
Annual Performance Report

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Accredited Entity: Save the Children Australia (SCA)

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RATIONALE

This report layout is designed to support the drafting of a structured report that assesses, evaluates, documents, and communicates the progress on Funding Proposal (FP) implementation and on its associated Funded Activity Agreement (FAA). The layout aims to provide a clear and comprehensive understanding of key objectives, progress, and risks, drawing on project implementation related data provided by Accredited Entities (AEs). Considering the Green Climate Fund's (GCF) evolving strategic direction toward a Risk-Based Approach, the report is intended to:

- Track quantitative and qualitative progress of the project implementation.
- Highlight critical findings and emerging trends.
- Identify risks and propose actionable mitigation strategies.
- Support evidence-based decision-making.
- Promote transparency and accountability.
- Align with strategic and regulatory frameworks.
- Serve as a foundation for AE engagement on project performance

METHODOLOGY

The report's layout mirrors, to the extent possible, the structure of the Funding Proposal (FP) to maintain coherence with the presented information. However, the FP and the Report differ in scope and strategic intent; thus, while the FP serves a functional role in informing the Report, it does not dictate a strictly parallel structure.

A. PROJECT DATA (Prefilled where possible)

Should any information/data prefilled from Section A.1 to Section A.12 be incorrect or require updating, please inform GCF's Project Lead of appropriate corrective action.

A.1. Date of report submission		15 April 2026														
A.2. Project or programme	Project	A.3. Sector	Public													
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A.5. Total GCF funding disbursed to this date	NA (draft)															
A.6. Implementation period	From NA to NA															
A.7. ESS Category (Refers to GCF revised <u>Environmental and Social Policy</u> and GCF ESS Standards to assess your FP category.)				Category C												
A.8. Executing Entity Information																
Full legal name	Country of registration (or, for intl orgs, country of HQ)	Entity type	Role in project	Focal Point(s) and email(s)												
Ministry of Climate Change, Adaptation, Meteorology, Geo-Hazards, Environment, Energy and Disaster Management	Vanuatu	Government	Executing Entity	Director General, Mr David Gibson - dgibson@vanuatu.gov.vu												
Save the Children Vanuatu	Vanuatu	Non-government organisation	Executing Entity	Country Director, Ms Relvie Matariki - Relvie.Matariki@savethechildren.org.au												

A.9. Co-Financier information

Full legal name	Country of registration (or, for intl orgs, country of HQ)	Focal Point(s) and email(s)	Ownership Type	Beneficial Owner(s)
Government of Australia	Australia	Ms Melanie Book - Melanie.Book@savethechildren.org.au	Government	Government of Australia, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Full legal name	Country of registration (or, for intl orgs, country of HQ)	Focal Point(s) and email(s)	Ownership Type	Beneficial Owner(s)
Government of Vanuatu	Vanuatu	Mr David Gibson, Director General, Ministry of Climate Change - dgibson@vanuatu.gov.vu	Government	Government of Vanuatu
Save the Children Australia	Australia	Mr Nick Ireland, Director - Climate Change Division	NGO/Charitable organisation	Save the Children Australia

A.10. Alignment with country NDCs & NAP (NB Only populate if applicable, e.g., if your project/programme specifically contributes to a country's NDC or NAP target/s)

Country	Date of NDC/ NAP submission	NDC/ NAP objective	Brief description of project's alignment with NDC/ NAP objectives	Percentage of target met with proposed project.Beneficial owner(s)
Vanuatu	24 September 2024	NDC Multiple: A1, A3, A53, A77, A78, A87, A88, A101: Strengthen resilience of communities, ecosystems, and livelihoods to climate change impacts, with priority sectors including coastal zones, agriculture and food security, water resources, fisheries, ecosystems, and disaster risk reduction.	VCCRP supports implementation of Vanuatu's Nationally Determined Contributions V2.0 (as described in V3.0) by strengthening community resilience through ecosystem restoration, climate resilient agriculture, fisheries management, and improved governance. Activities such as mangrove restoration, coral reef protection, vetiver planting, and watershed protection contribute to priorities on coastal protection, sustainable fisheries, and ecosystem based adaptation. VCCRP also advances governance by supporting Community Based Adaptation Plans, Area Council climate risk profiling, and alignment with national processes. Through participation in Government consultations of the updated NAP and six Provincial Adaptation Plans in 2025, VCCRP has facilitated community priorities informing national climate governance.	30%

A.11. Estimated duration of impact	
A.12 Report to be shared with NDA	Yes ☐ No ☐

B. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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B.1. Summary

The Vanuatu Community-Based Climate Resilience Project (VCCRP), led by the Vanuatu Government and Save the Children, is a six-year initiative (2022–2028) designed to strengthen local resilience to climate change through climate risk-informed community-driven adaptation, aligning with Vanuatu’s national priorities.

Objectives:

- Empower communities, civil society, and government to manage climate risks.
- Implement scalable, locally appropriate adaptation actions.
- Enhance governance systems and linkages across local, provincial, national levels.

Midline Progress (2025):

- **Community Resilience:** Sixty additional communities established or strengthened community disaster and climate change committees (CDCCCs), with 135 Community-Based Adaptation Plans submitted for endorsement. Awareness sessions on adaptation planning reached 2,073 people (44% female). Of 183 CDCCCs trained in adaptation planning, 59% achieved gender balance and 16% included members with disabilities.
- **Nature-Based Solutions:** 3,295 hectares of land under active conservation and 400 native trees planted. Socio-economic profiles developed for 29 Area Councils (ACs) and 25 biophysical and ecological profiles developed to inform evidence-based planning (4 to be completed in 2026).
- **Food Security & Livelihoods:** 405 farmers trained (57% female), 37 multiplication plots, 11 nurseries and 4 school gardens established (benefiting 164 students). Five provincial forums engaged 180 women from 108 producer groups in food preservation, business development, and governance. Twenty fisheries management plans drafted, 96 deep-sea fishing kits distributed, 724 hectares of coastal ecosystems under improved management through tabu areas.
- **Institutional Capacity:** Baseline assessments completed for 19 ACs, Starlink installed in six Provincial Emergency Operations Centres and 29 ACs to strengthen preparedness and early warning messaging.

Climate Impact: By midline, VCCRP reached 23,762 direct beneficiaries (49.5% female) and 98,858 indirect beneficiaries (50% female). Communities advanced inclusive governance through CDCCCs, ecosystem restoration and sustainable resource management; enhancing fisheries, forest and agricultural resilience while securing food and water systems. VCCRP demonstrates how inclusive, community-led approaches deliver measurable climate resilience outcomes and replicable models.

C. RESULTS AND IMPACTS

C.1. Overall Summary of the Project Progress

(This section provides a narrative report summarizing the overall progress of the implementation status of the funded activity progress during the reporting period. 1,500 words)

Outcome 1: Government, civil society and communities are strengthened to support local resilience to climate change impacts, including by providing access to climate information and early warning systems

During the reporting period, VCCRP continued to strengthen institutional capacity and community awareness for climate-resilient planning. Key progress included supporting community disaster and climate change committees (CDCCCs), enabling climate risk analysis and adaptation planning, improving access to training, equipment and materials for food security and livelihoods, and developing research to inform Area Council (AC) development planning.

Output 1.1 The project established or strengthened 60 CDCCCs, enabling them to coordinate local adaptation and disaster risk reduction (DRR). All 60 committees submitted registration documentation and capacity building was delivered through training on inclusive leadership, disaster preparedness and climate risk identification. Workshops across three provinces trained 43 government staff, CDCCC members and community leaders to support increased participation of women, youth and people with disabilities in these local governance structures. Sixty-five CDCCCs received toolkits to support operations. Communication tools were developed to support awareness raising, including an animation on climate change impacts produced with the Department of Climate Change (DoCC) and Save the Children in Bislama, English, and French, reaching over 17,500 people on social media alone. The resource has been used by partners, including AC staff at community events and during community-based adaptation plan (CBAP) training.

Output 1.2 The project supported communities to understand climate change impacts and develop locally owned adaptation strategies. Awareness sessions as part of the CBAP process reached 921 women and 1,152 men (44% female participation). Sessions introduced key climate concepts, local impacts and the development of adaptation options. As a result, 135 CBAPs were developed and submitted to DoCC for endorsement. A further 47 communities completed training and data collection, with CBAP documentation for all 282 communities scheduled for completion in 2026. Initial analysis of CBAPs is also informing development of tools to integrate adaptation priorities into AC planning and budgeting. To date, 243 CDCCCs have been established (86% of target) with 59% achieving gender balance and 16% including representation of people with disabilities. CDCCCs in target communities have also completed 261 capacity assessments, 220 community profiles and 209 vulnerability assessments.

Output 1.3 The project strengthened access to climate information services and early warning systems and to improve connectivity for disseminating alerts, 35 Starlink units were installed across six Provincial Emergency Operations Centres (PEOCs) and 29 ACs. The project has delivered initial awareness raising on early warning alerts and has distributed key information products, including cyclone tracking maps and seasonal calendars documenting traditional ecological knowledge. It has also facilitated access to information products developed by the Vanuatu Meteorology and Geo-Hazards Department (VMGD) for use at community level. Practical tools such as cyclone tracking maps (2,502 distributed), seasonal calendars integrating traditional knowledge (1,120 distributed), 8 key message billboards (fisheries, crop calendar and watershed management) and agrometeorological bulletins were distributed to inform agriculture and fisheries activities in communities.

Behaviour-change and adoption indicators were generated using multipliers from the midline data collection, which drew on a sample of selected communities. For several indicators—particularly related to knowledge and adoption of fisheries and agriculture nature-based solutions (NBS)—sample sizes were not statistically representative of all communities. These results should therefore be viewed as preliminary estimates that may change as future data collection expands to include larger, more representative samples.

Work commenced with VMGD, Vanuatu Klaemet Infomesen blong Redy, Adapt mo Protekt (VanKIRAP), Vanuatu Coastal Adaptation Project (VCAP II) and other partners to adapt climate information products for community audiences and standardise approaches for monitoring use and impact. Significant training with new tools to aid fishers and farmers in their livelihoods practices will be a focus in 2026.

Outcome 2: Scalable, locally appropriate actions are implemented to meet community adaptation needs and support climate resilient development pathways

VCCRP supported communities to implement adaptation actions across agriculture, fisheries, ecosystems and food preservation, contributing to indicators on ecosystem management, livelihoods and food security.

Output 2.1 The project supported communities to implement NBS to strengthen ecosystem resilience including native tree planting, vetiver fencing and contour terracing to stabilise soils and protect water sources. Community-based

fisheries management (CBFM) planning advanced ecosystem governance, resulting in 724 hectares of coastal ecosystems under improved management, contributing to the target of 11,600 hectares.

Output 2.2 The project supported farmers to adopt climate-resilient agricultural practices. Thirty-seven multiplication plots were established as training sites and sources of planting material, enabling farmers to apply soil fertility and water management techniques and replicate materials such as vetiver and gliricidia in home gardens. Eleven vegetable nurseries were also established to support production diversification. In total, 405 farmers were trained, and seedlings were distributed to 230 farmers to support adoption of resilient food and cash crop varieties. Sixteen agricultural tool banks were established across ACs in 2025 (reaching the endline target of 29 ACs that have now received tool banks) to improve access to equipment. Four school kitchen gardens were created, training 164 students and 7 teachers in climate resilient gardening to improve nutrition and food security.

Output 2.3 The project strengthened community capacity for climate resilient fisheries management. Training was delivered to 20 communities, with 20 CBFM plans drafted through community consultation (reaching a total of 38 plans that have now been endorsed by communities). Plans promote sustainable practices including establishment of tabu areas, seasonal restrictions, habitat protection and monitoring. To diversify livelihoods and reduce pressure on reef ecosystems, 96 deep sea fishing equipment kits were distributed, contributing toward indicators tracking diversification of fisheries resources

Output 2.4 The project supported women-led food preservation initiatives to strengthen food security and diversified income. Five provincial forums were held with Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, Vanuatu Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and the Pacific Community through Pacific Women Lead, contributing to regional partnerships. 180 women from 108 producer groups received awareness raising in governance, business planning and partnership development, laying foundations for access to markets (target 90 groups; midterm target 50 groups). Groups also identified priority technologies such as solar dryers and processing equipment, to be procured in 2026, alongside additional training.

Outcome 3: Institutional adaptive capacity is enhanced by building adaptive governance systems and strengthening local provincial national linkages

Output 3.1 The project strengthened adaptive governance systems at subnational level. Delite Consulting completed baseline capacity assessments for 22 ACs, analysing governance structures, institutional capacity and resource gaps. Twenty-nine AC socioeconomic profiles and 25 draft biophysical and ecological profiles were produced by external firms to contribute to climate-informed planning. These assessments will guide the development of AC Adaptation Plans and ecosystem monitoring. Consultation meetings were convened with Save the Children, DoCC, Department of Local Authorities (DLA), National Disaster Management Office (NDMO), Vanuatu Coastal Adaptation Project (VCAP II) and Governance for Resilient Development in the Pacific (Gov4Res) to develop approaches for integrating climate risk into planning; with DoCC leading the process, coordinating with DLA to ensure alignment between local, provincial and national frameworks. Area Council Climate Change Officers (ACCCOs) and Provincial Coordinators consolidated CBAP priorities for integration into subnational planning.

The project also supported national efforts to strengthen shock-responsive social protection systems through a pilot and research co-financed by the Australian Government. The system developed in 2024 is informing the new National Comprehensive Social Protection Policy, led by Department of Strategic Policy, Planning and Aid Coordination in the Prime Minister's Office.

Output 3.2 The project supported knowledge sharing and coordination mechanisms linking community, provincial and national governance were strengthened. Project teams participated in consultations for the National Adaption Plan (NAP) and Provincial Adaptation Plans (PAPs) to ensure local priorities inform national strategies. Initial analysis of 83 CBAPs showed communities prioritise strengthening basic services and climate-resilient livelihoods, with common actions including improving water supply, distributing seeds, promoting safer housing, and applying tree planting and vetiver stabilisation. Additional priorities include food preservation systems, nurseries and tabu areas. Some priorities fall outside VCCRP scope, but findings will be shared with ACs and other projects to support evidence-based planning.

A report synthesising socioeconomic indicators across ACs highlighted differentiated development needs and adaptive capacity to support government partners in designing context-specific strategies. Knowledge products including Leftemap Resiliens flipcharts, facilitator guides, theory of change diagrams, an inclusive leadership video, and community feedback posters were developed. Quarterly operational, monitoring, evaluation, accountability and learning (MEAL) and financial briefs are being prepared to inform government planning. In 2026, the project will publish 29 AC Socio-Economic Profiles and Ecological and Biophysical Profiles and develop a technical brief on CBAPs.

The project contributed to Technical Working Groups, Steering Committees, and annual planning at AC, provincial, and national levels, strengthening alignment of community actions with government planning. It also engaged in national and

international climate resilience and justice discussions, including NAP, PAP, and NDC processes, and preparations for the Pacific Innovation Forum, CBA20 and COP31 in 2026, sharing lessons from Vanuatu's community adaptation efforts. Finally, in 2025 the Project Management Unit strengthened VCCRP's MEAL system, including a review of previously reported data, resulting in revisions to some 2024 values.

C.2. Performance against the Funding Proposal Logical Framework Indicators

For each of the indicators please report only the 'annual value' for the reporting year; this means reporting solely the values achieved from January 1st, 2025, to December 31st, 2025. The "cumulative value" will automatically be updated by the system by aggregating reported annual values since project FAA effectiveness.

Please ensure that targets are clearly defined and reported using the following categories:

- *Midterm Target: The results to be achieved by the midpoint of implementation.*
- *Final Target: The results to be achieved by the conclusion of project or programme implementation.*
- *Lifetime Target: The total results expected over the entire operational period of the project or programme.*

Note that the baseline, midterm, final and lifetime targets will be prefilled based on your previous Annual Performance Report and/or Funding Proposal. It is imperative that you carefully review, verify and update where relevant.

