

COUNTRY OFFICE SUMMARY

CARE International in Vanuatu



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A leading humanitarian organization with a global presence, working to eradicate poverty since 1945. We champion women and girls, believing they hold the power to lift entire communities out of poverty when equipped with the right resources. In 2021 alone, CARE reached 100 million people across 102 countries.

In Vanuatu, CARE has a history of high impact programs that focus on the underserved populations of the remote islands that make up Vanuatu.

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16 years existence

Program office established in **2008**.
Country Office registered in **2015**.



Local partnerships critical to our approach

We collaborate with local communities, civil society organizations (CSOs), and government authorities; **11 partnerships** with CSOs.



Experienced team

75 people (95% Ni-Vanuatu) all locally informed, culturally sensitive, and deeply connected with community needs and priorities.



Nationwide presence

4 Offices including national country office in Port Vila (Shefa Province); field office in Tanna (Tafea Province), sub-offices in South Pentecost and Maewo (Penama Province).



Extensive outreach

19 Area Councils across seven islands in Tafea and Penama Provinces covering **160 villages** reaching remote and underserved communities.



Portfolio

US \$8.1 million in FY24
(48.5% for Humanitarian response).

Impact in 2023



12,842 people reached directly

In FY23 (49% women and girls).



11,827 people reached

In Twin Cyclone Judy/Kevin response in March 2023 in Tafea Province, (26% of the Tafea population).



31,000 people reached

In out-of-season Cyclone Lola response in October 2023 in Penama Province, (over 87% of Penama population).

Leaving no community behind

Programming in Vanuatu's remote islands is a significant undertaking due to the long distances, rugged terrain, and limited transport options. In emergency responses, communications outages can add to the challenging physical environment. We commit to reaching remote, underserved communities and ensure no one is left behind.

"The past [disaster] experiences didn't reach us living in the coastal areas, only those living inland that have access to road. But for this experience no one was left behind and [it was] the first of its kind... CARE did manage to reach our doorstep." Women's Leader, North Tanna, providing feedback on our TC Judy/Kevin response program.

Donors



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Our dedicated staff travel to the most remote corners of Tafea and Penama provinces. We traverse coast, bush and mountains on boat, truck and by foot delivering impact in every community.

262kms Efate <-> Ambae
283kms Efate <-> Maewo
209kms Efate <-> Pentecost
225kms Efate <-> Tanna
150kms Efate <-> Erromango
218kms Efate <-> Aniwa
320kms Efate <-> Aneityum
285kms Efate <-> Futuna



What We Do

CARE Vanuatu's programs aim to address the key challenges that communities face: gender inequality and a lack of social inclusion, vulnerability to disasters and climate change, and the need to strengthen and decentralise governance structures.

GENDER EQUALITY PROGRAM

Takes a family and relationship-based approach to promoting gender equality with a focus on women's leadership and voice.

- **1,418 people** reached in FY23.
- **Projects:** Gender Equality Together (DFAT), Pacific Partnerships for Gender Equality (ANCP DFAT), and Vois Blong Mi (DFAT).

RESILIENCE PROGRAM

Strengthens community and provincial level coordination and seeks to strengthen gender and social inclusion in subnational preparedness and response, including increasing resilience to natural disasters and climate change.

- **830 people** reached (Community Disaster and Climate Change Committee (CDCCC) members in FY23).
- **Projects:** Disaster READY 2.0 (DFAT), Safe Community, Resilient Nation (BHA), and Women's Resilience in Disaster (UN Women).

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

We work closely with the National Disaster Management Office to support preparedness, response and recovery for disasters.

- **11,827 people** reached in FY23.
- **91%** average satisfaction on quality of TC Judy-Kevin emergency relief items.
- **99%** of TC Lola NFI survey respondents agreed the assistance was relevant to their needs.
- **Projects:** Tropical Cyclone Harold (DFAT), COVID-19 vaccinations (AHP), TC Judy-Kevin (BHA, LDSC, Start Network, CARE ERF), TC Lola (AHP, BHA, MFAT, UNFPA, IHG).

INCLUSIVE GOVERNANCE PROGRAM

Supports communities to increase citizens' participation in government-led planning processes to further strengthen the effectiveness, efficiency, and accountability of the services they receive, including disaster planning and response.

- **1,454** direct project activity participants reached, and **87** area council pillar representatives in FY23.
- **Project:** PROJECT Governance (SPC).

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Defeating poverty.

