



568

volunteers

6

branches

26,395

beneficiaries



Mission Statement

The fundamental mission of the Vanuatu Red Cross Society is to improve the lives of the most vulnerable without discrimination through voluntary service.

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A message from the President, Hannington Godfrey Alatoa

“The strengthening of our branches will be crucial to the development of the Society ”

In 2014 Vanuatu Red Cross focused on our core areas of expertise - disaster management, disaster risk reduction and health as well as climate change adaptation and youth development.

We managed 11 major projects across these areas. The work that we do in these areas saves lives and is something that all VRCS staff should take pride in. Alongside our project work, we also have a focus on building our National Society. By improving governance and operations, we are able to help more people in need.

Towards the end of the year, I was lucky enough to take a more hands-on role in the development of the Society. Along with the VRCS Communications Coordinator, we travelled to all of the provincial branches to facilitate workshops aimed at improving the capacity of the branches and promoting a greater understanding about the work of VRCS and the Red Cross movement.

Working with the staff and volunteers in the branches showed me clearly the level

of commitment and support that VRCS has across the country and the great potential we have as a National Society. As we move forward, the strengthening of our branches will be crucial to the development of the Society; to have branches operating independently under the guidance of HQ will unlock a wealth of opportunity for the population in the outer islands.

This is the second annual report for the Society. Our first report was useful in reflecting on the quality and variety of work performed. This year's report allows us to see the progress we have made since then. I am immensely proud of the accomplishments VRCS has made in 2014 and I look forward to another productive year in 2015.

A message from the Chief Executive Officer, Jacqueline de Gaillande



2014 was another strong year for the Society. We had major projects operating across all six provinces and a new branch office for Penama province.

We were also able to grow our fundraising capabilities with the development of the Commercial First Aid Program. All of these activities helped us to work towards our strategic goals as set out in our 2013-2017 Strategic Plan.

A number of our projects wrapped up in 2014. Our WASH project in Ambrym, phases of the TBR and SCP projects managed by the French Red Cross and our pilot EVM project all finished up last year. As a result, we have the opportunity to see clearly the progress that we have made and the positive outcomes of our work.

2014 was unfortunately also a year with a number of disasters; Cyclone Lusi, severe flooding in areas of Efate and the sinking of the MV MCY all affected the people of Vanuatu and unfortunately in some cases caused loss of life. Our disaster management team

who work in close partnership with the National Disaster Management Office responded to all of these disasters quickly and competently.

I extend my gratitude to our donors and partner national societies for their ongoing support. I also say thank you to our board members, staff and volunteers for their outstanding contributions throughout the year – without your hard work the Society would not be where it is today.

As we compile this 2014 Annual Report in early 2015, we are in the midst of coordinating our emergency response for the largest natural disaster on record in Vanuatu, Tropical Cyclone Pam. As a result, we present a shorter, more condensed report this year, as our staff is all hard at work helping our country to recover in this time of need.

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Components of the RCRC movement



INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS – (ICRC)

ICRC is an impartial, neutral and independent organisation whose humanitarian mission is to protect the lives and dignity of victims of war and internal violence and to provide them with assistance. It directs and co-ordinates the international relief activities conducted by the Movement in situations of conflict. It also endeavours to prevent suffering by promoting and strengthening humanitarian law and universal humanitarian principles. Established in 1863, the ICRC is the origin of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.



INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT SOCIETIES - (IFRC)

The IFRC works to inspire, facilitate and promote all humanitarian activities carried out by its member National Societies. Founded in 1919 the IFRC directs and coordinates international assistance of the Movement to victims of natural and technological disasters, to refugees and in health emergencies. It acts as the official representative of its member societies in the international field. It promotes cooperation between National Societies and works to strengthen their capacity to carry out effective disaster preparedness, health and social programs.



NATIONAL SOCIETIES

National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies embody the work and principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement in 189 Countries. National Societies act as auxiliaries to the public authorities of their own Countries in the humanitarian field, and provide a range of services including disaster relief, health and social programs. During wartime, National Societies assist the affected civilian population and support the army medical services where appropriate.