Should the project be Multicounty, please report the achievement by Country.

Lastly, avoid using commas or periods as thousand separators. Periods should only be used as decimal separators.

For REDD+ Results-Based Payment (RBP) projects, you are only required to report on the progress of activities.

Should any prefilled information/data in the Logical Framework be incorrect or require updating, please inform GCF's Project Lead for appropriate corrective action.

GCF Outcome Level: Standardized Indicators

PMF/IRMF Results Management Framework

No indicators/questions defined.

(PMF) M1 Tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO₂eq) reduced as a result of GCF-funded projects/programmes

(IRMF) Core 1 Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduced, avoided or removed/sequestered

No indicators/questions defined.

Forestry and land use

No indicators/questions defined.

(PMF) M9.1 Hectares of land or forests under improved and effective management that contributes to CO₂ emission reductions

(IRMF) Core 4: Hectares of natural resource areas brought under improved low emission and/or climate resilient management practices

Provide the total degraded or converted ecosystems under restoration (ha).

Unit			Hectares	
Baseline	Target		Previous Year Cumulative Value	Annual value
	Mid-term	Final target		
				Cumulative Value <i>(automatically calculated)</i>

0	5,800	11,600	0	4,038	4,038
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Provide the total degraded or converted ecosystems under restoration (ha), disaggregated by country.						
Unit						Hectares
Disaggregation by: Project Countries	Baseline	Mid-term	Final target	Previous Year Cumulative Value	Annual value	Cumulative Value
Vanuatu	0	5,800	11,600	0	4,038	4,038

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Provide the total degraded or converted ecosystems under restoration (ha), disaggregated by land type.						
Unit						Hectares
Disaggregation by: Land Type	Baseline	Mid-term	Final target	Previous Year Cumulative Value	Annual value	Cumulative Value
Cropland	0	5,263	10,527	0	11	11
Forest Land (reforestation)	0	176	353	0	8	8
Coastal/marine ecosystems	0	360	720	0	4,019	4,019

(IRMF) Supplementary 4.1 Hectares of terrestrial-forest, terrestrial-non-forest, freshwater and coastal-marine areas brought under restoration and or improved ecosystems						
Provide the total land areas under sustainable management practices (ha).						
Unit					Hectares	
Baseline	Target		Previous Year Cumulative Value	Annual value	Cumulative Value (automatically calculated)	
	Mid-term	Final target				
0	5,800	11,600	0	4,038	4,038	

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Vanuatu	0	5,800	11,600	0	4,038	4,038



(PMF) A1 and A2 Total number of direct and indirect beneficiaries (IRMF) Core 2 Direct and indirect beneficiaries reached Provide the total number of indirect beneficiaries (female/male) cumulatively receiving adaptation benefits from GCF-supported interventions, disaggregated by Gender.

Unit						No. of Beneficiaries
Disaggregation by: Gender	Baseline	Mid-term	Final target	Previous Year Cumulative Value	Annual value	Cumulative Value
Male	0	22,440	56,100	24,647	23,966	48,613
Female	0	21,560	53,900	25,073	23,492	48,565

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Unit						No. of Beneficiaries
Disaggregation by: Project Countries	Baseline	Mid-term	Final target	Previous Year Cumulative Value	Annual value	Cumulative Value
Vanuatu	0	44,000	110,000	49,720	47,458	97,178

Livelihoods of people and communities

No indicators/questions defined.

(PMF) A1.2 Number of males and females benefiting from the adoption of diversified, climate resilient livelihood options (including fisheries, agriculture, tourism, etc.) (IRMF) Supplementary 2.1 Beneficiaries (female/male) adopting improved and/or new climate-resilient livelihood options						
Provide the total number of direct beneficiaries (female/male) adopting diversified or strengthened climate-resilient livelihood strategies (including agriculture, fisheries, natural resource-based, and informal livelihoods), disaggregated by gender.						
Unit						No. of Beneficiaries
Disaggregation by: Gender	Baseline	Mid-term	Final target	Previous Year Cumulative Value	Annual value	Cumulative Value
Male	0	18,360	45,980	0	3,657	3,657
Female	0	17,640	44,177	0	3,585	3,585

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Unit						Enter unit
Disaggregation by: Project Countries	Baseline	Mid-term	Final target	Previous Year Cumulative Value	Annual value	Cumulative Value
Vanuatu	0	36,000	90,157	0	7,242	7,242

(IRMF) Supplementary 2.5 Beneficiaries (female/male) adopting innovations that strengthen climate change resilience						
Provide the total number of direct beneficiaries (female/male) using new or improved climate adaptation technologies or innovations, disaggregated by gender.						
Unit						No. of Beneficiaries
Disaggregation by: Gender	Baseline	Mid-term	Final target	Previous Year Cumulative Value	Annual value	Cumulative Value
Male	762	762	39,800	762	0	762
Female	733	733	38,239	733	0	733

Health and well-being, and food & water security

No indicators/questions defined.

(PMF) A2.2 Number of food secure households (in areas/periods at risk of climate change impacts) (IRMF) Supplementary 2.2 Beneficiaries (female/male) with improved food security						
Provide the total number of direct beneficiaries (female/male) with improved or sustained food security through enhanced physical, social, and economic access to, and utilization of, food and nutrition in areas at risk of climate change, disaggregated by gender.						
Unit						No. of Beneficiaries
Disaggregation by: Gender	Baseline	Mid-term	Final target	Previous Year Cumulative Value	Annual value	Cumulative Value
Male	31,416	33,660	38,147	13,458	997	14,455
Female	30,184	32,341	36,652	13,191	977	14,168

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Unit	No. of Beneficiaries
Disaggregation by: Project Countries	Annual value
Vanuatu	1,974

Project Specific Indicators							
Indicator	Unit	Baseline	Target		Previous Year Cumulative Value	Annual value	Cumulative Value (automatically calculated)
			Mid-term	Final target			
# Area Council staff with increased capacity to integrate climate change into planning and budgeting	No. of Persons	0	80	145	59	0	59
Shock-responsive social protection system developed and tested (via DFAT co-finance)	No. of Items	0	1	1	1	0	1
# target farmers implementing climate resilient agriculture practices	No. of Farmers	720	14,000	23,400	720	804	1,524
# target farmers with increased understanding of climate-resilient agriculture practices	No. of Farmers	720	18,600	31,200	796	929	1,725
# target fishers diversifying fisheries resources	No. of Persons	2,000	4,000	6,800	2,013	227	2,240
# target fishers with increased understanding of	No. of Persons	720	5,400	9,000	944	838	1,782

climate-resilient fisheries practices							
# target community members with increased understanding of application of CIS to agriculture/fisheries	No. of Persons	720	17,500	29,210	720	0	720
# knowledge products disseminated nationally, regionally and globally	No. of Knowledge Products/Resources	0	25	40	14	9	23
# local-provincial-national stakeholder forums convened	No. of Meetings/Dialogues	0	2	6	3	13	16
# communities using food preservation technologies	No. of Communities	0	0	261	0	0	0
# partnerships facilitated between producer groups and private sector entities	No. of Agreements/Contracts	0	4	6	0	0	0
# target women-led producer groups collaborating to access new markets	No. of Persons	35	50	90	35	0	35
# target farmers implementing climate resilient agriculture practices	No. of Farmers	720	14,000	23,400	720	804	1,524
# target fishers diversifying fisheries resources	No. of Persons	2,000	4,000	6,800	2,013	227	2,240
# local-provincial-national stakeholder forums convened	No. of Meetings/Dialogues	0	2	6	3	13	16
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# target fishers diversifying fisheries resources	No. of Persons	2,000	4,000	6,800	2,013	227	2,240
% target households in moderate or severe food insecurity (This indicator will also be used to assess progress against Output 2.3)	Percentage	0	35	23	46	-4	42
% target CDCCCs with internet connectivity for CIS/EWS delivery	Percentage	7	30	100	7	3	10
% of target women, men, children and youth with increased understanding of the implications of climate change	Percentage	6	60	95	6	62	68

% target communities with adaptation plans in place	Percentage	0	50	100	14	34	48
% of target CDCCCs with gender balance	Percentage	23	30	90	34	25	59
% of target communities with functioning CDCCCs	Percentage	10	50	100	24	57	81
Percentage of target CDCCCs with child/youth engagement	Percentage	57	30	90	57	7	64
# hectares of agricultural and fisheries sites under improved management using nature-based solutions	Hectares	0	5,800	11,600	0	743	743
% target households participating in producer groups that report increased incomes	Percentage	0	30	50	0	0	0
% of target communities with functioning CDCCCs	Percentage	10	50	100	24	57	81
% of target CDCCCs with internet connectivity for CIS/EWS delivery	Percentage	7	30	100	7	3	10
% of target communities with adaptation plans in place	Percentage	0	50	100	14	34	48
% of target households in moderate or severe food insecurity (This indicator will also be used to assess progress against Output 2.3)	Percentage	0	35	23	46	-4	42
% target CDCCCs with gender balance	Percentage	23	30	90	34	25	59
% target communities with adaptation plans in place	Percentage	0	50	100	14	34	48
% target CDCCCs with child/youth engagement	Percentage	57	30	90	57	7	64
% target communities with adaptation plans in place	Percentage	0	50	100	14	34	48
% of target households participating in producer groups that	Percentage	0	30	50	0	0	0

report increased incomes							
# hectares of agricultural and fisheries sites under improved management using nature-based solutions	Hectares	0	5,800	11,600	0	743	743

Activities				
Activity Name	Implementation Progress (%)	Utilised GCF Budget	Allocated GCF Budget	% (Automatically calculated)
1.1.1 Establish Community Disaster and Climate Change Committees (CDCCCs) (if necessary) and build their capacity, including strengthening social inclusion and gender-balance	72	361,098.87	404,728	89
1.1.2 Increase CDCCC member capacity to identify climate change and disaster risks at the local level, including providing leadership training (targeted at women) and establishing communication channels for CDCCCs to request information/support from the National Disaster Management Office (NDMO)	38	389,295.62	1,346,696	28
1.2.1: Community awareness raising on climate change risks to food systems, livelihoods and disaster risk via targeted IEC materials and information sessions managed by Area Council Climate Change Officers and CDCCCs	45	198,277.29	394,160	50
1.2.2: Identify key local issues that drive climate vulnerability and use this to develop local adaptation plans and measure program impact	80	179,080.83	378,766	47
1.2.3: Development of inclusive Community Adaptation Plans and identification of key resilience building actions (selected from adaptation package menu)	42	140,523.54	423,849	33
1.3.1: Develop and distribute CIS IEC products to support community adaptation awareness raising and adaptation planning processes	23	544,665.33	2,729,311	19
1.3.2: Build capacity of Area Council Climate Change Officers and CDCCCs to effectively utilize CIS in community planning processes	44	163,789.3	345,063	47
2.1.1: Support adaptations that strengthen or rehabilitate coastal protection barriers, reduce risk	30	288,435.82	3,086,923	9

Activities				
Activity Name	Implementation Progress (%)	Utilised GCF Budget	Allocated GCF Budget	% (Automatically calculated)
of flood/landslides and improve water-security through nature-based solutions				
2.1.2: Introduce/scale up improved agriculture methods to minimise erosion and reduce impact of pests and diseases	23	41,635.7	739,071	5
2.1.3: Support communities to protect and rehabilitate habitats that support fisheries, particularly degraded coral reefs, seagrass meadows and mangroves	45	52,394.57	350,607	14
2.2.1: Support adaptations to traditional farming methods to increase climate-resilience and increase food security	25	551,435.14	1,489,357	37
2.2.2: Introduce/scale up adoption of climate-resilient native food and cash crop varieties	33	474,374.82	1,271,774	37
2.2.3: Establish/scale-up community-, school- and home-based kitchen gardens for enhanced nutrition utilizing climate-resilient crops	19	232,740.64	878,179	26
2.3.1: Build community capacity on coastal resource management and monitoring that supports sustainable fisheries	10	85,809.08	511,451	16
2.3.2: Support communities to adopt primary community-based fisheries management to reduce climate change impacts	22	375,375.58	809,951	46
2.4.1: Introduce or scale up women-led local solutions for food processing and preservation	30	256,715.06	2,578,623	9
2.4.2: Support women to diversify into new agricultural/food commodities and value-add products that deliver greater income generating opportunities	51	460,928.99	1,850,130	24
2.4.3: Support women-led enterprises to access private partnership options to access new (distant) markets for value-add products	0	63,325.17	325,420	19
3.1.1: Support Area Council and Province officials to incorporate climate risk analysis and financing strategies into Area Council development plans and budgets	12	144,310.15	843,065	17
3.1.2: Build the capacity of local authorities to support operations of the CDCCCs and ongoing inclusive local adaptation planning processes	35	571,999.6	1,384,557	41
3.1.3: Support NDMO to design and establish a shock-responsive social protection system	100	0	0	0

Activities				
Activity Name	Implementation Progress (%)	Utilised GCF Budget	Allocated GCF Budget	% (Automatically calculated)
designed for the needs of the most vulnerable households				
3.2.1: Capture lessons learned, emerging themes and best practices at the community level to ensure sub-national and national planning processes are informed by local needs and that local actions support national objectives	31	252,948	767,243	32
3.2.2: Support local authorities in monitoring and evaluation of national CCDRR policies at the local level and increasing dialogue between stakeholders at all levels	41	266,797	673,453	39

C.2.1. Subprojects							
Where applicable, include information on sub-projects. For projects and programmes approved until B.31, the logical framework should focus on the mitigation and adaptation Performance Measurement Frameworks (PMF). For projects and programmes approved from B.32 onwards, the logical framework should reflect the Integrated Results Management Framework (IRMF).							
Title	Currency	GCF Funds	Co-Financing	Country	GHG Emissions Reduced	Direct Beneficiaries	Indirect Beneficiaries
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
C.3. Compliance with FAA covenants				Yes ☒ No ☐			
The project remains compliant with the FAA and relevant legal agreements.							
C.4. Funded Activity Implementation Arrangements in the Following Year				Yes ☒ No ☐			

A restructuring proposal was submitted to GCF in May 2025 outlining changes to implementation arrangements, including adjustments to direct and indirect beneficiary targets and core indicators following updated census data and revised adoption rates. Budget flexibility and staffing changes were also requested to address implementation delays arising from the pandemic, disasters, increased service delivery costs, and collapse of the national airline. Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning findings have identified the need for more tailored community approaches, simplified training materials, and increased technical and field personnel to ensure sustainable, locally-led adaptation. To accelerate implementation across 29 ACs and 282 communities, the Accredited Entity (AE) plans to work more with local service providers with the technical expertise and contextual knowledge required for dispersed and remote islands. These adjustments aim to enhance impact and sustainability. The AE is in ongoing discussions with GCF focal points to progress the restructuring and adaptive management process.

D. RISKS ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT

D.1. Risk and mitigation measures

As stated in the Board-approved "Risk Appetite Statement," a cornerstone of the GCF's Risk Framework is proactive risk management. This includes risk identification, assessment, monitoring, reporting and appropriate mitigation to minimize and respond to risks, both directly and through partners implementing GCF's projects and programmes.

Risk Management Matrix

A risk is the probability of an event to adversely affect the achievement of the project Impact (its objectives, outcomes, and results). "Inherent risk" refers to the level of risk present before any of the mitigating measures are applied. "Residual risk" represents the level of risk after mitigating measures have been implemented.

Please update the project risk matrix by reviewing and revising information for all previously identified risks, and adding any new risks identified during implementation by selecting the adequate Risk Area in the drop-down menu. For each risk, ensure you provide a clear risk description, outline the potential negative consequences, specify the mitigating measures in place, and complete the severity scoring as required.

