Cyclone Pam



Tropical Cyclone Pam made landfall in Vanuatu, on Friday 13 March 2015, with Category 5 strength - the highest level rating for a severe tropical cyclone. An estimated 188,000 people (half of Vanuatu's population) were affected across all 6 provinces (Shefa, Tafea, Malampa, Penama, Sanma and Torba), including significant destruction in the national capital Port Vila.

June 2, 2015

TIMELINE 12th Mar 13th Mar Cyclone Pam makes landfall in Vanuatu Cyclone Pam looks set to hit Vanuatu as category 5 with winds of more than 250 km/ph. cyclone. Government of Vanuatu request IFRC 14th Mar IFRC deploy a shelter cluster coordinator shelter support. to co-ordinate the shelter response amongst partners.

24th Feb

Vanuatu National Disaster Management Office contact International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent (IFRC) to request a Shelter Cluster coordination mechanism in Vanuatu.

22th March

First distributions of emergency shelter such as tarpaulins and toolkits registered by the shelter cluster.

4th May Initial target of 18,000 households reached with emergency shelter support.

15th May Shelter assessment completed to inform shelter recovery strategy.

IMPACT



20,000 houses **DAMAGED**

65% of households

reported temporary displacement from their homes as Cyclone Pam passed through Vanuatu.

In the hardest hit islands,

like Tongoa, Emae and Erromango, up to 90% of houses reported damaged.

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INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE

Initial target 18,000 households **21,900** families



21,931 households received tarpaulins

8,747 households received shelter tool kits

4,131 households received shelter repair materials



Over **14,425** households received blankets,

8,967 kitchen sets, and

2.615 solar lamps

Source: Shelter Cluster

PEOPLE ARE HARD AT WORK

72% of households reported that they had completed substantial repairs or reconstruction work on their shelter

of households reported that they were able to recover and recycle materials that were suitable for use during repair and reconstruction

of households reported that they were continuing to host displaced friends and/or family members in their shelter

Shelter & Settlement vulnerability assessment report (May 2015)

RECOVERY ASSISTANCE

A variety of shelter assistance is being provided to support affected population in their recovery process:



The supply of tools and materials e.g. hammers, nails, wire



Training and awareness raising in safer building practices



Targeted cash and vouchers interventions

HOW THE SHELTER CLUSTER WORKS IN THE PACIFIC

The shelter cluster is a global mechanism for the coordination of international humanitarian shelter response to disasters and crises. In line with its 2006 shelter commitment, IFRC is Convenor of the regional shelter cluster in the Pacific. This involves supporting Pacific countries who wish to develop a shelter cluster and providing surge capacity to support the coordination of humanitarian responses, as requested. In Vanuatu, the Shelter Cluster is led by the Government of Vanuatu Public Works Department and supported by IFRC.