The Fundamental Principles



Proclaimed in Vienna in 1965, the seven Fundamental Principles bond together the Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies, the International Committee of the Red Cross and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

HUMANITY

The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement endeavours in its international and national capacity to prevent and alleviate human suffering wherever it may be found. Its purpose is to protect life and health and to ensure respect for the human being. It promotes mutual understanding, friendship, cooperation and lasting peace amongst all peoples.

IMPARTIALITY

It makes no discrimination as to nationality, race, religious beliefs, class or political opinions. It endeavours to relieve the suffering of individuals, being guided solely by their needs, and to give priority to the most urgent cases of distress.

NEUTRALITY

In order to continue to enjoy the confidence of all, the Movement may not take sides in hostilities or engage at any time in controversies of a political, racial, religious or ideological nature.

INDEPENDENCE

The movement is independent. The National Societies, while auxiliaries in the humanitarian services to their governments, and subject to the laws of their respective countries, must always maintain their autonomy so that they may be able, at all times, to act in accordance with the principles of the Movement.

VOLUNTARY SERVICE

It is a voluntary relief movement not prompted in any manner by desire for gain.

UNITY

There can only be one Red Cross or one Red Crescent Society in any one country. It must be open to all. It must carry on its humanitarian work throughout its territory.

UNIVERSALITY

The International RCRC Movement, in which all Societies have equal status and share responsibilities and duties in helping each other, is worldwide.

“Our shared commitment to serve the most vulnerable people everywhere, now and in the future”

About the Vanuatu Red Cross Society



ABOUT US

The Vanuatu Red Cross Society was founded on October 11th, 1982 pursuant to the Vanuatu Red Cross Society Act No: 23 of 1982, and is a body corporate having perpetual succession and a common seal. Its Constitution is based on the Geneva Conventions and the Additional Protocols of 1977, to which Vanuatu is a party, and the fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. Red Cross began operating in Vanuatu as a branch of the British Red Cross. Shefa Province.

CONSTITUENCY

The Vanuatu Red Cross Society has a total of 5 Provincial branches with its Headquarters located in Port Vila, Membership of the Vanuatu Red Cross Society is open to everyone. There are three (3) forms of membership: active (volunteers), subscribing (fee-paying) and honorary.

