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Press Release

Clarification on Chinese Aid Relief and Warning Against Misleading Information

The Recovery Operation Committee and the National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) wishes to provide clarification regarding the Chinese aid relief provided to Vanuatu and to address misleading information circulating about the matter.

The aid plane, carrying vital relief supplies, landed in Vanuatu under a restricted four-hour window, requiring an expedited and efficient offloading process. To ensure this, the China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation (CCECC) assisted with logistical support, including transportation and temporary storage of the relief items. These arrangements were necessary to meet the tight operational timeline and were executed with the primary goal of providing immediate assistance to affected communities.

As the coordinating agencies under the national disaster response structure, the ROC & NDMO ensured that all relief items were distributed transparently and according to national protocols. The supplies were allocated to the designated clusters, including Health, WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene), FSAC (Food Security and Agriculture Cluster), Shelter, and Energy. This process was carried out with urgency and accountability to meet the critical needs of our communities. A proper system has been established to monitor the flow of goods in and out of the warehouse, which can be accessed on the Disaster Management Office's social media page. This transparent system can be accessed by anyone on the Disaster Management Offices Social Media page.

We categorically reject all information posted on Facebook and other media outlet alleging the Prime Minister's involvement with the Chinese aid relief and his political campaign in Pentecost. Such claims are misleading and are undermining the recovery operations efforts coordinated by ROC and NDMO.

We strongly urge the public to verify information through official channels before sharing or making statements that could undermine the work of the Recovery Operation Committee and other stakeholders. Spreading false or misleading information not only detracts from the collaborative efforts to support affected communities but also risks causing unnecessary confusion and anxiety.

The Government of Vanuatu takes this matter seriously. Any individual found to be deliberately disseminating misinformation to mislead the public and disrupt recovery operations will face immediate action by the Vanuatu Police Force.

We remind everyone of the importance of unity and trust during these challenging times. Let us work together to ensure a swift and effective recovery for all affected communities.

For further inquiries or to report misinformation, please contact the Recovery Operation Committee (ROC) at [Contact Information].

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