For the Integrity Risk Area, an annual reporting (and more frequent and prompt reporting if stated in the legal agreements with the GCF) is required for each of its 3 Risk Sub-areas, as GCF has zero tolerance for Prohibited Practices, for SEAH in Fund-related Activities, and for working with parties and engaging in activities subject to sanctions imposed by the United Nations Security Council. The AE reporting obligations under GCF's policies and in the legal agreement(s) with the GCF include but are not limited to requiring AEs to take action to identify, mitigate and promptly disclose to the GCF any real or perceived Conflict of Interest, any alleged or suspected Prohibited Practice, promptly notify the Fund of any material risks or other indications of money laundering and/or financing of terrorism in relation to the Project and promptly take remedial steps in consultation with the GCF.

The AE shall also provide updates on the risks and mitigating measures under the other Risk Areas when changes to already identified risks or new risks have been identified.

Risk scoring:

For likelihood, please rate on a scale from 1 to 5: 1. Unlikely, 2. Possible, 3. Likely, 4. Almost certain, 5. Certain

For impact, please rate on a scale from 1 to 5: 1. Close to none, 2. Low, 3. Medium, 4. High, 5. Catastrophic

The severity of each risk is automatically computed based on the likelihood and impact of the risk.

Risk 1	Sustainability of project activities following end of project		
Risk Origin	Partner Related		
Risk Area	Partner capacity and suitability		
Risk Sub-area	N/A		
Description	There is a risk that the Vanuatu Government will not have sufficient financial or human resources to continue key VCCRP-supported activities once project funding concludes. While government engagement is strong, several critical functions currently rely heavily on project-financed staff, technical expertise, and operational support.		
Consequences	Reduced continuity of climate resilience activities at national and community levels; Loss of institutional knowledge if project-funded positions lapse without replacement; Delays or gaps in service delivery, monitoring, and technical coordination; Reduced community confidence in long-term government support; Potential reputational impact for the program and development partners.		
Inherent Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Severity
	3 - Likely	3 - Medium	9 - Medium High
Mitigation Measure(s)	Ongoing engagement with Government counterparts to advocate for integration of key positions and activities into ministry workplans and budgets where they are not already included; Development of a sustainability and transition plan outlining required resources, responsibilities, and timelines; Capacity strengthening of government staff to reduce dependency on external technical support; Documentation of core processes, guidelines, and tools to preserve institutional knowledge; Exploration of potential co-financing or bridging mechanisms where feasible.		
Residual Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Severity
	2 - Possible	3 - Medium	6 - Medium
Current Residual Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Severity
	2 - Possible	3 - Medium	6 - Medium
Comments	N/A		

Risk 2	Fraud management		
Risk Origin	Partner Related		
Risk Area	Partner capacity and suitability		
Risk Sub-area	N/A		
Description	There is a risk of inconsistent understanding and application of fraud and performance management processes across implementing partners. Variations in procedures and capacity levels may lead to gaps in practice, despite strong commitment from all parties to uphold transparency and accountability.		
Consequences	Increased vulnerability to financial irregularities or procedural non-compliance; Reputational impacts for partners and the program if incidents occur; Possible delays to implementation while issues are reviewed or resolved; Reduced stakeholder confidence in program governance.		
Inherent Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Severity
	4 - Almost certain	4 - High	16 - High
Mitigation Measure(s)	Strengthen application of Government financial management and procurement processes, supported by the review and refinement of the Program Operations Manual; Conduct regular financial management and procurement assessments and follow-up actions; Maintain routine audits and monthly budget-vs-actual reporting through Grant Management Committee (GMC) processes; Implement robust recruitment checks for program staff and reinforce internal financial controls; Work closely with Vanuatu Government to continue strengthening procurement systems and promote consistent practice; Deliver periodic fraud refresher training for all implementing teams, consultants, and volunteers; Maintain Save the Children Vanuatu (SCV) Fraud, Bribery and Anti-Corruption Policy, whistle-blower procedures, and reporting mechanisms for suspected incidents.		
Residual Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Severity
	3 - Likely	3 - Medium	9 - Medium High
Current Residual Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Severity
	3 - Likely	3 - Medium	9 - Medium High
Comments	N/A		
Risk 3	Delayed implementation		
Risk Origin	Project Related		
Risk Area	Design and Implementation		
Risk Sub-area	N/A		
Description	A prolonged establishment phase, combined with a complex project design involving multiple implementing ministries, has contributed to delays in rolling out planned activities. This has flow-on effects for timely delivery and budget utilisation.		
Consequences	Underspend against the project budget and potential need for re-profiling; Slower achievement of outputs and outcomes within expected timeframes; Increased pressure on later implementation periods; Reduced ability to sequence capacity-building and technical assistance activities efficiently.		
Inherent Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Severity
	4 - Almost certain	4 - High	16 - High
Mitigation Measure(s)	Stagger mobilisation schedule and budget allocations to support phased implementation; Prioritise early activities implementable by SCV during recruitment and capacity-building periods; Support Project Management Unit (PMU) to lead timely procurement of goods and services; Strengthen procurement planning and weekly tracking systems, complemented by monthly deep dives led by Finance; Encourage sector leads and directors to monitor spend plans and mobilise internal resources to support timely implementation; Explore surge capacity options for Procurement and Finance teams where needed; Continue recruitment of additional staff across DLA, DARD, and PMU to support implementation; Maintain close engagement with SCA to ensure alignment on finance, programming, and in-country support.		
Residual Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Severity
	4 - Almost certain	3 - Medium	12 - Medium High
Current Residual Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Severity
	4 - Almost certain	3 - Medium	12 - Medium High
Comments	N/A		

Risk 4	Gaps in MEAL systems constrain timely learning, adaptive management, and results reporting		
Risk Origin	Project Related		
Risk Area	Design and Implementation		
Risk Sub-area	N/A		
Description	There is a risk that gaps in monitoring, evaluation, accountability and learning (MEAL) systems may limit the program's ability to track progress, demonstrate outcomes, and inform decision-making. Current data collection challenges and incomplete MEAL structures can reduce efficiency and accountability.		
Consequences	Reduced visibility of program performance and outcomes; Inefficiencies or resource wastage if activities cannot be adequately monitored; Constraints on adaptive management due to limited evidence; Potential challenges in meeting donor reporting expectations		
Inherent Risk	Likelihood 4 - Almost certain	Impact 3 - Medium	Severity 12 - Medium High
Mitigation Measure(s)	Expedite development of a core MEAL system to improve data collection consistency; Participate actively in Save the Children's MEAL Uplift initiative; Progress recruitment of MEAL Coordinator and consultant; Update data collection tools and guidance to ensure usability across partners; Provide capacity building for Government and program staff on MEAL processes		
Residual Risk	Likelihood 2 - Possible	Impact 3 - Medium	Severity 6 - Medium
Current Residual Risk	Likelihood 2 - Possible	Impact 3 - Medium	Severity 6 - Medium
Comments	N/A		
Risk 5	Online safety for communities receiving internet access		
Risk Origin	Project Related		
Risk Area	Design and Implementation		
Risk Sub-area	N/A		
Description	Introducing internet access (e.g., Starlink) in communities may increase exposure to inappropriate online content or unsafe digital interactions. Without adequate digital literacy and safeguards, vulnerable groups — including children — may face online risks.		
Consequences	Increased likelihood of exposure to harmful or inappropriate online content; Potential for online financial scams or exploitation; Heightened risk of cyberbullying or harmful peer interactions; Community concern regarding safe technology use.		
Inherent Risk	Likelihood 3 - Likely	Impact 4 - High	Severity 12 - Medium High
Mitigation Measure(s)	Conduct social impact assessments to understand community digital needs and risks; Develop and disseminate localised online-safety training materials tailored to different age groups; Identify and implement appropriate safeguards in collaboration with internet service providers or relevant agencies; Support community digital-literacy sessions focused on safe behaviours and risk awareness.		
Residual Risk	Likelihood 2 - Possible	Impact 3 - Medium	Severity 6 - Medium
Current Residual Risk	Likelihood 2 - Possible	Impact 3 - Medium	Severity 6 - Medium
Comments	N/A		
Risk 6	Public financial management (PFM) throughput and absorptive capacity		
Risk Origin	Partner Related		
Risk Area	Partner capacity and suitability		
Risk Sub-area	N/A		
Description	There is a risk that the volume and cadence of project funds, combined with routine budget processes, may place pressure on existing public financial management and procurement systems. This could affect the timely processing of commitments, cash releases, and payments across implementing ministries, despite partners' ongoing efforts to strengthen systems and coordination.		

Consequences	Slower execution of approved workplans due to commitment, warrant, or cash-flow bottlenecks; Accumulation of payables and potential underspend against planned budgets; Increased administrative burden on finance and procurement personnel; Knock-on delays to procurement and delivery schedules.		
Inherent Risk	Likelihood 4 - Almost certain	Impact 4 - High	Severity 16 - High
Mitigation Measure(s)	Joint (MFEM/line ministries/PMU/SCV) quarterly commitment and procurement planning, with early identification of high-value/long-lead items; Strengthen documentation quality and first-time-right submissions to reduce rework; Provide targeted support/surge capacity during peak processing periods; Maintain regular FM/procurement coordination meetings to unblock issues early.		
Residual Risk	Likelihood 3 - Likely	Impact 3 - Medium	Severity 9 - Medium High
Current Residual Risk	Likelihood 3 - Likely	Impact 3 - Medium	Severity 9 - Medium High
Comments	N/A		
Risk 7	Climate-induced disasters impacting resilience-building activities		
Risk Origin	External Factors		
Risk Area	Natural hazard		
Risk Sub-area	N/A		
Description	There is a risk that climate-induced and other disasters—including severe cyclones, earthquakes, volcanic activity, and other hazards—may disrupt community resilience-building activities and slow implementation progress across government and partners. Recent events during the project period, such as the twin Category 4 cyclones Judy and Kevin (2023), the 7.4 magnitude earthquake in December 2024, and ongoing Manaro Volcano activity, highlight the likelihood and impact of such disruptions.		
Consequences	Disruption to community engagement, training, and implementation schedules; Reprioritisation of government resources toward emergency response and recovery; Damage to infrastructure, assets, or demonstration sites needed for project activities; Reduced community participation due to displacement, safety concerns, or livelihood impacts.		
Inherent Risk	Likelihood 5 - Certain	Impact 4 - High	Severity 20 - High
Mitigation Measure(s)	Sharing of early warning system (EWS) information with communities and partners; Strengthening technical capacity for emergency preparedness, response, and recovery; Coordination with NDMO, VMGD, and provincial authorities to sequence activities appropriately; Adaptive scheduling and contingency planning for field activities; Supporting community-level disaster preparedness to reduce disruption to project gains.		
Residual Risk	Likelihood 4 - Almost certain	Impact 4 - High	Severity 16 - High
Current Residual Risk	Likelihood 4 - Almost certain	Impact 4 - High	Severity 16 - High
Comments	N/A		
Risk 8	Timing of program restructuring approvals within agreed governance processes		
Risk Origin	Project Related		
Risk Area	Design and Implementation		
Risk Sub-area	N/A		
Description	Adaptive management within the program operates within established governance and approval processes. The sequencing and timing of these processes can influence when adjustments to program design, indicators or delivery approaches are implemented. The program works in close partnership with the donor within these arrangements to ensure learning and emerging priorities are incorporated in a timely and considered way, while maintaining alignment with agreed objectives.		
Consequences	Delayed strategic or implementation decisions; Reduced agility in responding to contextual or operational changes; Implementation sequencing challenges and planning uncertainty; Impacts on timelines for agreed adjustment		
Inherent Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Severity

	4 - Almost certain	4 - High	16 - High
Mitigation Measure(s)	Maintain regular, transparent communication with stakeholders on submission status and implications; Use agreed flexibility within existing frameworks to make incremental adjustments where possible; Document learning and proposed adaptations clearly to support efficient consideration through established approval processes; Program teams plan submissions carefully and engage early to support efficient decision-making and alignment across stakeholders; Clear communication and coordination with Government partners to ensure expectations and planning remain aligned.		
Residual Risk	Likelihood 2 - Possible	Impact 3 - Medium	Severity 6 - Medium
Current Residual Risk	Likelihood 2 - Possible	Impact 3 - Medium	Severity 6 - Medium
Comments	N/A		
Risk 9	AML/CTF Compliance Risk		
Risk Origin	Project Related		
Risk Area	Integrity		
Risk Sub-area	Money Laundering (ML) & Terrorist Financing (TF)		
Description	Risk that project funds or resources may be used, directly or indirectly, for money laundering or terrorist financing activities due to inadequate due diligence of executing entities, partners, contractors, or beneficiaries; weak financial management and monitoring controls; or non-compliance with applicable AML/CTF laws, regulations, and GCF requirements.		
Consequences	If AML/CTF compliance risks materialise, project funds or resources may be diverted or misused for illicit purposes, resulting in serious violations of legal, regulatory, and GCF requirements. This could trigger investigations by the GCF Integrity Unit, regulators, or other competent authorities, potentially leading to suspension or cancellation of disbursements, recovery of funds, and significant financial losses. Such incidents may also result in reputational damage to the Accredited Entity (SCA), Executing Entities, Implementing Partners, and the GCF, and could undermine confidence in the entity's fiduciary systems, potentially affecting current or future accreditation status.		
Inherent Risk	Likelihood 2 - Possible	Impact 3 - Medium	Severity 6 - Medium
Mitigation Measure(s)	This risk is mitigated through Save the Children's global Anti Money Laundering and Counter Terrorist Financing policies and procedures, including mandatory partner, vendor, and counterparty due diligence conducted through established organizational screening processes. All executing entities, contractors, and suppliers are screened against relevant watchlists prior to engagement, with records maintained. Financial transactions are subject to segregation of duties, approval thresholds, and regular monitoring, supported by internal audits, spot checks, and compliance oversight. Staff receive mandatory training on AML/CTF requirements, and any suspected violations are reported through established whistleblowing and incident management mechanisms.		
Residual Risk	Likelihood 2 - Possible	Impact 2 - Low	Severity 4 - Medium
Current Residual Risk	Likelihood 2 - Possible	Impact 2 - Low	Severity 4 - Medium
Comments	N/A		
Risk 10	Sanctions Compliance Risk		
Risk Origin	Project Related		
Risk Area	Integrity		
Risk Sub-area	Sanctions		
Description	Risk that fraud, bribery, corruption, collusion, or other prohibited practices may occur during project implementation, including procurement, contracting, financial management, or reporting processes, leading to misuse of GCF resources, financial losses, reputational damage, and potential non-compliance with GCF policies and legal obligations.		

