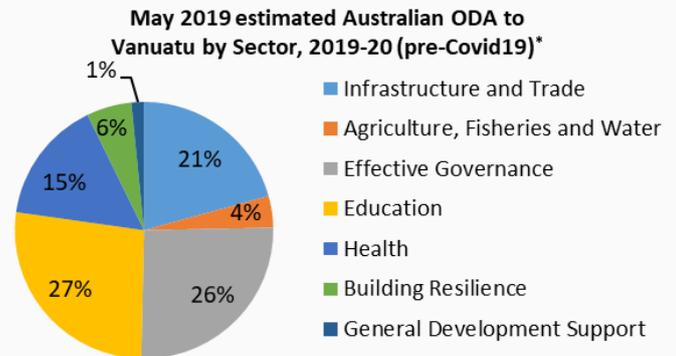




2019-20 VANUATU DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT

Program Budget	2019-20 Budget Estimate (\$m)*
Bilateral	41.9
Regional	11.2
Global	11.9
Other Government Departments	1.2
Total Australian ODA to Vanuatu	66.2

*Actual expenditure is expected to be available in December 2020



* Due to rounding the total percentage may not add up to 100 per cent

COVID-19 Development Response

- Building on Australia’s long-term support to the health sector, we supported Vanuatu’s COVID-19 preparedness and response through delivering testing cartridges, medical equipment and personal protective equipment for frontline health workers; deploying medical staff; and upgrading essential health infrastructure, including isolation wards at two hospitals.
- We supported the Government of Vanuatu design and deliver an economic stimulus package (including providing a \$4.5 million contribution), subsidising wages to support workers and help businesses retain staff.
- Partnering with Vanuatu’s Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Australia assisted the private sector with business resilience, diversification and support services.
- We supported ni-Vanuatu labour mobility program participants to remain employed in Australia - through welfare, reskilling and redeployment assistance, enabling them to continue providing remittances to their families during the pandemic.
- Australia increased support for livelihoods and employment by providing training in agriculture, construction and plumbing to upskill and re-skill workers, supporting economic diversification and increased

incomes; and facilitating domestic market access to Vanuatu’s two major provincial handicraft production hubs, assisting approximately 200 female producers.

- We supported food security through provision of seedlings and agricultural equipment to establish food gardens for 1,633 households, supply of chicken breeders to 970 households, and establishment of food corridors between islands to link farmers with markets.
- Australia supported a nationwide home-school radio program, continuing access to education. We also supported rollout of a new national Year 5 curriculum, teaching and learning materials to all primary schools. A further \$4 million for schools and communities is providing economic stimulus in response to local needs.

Other program highlights

- With Australia’s support, the Government of Vanuatu passed major revisions to its Public Financial Management legislation, improving effectiveness of spending, debt management and revenue raising.
- Over 1,500km of roads (1,313km rural) were maintained and repaired, providing local jobs, economic stimulus and linking communities to services and markets.

- Australia renovated and extended the Luganville market house, Vanuatu's second largest market, with 3,000 registered vendors. The building withstood category 5 Tropical Cyclone (TC) Harold, enabling vendors - primarily women - to begin selling produce within a week of the cyclone.
- Technical guidance from Australia on agriculture, fisheries and agroforestry improved domestic food security, nutrition, and built cash and export crop markets for kava, copra, cocoa and other key crops.
- The Australia Pacific Technical Coalition's work-ready training helped 63 labour mobility workers prepare to deploy to Australia, while the new *Ready for Work* radio series is reaching prospective workers and building employment skills across Vanuatu.
- Through the *Right Age, Right Class* public communication campaign, we helped increase enrolment in early childhood education from 53% to 86.6%, and in primary education from 84.6% to 96.1%.
- Training of 108 (18 women) police recruits increased the total of Australian supported new recruits to the Vanuatu Police Force since 2018 to 195 (50 women). Following graduation, many deployed to rural areas, expanding access to key policing services.
- Australia supported service delivery to over 1,800 unemployed and at-risk youth through Wan Smolbag and over 9,000 women and children affected by violence through the Vanuatu Women's Centre.
- As a first responder to TC Harold (April 2020), Australia provided \$11 million in immediate support including: over 125 tonnes of humanitarian supplies and construction, communications and medical equipment; funded health, education, and social protection services; and reached over 120,000 people with food, WASH and livelihood restoration activities.
- We concluded our \$50 million (2015-19) TC Pam Recovery program which saw 397 health, education and other public buildings built back to withstand future hazards, and 87 water systems installed in 125 communities, helping over 75,000 people.



