Vanuatu Disaster Related Statistics Plan: Institutional Arrangements Aspects

Vanuatu National Statistics Office
The Republic of Vanuatu is one of the most vulnerable nations in the world. It is the world's most at-risk country for natural disasters in the form of seismic and volcanic activity, cyclones, drought, flooding and other extreme weather events. The impacts of disasters on lives and livelihoods of people, as well as damage to physical infrastructure, are large, affecting both the social and economic fabric of Vanuatu’s local communities.

Source: World Risk Report 2019
**Purpose:**
To assist with improving data collection for disaster preparedness, response and recovery; and access to disaster-related statistics.

**Mission:**
To coordinate, produce and disseminate quality and timely disaster-related statistical information for managing and reporting on the risk, occurrence and impact of major disasters in Vanuatu.

**Objectives:**
1. **To effectively coordinate the development**, availability and use of disaster-related statistics
2. **To produce a minimum set** of disaster-related statistics that will meet national, regional and international needs for disaster-related statistics
3. **To produce and present** statistics in accordance with international standards and best practice
4. **To ensure adequate provision** of funding, human resources and statistical capability needs for Prime ministers office, VNSO and NDMO to produce the required statistics.

**Legal Framework:**
- DRM Act No. 23 of 2019
- The Vanuatu Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction Policy 2016 – 2030
- Statistics Act No.6 of 2013

**Vanuatu Disaster Related Statistics Plan (VDRSP)**

Nested within the Vanuatu National Statistics Development Strategy (NSDS) 2021–2025
Collaborative roles of Lead Agencies

VNSO CORE FUNCTIONS
- Identify-related statistical needs
- Provide baseline data
- Data portal
- Quality standards & classification
- Disaster Loss Data (human, Infra)
- Coordinate data access and sharing
- Post disaster surveys
- Information for decision making

COORDINATION QUESTION:
How to leverage the integrated disaster risk management to address institutional arrangements and business process for the disaster statistics?

VNSO
Vanuatu National Statistics Office
- Provides background statistics that are used in the impacts and risk assessments, about the population, housing, and the economy.

DSPPAC
Department of Strategic Policy, planning and Aid coordination
- Coordinates the Post-Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA) and disaster recovery related matters

NDMO
National Disaster Management Office
- Manages the preparedness, response, and risk assessment of disasters through 8 cluster groups

Community groups (Churches, schools etc.)

VDRSP
Vanuatu disaster related statistics plan

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Way forward

1. Finalize the plan before implementation

2. Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between
   ● Ministry of Finance and Economic management (MFEM),
   ● Ministry of climate change and adaptation(MoCCA) and
   ● Prime Ministers ’Office (PMO)

3. Consultations with the VDRSP stakeholders

4. Coordination of the Plan

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