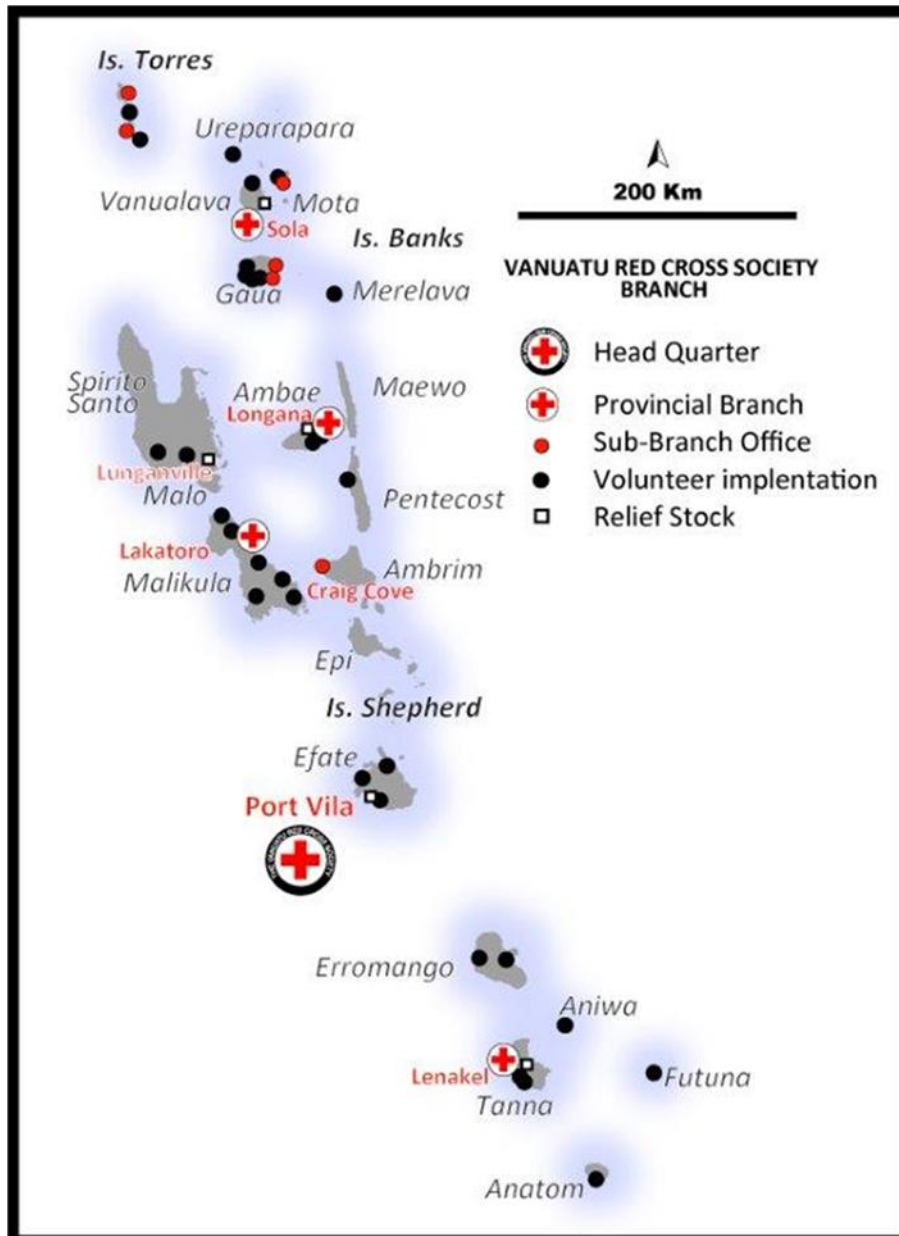
The Society has over 500 volunteers and this number increases when there is an activity needing the support of volunteers. The Society regularly seeks feedback and involvement in decision making from beneficiaries, members, volunteers, donors and partner organisations.



“We adopt a community-based approach, working with volunteers in disaster preparedness, disaster assessment, emergency response, humanitarian law and fundamental principles, first aid and health”

Where VRCS Works

VRCS operates in all six provinces of Vanuatu. This is to ensure that we are always available to meet the needs of the most vulnerable.



Board and Governance

The Constitution adopted during the General Assembly in 2009, provides the legal framework for the Vanuatu Red Cross Society.

This document is strictly adhered to in accordance with good governance practices. The General Assembly is the highest authority within the Society and membership is open to the public. This body is responsible for the election of the National Board.

The National Board has a mandate to effectively and efficiently govern the Society between each General Assembly. The Board is the guardian of the legal base consisting of the Society's statutes and the national law under which it is recognised by the Vanuatu Government.

The National Board is responsible for governing the affairs of the Society, with a particular focus on finance and the delivery of programs. The National Board sets the policies and strategy while the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is responsible for the implementation of these policies and the management of staff and activities. The CEO reports directly to the Board.

During 2014, the VRCS board participated in a number of meetings and workshops designed to develop the National Society. In March, some of the board was involved in an induction and governance workshop run by the IFRC. The President also attended a 'Presidents Induction' workshop in Suva, Fiji.

The President and Vice-President attended the opening of the new branch office in Penama in August and participated in the Organisational Capacity Assessment and Certification (OCAC) workshop with the VRCS staff in November. The OCAC workshop, facilitated by the IFRC, aimed to address the challenges facing the National Society and devise solutions for how they can address them from the national HQ level down to the provincial branches and the most vulnerable communities in the country.

