

**Concept Note**

<b>Section 1: Overview of response</b>	
Project Title	Ambae Volcano Evacuation Relief & Resettlement Support – VUT181
Location	Penama and Sanma Provinces, Vanuatu
Project start date	1 January 2019
Duration of project	12 (months)
Budget (USD)	\$255,962 (USD)
Sector(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Shelter / NFIs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health / Nutrition <input type="checkbox"/> WASH <input type="checkbox"/> Early recovery / Livelihoods <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Food Security <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protection/Psychosocial <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Unconditional Cash
Forum	ACT Pacific Sub-region Forum (PANZ)
Requesting members	Act for Peace, Anglican Board of Mission, Anglican Overseas Aid, Church of Christ Overseas Aid
Local partners	Anglican Church of Melanesia, Adventist Development and Relief Agency Vanuatu, Conference of Churches of Christ in Vanuatu, Vanuatu Christian Council.
Impact (overall objective)	Communities impacted by the Manaro volcano receive humanitarian protection and assistance improving environmental and social safeguarding. Displaced communities gain assistance to adaptive and resilient recovery.
Target beneficiaries	1) Food security training in displaced communities, including upskilling of existing farming skills and improved farming systems. Each participating household will receive gardening tools and a supply of improved planting materials appropriate to local agricultural conditions. Conducted on Espirito Santo Island ~Households 540, males 1,330 and females 1,326  2) Peace Building and Conflict Resolution training in host communities and evacuation centres ~ 400 male and female leaders on Maewo Island  3) Family Violence and Child Protection training within host and displaced communities on Espirito Santo Island ~ 540 HH ( 1,130 males and 1,326 females)
Expected outcomes	A. Displaced communities have enhanced skills, awareness and support to improve food security and farming systems B. Displaced and host communities have strategies and mechanisms in place to prevent and resolve conflict C. Displaced communities strengthen community protection capacity through safeguarding strategies and mechanisms. Children and adults are aware of and are able to advocate for their rights, promote safety and

	well-being and have an understanding of community reporting systems and support services
Expected outputs	<p>A1) Workshops delivered to at least five (5) communities on Espirito Santo ("Santo")</p> <p>A2) Target households participate in adaptive agricultural and livelihoods voucher program on Santo</p> <p>A3) Adaptive, island-specific food security program developed for displaced communities on Santo</p> <p>B1) Community leaders are mobilised to lead conflict prevention and resolution activities on Santo and Maewo</p> <p>B2) Community-based peace-building tools are developed on Santo and Maewo</p> <p>C1) Community leaders are mobilised to champion child safeguarding, protection and family violence prevention strategies and mechanisms on Santo</p> <p>C2) Community-based safeguarding and protection tools are adopted by target communities on Santo</p> <p>C3) Confidential abuse and exploitation reporting systems for children and vulnerable adults are promoted to displaced communities on Santo</p> <p>C4) Awareness raising on support services for children and vulnerable adults is provided to displaced communities on Santo</p>
Main activities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Formation of Church Relief Task Force to harmonise the coordination of project activities with environmental and social safeguarding training. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Church Relief Task Force socialise, mobilise and implement peace building, conflict resolution, child protection and family violence resolution strategies and mechanisms throughout displaced communities on Maewo and Santo</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Community Leaders host peacebuilding meetings in affected communities on Maewo.</li> <li>3. Develop, test, train and use appropriate conflict sensitive training and information, education and communications (IEC) resources to use in target communities on Maewo.</li> <li>4. Five-day workshop delivered in five (5) locations on Santo, targeting areas with the most populous displaced communities. Target communities on Santo will participate including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food security and farming systems training</li> <li>• Provision of agricultural vouchers to purchase farming equipment and seeds/ seedlings from a local supplier</li> <li>• Peace Building and Conflict Resolution training</li> <li>• Child Protection and Safeguarding training</li> <li>• Family Violence prevention and resolution training</li> <li>• Awareness raising activities; informing target communities on community child and vulnerable adult incident reporting mechanisms and community support services.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

### **Section 2: Narrative Summary**

#### **Background**

On 18th March 2018 the Manaro volcano on the island of Ambae erupted and for the second time in six months triggered a state of emergency and mass evacuations of the population. The heavy

outpourings of ash and gas has resulted in hazards of acid rain, flash floods, loss of food and water sources, and damage to infrastructure and human health. Large portions of the island were significantly impacted, all education institutions and key government services were closed and staff and students evacuated to other islands.