PROGRESS AGAINST 2019-20 PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

TITLE OF STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE	PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK INDICATOR/BENCHMARK	BRIEF SUMMARY OF PROGRESS AGAINST INDICATOR/BENCHMARK
Objective 1: Build better infrastructure and an environment for economic opportunity¹	Financial Action Task Force listing for Vanuatu counter-terrorism financing and anti-money laundering systems – Target White List	Through governance support, Australia helped Vanuatu maintain its ‘white list’ status by the Financial Action Task Force
	Vanuatu Rural Access Index ² (RAI) and Length of rural roads maintained or repaired (km) – Target 56% RAI and 680km of rural roads	RAI – 57% and 1,313km rural roads maintained or repaired ³
	Proportion of road procurement contracts issued for Island Based Contractors (IBC) & Community Based Contractors (CBC) – Target IBC 75%, CBC – 25%	Island Based Contractors ⁴ – 84%; Community Based Contractors – 16%
	Number of ni-Vanuatu women and men engaged in Seasonal Worker Programme – Target 750F 3,500M ⁵	911F M: 4,039 ⁶ engaged in Pacific labour mobility schemes in Australia
	Proportion of Vanuatu Skills Partnership clients who increase their income following training – Target 80%F 80%M	56% of clients reported increased incomes in July 2019 – January 2020 ⁷ , an increase from 47% in 2018-19
Objective 2: Improve early education and essential health services⁸	Proportion of Year 4 students (girls/boys) meeting national literacy & numeracy standards ⁹ (%) – Target TBC	Against 2017 baseline – Year 4 English Literacy – 57% ¹⁰ ; Year 4 French Literacy – 55%; Year 4 Numeracy – 85%
	Proportion of schools complying with the school grant acquittal process (%) ¹¹	Data not yet available due to COVID-19 restrictions and TC Harold ¹
	# of women and men trained with Australian support and working in front-line positions where they deliver public education and health services – Target 800F 550M	Education – 140 ¹² (47F); Health – 328 ¹³ (134F ¹⁴)
Objective 3: Improve community safety and resilience	Average number of days for completion of a criminal matter through the State Prosecutions/Magistrates Court – Target 250 days	233 days ¹⁵
	Number of women and children survivors of violence provided counselling support, legal services and/or police services – Target 7,750	9,056 women and children survivors of violence accessed counselling, information or legal services from Vanuatu Women’s Centre
	Proportion of population with access to technologies that convey early warnings of natural disasters ¹⁶ – Target 85%	92% mobile cellular coverage and penetration rate ¹⁷
	Number of women and men trained with Australian support and working in front-line positions where they deliver law and justice services – Target not set ¹⁸	259F 425M delivering law and justice services ¹⁹
Objective 4: Support cyclone recovery and reconstruction	Number of public service delivery facilities reconstructed or repaired (cumulative) – Target 330 (over the life of the TC Pam recovery program)	397 facilities including education and health facilities, other public buildings, cooperatives and local tourism bungalows
	Proportion of communities with current support plans for coordination, planning, preparedness, response and recovery – Target 15%	Data not yet available due to COVID-19 restrictions and TC Harold ²⁰

¹ Due to COVID-19 related international border closures impacting some economic measures and also a lack of, or delay in releasing data, the following indicators have not been reported on here:

- Annual change in VAT revenue (%) – Target 7%
- Financial flows through Financial Service Bureaux (VUV) – Target VUV700m
- World Bank Country Policy and Institutional Assessment (CPIA) rating for budget and financial management – Target CPIA rating of 3.5
- Number of Australian tourists travelling to Vanuatu – Target 65,000

² RAI is percentage of population living within 2 km (20min walk) of an all-year-round road connecting with that areas' economic and services hub. RAI is measured every 5 years (2012, 2017, 2020 (74% target), 2025 (78% target) & 2030 (82% target))

³ 1555km of combined rural and urban roads maintained or rehabilitated over 2019 – 2020

⁴ Island Based Contractors are now known as Small Scale Contractors (SSC)

⁵ Utilising visa statistics from the Department of Home Affairs

⁶ Following suspension of the Pacific labour schemes in March 2020, the Australian Government announced new visa measures to enable Pacific labour mobility workers to remain in Australia for up to 12 months. As at 7 September, more than 2,400 ni-Vanuatu workers have been redeployed, ensuring they continue to earn income and can support their families and communities back home via remittances. Ni-Vanuatu comprise the largest cohort of Pacific labour mobility workers in Australia

⁷ Figures from January – June 2020 are currently not available, but COVID-19 related social distancing requirement and Tropical Cyclone Harold both reduced the number of training courses that were held during this time.