Consequences	If fraud, corruption, or other prohibited practices occur, GCF resources may be misappropriated or used inefficiently, resulting in financial losses and ineligible expenditures that may need to be refunded. Such incidents can disrupt project implementation, cause delays, or lead to partial or full suspension of activities while investigations are conducted. Findings of fraud or corruption may prompt investigations by the GCF Integrity Unit or external authorities, damage the credibility and reputation of the Accredited Entity (SCA) and partners, and jeopardise both current and future access to GCF financing.		
Inherent Risk	Likelihood 2 - Possible	Impact 3 - Medium	Severity 6 - Medium
Mitigation Measure(s)	This risk is mitigated through Save the Children's Anti Fraud, Anti Bribery, and Anti Corruption policies, which set clear standards for ethical conduct and zero tolerance for prohibited practices. Robust internal controls are applied across procurement, contracting, and financial management processes, including competitive bidding, segregation of duties, approval thresholds, and documentation requirements. Partner assessments, spot checks, internal audits, and compliance reviews are conducted, with financial and procurement records maintained. Mandatory staff training, declarations of compliance, and access to confidential whistleblowing channels further strengthen fraud prevention and detection.		
Residual Risk	Likelihood 2 - Possible	Impact 2 - Low	Severity 4 - Medium
Current Residual Risk	Likelihood 2 - Possible	Impact 2 - Low	Severity 4 - Medium
Comments	N/A		
Risk 11	Fraud and Corruption Risk		
Risk Origin	Project Related		
Risk Area	Integrity		
Risk Sub-area	Fraud / Bribery & Corruption / Collusion and any other prohibited practice		
Description	Risk that fraud, bribery, corruption, collusion, or other prohibited practices may occur during project implementation, including procurement, contracting, financial management, or reporting processes, leading to misuse of GCF resources, financial losses, reputational damage, and potential non-compliance with GCF policies and legal obligations.		
Consequences	If fraud, corruption, or other prohibited practices occur, GCF resources may be misappropriated or used inefficiently, resulting in financial losses and ineligible expenditures that may need to be refunded. Such incidents can disrupt project implementation, cause delays, or lead to partial or full suspension of activities while investigations are conducted. Findings of fraud or corruption may prompt investigations by the GCF Integrity Unit or external authorities, damage the credibility and reputation of the Accredited Entity (SCA) and partners, and jeopardise both current and future access to GCF financing.		
Inherent Risk	Likelihood 2 - Possible	Impact 3 - Medium	Severity 6 - Medium
Mitigation Measure(s)	This risk is mitigated through Save the Children's Anti Fraud, Anti Bribery, and Anti Corruption policies, which set clear standards for ethical conduct and zero tolerance for prohibited practices. Robust internal controls are applied across procurement, contracting, and financial management processes, including competitive bidding, segregation of duties, approval thresholds, and documentation requirements. Partner assessments, spot checks, internal audits, and compliance reviews are conducted, with financial and procurement records maintained. Mandatory staff training, declarations of compliance, and access to confidential whistleblowing channels further strengthen fraud prevention and detection.		
Residual Risk	Likelihood 2 - Possible	Impact 2 - Low	Severity 4 - Medium
Current Residual Risk	Likelihood 2 - Possible	Impact 2 - Low	Severity 4 - Medium
Comments	N/A		
Risk 12	Conflict of Interest Risk		
Risk Origin	Project Related		

Risk Area	Integrity		
Risk Sub-area	Conflict of interest		
Description	Risk that actual, potential, or perceived conflicts of interest involving project staff, implementing partners, consultants, or decision-makers may improperly influence project decisions, procurement processes, recruitment, or allocation of resources due to inadequate disclosure, management, or mitigation of conflicts of interest.		
Consequences	Unmanaged or inadequately disclosed conflicts of interest may compromise the integrity, fairness, and transparency of project decision-making processes, particularly in procurement, recruitment, or resource allocation. This can lead to biased outcomes, inefficient use of funds, and non-compliance with GCF fiduciary and governance standards. As a result, the project may face audit findings, corrective actions, and enhanced GCF oversight, along with reputational harm that weakens stakeholder confidence and trust in project governance arrangements.		
Inherent Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Severity
	2 - Possible	3 - Medium	6 - Medium
Mitigation Measure(s)	This risk is mitigated through Save the Children's Conflict of Interest policy, which requires staff, consultants, and relevant partners to formally declare actual, potential, or perceived conflicts of interest at the outset and throughout the project lifecycle. Declarations are recorded and managed in accordance with internal procedures, with mitigation actions defined where conflicts are identified. Procurement and recruitment decisions are subject to committee based reviews, segregation of roles, and senior oversight. Compliance is reinforced through regular training, internal audits, and management reviews to ensure conflicts are appropriately disclosed, managed, and documented.		
Residual Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Severity
	1 - Unlikely	2 - Low	2 - Low
Current Residual Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Severity
	1 - Unlikely	2 - Low	2 - Low
Comments	N/A		

D.2. Report risk incidents

If any risk (previously identified or not) has materialized, please capture it here as a risk incident.

(this section is confidential)

E. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

E.1. GCF financing

In addition to the financial report in the annex, update the table with relevant GCF financial data for each country and instrument, including amounts and allocation percentages.

Country	Instrument	Currency (as per FAA)	Committed Amount	Disbursed Amount	Expenditure (reporting year)	Cumulative Expenditure	Mitigation	Adaptation
Vanuatu	Grants	USD	26,182,440	14,616,371	4,395,008	7,258,996	0%	100%
Total		USD	26,182,440	14,616,371	4,395,008	7,258,996	N/A	N/A

E.2. Co-financing

Please populate the table with relevant Co-financing data for each Co-financier and instrument, including amounts and allocation percentages.

Co-financier	Instrument	Currency (as per FAA)	Committed Amount	Disbursed Amount	Expenditure (reporting year)	Cumulative Expenditure	Mitigation	Adaptation
Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	Grants	USD	4,625,040	4,753,920	611,535	4,132,581	0%	100%
Save the Children Australia	Grants	USD	301,292	127,234	29,525	127,234	0%	100%
Government of Vanuatu	In-kind	USD	1,541,229	969,476	144,028	969,476	0%	100%
Total		USD	6,467,561	5,850,630	785,088	5,229,291	N/A	N/A

E.3. Additional Finance Mobilised Beyond Approved Co-financing

Report the realised (cumulative value) and/or expected volume (Final Target) of private/public finance leveraged as a result of GCF involvement in the investment, in addition to and beyond any co-financing originally committed at approval. This datapoint shall be reported separately from official co-financing figures and is intended to capture the catalytic effect of GCF investments and support institutional learning.

GCF Policy: <https://www.greenclimate.fund/sites/default/files/document/policy-cofinancing.pdf>

No additional finance mobilized information provided.

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F. ENVIRONMENTAL & SOCIAL SAFEGUARDS, GENDER, and INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

This section provides an update against the ESS standards agreed as part of the Environmental and Social Action Plan (ESAP) and Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF), as well as Environmental and Social Management System (ESMS), Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA), Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP), Indigenous Peoples Plan (IPP), Indigenous Peoples Plan Framework (IPPF), Resettlement Action Plan (RAP), Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF) when applicable.

F.1. progress on key challenges and updates regarding Environmental and Social Safeguards

Key Environmental and Social Changes

Have there been any changes in the key environmental and social risks and impacts? If you tick 'Yes,' please provide further information.

Yes ☐ No ☒

Environmental and Social Safeguarding Updates

Have there been any change/update on environmental and social safeguarding? you tick 'Yes,' please provide further information.

Yes ☐ No ☒

F.2. Compliance with laws and regulations applicable to ESS. Gender and Indigenous Peoples.

Have there been any changes or updates regarding compliance with applicable laws and regulations of the country, as well as the relevant conditions or covenants under the FAA?

Yes ☐ No ☒

F.3. ESS standards implementation progress

Does this reporting period include any ESS standards-related activities or updates?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If you tick 'Yes', please provide further information to report on the progress made in complying with the requirements of the relevant ESS standards that were triggered during the approval of the funding proposal and during the reporting period, if any; and the GCF Indigenous Peoples Policy, if relevant, describing achievement and specifying details outlined in the tables below.

Activities implemented during the reporting period, including monitoring

Relevant activities implemented during the reporting period included: • Delivered training on informed consent and ESS compliance to PMU staff, Provincial Coordinators and provincial stakeholders, including ACCCOs in Sanma and Torba, strengthening capacity to implement participatory and rights-based approaches (27 staff trained). • Commenced a review of the Environmental and Social Assessment and Residual Risk Management Plan (ESARRMP) to reflect evolving program risks; developed environmental technical standards for procurement of solar freezers and solar dryers to ensure environmental compliance and sustainability. • Undertook scoping and design work for locally manufactured solar dryers, supporting local supply chains and suitability for rural and remote locations. The scoping informed environmentally sound construction materials and procurement practices. • Supported the development of 20 community-based fisheries management plans using participatory and inclusive processes, including formal informed consent for land and marine resource use (e.g. establishment of tabu areas) to support sustainable natural resource management and reduce future conflict risks. • Implemented ecosystem-based erosion management measures, including planting of vetiver grass and mangroves, instead of conventional hard engineering solutions. • Commenced development of online safety information, education and communication (IEC) materials (videos and posters) to accompany future community internet access through Starlink installation. • Implemented the Gender Action Plan across program activities; 59% of Community Disaster and Climate Change Committees (CDCCCs) achieved gender balance and 16% included a person with a disability. • Ensured safeguarding compliance, with all new Save the Children staff completing Prevention of Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment (PSEAH) training and signing the Code of Conduct and PSEAH policies. • Initiated consultations with DARD and Vanuatu Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VCCI) to integrate GEDSI and safeguarding measures into women-led food preservation activities, addressing risks of household conflict linked to increased income and asset ownership.

Outputs during the reporting period

Key ESS outputs included: • Increased institutional and provincial capacity to implement ESS compliant, participatory project activities, including informed consent and safeguarding practices, to avoid or mitigate identified ESS risks. • Strengthened environmental safeguards through standardised, environmentally compliant technical specifications for solar powered equipment. • Progress towards identifying locally appropriate, environmentally sound, climate resilient agricultural techniques for rural areas, including solar dryer prototypes using local materials (wood) and built in country. Efforts also minimised plastic use in food preservation packaging and promoted awareness of biological pest control through IEC materials. • Twenty fisheries management plans formally developed and agreed with communities, supporting sustainable resource use and conservation. • Nature based erosion control measures initiated within priority watersheds to reduce land degradation risks. • Foundational community level online safety content developed to mitigate anticipated digital and safeguarding risks from expanded internet access. • Measurable improvements in GEDSI within community governance structures, including increased participation of women and people with disabilities. • Strengthened organisational safeguarding culture through universal staff compliance with PSEAH and Code of Conduct requirements. • Partnerships to reduce gender and social risks linked to women's participation in livelihoods, including a CARE partnership in 2025.

Key environmental, social and gender issues, risks and impacts addressed during implementation

Key environmental risks related to land degradation, resource overuse and inappropriate technology procurement were addressed through strategies including ecosystem based measures, community endorsed fisheries management plans, and the introduction of environmental technical standards for solar equipment. These actions reduced risks of environmental harm while supporting climate resilient livelihoods. Social risks were primarily associated with land and marine resource access, community consent, and emerging digital safety concerns. These were mitigated through strengthened informed consent processes, participatory planning approaches, and early development of online safety IEC materials to accompany future internet connectivity. Gender and social inclusion risks included underrepresentation of women, youth and people with disabilities in community governance and livelihood opportunities, as well as potential household conflict arising from women's increased economic participation. These risks were addressed through implementation of the Gender Action Plan, promotion of gender balanced CDCCCs, inclusion of people with disabilities, and targeted consultations to integrate GEDSI and safeguarding considerations into women-led livelihood activities. Approaches included having the ACCCO meeting with the community chief in advance of activities to discuss the importance of inclusive participation. Workshops aimed for 50% men, 50% women, and disability representation. Consultations occurred outdoors for accessibility, with catering arranged to free women's time. Participation varies by community commitments and organization. Safeguarding risks were proactively managed through mandatory PSEAH training and Codes of Conduct for staff, ensuring alignment with organisational and donor safeguarding standards throughout implementation.

Any pending key environmental, social and gender issues needing accredited entity's actions and GCF attention

There are no unresolved ESS or gender compliance issues requiring GCF action. However, several GEDSI indicators require continued attention and accelerated implementation to meet targets. Women's participation remains uneven. While over 59% of CDCCCs have achieved gender balance (cumulative progress) and 57% of trained farmers are women, only 38% of participants in fisheries management plan training in 2025 were women and just 23% of field staff are female. Gender norms favour male authority in traditional decision making and, while the project integrates awareness raising and training to support inclusion, these dynamics cannot be fully transformed within a six-year timeframe. A "do no harm" approach aligned with national gender policies and guidelines therefore remains essential. Efforts are underway to support longer term change, including strengthening governance and leadership processes,

mainstreaming GEDSI in implementation, building institutional capacity through gender responsive area council development planning and budgeting, and developing GEDSI and climate training manuals, IEC materials and disability inclusive climate information and early warning products. Engagement of people with disabilities remains limited, with 16% of CDCCs including members with a disability. Accessibility constraints will be addressed through strengthened partnerships with community-based organisations, staff training, and improved resources and monitoring mechanisms to ensure accountability.

Remarks/Notes

F.4. Sub-projects information

Have any subprojects been implemented?

Yes ☐ No ☒

N/A

N/A

F.5. Implementation of the stakeholder engagement plan

Were any actions undertaken to increase engagement of relevant stakeholders in the project, particularly regarding environmental, social, and gender elements?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Activities implemented during the reporting period

In 2025, VCCRP implemented stakeholder engagement activities to strengthen inclusive participation, improve coordination and integrate environmental, social and gender considerations. Engagement occurred at national, provincial and community levels through governance processes, outreach, capacity building and public awareness.

Strengthening institutional capacity and governance

- Delivered GEDSI refresher training for PMU staff to support consistent integration inclusive approaches into programming.
- Convened two National Technical Working Group (TWG) meetings and two National Steering Committee (NSC) meetings to review progress, assess environmental and social risks, and agree mitigation and adaptive management actions.
- Engaged government partners through Provincial Technical Advisory Group (PTAG) meetings and annual business planning, strengthening coordination and institutional ownership.

Improving communication, feedback and safeguarding

- Built capacity of media and communications officers from VCCRP, VCAP, DARD and DoCC on spokesperson roles, ethical storytelling, informed consent and “do no harm” principles.
- Reviewed and strengthened the Community Feedback Mechanism during the Provincial Coordinator retreat with DLA officers, including rollout of new feedback boxes and communication materials.

Community outreach and thematic engagement

- Supported the Torba Climate Change Symposium through coral planting, climate information services awareness in schools, fisheries management training and watershed billboards.
- Delivered outreach during Public Service Commission (PSC) Day including solar dryer demonstrations, climate animation launches and climate resilient fisheries awareness. 607 people (282 men, 325 women) visited the booth, with over 100 students attending the Leftemap Resiliens climate animation screening.
- Partnered with Pacific Island Students Fighting Climate Change (PISFCC) and the Vanuatu Climate Justice Project to deliver the Waves of Climate Justice exhibition, youth competition and panel discussion, engaging over 1,000 children and young people.
- In partnership with the Vanuatu Chamber of Commerce and Industry, presented women's food preservation initiatives during Rural Women's Day, reaching representatives from 10 Pacific countries and Timor Leste.