On Thursday 26th July Vanutu's Council of Ministers held an extraordinary meeting to extend the state of emergency and to revise the previous voluntary evacuation to a compulsory evacuation. Those self-evacuating to the island of Santo did not receive any official government support and humanitarian agencies were initially discouraged from responding on Santo, in favour of the official government response on Maewo. Unfortunately the majority of the displaced communities (~8,700ppl) evacuated to Santo. Most people are still living in temporary shelters in and around host communities. It is estimated that the informal and government supported relocations have impacted approximately 13% of Vanuatu's population.

Humanitarian Needs	Capacity to Respond
<p>Many households have been staying in informal evacuation centres in safe zones since mid-March and need: 1) Training and support in re-establishing food and cash crop gardens/livelihoods with appropriate and resilient practices. 2) Capacity to strengthen child and vulnerable adult, protection and safeguarding. 3) Information on community reporting mechanisms and support services. 4) Social cohesion strategies to mitigate and respond to conflict within displaced and host communities.</p>	<p>The requesting members partners have been responding to the Ambae volcano in various roles since October 2017 after the initial eruption and state of emergency. In particular they have been providing PFA, NFI, CP, PSS, food security trainings and food distributions on Ambae and Espirito Santo islands already. As almost all of the impacted population identify as either Anglican, Church of Christ or Adventist, our implementing partners have strong community bonds and are able to access, engage and implement activities with communities at great depth.</p>

**Proposed response**

*Does the proposed response honour ACT's commitment to Child Safeguarding?*       Yes       No

The compulsory evacuation of an entire island and the loss of place and livelihoods is producing significant psychosocial impact, conflict between host and displaced communities, child and vulnerable adult protection and safeguarding dangers as well as the need for food security. This response proposes to provide:

1. The Church Relief Task Force which will harmonise coordination activities and environmental and safeguarding training across displaced communities
2. Strategies and mechanisms for peacebuilding and the prevention of conflict within and between the relocated and host communities.
3. Community-based safeguarding protection programming
4. Strengthen child and vulnerable adult reporting mechanisms and access to support services
5. Displaced communities will enhance skills, awareness and support to improve food security through improved subsistence farming techniques.

**Coordination**

A Church Relief Task Force will be created, formalising the existing coordination between the various denominations and church agencies responding to the volcano (since October 2017), and providing a formal mechanism to coordinate the response within the ACT Alliance partners, other

INGO's and the National Government's official response.

### Basic implementation plan

Activities	Month 1	Month 2	Month 3	Month 4	Month 5	Month 6	Month 7	Month 8	Month 9	Month 10	Month 11	Month 12
<b>A Community Peacebuilding/Conflict Resolution</b>												
A.1 Consultation workshops	■											
A.2 Recruitment of coordinators		■										
A.3 Resource development workshops			■									
A.4 Testing & Review				■								
A.5 Printing					■							
A.6 Dissemination of materials, including training on Maewo						■						
A.7 Community workshops on Maewo							■					
A.8 Dispute resolution meetings								■				
A.9 Complaints & feedback mechanism									■			
<b>B&amp;C Adaptive Environmental and Safeguarding Practices</b>												
Develop workshop program; Adaptive, resilient agricultural systems, Conflict Resolution/Peace Keeping, Child Protection and Family												
B&C.1 Violence program for Santo												
B&C.2 Church Relief Task Force to identify communities for training												
B&C.3 Commence training on Santo												
B&C.4 Distribution of adaptive resilient agricultural inputs via training vouchers												
B&C.5 Church Task force champion key strategies and mechanisms from workshop throughout displaced communities in Santo												

### Monitoring and evaluation

Baseline and endline surveys will be undertaken to assist evaluation of the trainings in peacebuilding, protection and agricultural practices. Meeting minutes of Church Task Force meetings will be maintained. Case studies of community members participating in the trainings will be collected.

