currently supporting the Health Promotion Unit/ MHMS and Primary Division Ministry of Education and Human Resource Development (MEHRD) to finalise a distribution list and budget for printing. The materials will be delivered to Provincial health promotion staff, communication volunteers and NGOs staff in Temotu, Malaita and Makira to support with hygiene promotion activities.

KIRIBATI
Four metre-high waves were experienced in Kiribati on 13 March (where the highest point is 3 metres above sea level), causing extensive damage to the Dai Nippon Causeway and to many sea walls on the main atoll of Tarawa. The impact of the cyclone was strongest on the southern islands, particularly Tamana and Arorae. The disaster management committee is monitoring the emergency response and is assisting communities to build or strengthen sea walls.

While there has not yet been an official communication from the Kiribati government, and while the publication of initial assessments is pending, it is understood that affected people still need assistance accessing water, sanitation and food. A Government request for assistance has been prepared and is currently pending approval from the Cabinet.
A small amount of UNICEF emergency supplies is available from pre-positioned stocks in Tarawa, and an additional consignment arrived in Tarawa on 24 March. There are also refrigerators for storage of vaccines pending distribution confirmation from Government. UNICEF stands ready to provide support, pending receipt of a government request.

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