The Experiences of Vanuatu:

. Presentation will be within the context of TC Pam's aftermath. Pam was a blessing in disguise. For far too long we've been complacent and entertained too much of the 'business as usual' work attitudes.

. Acknowledge the perfect synopsis of Hon Minister Inia's analysis on "lessons learnt" for Fiji - which very much reflects the Vanuatu story - we have been all too reactive in the past, and not proactive enough, notably:

- The way we live
- The way we do development
- The way we cooperate.

¹ On existing structures : we have the National Advisory Board (NAB) on Climate Change & Disaster Risk reduction (NAB) which is the supremepolicy making and advisory body for all disaster risk reduction and climate change programs, projects, initiatives and activities. Our Directors primarily attend this and help to advance matters of particular interest to agriculture.

The NAB is principally in charge of developing DRR and CC policies, guidelines and positions, and provides advise to Government on international and regional DRR and CC obligations, facilitates and endorses the development of new DRR & CC programs, projects, initiatives and activities, as well as acts as a focal point for information - sharing and coordination on CC/DRR, and guides and coordinates the development of national climate finance processes. (Website: <u>http://www.nab.vu</u>).

1 At Sectoral level, we also have the Food Security and Agriculture Cluster (FSAC) that meets regularly to discuss related issues specific to our sectors - notably Agriculture;

1 National Agriculture Policy - addresses Climate resilent agriculture;

¹ Established Risk and Resilience Unit (RRU) - housed within the DG's Office - 1 Coordinator and 4 other staff (GIZ funding), and recently with FAO support and assisting Vanuatu to be better prepared to respond to future disasters:

- Work on the Ministry's Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) as part of our preparatory processes (to help us know what to do during/after disasters);
- Recruiting 2 new contract officers to assist with other preparatory systems;
- DRR Workshop with FAO support recently. Follow up work in the pipeline;
- Mainstreaming of DRR into other sectors (Livestock, Fisheries, etc);
- Revised structure of DG's office being submitted to PSC including RRU staff;
- MBC next month for permanent appointments;
- New DARD structure approved last week additional staff to assist especially on extension side.

¹ FAO CPF 2018-2022 - will definitely focus on serious issue of Climate Smart Agriculture and relevant strategies.

¹ Proposal to source funding for Early Warning Systems for Agriculture.

1 ICT Unit within MALFFB - to help with information exchanges in real time. Still work on progress.

1 Also working on an E-Agriculture strategy to support information disemination and linkages to farmers.

 $\stackrel{\bullet}{1}$ Government has prioritised the "productive sector" to lend more support to from 2017 onward.

1 Other inputs - PAO (Technical) Mark can provide to help supplement.



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