

COUNTRY OFFICE SUMMARY

CARE International in Vanuatu



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 2024, CARE and its partners worked in 121 countries and helped 53 million people through more than 1,450 projects. Over half of those reached, 55%, were women and girls.

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

CARE in Vanuatu



17 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; **through MOUs and formal partnerships** with CSOs.



Experienced team

40 people (92% Ni-Vanuatu) in FY26, all locally informed, culturally sensitive, and deeply connected with community needs and priorities.



Nationwide presence

2 Offices including national country office in Port Vila (Shefa Province) and field office in Tanna (Tafea Province).



Extensive outreach

At the start of 2025, 19 Area Councils across seven islands in Tafea and Penama Provinces covering approximately **160 villages** reaching remote and underserved communities.



Portfolio in FY26

US \$1.175 million in FY26

Impact in 2023/4

with a portfolio of:
US\$8.1 million (48.5% for Humanitarian Response)



47,006 people reached directly

In FY24 (55% women and girls).



34,750 people reached

In Cyclone Lola response in October 2023 in Penama Province, (87% of the Penama population).



30,532 people

over the past 5 years indicated one or more positive changes in their lives.

Leaving no community behind

Programming in Vanuatu's remote islands is a significant undertaking due to the long distances, rugged terrain and treacherous weather, 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 administration of Ranwadi Churches of Christ College and the school council wish to acknowledge and thank the CARE International in Vanuatu and it's donor partners for their generous support through the many items handed over to the school administration yesterday. The Ranwadi College community is humble and delighted with this level of help. The administration will ensure items presented yesterday will be shared equally amongst community member". Caulton Bule-Randwadi Churches of Christ College Principal.

Donors



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Vanuatu

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

225kms Efate <-> Tanna
150kms Efate <-> Erromango
218kms Efate <-> Aniwa
320kms Efate <-> Aneityum
285kms Efate <-> Futuna



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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.

- **55% of participants** reached in FY24 were women.
- **Gender Specific 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.

- **550 people** reached through establishing 55 Community Disaster and Climate Change Committee (CDCCC) members in FY24.
- Approximately **40,000** to benefit with supporting 7 Area Councils in draft disaster response plans.
- **Current Projects:** Disaster READY 2.0 (DFAT).

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.

- **651 direct project activity participants** reached across Central Tanna (with approximately, 7000 people) in FY24.
- **Project:** Pacific Women Lead (SPC).

Emergency response

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

- CARE's implementation of the **Women and Girls Friendly Space (WGFS)** in Blacksands, Port Vila, as part of the recovery efforts following the 17 December 2024 Efate Earthquake in Vanuatu.
- Mental and Psycho-social support, and sexual & reproductive services to approximately **1200**.
- **518** menstrual hygiene management (MHM) kits and dignity kits.
- Distribution of **800** trays of seedlings.