Dates and venues of engagement activities
• GEDSI refresher training: 9 July Port Vila, 5 November Luganville, 13 November Mota Lava, 26 November Port Vila • TWG meetings: 3 March, 26 September Port Vila. • NSC meetings: 7 March (VMGD Office), 31 October (DLA Conference Room). • PTAG meetings: convened by Secretary Generals in each Province at regular intervals • Media Training: 25 July Port Vila • Provincial Coordinator Retreat: 19-26 November North Efate • Torba Climate Change Symposium: 8-14 October Torba Province • PSC Day: 31 July - 4 August Tanna • Waves of Climate Justice Exhibition: 22 September - 10 October Port Vila
Sex-disaggregated data on stakeholder engagement participants (male + female = total)
Sex disaggregated membership (2025 key engagements): • Steering Committee: 7 males, 2 females • Technical Working Group: 9 males, 6 females • GEDSI refresher training (PMU): 6 males, 3 females • Media and communications training: 5 males, 4 females • Provincial Coordinator retreat: 12 males, 8 females Key stakeholders and institutions engaged included: • Government: DoCC, DARD, DLA, Department of Water Resources (DoWR), Vanuatu Fisheries Department (VFD), NDMO; provincial and area council governments, PTAGs • Program governance bodies: Steering Committee, TWG • Private sector: VCCI, Pacific Labour Facility • Civil society and regional partners: PISFCC, Vanuatu Climate Justice Project • Media and communications personnel across climate and resilience programs • Youth, women's groups and community representatives through outreach events Stakeholder engagement activities served both information sharing and deliberative functions, enabling identification of best practices and lessons learned, implementation risks, ESS concerns and operational challenges, with mitigation actions discussed and agreed during formal forums.
Information shared with stakeholders
Stakeholders were provided with information on program objectives, progress and planned activities, including climate adaptation approaches, fisheries management practices, solar based livelihood technologies and climate information services. Information shared also covered environmental and social safeguards, informed consent, feedback and grievance mechanisms, and safeguarding expectations. People were also oriented on how to submit grievances through the project-based Grievance Redress Mechanisms (GRM). GEDSI principles, women's economic participation, youth engagement and disability inclusion were consistently communicated across meetings and public events. Creative and accessible materials—including art exhibitions, animations, billboards and demonstrations—were used to support understanding and engagement among diverse audiences, particularly youth and community members.
Outputs including issues raised and addressed during the reporting period
Key issues raised by stakeholders included the need for: • Clearer communication pathways and accessible feedback mechanisms at community level • Gender responsive approaches to livelihood activities, particularly women's food preservation initiatives and fisheries activities which are under-represented by women and require culturally sensitive approaches to do no harm. • Practical demonstrations and accessible digital materials to support communities in the development of adaptation and ecosystems preservation planning and climate resilient technologies and practices These issues were addressed by: • Ensuring clear communication pathways was addressed through strengthening the Community Feedback Mechanism, targeted media and GEDSI training, integration of informed consent protocols, and expanded outreach

activities using inclusive and locally relevant formats. In alignment with Department of Agricultural and Rural Development Gender Action Plan, VCCRP supports women's leadership and participation in executive groups and committees. In food preservation activities the Project works with groups managed by women, and livelihood approaches are adapted to acknowledge cultural norms and ensure a focus on women's livelihoods does not produce unintended negative consequences within families. One strategy is conducting community awareness on activities and gaining wider support before governance and business canvas training is delivered by the Vanuatu Chamber of Commerce and Industry at provincial level. • Practical demonstrations implemented through agricultural field days where communities managing multiplication plots and nurseries conduct demonstrations, discuss planting crops in accordance with climate conditions, and distribute materials. Live demonstrations of solar driers have also been conducted by women producer groups at special events in Shefa, Tafea and Torba. In 2026, work will continue on developing digital materials to support communities to adopt climate resilient practices, including accessible videos. Engagement through governance bodies and technical groups ensured that operational concerns, ESS risks and mitigation actions were reviewed and incorporated into ongoing implementation.
Remarks/Notes
N/A

F.6. ESS forward planning and lessons learned	
Are there any planned ESS activities for the next reporting period or lessons learned to share from this period?	Yes ☒ No ☐
Provide planned activities on environmental and social safeguards for the next reporting period	
During the next reporting period, VCCRP will focus on consolidating and strengthening environmental and social safeguards systems, with particular attention to safeguarding, digital safety, inclusive participation and systematic risk management. The following ESS related activities are planned: • Rollout of online safety materials and training: Building on materials developed this period, online safety IEC products (posters and videos) will be disseminated to communities gaining internet access. Targeted training will promote safe and responsible internet use, with a focus on children, women and other vulnerable groups. Uptake and effectiveness will be monitored through community feedback. • Safeguarding capacity strengthening: Refresher and onboarding training on PSEAH and child safeguarding will be delivered to all Save the Children and Government of Vanuatu implementing staff. Training completion and policy signoff will be monitored through routine compliance checks. • Storage facilities for women's food preservation activities: While no new facilities will be built, existing storage areas have been identified and minor modifications will be undertaken to improve hygiene, such as floor renovations. Environmental screening and concrete waste disposal will align with the ESARRMP. • Completion of the ESARRMP review: Review of the ESARRMP will be finalised, incorporating updated risks, mitigation measures and monitoring responsibilities. • Development of risk screening tools: Practical screening/monitoring tools will be developed to systematically identify and manage environmental, social, gender, disability inclusion and safeguarding risks at activity level. • Integration of GEDSI: GEDSI considerations will be further embedded in women's food preservation initiatives and community based natural resource management planning. • Locally led and resource efficient approaches: Tools and approaches will be developed to support locally led action that reduces reliance on transport, considering aviation, shipping and fuel constraints. Progress will be monitored through training records, safeguarding documentation, stakeholder feedback and regular ESS reporting processes.	
Provide any success stories, good practices, or challenges, including those related to the engagement of Indigenous peoples and local communities, promoting Indigenous knowledge and benefits to Indigenous peoples and local communities	
Success: The Vanuatu Community Based Climate Resilience Project (VCCRP) has strengthened Community Disaster and Climate Change Committees (CDCCCs) as local governance structures. By embedding Indigenous knowledge—such as hazard mapping, seasonal calendars, and oral histories—into Community Based Adaptation Planning (CBAP), communities are connecting lived disaster experiences with climate science. This sequencing has enabled a shift from reactive disaster response to anticipatory, adaptation-oriented decision making. During the CBAP process there are also community awareness sessions and in 2025 2,073 community members joined with 44% female participation. Challenge: Communities are generally more familiar with disaster planning than long-term climate adaptation, which requires understanding projections and anticipating future change. Balancing immediate disaster preparedness with the less tangible demands of adaptation remains a challenge, particularly in remote island contexts with limited resources. Lesson Learned: Local environmental knowledge and disaster planning provide effective entry points for adaptation thinking. Building on trusted DRR tools before introducing climate science helps communities engage meaningfully with adaptation pathways. This approach demonstrates that Indigenous knowledge, when integrated with technical tools, can inspire scalable, locally led solutions that strengthen resilience and safeguard cultural integrity.	

F.7. Grievance Redress Mechanism - confirmation & grievances	
<i>Please indicate whether the project can confirm the following statement:</i> Fully functional and operational Grievance Redress Mechanisms are in place, have been communicated to and are accessible by all stakeholders applicable to this project	
☒ The accredited entity confirms the statement above at project-level, AE-level, and GCF-level grievance mechanisms. ☐ The accredited entity does not confirm the statement above	
Have there been any grievances received during the reporting period?	Yes ☐ No ☒
<i>The VCCRP grievance redress mechanism (GRM) provides nine communication channels for feedback, including face to face reporting at community and provincial levels, feedback boxes, phone hotline, email and survey forms in digital and hard copy. Awareness on the project and providing feedback has been raised through engagement activities and over 4,000 brochures distributed in 2025. The project has received only positive feedback through feedback mechanism channels during this period. Of the feedback received through community feedback boxes for example, 14% were requests for assistance, 7% were suggestions for activity implementation (such as increasing the scope of implementation to more communities beyond VCCRP and providing more farming equipment at project sites) and 1% were requests for information. The remaining 78% of feedback received were thank you messages. In 2026, the GRM will be reviewed to improve accessibility, particularly at community level, where stakeholders prefer face to face interaction over phone, email, or written feedback.</i>	
F.8. Implementation of activities and actions agreed in the Gender Action Plan	
During the 2025 reporting period, implementation of the Gender Action Plan (GAP) progressed across community governance, awareness raising, livelihoods, and institutional strengthening. VCCRP advanced several GAP commitments, including expanded inclusive CDCCC coverage, with gender balance achieved in 59% of CDCCCs cumulatively, and strengthening of 108 women led producer groups through food preservation forums. Progress was strongest in participation and governance outcomes. Women comprised 44% of participants in community awareness sessions, exceeded targets in kitchen garden activities (58% women), and represented 54% of participants in national and regional learning forums. Inclusive approaches were embedded in CBAPs and local planning processes, and women led groups were engaged in food processing and income diversification activities. Progress has been slower in livelihood and technical adaptation activities, including climate resilient agriculture (38% of women farmers adopting climate resilient techniques), nature-based solutions (40% women), and women and youth led adaptation initiatives. These areas remain below targets but reflect sequencing, structural barriers, and ongoing foundations such as group identification and procurement. Overall, at the end of Year 3, the GAP is partially on track, with strong foundations, improving participation trends, and targeted mitigation measures in place to achieve intended gender outcomes over the remaining implementation period.	
Are there GAP implementation activities or progress to report for this period?	Yes ☒ No ☐
<i>Summary on Activities and Actions agreed in the Gender Action Plan (max. 200 words)</i> <i>Provide a progress report on the gender action plan developed during project preparation stage for the reporting period. This will primarily be a report on activities undertaken and results achieved because of completion of an activity. Further, it should also indicate if the project is on track to achieving the intended outcome(s). The reporting should be done for activities, targets and indicators already set in the action plan including on vulnerable groups (youth, poor, female heads of households, etc.) as would have been identified in the gender analysis and action plan. If activities or targets are not achieved as per plan, reasons should be provided, and recourse action should be proposed. Please include reporting on any changes or deviations. Include a Report on implementation challenges and lessons learnt and how these will inform on-going actions and what action will be taken by when to address the challenges faced. Incorporate both quantitative data and qualitative reports on the performance of such actions, and on progress on actions identified.</i>	

GAP Activity	
Activity 1.1.1 - Establish CDCCCs (where necessary) and build their capacity, including strengthening social inclusion and gender-balance	
Indicator	
a. Gender balance in CDCCCs in target communities; b. Gender balance in leadership of CDCCCs; c. Person with disability is on CDCCC in target communities; d. Youth on CDCCCs in target communities; e. Women, people with disability and youth on CDCCC report being confident to share their views and be respected	
Rating of Indicator	AMBER (needs attention to be met)
Baseline	0
Target, including sex-disaggregation where applicable	1
Annual progress update (Reporting Period)	
During 2025, progress was made toward improving gender balance and inclusivity within CDCCCs across target communities. With the establishment of new CDCCCs in 2025, an additional 25% of the total targeted CDCCCs were gender balanced and an additional 20% had leadership positions held by women. Thirty-two CDCCCs established in 2025 included at least one person with a disability, and 130 youth were represented. Lower participation of people with disabilities reflects a combination of identification challenges, limited availability of disability inclusive service providers in remote locations, and physical accessibility constraints in community infrastructure. These are being addressed through targeted partnerships, adapted facilitation approaches, and integration of accessibility checks into planning and procurement processes While quantitative data on women, youth, and people with disabilities being confident to share their views was not collected for this period, available information suggests incremental improvements in inclusive participation. Overall, progress in 2025 reflects early-stage institutional strengthening, with continued support required to reach full gender balance and representation targets.	
Cumulative progress update (Entire period)	
Since project commencement, gender balance has improved, with 59% of CDCCCs reaching gender balance among members and 31% within leadership roles. Forty-five CDCCCs included membership of people with disabilities (16% of life of project target), and 181 youth were represented. While these figures demonstrate steady cumulative progress, several indicators remain below targets, particularly leadership parity and systematic reporting on inclusive participation and confidence. Continued focus on capacity strengthening and consistent monitoring is required to sustain and scale improvements.	
Budget	101,614
Currency	USD
Timeline (Planned completion of activity)	24 October 2026
Responsibility	
NDMO DoCC DLA PMU Team Leader GEDSI Technical Specialist	
Remarks/Notes	

The indicator is rated AMBER as progress toward inclusive representation is evident but not yet at midline target levels. Mitigation measures include continued mentoring and sensitisation of CDCCCs and government staff, targeted leadership support for women, youth and people with disabilities, development and roll out of GEDSI IECs and training materials and improved qualitative and quantitative tracking of participation outcomes.

GAP Activity

Activity 1.1.2 - Increase CDCCC member capacity to identify climate change and disaster risks at the local level

Indicator

a. Men, women and youth trained in leadership, including targeted training for women in leadership and children/youth engagement, ensuring that all CDCCC members respect women's decision-making roles; b. CDCCC members trained in gender-based risks of climate-induced hazards; gender-sensitive data collection and analysis (disaggregated by sex, age and ability); c. Targeted CDCCC members with increased understanding of the implications of climate change

Rating of Indicator

AMBER (needs attention to be met)

Baseline

0

Target, including sex-disaggregation where applicable

1

Annual progress update (Reporting Period)

VCCRP, in partnership with CARE, delivered GEDSI and Leadership training to members of CDCCCs, other community leaders, ACCCOs and Provincial Coordinators; reaching 43 participants across 3 provinces. This activity was designed as a train the trainer for ACCCOs, however it was identified that ACCCOs needed further sensitisation in GEDSI before they could be trained to facilitate the content in the community. Capacity strengthening of field teams in integrating GEDSI into programming will continue in 2026, alongside the development of resources and IEC materials to facilitate community level training and awareness raising. Partnerships will also be explored to support CDCCCs to continue to integrate GEDSI considerations into their planning, implementation and monitoring.

A GEDSI and Leadership for CDCCC video was developed as an IEC material. This is in addition to the development of a trilingual (in Bislama with Bislama, French and English subtitles) animation video on climate information systems which is accessible for children and adults, reaching over 17,500 community members to date.

While quantitative evidence of increased understanding of climate change implications among CDCCC members was not available for this period; training materials and delivery mechanisms are now established. Expansion and improved tracking are planned for the next reporting period.

Cumulative progress update (Entire period)

Cumulatively, 15% of CDCCC members have received training on gender responsive climate risk analysis and 43 CDCCC members, other community leaders and VCCRP field personnel have received training in GEDSI and Leadership for CDCCCs. Although progress remains below target, this is anticipated to accelerate with the engagement of a new GEDSI Technical Specialist in early 2026. With CIS materials being developed and training modalities refined in 2026, the project is well positioned to scale delivery and improve outcome measurement through increased rollout of training and awareness raising and post activity monitoring and assessment.

