

 Early Warning System

ADB-49127-001

Vanuatu Cyclone Pam Disaster Response Project



## Quick Facts

<b>Countries</b>	Vanuatu
<b>Financial Institutions</b>	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
<b>Status</b>	Canceled
<b>Bank Risk Rating</b>	U
<b>Voting Date</b>	2015-03-20
<b>Borrower</b>	Government of Vanuatu
<b>Sectors</b>	Infrastructure, Water and Sanitation
<b>Investment Type(s)</b>	Grant
<b>Investment Amount (USD)</b>	\$ 1.00 million
<b>Project Cost (USD)</b>	\$ 1.00 million



## Project Description

Tropical Cyclone (TC) Pam struck Vanuatu as an extremely destructive category 5 cyclone on the evening of 13 March around 11 p.m. local time. The cyclone's eye passed close to Efate Island in Shefa Province, where Vanuatu's capital, Port Vila, is located. Winds were estimated to have reached 250 kph with gusts peaking at around 320 kph. The entire country has been affected, and Port Vila suffered widespread damage from extremely strong winds, heavy rainfall, storm surges, and flooding. The southernmost islands of Tafea Province, the northern islands of Sanma, Penama and Torba Provinces are reported to have been heavily impacted by the cyclone. The communication in most of the affected areas is reported to be cut and some roads are impassable. Preliminary estimates show that more than 90% of the structures in Port Vila are damaged or destroyed. The international airport at Port Vila was closed and resumed flights only on 17 March. Most domestic airports are still closed. Radio and communication to outer islands is yet to be established.



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## Investment Description

Asia Pacific Disaster Response Fund

- Asian Development Bank (ADB)



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## Bank Documents

- [Grant Agreement \(Asia Pacific Disaster Response Fund\) for Vanuatu Cyclone Pam Disaster Response Proj](#) [Original Source]
- [Project Disclosure PDF](#)