

Our Development Cooperation with Vanuatu

Vanuatu faces development challenges owing to its geographic spread, fast-growing youth population and its status as the most disaster-prone country in the world.

New Zealand is the second-largest contributor of Official Development Assistance (ODA) to Vanuatu, after Australia. Total New Zealand development assistance to Vanuatu for the last triennium (2015–2018) was NZ\$95.5 million. New Zealand has been involved in a range of interventions across a diverse range of sectors.

New Zealand's development programme aims to foster more effective services delivered by the state, and greater shared prosperity for Vanuatu. New Zealand is a key donor in tourism and Law and Justice sectors.

Vanuatu is one of the most vulnerable countries in the world to natural disasters, and our countries' joint ambition is to build greater resilience. We worked extensively to help after Cyclone Pam, and more recently, provided humanitarian assistance after the volcanic eruption on the island of Ambae.

Recent achievements

- ✕ The rehabilitation and development of the Port Vila seafont
- ✕ Construction of a correctional facility in Luganville on the island of Santo.
- ✕ Access to safe water for 10 percent of the population.
- ✕ Access to electricity for 4000 rural households.

Current development priorities

- ✕ Strengthen public sectors capacity to deliver access to effective services.
- ✕ Strengthen resilience to climate change and natural disasters.
- ✕ Strengthen governance in law, justice, peace, and security.
- ✕ Improve civil, social, and economic participation for women and youth.
- ✕ Strengthen key economic sectors to maximize inclusive growth.

What we're working on now

✦ Law and justice

New Zealand provides support to key government services such as the Department of Correctional Services and the Supreme Court. For over 13 years, New Zealand has been partnering with Vanuatu Supreme Court and providing a seconded judge to the Vanuatu bench. Alongside this support, New Zealand Department of Corrections have been working with the Vanuatu Department of Correctional Services since 2003. The support has been to infrastructure and capacity building of staff and the Department.

✦ Humanitarian support

New Zealand is a trusted partner when responding to humanitarian and natural disaster events in Vanuatu. New Zealand provided assistance during Cyclone Pam, Cyclone Hola, Cyclone Oma, the Ambae Volcano disasters. New Zealand will continue to respond to events at the request of the Vanuatu Government.

✦ Tourism

Through the Vanuatu Tourism Assistance Programme (VTAP), and the Vanuatu Tourism Infrastructure Programme (VTIP), New Zealand supports capital investments in tourism as well as capacity building.

✦ Agriculture

New Zealand is involved in a wide range of agriculture activities, including in the beef sector, coffee sector and in growing local value chains.

✦ Renewable energy

The Vanuatu Rural Electrification Project supports the Department of Energy to meet escalating consumer demand for affordable electricity in remote areas of Vanuatu. It is expected to result in electricity for 85% of off-grid households.



**2018-2021
Development
funding**

**Our planned aid
expenditure**