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Vanuatu

RECYCLABLES PROJECT

Sustainable Financing and Disaster Waste Management

Vanuatu Project Summary

THE ISSUE

Waste received at the main landfill in Vanuatu comprises 35% beverage containers, which are also seen as litter and in dumpsites or burnt in pits.

Vanuatu is highly vulnerable to natural disasters, but lacks resources and infrastructure to safely and effectively manage the waste caused by these events.

THE SOLUTION

Vanuatu have focused their PacWastePlus investment to support:

- the implementation of the Product Stewardship Scheme to enable long-term, self-financing collection and recovery of recyclable items.
- resources and infrastructure to effectively manage and respond to disaster events

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- Legislative environment for the long-term operation of the Product Stewardship Scheme
- Increase the capacity to safely and efficiently manage waste produced from disaster events
- Households and communities understanding the benefits and participating in of improved waste management

Data & Education

- Waste Audit
- Regional Data Collection Monitoring and Reporting Framework
- Data Collection for Sustainable Financing
- Waste Profiling
- Education and Awareness Support
- Waste Management Decision Tool
- Research Documents approved by the Research Advisory Group
- Organics management guidance documents
- Behaviour Change Programme Pilot Country

Legislative Environment

- Legislative & Regulatory Stocktake and National Option Paper
- Asbestos Management Training – Awareness, Identification and Abatement.
- Pacific Standards on Organic management
- National Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Strategy
- Standard Operating Procedures on Operation of Compost Facility
- Ban of Organic material to Landfill
- Legislative Support for Sustainable Financing
- Feasibility Study for Sustainable Financing

On-Ground Activities

- Product Stewardship Scheme design, economic modelling, and legislative support
- Theatre group consultation
- Education and awareness support , radio, video, comic book
- Port Villa compost facility design
- Tropical Cyclone Harold response - community clean-up and training
- Earthquake response - asbestos assessment in damaged buildings, asbestos identification and removal training
- Incinerator repair

Capacity Building

- Capacity Needs Analysis
- Sustainable Financing study tour to Australia
- Capacity building: Asbestos Management, Behaviour Change Programme Development, Disaster Waste Management, Education and Awareness Training, Healthcare Waste Incinerator Maintenance and Operation, Healthcare Waste Management, Organic Management, Sustainable Financing, and Waste Auditing



Strengthened government capacity to develop Vanuatu's concept for a Product Stewardship Scheme through stakeholder engagement, planning, economic modelling, and legislative drafting. Supported asbestos risk management by contributing to the development of the National Hazardous Waste Bill, integrating asbestos controls into the building code, and developing an Asbestos Management Code of Practice. In response to disasters in 2019 and 2024, enhanced national disaster waste management response, and built community capacity through, clean-up, and community planning and training; improving resilience to future disasters.

Our PacWastePlus project supported us to both design our sustainable financing scheme, and support us in our response to natural disaster events. We are thankful for their experience from across the Pacific to help us find long-term solutions for our context

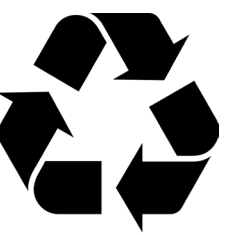
Roselyn Bue, Hazardous Waste Advisor DEPC



5 New Waste and pollutant management Legal instruments drafted or adopted:

- Asbestos in Building Code (adopted)
- PSS Bill
- CDL Regulation (drafted)
- Code of Practice (drafted)
- Hazardous Waste Bill (drafted)

239m³ of Disaster Waste collected (for recycling and disposal) after TC Harlod

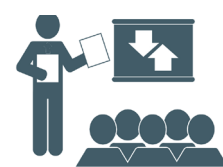


9 Disaster Waste community Plans developed

1 business and **2** jobs created in response to the Behaviour Change Pilot Project



40 communities reached and **2,629** people participated in theatre group consultation



About PACWastePlus

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