⁸ Due to a need to refocus health activities following the outbreak of COVID-19, and also a lack of or delay in releasing data, the following indicators have not been reported on here:

- Proportion of children (0 – 5yrs) with full routine immunisation (%) – Target TBC
- Maternal mortality ratio (/10,000) – Target 5

⁹ Vanuatu Standardised Test of Achievement baseline for 2017 - Year 4 English Literacy 65%; Year 4 French Literacy 64%; Year 4 Numeracy - 85%

¹⁰ 2019 – 2020 results cover the first student cohorts using the new national Year 4 Curriculum developed by the Vanuatu Ministry of Education and Training with support from Australia's Vanuatu Education Support Program

¹¹ Schools assessed were all Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) centres as this sector is where the majority of Australia's education grant funding is utilised

¹² Education data includes: Scholarship Awardees, School principals, skills trainers plus Certificate courses. Due to COVID-19 lockdown restrictions, fewer training courses were able to be run than in previous years

¹³ Health data includes: Bachelor Nursing, Midwifery, Village Health Workers, Nurse Aides, Malaria management, Corporate, Business Planning and Leadership/Management training. From January – June 2020 training data is currently only available for MALAMPYA, one out six provinces in Vanuatu. Data is not yet available for other provinces. Many planned training courses were delayed because of COVID-19 social distancing requirements, and in TC Harold affected communities where health staff were managing health issues after the cyclone was prioritised.

¹⁴ Gender was not specified for 65 people who received training.

¹⁵ Data collected by calendar year. Figure is the average of the 2019 and 2020 (to Aug 2020) calendar years

¹⁶ Mobile cellular coverage

¹⁷ Vanuatu Telecommunications Sector Report 2020 - <https://www.trr.vu/en/public-register/reports/telecommunications-sector-report/2020>

¹⁸ 2018 – 2019 target was 130F | 280M

¹⁹ Data includes: training of new Vanuatu Police Force (VPF) recruits; training of lawyers in Prosecution and Defence roles; women leaders mentorship program; and training on specific issues including - gender awareness and advocacy; conducting sexual violence investigations; mental health; disability barriers and inclusion strategies; case and data management; effective leadership and management

ANNEX A: PROGRAM QUALITY

Investment Monitoring Report ratings

Investment name	Approved budget and duration	year on year	Effectiveness	Efficiency	Gender equality
Vanuatu Education Support Program Phase 2	\$20.3m 2019 – 21	2020 AQC	4	4	4
Governance for Growth Phase 3	\$20m 2017 – 21	2019 AQC 2020 AQC	5 5	5 5	4 4
Vanuatu Skills for Economic Growth Phase 4	\$21.3m 2016 – 22	2019 AQC 2020 AQC	5 5	5 5	5 5
Vanuatu Australia Policing and Justice Program	\$24.6m 2016 – 20	2019 AQC 2020 AQC	4 4	4 4	4 4
Roads for Development Phase 2	\$35m 2019 – 23	2020 AQC	5	5	4
Pacific Women (Vanuatu)	\$6.5 2016 – 21	2019 AQC 2020 AQC	4 5	4 4	5 5
Wan Smolbag Theatre Community Partnership	\$17.2m 2009 – 21	2019 AQC 2020 AQC	4 4	4 4	4 4
Volcano Recovery Program 2019 – 2022	\$5m 2019 – 22	2020 AQC	4	5	4

Final Investment Monitoring Report ratings

Investment name	Approved budget and duration	Effectiveness	Efficiency	Gender equality	Relevance	Monitoring and Evaluation	Sustainability
Tropical Cyclone Pam Recovery Package	\$42m 2014 – 20	4	4	3	5	4	4
Vanuatu Health Sector Support 2010 – 2019	\$47.3m 2010 – 20	3	4	2	5	2	3

Definitions of rating scale:

Satisfactory (4, 5 and 6)

6 = Very good; satisfies criteria in all areas. 5 = Good; satisfies criteria in almost all areas.

4 = Adequate; on balance, satisfies criteria; does not fail in any major area.

Less than satisfactory (1, 2 and 3)

3 = Less than adequate; on balance does not satisfy criteria and/or fails in at least one major area.

2 = Poor; does not satisfy criteria in major areas. 1 = Very poor; does not satisfy criteria in many major area.