

Reaching the Most Vulnerable in Cyclone Donna

Together, we can make sure we protect the safety and dignity of women, children and people living with disabilities in Vanuatu as we respond to Cyclone Donna. Based on the lessons learned from Cyclone Pam and Cyclone Cook, we recommend responding agencies:



Involve the Gender & Protection Cluster

Assessments by the Gender & Protection Cluster should be used to identify the specific issues facing the most vulnerable people and inform the consolidated NDMO assessment.



Brief assessment teams

Gender and Protection Cluster members should facilitate briefings on gender and protection for ALL assessment team members (from ALL sectors e.g. WASH, FSAC, Shelter).



Always include female assessors

A minimum of two female assessors with knowledge of gender and protection analysis should be part of every assessment team.



Highlight and address gender and protection issues

Gender and Protection issues should be included in all assessment report analysis and addressed as part of the response.



Disaggregate data

All data collected regardless of which sector be disaggregated by gender, age and disability.



Provide women-friendly spaces with disability access

Evacuation centers should be evaluated for gender- and disability friendliness, including adequate lighting, private facilities and disability accessibility.



Gender and protection at the Emergency Operations Centre

Organisations with expertise on women's rights, child rights, and disabilities should be consulted throughout the emergency response for technical advice, with one person from the Gender and Protection Cluster at the EOC at all times.



Share the message about gender and protection

Key messages about gender and protection should be forwarded to the other clusters to ensure that the humanitarian assistance is gender responsive actions.



Give women a voice

Women's leadership and agency should be made a priority across the entire response. This includes appointing women to lead assessment teams and appointing female community members to coordinate evacuation centres.