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Development Partners earthquake meeting

Vanuatu's traditional development partners in country will convene with government authorities on Thursday to coordinate assistance following the magnitude 7.3 earthquake that struck Port Vila and Efate on December 17 2024.

The meeting will take place at the Melanesian and aims to discuss support areas identified by major development partners.

Government officials will present an Update Response Progress report, followed by a recovery plan overview from the Director-General of the Ministry of the Prime Minister. Authorities will also outline pledges and assistance received since the earthquake occurred on December 17.

The earthquake has caused significant destruction, claiming 14 lives as of the 22nd of December, injuring over 2010 people, and displacing thousands. Port Vila, and Efate causing severe structural damages to bridges, including, Tagabe, Teouma and Blacksand bridges, public buildings, and critical infrastructure such as the two major water reserves in the Ohlen area that were destroyed. The disrupted power, water and communication network have been restored.

Monday's meeting will coincide with the arrival of relief supplies from China.

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