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Ministry of Climate Change (MoCC) – Key Achievements, 2025

Period Covered: January 2025 – September 2025

1. Strengthening International and National Climate Commitments

- Ministry of Finance and Economic Management approved by Green Climate Fund (GCF) Board to be Vanuatu's National Accredited Entity.
This is a joint effort by the Ministry of Climate Change and the Ministry of Finance and Economic Management (MFEM) for Vanuatu to work directly with GCF
This is historic for Vanuatu since the country has been working with multiple regional and international organisations as Accredited Entities to implement projects in different sectors across the country.
With the approval of a National Accredited Entity, it allows for MFEM to submit funding proposals directly for the GCF Board to approve. (Received project support to undertake task)
- Vanuatu Submits Enhanced NDC 3.0 to the UNFCCC — now accessible on the [UNFCCC NDC Registry](#). This marks a major milestone in strengthening Vanuatu's climate ambition and reaffirming its position as a global leader in climate action. The cost was supported by GGGI for an estimate amount of (VT 3,155,000).
- Launched the first ever National Loss and Damage Policy in September (Also the first of its kind in the world) - The cost was supported by GGGI for an estimated amount of VT 4,155,000. This total cost includes the consultant fees and launching of the Policy.
- National Adaptation Plan (NAP) under development to be launched at COP30 (Nov 2025).

- Provincial Adaptation Plan (PAP) currently under development with completion in Qtr. 1 2026. This marks the first time we are supporting the provinces in developing their Provincial PAPs. For NAP and PAP these 2 activities were supported by GGGI. the disbursement to date to was 772,669 USD (. VT 93,000,000). Cost includes: consultants fees, Provincial Consultations, etc.
- The International Court of Justice Advisory (ICJ) Opinion on climate change is a landmark and historic achievement for Vanuatu -acknowledging the efforts of everyone who have tirelessly worked through negotiations right through to receiving the decision. The ICJ funds was with Foreign Affairs. Just recently after the outcome Dpt spend around (VT30,000) for the victory parade and ICJ meeting for the consultants to give an update to MoCC officers on the update and way forward after the ruling.

2. Strengthening Energy and Environmental Protection

- Hon. Ralph Regenvanu, Minister of Climate Change launched the Pico Hydro Projects for Melsisi and Waterfall through groundbreaking on Pentecost Island (6 May 2025), advancing renewable and community-based energy access. - (VT 179,315,423 was expedited for this activity)
- The design modification for the Sarakata Hydro Phase III project has been finalized, and construction works are currently underway. (VT 3,560,000,000)
- New Fuel Company- Tripartite MoU signed between VNPF-Gov-Pertocenaia Ltd (Fiji) (More update from MoFEM)
- The Department of Environmental Protection and Conservation (DEPC), in collaboration with the *Sustainable Waste Action in the Pacific (SWAP)* project—funded by *Agence Française de Développement (AFD)* and implemented under *SPREP*—has received sufficient funding from the Government of Indonesia to support the : Grant for this Project -VT43,000,000
 1. **The establishment and development Dumpsite** for 4 Provinces this align with the Department Business Plan - Malampa Province have already and are progress with groundwork -Contract Budget for Dumpsite: VT **5,388,156**
 2. **Strengthen municipality waste management capacity** – by equipping them with the right equipment for effective and efficient waste management operations.
 - New Dump truck vehicle purchased for Santo Municipal. Costing Budget of 8,000,000 Vatu (purchase in July 2025 handover to Santo Municipal on August 2025)
 - Bulldozer for Port Vila Municipal Council (PVCC) – procurement process is in progress (Indo-Aid Project). Budget: VT22,497,805
 - Tractor and Trailer for composting facility at Seaside Market Area— procurement in progress (Indo-Aid Project). - Budget -VT 5,348,800
- Port Vila Waste Water Assessment - National Waste Water Task Force assessment report completed and published. https://drive.google.com/file/d/15jXY29Y9j8C0W7jg9pOsey_E-fVoLAP/view?usp=sharing. This is one key activity under the 100 Day plan
- Product Stewardship Scheme Bill under the CDS Act -Amendment of ACT for parliamentary second ordinary session (in progress)