Budget

38,566

Currency

USD

Timeline (Planned completion of activity)

24 October 2028

Responsibility	
NDMO DoCC DLA SC Vanuatu PMU Team Leader MEAL and Program Quality Manager Communications Officer GEDSI Technical Specialist	
Remarks/Notes	
AMBER - Progress is steady but below target at mid implementation. Mitigation measures include expanding training delivery, strengthening digital data collection and reporting systems (using the Kobo application), and documenting accessibility, enabling improved performance in future reporting periods.	
GAP Activity	
Activity 1.2.1 - Community awareness raising on climate change risks to food systems, livelihoods and disaster risk via targeted IEC materials and information sessions managed by Area Council Climate Change Officers and CDCCCs	
Indicator	
a. Equal participation in community awareness raising sessions; b. Area Council Climate Change Officers engaged under the project are women; c. IEC materials highlight key concerns as identified by women, men, girls and boys; d. Participants are people with disability; e. Targeted women, men, children and youth with increased understanding of the implications of climate change	
Rating of Indicator	AMBER (needs attention to be met)
Baseline	0
Target, including sex-disaggregation where applicable	1
Annual progress update (Reporting Period)	
Community awareness raising activities implemented in 2025 achieved encouraging participation levels, with women comprising 44% of participants (921 women and 1,152 men). Women represented 28% of Area Council Climate Change Officers engaged through the project. Participation of persons with disabilities in project activities reached 4%, slightly below target (5%) but demonstrating consistent inclusion efforts. Sixty two percent of community members reached by VCCRP demonstrated improved understanding of climate change impacts on livelihoods and disaster risks (surpassing the midline target of 60%).	
Cumulative progress update (Entire period)	
Cumulative results align with annual performance, reflecting systematic rollout during Year 3. Participation trends are positive, and remaining gaps—particularly disability inclusion and finalisation of IEC materials—are actively being addressed and a core focus of the GEDSI Technical Specialist's workplan in 2026.	
Budget	197,080
Currency	USD
Timeline (Planned completion of activity)	24 October 2028

Responsibility	
DoCC DLA SC Vanuatu PMU Team Leader MEAL and Program Quality Manager GEDSI Technical Specialist Climate Change Technical Advisor	
Remarks/Notes	
AMBER. Targets are within reach but not yet fully met. Mitigation actions include targeted outreach to persons with disabilities and completion of inclusive IEC materials, with sufficient time remaining in the project to close gaps and reach targets.	
GAP Activity	
Activity 1.2.2 - Identify key local issues that drive climate vulnerability and use this to develop local adaptation plans and measure program impact	
Indicator	
a. Equal number of male and female participants in community consultations, including separate women and youth consultations; b. Participants in community consultations are people with a disability; c. All consultation reports identify distinct issues for women, men, young people and people with disabilities	
Rating of Indicator	AMBER (needs attention to be met)
Baseline	0
Target, including sex-disaggregation where applicable	1
Annual progress update (Reporting Period)	
Community consultations conducted during 2025 achieved gender parity, with women representing 50.5% of participants. Participation of persons with disabilities reached 2%, and whilst the majority of consultations included representatives of men, women and youth and identified issues affecting them; only 16% of consultation reports also identified differentiated impacts on people with disabilities. These results reflect the need for ongoing strengthening of inclusive consultation practices across target communities, with increased focus being placed on inclusion of people with disabilities in 2026.	
Cumulative progress update (Entire period)	
Across the project period, consultations have increasingly met gender participation targets, while disability inclusion has increased to 4%. Although analytical representation remains below target, consultation tools and guidance are being refined and a new GEDSI Technical Specialist is commencing in 2026, positioning the project to improve inclusive participation during the remaining implementation years.	
Budget	189,383
Currency	USD
Timeline (Planned completion of activity)	24 October 2028

Responsibility	
DoCC DLA PMU Team Leader GEDSI Technical Specialist Climate Change Technical Advisor	
Remarks/Notes	
AMBER. Gender participation targets are met, while disability inclusion and assessment of needs require continued strengthening. Mitigation focuses on increased awareness raising on inclusion and support to field teams and communities in analysis and rollout of accessible approaches through exploring partnerships with disability inclusive service providers.	
GAP Activity	
Activity 1.2.3 - Development of inclusive Community Adaptation Plans and identification of key resilience building actions (selected from adaptation package menu)	
Indicator	
a. Community Adaptation Plans include the perspectives, needs and capacities of women, men, girls and boys and people with disability; b. Community adaptation packages respond to all of the needs identified in the Adaptation Plans and includes activities specifically focused on the needs of women, children, youth and persons with disabilities	
Rating of Indicator	GREEN (on track to be met)
Baseline	0
Target, including sex-disaggregation where applicable	1
Annual progress update (Reporting Period)	
During the reporting period, development of Community Based Adaptation Plans (CBAPs) continued with inclusive approaches embedded throughout planning processes. The perspectives of women, youth, and people with disabilities were considered in ongoing CBAP development, with 135 CBAPs being submitted to DoCC for endorsement in 2025. Finalisation is continuing into the next reporting cycle.	
Cumulative progress update (Entire period)	
All Community Based Adaptation Plans developed to date have been designed to reflect inclusive principles. As plans move toward implementation, monitoring will focus on ensuring identified needs are addressed through adaptation investments.	
Budget	211,925
Currency	USD
Timeline (Planned completion of activity)	24 October 2028
Responsibility	
DLA DoCC PMU Team Leader	

GEDSI Technical Specialist Climate Change Technical Advisor	
Remarks/Notes	
GREEN. Inclusive planning approaches are embedded and progressing as intended. Ongoing oversight will ensure inclusivity is sustained through implementation.	
GAP Activity	
Activity 1.3.1 - Develop and distribute CIS IEC products to support community adaptation awareness raising and adaptation planning processes	
Indicator	
a. CIS communications are delivered in formats accessible to people with disability; b. CIS communications are targeted at women; c. Target community members with increased understanding of application of CIS to agriculture/fisheries	
Rating of Indicator	AMBER (needs attention to be met)
Baseline	0
Target, including sex-disaggregation where applicable	1
Annual progress update (Reporting Period)	
During the reporting period, consultations progressed with the Department of Climate Change and Vanuatu Meteorology and Geohazards Department to scope CIS products that Government requires. As part of content dissemination, cyclone tracking maps and seasonal calendars were distributed to communities to support local planning and preparedness. In 2026 activities will focus on developing inclusive CIS formats, practical applicability, and alignment with community adaptation planning processes and partnerships will be strengthened with disability service providers and women's networks to strengthen accessibility.	
Cumulative progress update (Entire period)	
Since project commencement, CIS IEC development has progressed steadily, with products such as cyclone tracking maps and seasonal calendars increasingly integrated into broader community awareness and planning activities. In the midline data collection 4,061 people had increased understanding of application of CIS to agriculture and fisheries (1,823 women and 2,238 men).	
Budget	44,442
Currency	USD
Timeline (Planned completion of activity)	24 October 2028
Responsibility	
DoCC VMGD NDMO PMU Team Leader MEAL and Program Quality Manager GEDSI Technical Specialist Climate Change Technical Advisor	

Remarks/Notes	
AMBER. CIS development is progressing and 2026 onwards will focus on developing accessible content with partners, strengthening dissemination tracking and monitoring learning outcomes.	
GAP Activity	
Activity 1.3.2 - Build capacity of Area Council Climate Change Officers and CDCCCs to effectively utilize CIS in community planning processes	
Indicator	
a. Training materials include a strong focus on gender and disability; b. Equal numbers of men and women in Area Councils and CDCCCs trained in the use of CIS resources; c. Equal number of male and female participants in community consultations, including separate women and youth consultations	
Rating of Indicator	AMBER (needs attention to be met)
Baseline	0
Target, including sex-disaggregation where applicable	1
Annual progress update (Reporting Period)	
In 2025, capacity building activities continued to support Area Council Climate Change Officers and CDCCCs to utilise CIS resources in community planning processes. Gender balance in CBAP community awareness raising and consultation sessions reached 2,073 participants (44% female and 56% male) during the reporting period. Community consultations supported by CIS tools were ongoing and in 2025, 1,826 seasonal calendars were distributed (46% to women) and 1,450 cyclone tracking maps were distributed (47% to women).	
Cumulative progress update (Entire period)	
Cumulatively, training and planning approaches are becoming more inclusive with gender balance among trained participants reaching 44% female and 56% male. Participation in CIS supported consultations has remained close to gender parity, at 49.5% female and 50.4% male. These results indicate sustained progress toward the intended capacity building outcomes, however, in 2026 more resources will be targeted at supporting increased accessibility for people with disabilities.	
Budget	172,532
Currency	USD
Timeline (Planned completion of activity)	24 October 2026
Responsibility	
DoCC PMU Team Leader MEAL and Program Quality Manager GEDSI Technical Specialist Climate Change Technical Advisor	
Remarks/Notes	

AMBER. These results indicate sustained progress toward the intended capacity building outcomes; however, in 2026 more resources will be targeted at supporting increased accessibility for people with disabilities.

GAP Activity

Activity 2.1.1 - Support adaptations that strengthen or rehabilitate coastal protection barriers, reduce risk of flood/landslides and improve water-security through nature-based solutions

Indicator

a. Assessment of men's and women's roles in natural resource management and findings incorporated into adaptation plans and activities, including efforts to address the skewed division of labour towards women; b. Participants in activities are women; c. Participants in activities are people with disability

Rating of Indicator

AMBER (needs attention to be met)

Baseline

0

Target, including sex-disaggregation where applicable

1

Annual progress update (Reporting Period)

During 2025, implementation of nature-based adaptation activities continued. Women accounted for approximately 40% of participants in project activities, while participation of people with disabilities reached 0.4%.

Cumulative progress update (Entire period)

Across the project period, women's participation has remained at approximately 40%, and participation of people with disabilities increased to 4% cumulatively. While both indicators remain below target levels (50% women; 5% people with disabilities), participation trends are positive and inform ongoing refinement of engagement approaches.

Budget

143,461

Currency

USD

Timeline (Planned completion of activity)

24 October 2028

Responsibility

DARD
DoWR
DLA
PMU Team Leader
MEAL and Program Quality Manager
GEDSI Technical Specialist
Climate Change Technical Advisor

Remarks/Notes

AMBER. Participation targets have not yet been met, particularly for people with disabilities. Mitigation includes targeted outreach and adapted engagement strategies to increase inclusive participation. In 2026 increased focus will be placed on assessment of gendered roles in natural resource management and labour divisions.

GAP Activity	
Activity 2.1.2 - Introduce/scale up improved agriculture methods to minimize erosion and reduce impact of pests and diseases	
Indicator	
a. Participants in education and training sessions are women; b. Scaled-up/introduced methods support women's agricultural roles and support ways of addressing skewed division of labour; c. Participants in education and training are people with disability	
Rating of Indicator	AMBER (needs attention to be met)
Baseline	0
Target, including sex-disaggregation where applicable	1
Annual progress update (Reporting Period)	
In 2025, activities to introduce and scale up improved agricultural methods continued across target communities. Women represented approximately 33% of participants in education and training sessions during the reporting period (133 females). Sixteen people living with disabilities participated in agricultural training and activities in 2025, making up 4% of total participants. Activities aimed at ensuring introduced methods support women's agricultural roles and help address skewed divisions of labour remained ongoing. While annual participation by women was low relative to targets, implementation continued to focus on expanding reach and addressing access barriers.	
Cumulative progress update (Entire period)	
Cumulatively, women's participation in education and training sessions has reached 38% (461 of 1225 participants), demonstrating substantial improvement over time. Participation of people with disabilities has continued to increase incrementally. While overall participation remains below final targets, cumulative progress indicates that engagement strategies are gradually strengthening inclusion.	
Budget	369,536
Currency	USD
Timeline (Planned completion of activity)	24 October 2028
Responsibility	
DARD DoWR DLA PMU Team Leader GEDSI Technical Specialist Food Security and Livelihoods Technical Advisor	
Remarks/Notes	
AMBER. Cumulative participation of women has improved, though annual participation remains uneven. Mitigation in 2026 includes strengthened outreach and tailored training approaches to increase participation for women and people with disabilities.	

GAP Activity	
Activity 2.1.3 - Support communities to protect and rehabilitate habitats that support fisheries, particularly degraded coral reefs, seagrass meadows and mangroves	
Indicator	
a. Participants in education and training sessions are women; b. Participants in rehabilitation action and invasive species management are women	
Rating of Indicator	AMBER (needs attention to be met)
Baseline	0
Target, including sex-disaggregation where applicable	1
Annual progress update (Reporting Period)	
During 2025, activities to support protection and rehabilitation of fisheries habitats, including coral reefs, seagrass meadows, and mangroves, continued across target communities. Women represented approximately 34% of participants (434 female and 718 male) in both education/training activities and rehabilitation and invasive species management actions during the reporting period. While participation data was collected at an aggregate level, sex disaggregated data for specific rehabilitation and invasive species activities was not consistently available, limiting more detailed analysis of participation patterns.	
Cumulative progress update (Entire period)	
Cumulatively, women continue to represent approximately 34% of participants across fisheries habitat protection activities. Although participation remains below the 50% target, sustained engagement of women over time demonstrates steady progress. Strengthening disaggregated data collection and targeted outreach remains a priority to improve participation outcomes over the remaining project period.	
Budget	175,304
Currency	USD
Timeline (Planned completion of activity)	24 October 2028
Responsibility	
DARD DoWR DLA PMU Team Leader GEDSI Technical Specialist	
Remarks/Notes	
AMBER. Women's participation is progressing but remains below target, with data disaggregation gaps identified. Traditionally in Vanuatu fishing is the role of men and project strategies will incorporate GEDSI sensitization and also be mindful of not doing harm.	

GAP Activity	
Activity 2.2.1 - Support adaptations to traditional farming methods to increase climate-resilience and increase food security	
Indicator	
a. At least one women-led adaptation initiative in each province; b. At least one youth-led adaptation initiative in each province	
Rating of Indicator	AMBER (needs attention to be met)
Baseline	0
Target, including sex-disaggregation where applicable	1
Annual progress update (Reporting Period)	
During the reporting period 37 multiplication plots were established and there were examples of women and youth led multiplication plot committees, however data was not collected to report on this indicator comprehensively. In Mota Lava Area Council for example the Vice Chairperson of a multiplication plot is female and there are also youth and people living with disabilities on the committee.	
Cumulative progress update (Entire period)	
To date, data has not been collected for women-led and youth-led adaptation initiatives across 6 provinces. The remaining project period provides sufficient opportunity to operationalise this activity, and it has been prioritised for inclusion in forthcoming workplans.	
Budget	744,679
Currency	USD
Timeline (Planned completion of activity)	24 October 2028
Responsibility	
DARD DLA MJCS PMU Team Leader GEDSI Technical Specialist	
Remarks/Notes	
AMBER. Strategies targeting women- and youth-led initiatives in future implementation plans and strengthened partner coordination will be prioritized in 2026 and monitoring tools will also capture this indicator in reporting.	
GAP Activity	
Activity 2.2.2 - Introduce/scale up adoption of climate-resilient native food and cash crop varieties	
Indicator	
Farmers implementing climate resilient agriculture techniques are women	

Rating of Indicator	AMBER (needs attention to be met)
Baseline	0
Target, including sex-disaggregation where applicable	1
Annual progress update (Reporting Period)	
Midline data showed that women accounted for 38% of farmers implementing climate resilient agriculture techniques (308 of 804 farmers total). While overall farmer engagement continues to expand, participation by women remains below the 50% target for this activity.	
Cumulative progress update (Entire period)	
Cumulatively, women continue to represent 38% of farmers implementing climate resilient agricultural techniques. Although women's participation remains below target, expanded reach to farming populations presents opportunities for increased engagement of women farmers over the remaining project period. Targeted strategies are being applied to address participation barriers.	
Budget	635,887
Currency	USD
Timeline (Planned completion of activity)	24 October 2028
Responsibility	
DARD MJCS PMU Team Leader GEDSI Technical Specialist Food Security and Livelihoods Technical Advisor	
Remarks/Notes	
AMBER. Female participation is below target. Mitigation measures focus on targeted outreach, demonstration activities, and support tailored to women farmers.	
GAP Activity	
Activity 2.2.3 - Establish/scale-up community-, school- and home-based kitchen gardens for enhanced nutrition utilising climate-resilient crops	
Indicator	
a. Participants in education and training sessions are women; b. Participants in education and training sessions are people with disability	
Rating of Indicator	AMBER (needs attention to be met)
Baseline	0
Target, including sex-disaggregation where applicable	1

Annual progress update (Reporting Period)	
In 2025, education and training on community, school, and homebased kitchen gardens continued with 4 school gardens established benefitting 164 students and 7 teachers and 11 vegetable nurseries established. Women comprised 57% of participants, exceeding the target of 50%. Participation of people with disabilities was reported as 0% during the reporting period. Strong women's participation reflects alignment with household nutrition roles, while disability inclusion requires additional attention.	
Cumulative progress update (Entire period)	
Cumulative results mirror annual performance, with women consistently representing 58% of participants and disability inclusion remaining at 0%. While one indicator has exceeded targets, targeted strategies are required to improve inclusion of people with disabilities.	
Budget	439,090
Currency	USD
Timeline (Planned completion of activity)	24 October 2026
Responsibility	
DARD MJCS PMU Team Leader GEDSI Technical Specialist Food Security and Livelihoods Technical Specialist	
Remarks/Notes	
AMBER. Women's participation exceeds targets; disability inclusion remains unmet. Mitigation includes adapting outreach, venue selection, and facilitation approaches.	
GAP Activity	
Activity 2.3.1 - Build community capacity on coastal resource management and monitoring that supports sustainable fisheries	
Indicator	
a. Participants in training are women; b. Participants in training are people with disability; c. Community 'champions' are women	
Rating of Indicator	AMBER (needs attention to be met)
Baseline	0
Target, including sex-disaggregation where applicable	1
Annual progress update (Reporting Period)	
In 2025, training activities to build community capacity on coastal resource management and monitoring continued. Women accounted for 38% of training participants during the reporting period. People with disabilities represented approximately 0.4% of participants. No community "champion" roles were established during the reporting period.	