The President and Vice-President also took on more hands-on roles in the Society in 2014. The Vice-President organized the White Ribbon Day campaign in November to combat domestic violence. This included a very popular outdoor screening of the documentary "I am a girl" at the Vanuatu Cultural Centre, coordinated in partnership with the Australian High Commission. The President visited

the provincial branches with the Communications Coordinator to increase awareness surrounding the Red Cross movement, the details of these visits can be found in the Branch Development section.

The Vanuatu Red Cross Society Board saw two of its long-serving members depart in 2014. Marie Ng and Rod Newell had both reached the end of their 6-year mandate and so finished up their work with the board in July. Karan Nagpal also left the Board when he returned to England. We would like to sincerely thank them all for their service and commitment to the Society.



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Pacific Disaster Management Partnership

DRR Awareness in communities

The Pacific Disaster Management Partnership (PDMP), funded by the Australian Red Cross, has been operating since 2010.

During 2014, the PDMP team worked on increasing the disaster preparedness of the National Society as well as improving the resilience of communities in two provinces.

At VRCS HQ, PDMP worked on the Disaster Management Plan and on training staff in Standard Operating Procedures for times of disaster. Emergency Response Training was carried out at each of the provincial branches to improve the ability of VRCS to respond effectively to disasters in the outer islands.

In addition to this, the PDMP team also undertook the large task of a complete stocktake of disaster relief supplies in 2014. In each province, VRCS has pre-positioned relief supplies so that if a disaster occurs, emergency supplies are

5000
people better
prepared for times
of disaster

close at hand. This stocktake allowed the team to know exactly what supplies they had and what they needed to ensure that VRCS is always prepared.

On the islands of Ambae and Santo in the north of Vanuatu, the PDMP project

undertook disaster risk reduction activities with a total of 13 communities reaching approximately 5,000 beneficiaries. In these communities, VRCS facilitated the creation of a Community Disaster Committee (CDC) and with the help of these committees a community response plan. Awareness activities were carried out with the entire community and simulation exercises were undertaken to make sure that everyone knows what to do when a disaster strikes.

Stocktake of disaster relief supplies



Disaster Response: Sinking of the MCY



VRCS responds to the sinking of the MCY cargo ship off North Efate

On the morning of the 11th July 2014, the Chairman of the Community Disaster Committee of Mangaliliu called the Red Cross Office to give the alert that the Marine Vessel MCY was in the process of sinking off the coast of North Efate.

The MV Big Sista had already responded and picked up most of the survivors in the water but reports confirmed there were 4 people still missing.

Red Cross commenced coordination of the first search and rescue mission with NDMO and 11 community-owned boats were on standby to assist. Unfortunately by the time the search and rescue team arrived at

the ship there were no signs of life. Rescue divers were able to retrieve two of the four deceased before the vessel sank completely.

The Red Cross acknowledges the swift and efficient mobilization of both Mangaliliu and Lelepa communities, especially the CDCs for taking a leadership role during this crisis.



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The P2HK Project



Water Tank Installation

The 24-month P2HK program finished up in 2014. Funded by the Australian Red Cross, P2HK installed water tanks and latrines in communities in West Ambrym.

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In 2014, the team trained the communities in water management and worked with community leaders to create a maintenance plan and promote the clean village message. The project adopted a Participatory Hygiene and Sanitation Transformation (PHAST) approach, allowing communities to determine

364,000L of additional water storage

their own water and sanitation needs.

The P2HK team completed their PHAST steps, an end-line survey and a final reflection with community members. These activities were delayed considerably by the closure of the airport in West Ambrym for several months in the middle of the year. VRCS worked around this issue by bringing a group of community members to Port Vila to participate in this final evaluation.

834 people with access to clean water

Over the 2-year project period, the P2HK program constructed 40 rainwater catchments providing 364,000L of additional water storage. 270 latrines were constructed to improve sanitation. The local health centre reported a drop in the incidence of diarrhoea and has had no reported cases of malaria since construction.

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Following the success of the project, the team used the remainder of the year to conduct needs assessments on other islands to find more communities that could benefit from a project similar to P2HK.