- Waste Water Task Force Boat - Waste Water Task Force -Approved Total Budget of NPP VT**6,500,000** -Boat purchase in April 2025 to Support Water quality monitoring and compliance with a total Costing of **VT 2,048,829**
- Infrastructure development applications processed through EIA process- Total Application submitted or received -191 from Jan-October 2025. This include Preliminary Environmental Assessment and EIA
 1. Permit issued - 122
 2. Pending - 69 (are in progress process)
 3. Issued Fee: 23,000VT per permit Total Revenue Collected on permits: 3,933,000VT
- Permits for big projects such as VCH sewage already issued this month for Maintenance work also VAS Project Permits for settlement at Etas.
- Compliance Regulation Report - compliance with Environmental regulations
- Stop or Penalty issued for developer - 15 in total from Jan -Oct 2025
- Pending -1 - Infrastructure of Dry dock at Sunai landing, Moso
- Issued fee Company- 1.5 Million, Individual -500,000VT (Penalty Collected on Revenue -VT 4,750,000)
- Pursuant to the ratification of the Rotterdam Convention, the Chemicals Act should address the and regulate the trading of industrial chemicals. (drafting -SLO)
- Communities Conservation Area - 17 already registered,3 still pending will launch before the end of 2025.
- Cites Permit - 46 permit issued, so far Total revenue collected -over 7,500,000VT
- Bioprospecting Permit issued so far. Total revenue collected - 200,000 VT
- New DEPC Building - NPP Approximated Budget - 82 Million - launching is in December ,2025
- **DEPC Revenue Target 2025**- 12million -Revenues collected VT 16,383,000 from Jan- Oct 2025
- MBC approves budget for the North East Malekula and East Santo Low Voltage reticulation. (Total NPP for 3 years is **VT1,527,275,724**. Approved budget for 2026 is **VT59,613,367**).
- 5 PV Solar mini grids, Malekula – Progressive Update
- Construction activities have commenced at four of the five sites, with all systems expected to be commissioned in **Q1 2026**. **Rensarie** is the most advanced site, having completed the generation component and civil works. The focus has now shifted to the distribution network. **Lamap** is making steady progress, with PV array foundations and civil works nearing completion. **Peskarus** has entered the construction phase, with the contractor ramping up efforts by deploying additional resources to the site. **Akamb** and **Farun** are in the final stages of mobilization, with construction works expected to commence before the end of this month. (This project consists payment to the Contractor and the Owner’s Engineer. (Total expenditure for Contractor (China National Heavy Machinery - Sinosaur) **VT331,325,393**. Owners Engineer costs **VT 45,353,195**.)
- **Implementation of National Energy Road Map (NERM), Solar PV Electrification (NGEF)**
- TOTAL PROJECTS ACHIEVED IS 80 WITH SUCCESS STORIES FROM THE 48 VANWODS WOMEN AND 18 HEALTH FACILITIES.
- Local Authorities – Tongoa, Mataso/Makira, Tongariki/Buninga Area Councils and Solar Street light for Port Vila Municipal Council;

- Schools – Kwamera, Matanvat, Ranon, Nambangasale, Fetukai, Lounahunu, Sanlang and Tuhu Latan;
- Health facilities – Loh, Quaetvaes, Espiegale Bay, Nepul, Ndui Ndui, Lolopuepue, Naviso, Sllimauri, Vaemaui, Marowia, Saramauri, Vulesepe, Wuro, Yorien, Greenhill, Baiap, Bemiasa and Likwel facilities;
- Individual Households – Vanwoods Microfinance x 48 and Public Servants Project x 2