<b>Section 3: Budget Summary</b>				
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			<b>Appeal Budget AUD</b>	<b>Appeal Budget USD</b>
<b>DIRECT COSTS</b>				
<b>PROGRAM STAFF</b>				
Appeal Lead			9,600	9,600
Total international program staff			15,815	11,677
Total national program staff			81,776	60,379
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM STAFF</b>			<b>107,191</b>	<b>79,144</b>
<b>PROGRAM ACTIVITIES</b>				
Protection / Psychosocial support			93,000	68,667
Early recovery & livelihood restoration			31,406	23,189
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM ACTIVITIES</b>			<b>124,406</b>	<b>91,576</b>
<b>PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION</b>				
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION</b>			<b>46,142</b>	<b>34,069</b>
<b>PROGRAM LOGISTICS</b>				
Transport (of relief materials)			8,986	6,635
Warehousing			250	185
Handling			16,304	12,038
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM LOGISTICS</b>			<b>25,540</b>	<b>18,857</b>
<b>PROGRAM ASSETS &amp; EQUIPMENT</b>				
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM ASSETS &amp; EQUIPMENT</b>			<b>1,000</b>	<b>738</b>
<b>STRENGTHENING CAPACITIES</b>				
<b>TOTAL STRENGTHENING CAPACITIES</b>			<b>5,000</b>	<b>3,692</b>
<b>TOTAL DIRECT COST</b>			<b>309,279</b>	<b>228,077</b>
<b>TOTAL INDIRECT COST: PERSONNEL, ADMIN. &amp; SUPPORT</b>			27,670	20,430
			8%	8%
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE exclusive International Coordination Fee</b>			<b>336,949</b>	<b>248,507</b>
<b>INTERNATIONAL COORDINATION FEE (ICF) - 3%</b>			10,108	7,455
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE inclusive International Coordination Fee</b>			<b>347,058</b>	<b>255,962</b>
<b>BALANCE REQUESTED (minus available income)</b>			<b>347,058</b>	<b>255,962</b>

**Section 4: Annexes**

Logical Framework

**Impact**  
 Communities impacted by the Manaro volcano receive humanitarian protection and assistance improving environmental and social safeguarding. Displaced communities gain assistance to adaptive and resilient recovery.

Outcomes	Objectively verifiable indicators	Source of verification	Assumptions
A. Displaced communities have enhanced skills, awareness and support to improve food security and farming systems.	A1. Community members reported increased knowledge of adaptive, island-specific agricultural practises and have a greater sense of food security around producing food.	A. Interview notes / survey	A. Relocated/Resettled communities have access to sufficient land for agricultural purposes.
B. Displaced and host communities have strategies and mechanisms in place to prevent and resolve conflict.	B1. Urgency of community tensions reported by displaced and host community members; B2. Level of satisfaction with conflict resolution mechanisms by those who have accessed training on Maewo and those who attended the five (5) day workshop on Santo.	B. Interview notes / survey	B. Community members will be willing to discuss sensitive matters with data collectors.
C. Displaced communities strengthen community protection capacity through safeguarding strategies and mechanisms. Children and adults are aware of and are able to advocate for their rights, promote safety and wellbeing and have an understanding of community reporting systems and support services.	C1. Level of satisfaction with child protection and family violence prevention strategies and mechanisms by those who accessed the training C2. Target communities report an increase in awareness and understanding of community reporting systems regarding abuse and exploitation, following the facilitation of the workshop in their community C3. Target communities report an increase in	C. Interview notes / survey	C. Community members will be willing to discuss sensitive matters with data collectors.

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	<p>awareness of local support services for children and vulnerable people, following the facilitation of the workshop in their community</p>		
<p>A1. Workshops delivered to five (5) target communities on Santo</p> <p>A2 Households participate in adaptive agricultural &amp; livelihoods voucher program on Santo</p> <p>A3. Adaptive, island-specific food security program developed for communities on Santo islands.</p> <p>B1. Community leaders are mobilised to lead conflict prevention and resolution activities.  B2. Community-based peacebuilding tools are developed.</p> <p>C1. Community leaders are mobilised to champion child safeguarding, protection and family violence prevention strategies and</p>	<p>A1. # of individuals who participated in the workshop</p> <p>A2. # of households purchasing adaptive resilient agricultural inputs with training vouchers</p> <p>A2. # of individuals participating in the workshop</p> <p># of community peacebuilding meetings held  # of disputes addressed by community leaders  # of times community leaders and 'champions' report using peacebuilding tools</p> <p># of times community leaders and 'champions' report using safeguarding and protection tools in communities</p>	<p>A. Training records  Interview notes / survey / records of 'cashed-in' vouchers.</p> <p>B. Interviews with community leaders, faith leaders, women leaders and Chiefs.</p> <p>C1. Interviews with community leaders, faith leaders, women leaders</p>	<p>Community leaders will be willing to participate in sensitive protection and peacebuilding work.</p> <p>Community leaders and community members will be willing to participate in sensitive protection and peacebuilding work.</p>