Cumulative progress update (Entire period)	
Cumulatively, women continue to represent 37% of participants, while cumulative participation of people with disabilities is at 1.2%. Community champion roles have not been established to date in the project. These results highlight the need for increased emphasis on leadership pathways for women and people with disabilities within coastal resource management structures during the remaining implementation period.	
Budget	255,726
Currency	USD
Timeline (Planned completion of activity)	24 October 2028
Responsibility	
VFD MJCS PMU Team Leader GEDSI Technical Specialist Advisor Food Security and Livelihoods Technical Specialist	
Remarks/Notes	
AMBER. Participation is progressing, though leadership outcomes for women and people with disabilities remain limited. Mitigation includes targeted leadership development and mentoring and sensitisation on GEDSI principles.	
GAP Activity	
Activity 2.3.2 - Support communities to adopt primary community-based fisheries management to reduce climate change impacts	
Indicator	
a. Participants in leadership training are women; b. Targeted fishers diversifying resources are women	
Rating of Indicator	AMBER (needs attention to be met)
Baseline	0
Target, including sex-disaggregation where applicable	1
Annual progress update (Reporting Period)	
During the 2025 reporting period, no leadership training was conducted. Midline data collection showed that women represented 37% (85) of fishers diversifying resources, exceeding the 30% participation target.	
Cumulative progress update (Entire period)	
Cumulatively, women represent 30% of participants in leadership training that was conducted in 2024, achieving the target for this indicator. Participation in fisheries diversification has exceeded the midline target of 30%.	
Budget	242,985
Currency	USD

Timeline (Planned completion of activity)	24 October 2028
Responsibility	
VFD MJCS PMU Team Leader GEDSI Technical Specialist	
Remarks/Notes	
AMBER. Leadership training targets have been achieved cumulatively, while diversification outcomes lag. Mitigation focuses on strengthening women's engagement in diversification activities.	
GAP Activity	
Activity 2.4.1 - Introduce or scale up women-led local solutions for food processing and preservation	
Indicator	
a. Technology owned and managed by women-led producer groups; b. Support youth entrepreneurs to operate and/or maintain perseveration technologies	
Rating of Indicator	GREEN (on track to be met)
Baseline	0
Target, including sex-disaggregation where applicable	1
Annual progress update (Reporting Period)	
In 2025, preparatory activities continued to support women-led local solutions for food processing and preservation. Five forums were conducted with 180 women from 108 pre-existing women-led groups, including savings groups and small cooperatives across 6 provinces. All groups engaged were led by women or predominantly composed of women. Procurement of processing and preservation technology progressed during the reporting period; however, technology had not yet been distributed apart from two solar dryers as pilots which have also been used as demonstrations in provincial events (PSC Day in Tanna and Climate Change Symposium).	
Cumulative progress update (Entire period)	
As this activity entered into active implementation during the current project phase, cumulative progress aligns with annual progress. Strong foundations have been established through engagement with women-led groups, positioning the activity for full implementation over the remaining project period.	
Budget	2,578,623
Currency	USD
Timeline (Planned completion of activity)	24 October 2028
Responsibility	
DARD MJCS DLA	

PMU Team Leader GEDSI Technical Specialist	
Remarks/Notes	
GREEN. Women-led group engagement is strong and implementation is progressing as planned. Focus remains on completing procurement and commencing technology deployment.	
GAP Activity	
Activity 2.4.2 - Support women to diversify into new agricultural/food commodities and value-add products that deliver greater income generating opportunities	
Indicator	
a. Women-led income diversification initiatives implemented, led by young women, including skills development for value-add products	
Rating of Indicator	GREEN (on track to be met)
Baseline	0
Target, including sex-disaggregation where applicable	1
Annual progress update (Reporting Period)	
During 2025, women-led groups were identified to support income diversification initiatives, and procurement processes for required equipment were underway. Skills development and income generating activities had not yet been fully implemented during the reporting period, as they are sequenced to follow equipment installation.	
Cumulative progress update (Entire period)	
This activity entered implementation during the current project phase, and cumulative progress mirrors annual achievements. Delivery is expected to scale once equipment installation is completed, with outcomes anticipated in subsequent reporting periods.	
Budget	1,850,130
Currency	USD
Timeline (Planned completion of activity)	24 October 2028
Responsibility	
DLA MJCS PMU Team Leader GEDSI Technical Specialist	
Remarks/Notes	
GREEN. Activities are progressing according to planned sequencing. Mitigation focuses on timely procurement and transition to implementation. A train the trainer in governance and business canvas development will be implemented for 35 Area Council Climate Change Officers and 6 Provincial Coordinators in quarter 1 2026, to enable them to support the Vanuatu Chamber of Commerce and Industry to implement these activities with women-led groups.	

GAP Activity	
Activity 2.4.3 - Support women-led enterprises to access private partnership options to access new (distant) markets for value-add products	
Indicator	
a. Women-led producer groups established and operational; b. Women-led partnerships with private sector entities established	
Rating of Indicator	AMBER (needs attention to be met)
Baseline	0
Target, including sex-disaggregation where applicable	1
Annual progress update (Reporting Period)	
All 108 groups that attended the food preservation forums were pre-existing and no new women-led groups will be established in this activity as working with pre-existing groups is more sustainable. No private sector partnerships were established during the 2025 reporting period and activities remained at a preparatory stage, focusing on planning for market engagement and partnership development.	
Cumulative progress update (Entire period)	
Cumulative progress remains at 108 for pre existing women-led producer groups and 0 for private sector partnerships established.	
Budget	325,420
Currency	USD
Timeline (Planned completion of activity)	24 October 2028
Responsibility	
DLA MJCS PMU Team Leader GEDSI Technical Specialist Food Security and Livelihoods Technical Advisor	
Remarks/Notes	
AMBER. The target of the number of women led producer groups that the project is working with has been exceeded and scoping of private sector partnerships has commenced. Mitigation includes prioritisation of market linkage activities.	
GAP Activity	
Activity 3.1.1 - Support Area Council and Province officials to incorporate climate risk analysis and financing strategies into Area Council development plans and budgets	

Indicator	
a. Area Councils operationalise gender-responsive budgeting practices; b. Area Council and Province officials receive training in gender-based risks of climate-induced hazards; gender sensitive data collection and analysis (disaggregated by sex, age and ability)	
Rating of Indicator	AMBER (needs attention to be met)
Baseline	0
Target, including sex-disaggregation where applicable	1
Annual progress update (Reporting Period)	
In 2025, stakeholder consultations were carried out with DoCC, Department of Local Authorities (DLA), National Disaster Management Office (NDMO), VCAP II and Gov4Res to coordinate approaches for integrating climate risk into planning. DoCC was confirmed to lead the process, coordinating with DLA to ensure alignment between local, provincial and national frameworks for the development of AC climate change adaptation plans. ACCOs and Provincial Coordinators continued to consolidate CBAP priorities for integration into subnational planning.	
Cumulative progress update (Entire period)	
Work is in progress and area council development plan templates, processes and training will be completed in 2026. To date no area councils have operationalised gender-responsive budgeting practices and no area council and provincial officials have received training in gender-based risks of climate-induced hazards; gender sensitive data collection and analysis (disaggregated by sex, age and ability).	
Budget	123,914
Currency	USD
Timeline (Planned completion of activity)	24 October 2028
Responsibility	
DoCC DLA DWA and Ministry of Justice and Community Services PMU Team Leader MEAL and Program Quality Advisor ESS Advisor GEDSI Technical Specialist Climate Change Technical Advisor	
Remarks/Notes	
AMBER. Progress is aligned with planning cycles. Mitigation includes working closely with the GEDSI Technical Specialist and Ministry of Justice, Youth and Community Services in alignment with the National Gender Equality Policy and continued engagement to capitalise on upcoming budgeting processes.	
GAP Activity	
Activity 3.1.2 - Build the capacity of local authorities to support operations of the CDCCCs and ongoing inclusive local adaptation planning processes	

Indicator	
Training to build capacity of Area Councils to support the ongoing operations of CDCCCs to include both women and men and seek gender balance	
Rating of Indicator	GREEN (on track to be met)
Baseline	0
Target, including sex-disaggregation where applicable	1
Annual progress update (Reporting Period)	
As of 2025, training has been conducted in 62%, or 18 of 29, Area Councils. A total of 51 Area Council staff were trained, of which 22% were women.	
Cumulative progress update (Entire period)	
Cumulatively, training has been conducted in 62%, or 18 of 29, Area Councils. A total of 51 Area Council staff have been trained, of which 22% are female.	
Budget	522,330
Currency	USD
Timeline (Planned completion of activity)	24 October 2028
Responsibility	
DLA NDMO MJCS PMU Team Leader GEDSI Technical Specialist	
Remarks/Notes	
GREEN: This activity will be completed in 2026.	
GAP Activity	
Activity 3.1.3 - Support NDMO to design and establish a gender and shock-responsive social protection system designed for the needs of the most vulnerable households.	
Indicator	
Design of the shock responsive social protection system responds to the needs of women and people with disability	
Rating of Indicator	GREEN (on track to be met)
Baseline	0
Target, including sex-disaggregation where applicable	1

Annual progress update (Reporting Period)	
This co-financed activity was completed in 2024. The system developed in 2024 is informing the new National Comprehensive Social Protection Policy, led by the Department of Strategic Policy, Planning and Aid Coordination (DSPPAC) in the Prime Minister's Office.	
Cumulative progress update (Entire period)	
The project supported national efforts to strengthen shock-responsive social protection systems in 2024, incorporating considerations for women and people with disabilities. The system developed in 2024 is informing the new National Comprehensive Social Protection Policy, led by the Department of Strategic Policy, Planning and Aid Coordination (DSPPAC) in the Prime Minister's Office.	
Budget	0
Currency	USD
Timeline (Planned completion of activity)	24 October 2026
Responsibility	
NDMO PMU Team Leader GEDSI Technical Specialist	
Remarks/Notes	
GREEN. System design has been completed successfully. Focus shifts to broader system alignment.	
GAP Activity	
Activity 3.2.1 - Capture lessons learned, emerging themes and best practices at the community level to ensure sub-national and national planning processes are informed by local needs and that local actions support national objectives	
Indicator	
a. Annual knowledge management products focus specifically on progress on gender equality, disability inclusion and youth participation and GEDSI issues mainstreamed into all other knowledge products; b. Participants in annual national, regional and/or international forums are women; c. Participants in annual national, regional and/or international forums are youth; d. Participants in annual national, regional and/or international forums are people with disability; e. Annual national, regional and/or international forums focus specifically on climate change and GEDSI-related issues	
Rating of Indicator	AMBER (needs attention to be met)
Baseline	0
Target, including sex-disaggregation where applicable	1
Annual progress update (Reporting Period)	
During 2025, VCCRP supported several national forums including Public Service Commission Week, Torba Climate Change Symposium, World Water Day, Shefa Day, and Vanuatu Climate Action Network Youth Conference. In May, one project staff attended a regional training workshop in Bangkok: National Adaptation Plan: Strengthening Capacity for Multi-sectoral Inclusion in the NAP Process in the Asia Pacific Region. In October, project staff presented at two	

other regional events including the International Day of Rural Women hosted online by the Pacific Labour Mobility Scheme and reaching 11 Pacific Island Countries and Timor Leste, and the Adaptation Futures 2025 Conference hosted in Christchurch, Aotearoa. The project hosted 3 national events in 2025. The launch of the Leftemap Resiliens Animation video was held in August, bringing together various project stakeholders and members of the general public. In partnership with the Pacific Islands Students Fighting Climate Change, the Waves of Climate Justice exhibition and panel discussion were held from September to October. Women accounted for 54%, youth participation was 19%, while participation of people with disabilities remained at 0%. One GEDSI focused knowledge management product was produced during the reporting period – an educational video on GEDSI and Leadership for CDCCCs.

Cumulative progress update (Entire period)

Cumulative participation figures remain consistent with annual reporting. While participation of women has exceeded targets, youth and disability inclusion remain below expectations, and GEDSI focused advocacy and knowledge products remain outstanding. These gaps have been identified as priority areas for future knowledge products and participation in national, regional and global events.

Budget	230,173
Currency	USD
Timeline (Planned completion of activity)	24 October 2028

Responsibility

DLA
DoCC
NDMO
DARD
VFD
DOWR
Ministry of Justice, Youth and Community Services
PMU MEAL and Program Quality Manager
GEDSI Technical Specialist
Climate Change Technical Advisor
Food Security and Livelihoods Technical Advisor

Remarks/Notes

AMBER. Participation partially meets targets; the documentation and advocacy of GEDSI best practices and lessons learned requires strengthening. Mitigation includes prioritising GEDSI focused knowledge outputs.

GAP Activity

Activity 3.2.2 - Support local authorities in monitoring and evaluation of national CCDRR policies at the local level and increasing dialogue between stakeholders at all levels

Indicator

a. Participants in annual dialogues are women; b. Participants in annual dialogues are youth; c. Participants in annual dialogues are people with disability

Rating of Indicator	AMBER (needs attention to be met)
Baseline	0
Target, including sex-disaggregation where applicable	1

Annual progress update (Reporting Period)	
In 2025, the annual dialogue forums were held at the subnational level through the Area Council Technical Advisory Committee meetings. Women comprised 18% of participants in annual stakeholder dialogues, while youth accounted for 12% and people with disabilities 1%. While engagement occurred across multiple dialogue platforms, participation by priority groups remained below targets.	
Cumulative progress update (Entire period)	
Cumulative participation levels remain consistent with annual results. Ongoing engagement has strengthened coordination and dialogue, but inclusion of women, youth, and people with disabilities requires further attention.	
Budget	57,401
Currency	USD
Timeline (Planned completion of activity)	24 October 2028
Responsibility	
DLA PMU MEAL Manager GEDSI Technical Specialist	
Remarks/Notes	
AMBER. Inclusion targets remain unmet. Mitigation includes working closely across Government Departments and with civil society organisations to increase inclusive representation, proactive targeting of diverse participants and improved accessibility arrangements.	
GAP Activity	
Project Staff demographics	
Indicator	
a. Project staff are women; b. Project staff are people with disability; c. Project leadership positions are held by women	
Rating of Indicator	AMBER (needs attention to be met)
Baseline	0
Target, including sex-disaggregation where applicable	1
Annual progress update (Reporting Period)	
In 2025, women represented 37% of project staff (20 of 54). To note, the VCCRP Team Lead, Deputy Team Lead, MEAL and Program Quality Manager, Finance Manager and Procurement Manager are all female; however only one of 5 sector leads is female and in total 31% of leadership positions are female (6 of 16). No data was reported for staff with disabilities.	
Cumulative progress update (Entire period)	
Cumulatively, women represent 37% of staff (20 of 54) and 37.5% of leadership positions (6 of 16). No staff have reported living with a disability.	

