

# ENDING VIOLENCE World Vision

## Capability Statement



### OUR VULNERABILITY

60% of women have experienced physical or sexual intimate partner violence.

(Vanuatu Women's Centre, 2011)

Vanuatu faces persistent and alarmingly high rates of gender-based violence. Although domestic violence is criminalised, 60% of women have experienced physical or sexual intimate partner violence.

There are also pockets of greater vulnerability, with the highest at risk group being girls aged 6-14 years and one in three girls under the age of fifteen have experienced sexual abuse, with the majority of the perpetrators being an intimate partner or family member.

**Women and girls with disabilities are two to three times more likely to experience physical and sexual abuse than women without disabilities after a disaster.**

Cultural and religious beliefs that perpetuate gender inequalities are rarely challenged. In addition to this, social protection systems are limited, meaning that often perpetrators of violence are not held accountable for abuse.

Being prone to disasters, including the recent COVID-19 global pandemic, vulnerable groups such as women, children and people with a disability are particularly at risk of experiencing increased family violence, sexual violence, emotional violence and neglect during and after a disaster.

### WHO WE ARE

World Vision has been partnering with communities in Vanuatu for over 40 years and currently has 93 employees (88 are Vanuatu citizens) who have experience responding to humanitarian disasters, reducing gender-based violence; enabling resilient livelihoods; and ensuring inclusive access to water, sanitation and hygiene through programs across four of Vanuatu's six provinces.

### OUR APPROACH FOR ENDING VIOLENCE

World Vision Vanuatu's Gender and Protection programming builds on our nine years of work among Vanuatu communities and the trust relationships we have developed over time with community members and leaders to positively transform gender norms and foster safer, more inclusive communities.



#### We contextualise

programming for Vanuatu, incorporating the multi-faceted layers of culture and core Melanesian principles into our work



#### We value

a faith based and human rights approach to building understanding of gender, gender equality and gender based violence



#### We create

programming using mixed delivery methods including workshops, mentoring and peer support groups



#### We utilise

an evidenced-based behavior change approach, to end family and intimate partner violence and to increase the safety of women and children



#### We teach

leaders how to assist community members who are facing family violence and how to empower others to reduce their use of violence



#### We hold space

for community leaders to meet on a regular basis for encouragement and problem solving



#### We provide

support tools for couples using a faith based approach to build and maintain healthy and respectful relationships



#### We equip

participants to form healthy, respectful relationships free from violence



#### We support

parents in building their parenting toolbox with practical tips for raising children in a positive way

# OUR RECENT ENDING VIOLENCE REACH



**USD 1.3 million**

of investment in ending violence initiatives



**3**

donor partnerships funding our recent ending violence work

**5**

joint gender foundations workshops with project faith and community leaders to help identify and respond to incidences of family and domestic violence



**1,133**

adults and children including people with disabilities trained on the difference between harmful beliefs, behaviors and healthy safe relationships



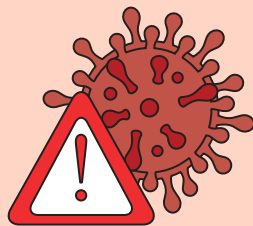
**157**

faith leaders have attended Peer Support Group sessions



**20,639**

shares of the 5 Audio Storybooks developed for children and their families about COVID-19, practical strategies on working from home during restricted movement, and safe and respectful parenting practices



**18,600**

COVID-19 resources were distributed to communities in two of the project-targeted islands



**4,700**

'Safety Planning for Women and Children' resources printed, tools targeted at family and domestic violence during COVID, developed for Vanuatu Women's Centre (VWC) use



**1,643**

community members reached through the training of 60 faith and community leaders to provide pastoral support and COVID safe and family protection messaging

## OUR CURRENT AND RECENT DONOR PARTNERS



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