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<p>mechanisms on Santo</p> <p>C2 Community-based safeguarding and protection tools are adopted by target communities on Santo</p> <p>C3 Local reporting systems for children and vulnerable adults are promoted to displaced communities on Santo</p> <p>C4 Awareness raising and information on access to support services for children and vulnerable adults is provided to displaced communities on Santo</p>	<p># of times community members report using strategies and mechanisms that they or a community member gained from the workshop</p> <p># of times community members report having used the community reporting system</p> <p># of reported cases by local support services to assist displaced community members</p>	<p>and Chiefs</p> <p>C2. Interviews with community members</p> <p>C3. Interviews with community leaders, faith leaders and chiefs/ personnel involved in community reporting mechanisms</p> <p>C4. Interviews with community leaders/ faith leaders and chiefs/ members of local support services</p>	
<p><b>ACTIVITIES</b></p>			
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## Summary Table

Summary	AOA	COCOA	Act for Peace
Implementation period	From <b>1 January 2019</b> to 31 December 2019 12 (months)	From 31 August 2018 to 1 September 2019 12 (months)	From <b>31 August 2018</b> to 1 September 2019 12 (months)
Geographical area	Espirito Santo Island	Espirito Santo Island	Espirito Santo and Maewo Islands
Sectors of response	<input type="checkbox"/> Shelter/ NFIs <input type="checkbox"/> Unconditional CASH <input type="checkbox"/> ER <sup>1</sup> / Livelihoods <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protection/ Psychosocial <input type="checkbox"/> WASH <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Food Security <input type="checkbox"/> Health <input type="checkbox"/> Community resilience <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nutrition	<input type="checkbox"/> Shelter/ NFIs <input type="checkbox"/> Unconditional CASH <input type="checkbox"/> ER/ Livelihoods <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protection/ Psychosocial <input type="checkbox"/> WASH <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Food Security <input type="checkbox"/> Health <input type="checkbox"/> Community resilience <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nutrition	<input type="checkbox"/> Shelter/ NFIs <input type="checkbox"/> Unconditional CASH <input type="checkbox"/> ER/ Livelihoods <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protection/ Psychosocial <input type="checkbox"/> WASH <input type="checkbox"/> Food Security <input type="checkbox"/> Health <input type="checkbox"/> Community resilience <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Nutrition
Targeted beneficiaries (per sector)	GBV, CS: 540 households Food Security & Nutrition: 540 households	GBV, CS: 540 households Food Security & Nutrition: 540 households	Approximately 400 male and female leaders on Maewo and Espirito Santo.
Requested budget (USD)	121,992 (USD)	37,015 (USD)	96,954 (USD)

<sup>1</sup> ER = Early Recovery

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Please note that as part of the revised ACT Humanitarian Mechanism, pledges/contributions are **encouraged** to be made through the consolidated budget of the country forum, and allocations will be made based on agreed criteria of the forum. For any possible earmarking, budget targets per member can be found in the “Summary Table” Annex, and detailed budgets per member are available upon request from the ACT Secretariat. For pledges/contributions, please refer to the spreadsheet accessible through this link <http://reports.actalliance.org/>. The ACT spreadsheet provides an overview of existing pledges/contributions and associated earmarking for the appeal.

Please inform the Head of Finance and Administration, Line Hempel ([Line.Hempel@actalliance.org](mailto:Line.Hempel@actalliance.org)) and Senior Finance Officer, Lorenzo Correa ([Lorenzo.Correa@actalliance.org](mailto:Lorenzo.Correa@actalliance.org)) with a copy to the Regional Programme Officer, James Munpa ([James.munpa@actalliance.org](mailto:James.munpa@actalliance.org)), of all pledges/contributions and transfers, including funds sent direct to the requesting members.

We would appreciate being informed of any intent to submit applications for EU, USAID and/or other back donor funding and the subsequent results. We thank you in advance for your kind cooperation.

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