Budget	0
Currency	USD
Timeline (Planned completion of activity)	24 October 2028
Responsibility	
PMU Team Lead Administration and Human Resource Officer	
Remarks/Notes	
AMBER. Gender balance has improved over time, though targets have not yet been met. Recruitment practices continue to prioritise diversity and inclusion.	
GAP Activity	
Project staff capacity	
Indicator	
a. Staff receive training in gender equality and social inclusion within year 1; b. Position descriptions for Technical Staff include their ability to understand and address the needs of women, people with disability and youth; c. Full time GEDSI Advisor in Project	
Rating of Indicator	GREEN (on track to be met)
Baseline	0
Target, including sex-disaggregation where applicable	1
Annual progress update (Reporting Period)	
Mandatory Save the Children requirements related to gender equality, safeguarding, and social inclusion, including the Code of Conduct, Child Protection and Safeguarding and PSEAH policies, remained in place for all project staff during the reporting period. All Project Management Unit, Provincial Coordinators and Sanma and Torba field teams received a GEDSI refresher training in 2025 and 7 Area Council Climate Change Officers in Sanma, Tafea and Malampa and 1 Provincial Coordinator in Tafea also joined the GEDSI and Leadership in CDCCC training. Although a full-time GEDSI Advisor was not engaged for most of 2025, GEDSI activities were supported by the Save the Children Vanuatu and regional teams during this period.	
Cumulative progress update (Entire period)	
Institutional safeguards and GEDSI capacity requirements are fully embedded across the project.	
Budget	0
Currency	USD
Timeline (Planned completion of activity)	24 October 2023
Responsibility	

PMU Team Leader ESS Advisor	
Remarks/Notes	
GREEN. Full compliance and capacity requirements are maintained. A new GEDSI Technical Specialist has now been engaged (February 2026) and the full VCCRP team will receive refresher child safeguarding, PSEAH and GEDSI training in 2026	
GAP Activity	
Support to government: - GEDSI Advisor to train and coach staff in MoCC, Department of Women's Affairs (province level), and other key partners on mainstreaming GEDSI into plans, budgets and monitoring. - Funding to enable province MJCS and MALFFB staff to travel to communities for adaptation activity implementation and monitoring.	
Indicator	
N/A	
Rating of Indicator	AMBER (needs attention to be met)
Baseline	0
Target, including sex-disaggregation where applicable	1
Annual progress update (Reporting Period)	
Support to government partners continued during 2025, including GEDSI advisory inputs and facilitation of travel for provincial staff to implement and monitor activities. Engagement was sustained despite a temporary gap in dedicated GEDSI staffing.	
Cumulative progress update (Entire period)	
Across the project period, ongoing technical and operational support to government partners has strengthened GEDSI mainstreaming and implementation oversight. In 2026 there will be additional focus on the development and rollout of GEDSI focused IEC materials, knowledge products and training.	
Budget	0
Currency	USD
Timeline (Planned completion of activity)	24 October 2028
Responsibility	
PMU Team Leader ESS Adviser GEDSI Technical Specialist	
Remarks/Notes	
AMBER. Temporary staffing constraints were mitigated through continued engagement and coordination.	

GAP Activity	
Project communications: - Findings of this GEDSI assessment be disseminated to project staff, government and partners in Year 1 of implementation. - Project communications represent women, youth and people with disability in positive, empowered roles and use appropriate language and deliver in accessible formats. - The project will publicise the grievance redress mechanism through means that ensure the process is accessible to both women and men. When making decisions about the locations and modalities to receive grievances the project will ensure accessibility to all affected stakeholders, in particular girls and women and that it responds effectively to SEAH in a survivor-centred and gender-responsive manner.	
Indicator	
N/A	
Rating of Indicator	AMBER (needs attention to be met)
Baseline	0
Target, including sex-disaggregation where applicable	1
Annual progress update (Reporting Period)	
Project communications continued to represent women, youth, and people with disabilities in positive and empowering roles and to apply accessible communication standards. In 2025 content collection at the community level collected impact stories featuring women and youth in leadership roles in multiplication plots, CDCCCs, school gardens and decentralisation. An animation was developed on climate change in Bislama with French and English subtitles and a video was produced on GEDSI and Leadership in CDCCCs. The grievance redress mechanism continued to be publicised through appropriate channels and 4,000 brochures about VCCRP including reporting channels were disseminated to community members. New community feedback boxes were designed, and a poster raising awareness of feedback and reporting channels was also developed for dissemination at provincial and area council level.	
Cumulative progress update (Entire period)	
Inclusive communication practices have been embedded across the project since Year 1 and remain in place despite staffing transitions.	
Budget	0
Currency	USD
Timeline (Planned completion of activity)	24 October 2028
Responsibility	
MEAL and Program Quality Manager MEAL Coordinator PMU Communications Officer GEDSI Technical Specialist	
Remarks/Notes	

AMBER: Progress has been made towards this indicator, however more focus will be placed on disseminating best practices and lessons learned, featuring diverse voices and inclusive formats in 2026.

GAP Activity

Project communications:

- Women's time and care work will be considered in decisions on timing and location for all community level activities. Childcare facilities will be provided where required during project activities (i.e. at workshops) and will be communicated to participants prior to commencement of activities
- Shifting gender norms is a key component of Save the Children's approach to programming. Behaviour change communications (utilizing resources from other SC projects in Vanuatu) will be utilized in community engagement and training

Indicator

N/A

Rating of Indicator

AMBER (needs attention to be met)

Baseline

0

Target, including sex-disaggregation where applicable

1

Annual progress update (Reporting Period)

During 2025, community level activities continued to account for women's time, care responsibilities, and social norms. Timing, location, and facilitation approaches were adjusted where possible to support participation. This extended to the VCCRP Team and plans were made from 2025 to include budget for carers to travel with lactating staff members to assist with childcare so they could attend the All Staff Retreat in 2026.

Cumulative progress update (Entire period)

Gender sensitive community engagement approaches, including behaviour change communication on gender norms, are embedded across project activities.

Budget

0

Currency

USD

Timeline (Planned completion of activity)

24 October 2028

Responsibility

PMU Team Leader
All Departments and Project Management Unit
GEDSI Technical Specialist

Remarks/Notes

AMBER: Progress is being made but needs to strengthen in some sectors such as fisheries and in field coordination to support the recruitment of women in area council climate change coordinator roles. In 2026 more work will be undertaken to use behaviour change communications.

F.9. Gender Action Plan implementation review

Is the gender expert for the project/programme engaged to support the implementation of the gender action plan? If engaged previously, please advise if the gender expert has been retained by the project/programme, including plans to engage another expert if a previously engaged expert has left the project/programme.	Yes ☒ No ☐
<i>The project experienced a gap in dedicated GEDSI technical support after the Gender Advisor departed in February 2025. Replacement recruitment during 2025 was constrained by the limited local labour market, and two rounds did not identify a suitable candidate. GEDSI implementation was sustained through interim support from the Save the Children Vanuatu GEDSI Technical Advisor, with leadership from the MEAL and Program Quality team and the Save the Children Pacific Regional Team, ensuring continuity of training and advisory functions. A dedicated GEDSI Technical Lead commenced in February 2026, providing focused support to strengthen implementation and mainstream GEDSI across project components.</i>	
Has the implementation of gender action plan/s being implemented according to Funding Activity Agreements and GCF's Updated Gender Policy? Please ensure that the budget is included in the reporting above if it was indicated in the approved or updated gender action plan.	Yes ☒ No ☐
<i>Implementation of the Gender Action Plan (GAP) under VCCRP has progressed broadly in line with the Funding Activity Agreement and the GCF Updated Gender Policy. In 2025, key commitments were advanced, including expanded inclusive coverage of Community Disaster and Climate Change Committees (CDCCCs), with women representing 59% cumulatively, and supporting 108 women-led producer groups through food preservation forums. However, several indicators will require strengthened implementation and reporting in 2026 post mid-term review. These include cumulative tracking of representation of persons with disabilities on CDCCCs; sex- and disability-disaggregated participation in awareness, leadership and technical trainings; tracking of women- and youth-led initiatives across agriculture, fisheries and nature-based solutions; and accessibility of climate information services and early warning systems (CIS/EWS). Institutional commitments under Component 3 will also require clearer documentation through Area Council Development Planning templates that include gender responsive planning and budgeting knowledge products with GEDSI analysis, and monitoring of provincial gender indicators.</i>	
Are the planned activities, targets, indicators, timelines, etc. on track during the reporting period?	Yes ☐ No ☒
<i>Planned Gender Action Plan (GAP) activities and indicators remain broadly on track during the reporting period, noting that GAP implementation is fully embedded within core project activities rather than delivered as a standalone stream. As a result, progress against GAP targets is closely aligned with overall project sequencing and timelines. During the reporting period, GAP related actions were implemented alongside key outputs, including community governance strengthening, climate information dissemination, capacity building, and institutional engagement. Where project activities progressed as planned, corresponding GEDSI outcomes were delivered, including consistent application of inclusive participation approaches, engagement of women led groups, and integration of gender and social inclusion considerations into planning and system level work. However, delays in some upstream project activities - most notably the development and finalisation of community-based adaptation plans - have affected the timing of several downstream GAP activities. This has particularly impacted indicators linked to women and youth led adaptation initiatives, livelihood diversification, and market-based interventions, where delivery is dependent on earlier planning, asset deployment, or procurement milestones. In these cases, targets have not been fully achieved within the reporting period, but foundational actions such as group identification, preparatory training, and planning have been completed or are underway. To support course correction and ensure alignment of GAP targets with the remaining project timeline, a new GEDSI Technical Specialist will be engaged. This role will focus on reviewing and refining the GAP as needed, strengthening monitoring of indicators, and providing targeted support to Government of Vanuatu departments to further integrate GEDSI considerations into planning, budgeting, and implementation processes. With these measures in place, and with sufficient implementation time remaining, GAP targets remain achievable within the overall project timeframe. Partnerships will also continue to be explored with service providers specialising in disability inclusion and GEDSI.</i>	
Were there any revisions of the approved GAP during the reporting period? Please submit the updated GAP in Annex section of this APR and ensure that the updated GAP has details on each change.	Yes ☐ No ☒
<i>Some minor changes to the GAP to improve clarity of some indicators were incorporated to the GAP early in the project. These changes did not alter the intent of the indicators. This version of the GAP is attached as an annex for reference. However, the project also plans a full review of the GAP in 2026. The updated version will be submitted to GCF once completed.</i>	
Are the reported results on track to contribute to meeting the sex-disaggregated targets for the direct beneficiaries in the funding proposal, if applicable?	Yes ☒ No ☐

Overall, the reported results remain broadly on track to contribute to meeting VCCRP's sex disaggregated direct beneficiary targets, while acknowledging that progress is uneven across sectors and activities. Across the portfolio, women's participation is strong or improving in a number of core community level delivery areas, including community awareness raising, kitchen gardens (58% women), agricultural training (57% women), knowledge sharing forums (54% women), CDCCC membership (59% of committees gender balanced cumulatively), and training and capacity building activities where participation is approaching or has achieved parity. These achievements demonstrate that project design features and delivery modalities are effectively enabling women's access and participation and are contributing directly to sex disaggregated beneficiary targets. At the same time, several livelihood focused and technical adaptation activities show slower progress toward female participation targets, particularly in climate resilient agriculture adoption, fisheries diversification, nature-based solutions, and women and youth led enterprise initiatives. In these cases, cumulative participation indicates progress but remains below end of project targets, reflecting structural barriers, sequencing of activities, and the time required for asset based or market oriented interventions to translate into measurable participation outcomes. Importantly, the project is only at the midpoint of implementation. Key foundations are now in place or in the process of development—including trained institutions, gender responsive planning processes, women-led group identification, and procurement of productive assets—that are expected to accelerate progress in the remaining project years. Mitigation measures to address underperformance are clearly identified and already being integrated into workplans, including targeted outreach, leadership development, adjusted engagement approaches, and strengthened monitoring of sex disaggregated results. While some sex disaggregated indicators require corrective action, current results demonstrate a pathway toward achieving the direct beneficiary targets by project completion, provided that existing measures continue to be resourced and implemented over the remaining implementation period.

Has the project/programme experienced any implementation challenges that affect gender-related activities? If yes, please include lessons learnt and how they are informing ongoing actions.

Yes ☒ No ☐

Implementation of gender related activities has faced challenges during the reporting period. Entrenched gender norms and patriarchal social structures in Vanuatu continue to influence participation, leadership, and decision making at community and household levels. These norms have affected progress toward some GAP targets, particularly those related to women's leadership, women and youth-led adaptation initiatives, and participation in technical and livelihood focused activities. Additional challenges have arisen from the sequencing of project activities. As the GAP is embedded across core project components rather than implemented independently, delays in upstream activities—such as community-based adaptation planning—have also delayed corresponding gender outcomes. Key lessons learned include the importance of: • allowing realistic timeframes for shifts in social norms, • pairing participation targets with sustained capacity building and confidence building for women and youth, and • aligning gender targets more closely with locally feasible entry points. These lessons are informing ongoing actions. Selected GAP targets will be reviewed and revised where appropriate to ensure they remain realistic, context responsive, and achievable within the remaining project period. Engagement with communities is being strengthened, and a new GEDSI Technical Specialist will support adaptive implementation and government partners to further embed GEDSI considerations in planning and delivery.

Were there any best practices identified, or case studies prepared on benefits/activities undertaken as agents of action by women and the female heads of households during the reporting period? Please share any case studies in the text boxes or in the Annex section of the APR.

Yes ☒ No ☐

Case Study: Women Leading Climate Resilience in Vanuatu Tessa, a 27-year-old mother in Torba Province, was elected as Vice Chairwoman of her community's multiplication plot which was established under VCCRP. These plots provide climate-resilient crops and training, ensuring food security daily and during disaster periods such as cyclones. Her leadership has boosted confidence, mobilised community members, and ensured equitable access to food for all, including children, the elderly, and people with disabilities. The multiplication plot has grown kumala and corn for the first time ever on that island and has also raised funds through the sale of seedlings to employ volunteers to maintain the plot, contributing to sustainability. Women's leadership in practical, community-driven initiatives like multiplication plots demonstrates how inclusive design can shift norms. Communities leading adaptation supports the embedding of indigenous knowledge aligned with new technologies which supports food security and livelihoods; aligning with national gender and disability policies are essential to sustain gains and achieve equitable resilience outcomes.

Provide planned activities on gender elements for the next reporting period

During the next reporting period, the project will prioritise targeted actions to strengthen delivery of the Gender Action Plan (GAP) and accelerate progress. A review of the GAP will be undertaken to reflect implementation experience and adjust selected targets where appropriate. Gender responsive approaches will be further integrated into Area Council development planning, with technical support to strengthen application of GEDSI principles in local plans, budgets, and governance processes (GAP Activities 3.1.1; 3.1.2). The project will also advance disability inclusive Climate Information System (CIS) delivery, ensuring climate information products are accessible and responsive to diverse needs (GAP Activities 1.3.1; 1.3.2). Women's leadership will be strengthened through integration of GEDSI leadership components into food preservation and processing initiatives, supporting women as decision makers within producer groups (GAP Activity 2.4.1; 2.4.2). The project will prioritise support to women and youth led adaptation initiatives to transition from

preparatory work to implementation (GAP Activity 2.2.1). At the institutional level, a GEDSI and Climate Handbook and additional GEDSI knowledge products will be developed to capture lessons and strengthen inclusive practice (GAP Activity 3.2.1).

G. ANNEXES (UPLOADED)
Annex 1: GHG emission reduction calculation methodology (for projects reporting GHG emission reductions) and details on the calculations of the annual and cumulative value.
No annexes provided.
Annex 2: Communication and visibility material
File Name: VCCRP 2025 APR Annex 2_Communications and Visibility Material.docx
Annex 3: List of grievances received
File Name: VCCRP 2025 APR Annex 3_Community Feedback Register.pdf
Annex 4: Procurement information
File Name: VCCRP 2025 APR Annex 4_Procurement Information.xlsx
Annex 5: Updated implementation timetable for the Funded Activity for the following year
File Name: VCCRP 2025 APR Annex 5_Implementation Plan & Milestones_2026 .docx
Annex 6: Updated Gender Assessment and/or Action Plan
File Name: VCCRP 2025 APR Annex 6_GESI Analysis and Action Plan_B.32_2022_03_31.docx
Additional Annexes (if applicable)
No annexes provided.