3. Legislative Review and Institutional Strengthening

- A comprehensive review of legislations- This review aligns with the 2025 Legislative Work Plan, reaffirming the Ministry’s commitment to updating, redefining, and expanding its legal framework to address emerging climate and environmental challenges.
- One key outcome will be the separation of Meteorology, climate change and Geological Hazards functions, with administrative processes- Works are already underway. VCAP 2 support the consultants to develop the Climate Change act for 2 million Vatu. Climate Flexible funds support provincial consultation for Tafea and Shefa province for 500,000Vt Northern province still pending
- Continue to build local capacity to prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters through Establishment of Provincial Disaster and Climate Change Committees and a Municipal Disaster and Climate Change Committee and to strengthen local coordination.
- COM approves the establishment of the New Department of Geological Hazards. Works are underway to formally establish this institution.
- Review of relevant regulations such as aviation regulations introduces new landing fees cost recovery

4. Climate and Disaster Finance and Revenue collection

- **Two Green Climate Fund (GCF) Projects Approved (2025):**
 - *Adapting Tuna-dependent Communities Project* – USD 156.8m- Approved 20 Feb
 - *SOURCE Pacific Drinking Water Project* – USD 45.8m- Approved 3 July
 - **Total:** USD 202.6 million
 - Adding to a total of 6 full size projects for Vanuatu under GCF
- **19 NAB-endorsed projects (Jan–Aug 2025):** VT 6.53 billion (USD 54.7 million).
- **Total Revenue Collected (Jan-Oct 2025):** VT 57,511,663. Exceeded the revenue target by VT 23,511,663. Expecting more to be collected before the end of the year. This is the first time the Ministry has collected this amount.
- VMGD Aviation revenue up to 3rd Quarter is **VT28,000,000**

5. Early Warning, Climate & Disaster Resilience, Decentralization and Community Engagements

- First ever Vanuatu Weather Radar: Groundbreaking in July 2025. Radar construction has started – To be completed and commissioned by December 2025. The challenge is related to the land acquisition process. We have our own trained Radar experts. **VT400,855,884 (USD 3,190,000.00)**
- Backup Warning Services Centre in Santo (95% completed) - To be commissioned by December 2025. **VT65,000,000.**
- 16 Automatic Weather Stations (AWS) installed across the country funded by GCF & VanKIRAP Project. Increasing AWS installations to strengthen weather observation networks for accurate forecasting, timely warnings, and climate resilience **VT 128,131,607 (USD 1,019,669)**
- Six Installed automatic river gauge (Sarakata, Mele River, Teouma River, Prima, Pankumu Malekula, Navaka River)- **VT48,049,117 (USD382,374.00)-VCAP 2**
- 6 Automatic Weather Stations (AWS) installed in Santo Island, Torres Island and Erromango **VCAP2**
- The Completion of MFAT (Earth-science New Zealand) phase one support. Four reports have been developed and shared to the NRC and related departments to assist with recovery and development efforts post the 2024 17th December earthquake event. Phase two is currently in discussion with the MFAT team on immediate, medium- and long-term support - **VT32,042,766 (NZD 457,255)**
- Vanuatu will lead the coordination of establishing the Geohazards Regional Framework, this was confirmed in the Geohazards meeting earlier this year in Apia, Samoa **(in Kind-leadership)**
- A newly established Technician workshop or ICT Laboratory. The building will be commissioned in Qtr 4 2025. **VT2,600,000-VCAP2**
- Weather TV Station for VMGD to be commissioned in QTR4, **VT7,000,000-VCAP2**
- ICT equipment monitoring system, **VT3,200,000-VCAP2**
- Providing infrastructures and equipment like star-links boats and quadbikes through Climate Change projects (VCCRP) to Area Councils and Provincial Emergency Operational Centres with the aim to strengthens local communication, mobility, and operational capacity to enhance disaster preparedness, response, and service delivery.
- AWOS and Upper Air sounding-**VT50,264,000 (USD 400,000.00)**
- Develop Climate futures portal for all five sectors, Fisheries, Tourism, DOWR, PWD, Agricultures for the last 8 years **VT222,739,890 (USD 1,772,560)**
- New Community Climate Centres (CCC) were launched in three provinces, PENAMA, MALAMPA and TAFEA to increase coverage and reaching the last mile with information on climate. **VT137,252,135 (USD 1,092,250.00)**