

GENDER AND CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION IN VANUATU.



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OUTLINE OF THE PRESENTATION



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- **The Key issues and Challenges**
- **The Best practises**

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON VANUATU CLIMATE



- Vanuatu an archipelago of 80 island, population of 250,000 people.
- Vanuatu's largely patrilineal traditional governance system.
- The most disaster prone in the pacific region.
- Ranked at the high end of vulnerability spectrum.
- 1960 to 2011. increase in Vanuatu's Temperatures, erratic rainfall patterns and rising sea levels.
- 1969 to 2010, 94 cyclone have passed through Vanuatu.
- Increase of women's role during disaster or emergency.
- Vulnerability increase of women and children group.
- 2011, 300% increase of new DV case after two cyclone in Tanna Island.
- Vanuatu biggest sector affected by CC is Agriculture. 75% population live in rural.

THE ENABLING ENVIRONMENT



- Vanuatu has ratified CEDAW in 1995.
- I].2012, Establishment of NAB –PMU:
 - Supreme policy making body for all climate all CC and DRR initiatives.
 - NAB-PMU, consisted of 20 member and 4 of them are women.
 - PMU also played the secretarial role to the NAB.
 - Development of the project concept form that include an additional column on Gender impact.
 - 2013, Through NAB-PMU, Gender submission was made to the UNFCCC on women increase in UNFCCC processes.
 - 2013, 50% of women in the Vanuatu delegation to COP19.

GENDER MAINSTREAMING WITHIN GOVERNMENT POLICIES



Implementing Agency		Action/Strategy	Mainstreaming Approach	
Government Body		Name of the policy/project/program	Equality	Empowerment of Women
PMO	DSPAC - Policy coordination and implementation of PAA	PAA and PLAS	Gender mainstreaming in policy development and implementation.	Strengthening welfare systems, specially issues affecting women
	M&E Unit	Monitoring Gender Indicators	2 indicators related to monitor gender equality	3 indicators related to monitor women's empowerment
MOJCS	Department of Women's Affairs	The National Plan of Action for Women 2007-2011 The National Women's Policy 2008-2012.	Awareness of CEDAW, Review of Vanuatu's National Machinery	Access to Microcredit with VanWods, FPA implementation.
MOCC	Department of Meteorology and geohazard	Climate change policy underdevelopment	Women are asked to be part of consultations at community level through different approaches; vulnerability assessments gender-sensitive	Women's organizations are represented in the NAB
	NDMO	Policy development undergoing	Rapid response assessments takes into account gender and data is collected in a disaggregated manner. Establishment of Gender & Protection cluster	Women's are asked to participated in the consultations and in the Rapid Response Assessments

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- Current draft CC/DRR policy recognise women are most vulnerable to CC.
- Specific themes on needs/ capabilities/ challenges of women were included in the National Sustainable Development Plan of Vanuatu.
- Strategy for CC/DRR Development in the Pacific (roadmap for CC/DRR post 2015) acknowledged the vulnerabilities of women.

KEY ISSUES AND CHALLENGES



- Less women participation in DRM organisations.
- Limited participation of women at the community level
- At the National level VHT and NAB are challenged to ensure gender mainstreaming in CC and DRM policies.
- DWA has the limited capacity to ensure Gender is mainstreamed at all level of the government.

BEST PRACTISES



- In August 2014, 2 Woman Vanuatu travelled through cities of Australia advocating on action the Vanuatu communities are taking to deal with CC.
- Futuna: Provision of Agriculture and Gender Training to both male and female and result into Empowerment of Women.
- 50/50 male /female are represented in CRCCCs
- COP 19: 50% of women are part of the delegation, consulted through the process of National Position and intervention made during COP.

Thank you for listening



- Any Question???