'Small Bite, Big Threat'

Dengue Program



VRCS volunteers prepare to spray outside areas in communities affected by Dengue Fever

Early in the year there was a large outbreak of Dengue fever in Port Vila, the mosquito-borne illness that causes severe flu-like symptoms and, in some cases, even death.

Over 1,500 people contracted the virus with the Ministry of Health reporting two deaths with Dengue as the probable cause. The Chinese Red Cross provided funding to VRCS to help fight the spread of the virus in the worst affected areas of Vila. VRCS worked with chiefs in the areas of Ohlen, Seaside and Freswota to develop a plan involving a clean up campaign, improved waste

management and comprehensive insecticide spraying.

The Ministry of Health partnered with VRCS for the clean up campaign, which was held as part of World Health Day. The campaign centred around the key message "Small bite, big threat". Awareness raising activities were conducted including a parade from town to Freswota. Community members worked with VRCS volunteers to remove all waste from the area, the preferred breeding grounds for the Dengue carrying mosquito.

In training sessions facilitated by the Ministry of Health with technical support from local business, Agricultural Supplies, a group of 19 VRCS volunteers were trained in the correct and safe use of industrial insecticide spray. This group, consisting of young men from the target areas, went house-to-house spraying outside areas to kill any mosquitos. Over 6000 people benefited from this campaign and the Dengue outbreak eased substantially following these activities.

Community members clean up to remove mosquito-breeding sites



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Empowering Vanua Malagwelo

Cooking classes help provide skills for income generation in communities

The Empowering Vanua Malagwelo (EVM) project facilitated foundation life skills training for young women in rural Efate.

Aimed at girls who had dropped out of school, the workshops covered a variety of useful topics. Sessions ranged from practical income generating skills such as sewing and cooking to informative sessions on reproductive health and civic education.

The EVM project, funded by the Swiss Embassy in Canberra, operated on the principle of 'women helping women'. All trainers, guest speakers, carers and staff were local women who support the empowerment of young women in Vanuatu. Trainers and guest speakers came from a wealth of backgrounds and included some of the most prominent and successful women in Vanuatu.

The workshops were well received by the participants, their families and communities. VRCS had originally

scheduled four workshops but, due to high demand, an additional fifth workshop was included to ensure that no one missed out. In total, 56 young women attended the workshops brought together from 10 different villages in South and East Efate.

95% of participants reported a positive change in their lives following the training. Monitoring of the participants post-workshop revealed that the practical skills learned were being used by participants to generate a small income within their villages. A number of participants also reported behavioural change in the areas of health and hygiene.

This was a pilot project for VRCS. The Society plans to undertake a second phase in 2015 so that more young women can benefit from the training.

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Commercial First Aid



Public Works employees undergo basic First Aid Training

The commercial first aid program had a very strong year in 2014 with the team training 348 people in first aid. The program, funded by New Zealand Red Cross, hired a VQA registered First Aid Officer who was successful in securing some major clients. This included Unelco and the Public Works department, who used VRCS in their Occupational Health and Safety trainings across four islands. The program was assisted by an Australian Red Cross AV-ID volunteer who worked alongside the team for the year.

The New Zealand Red Cross also facilitated the training of 12 participants to become First Aid Trainers, 10 of these participants passed the training and are now approved to conduct community-based first aid workshops.

348 people trained in first aid

10 new community-based first aid trainers



World First Aid Day



“The Commercial first aid program had a very strong year in 2014”



Yumi stap redi long klaemet jenj

Climate Change Awareness in communities

For the 'Yumi stap redi long climate change' project, the Vanuatu Red Cross Society with the support of French Red Cross (VRCS/FRC) worked with 24 communities in Torba province.

Funded by Australian AID, VRCS/FRC supported these communities to develop a greater understanding of climate variability and climate change impacts in their area and to implement actions that will increase their resilience to climate variability and change. While these actions address existing risks, VRCS/FRC has also increased resilience for the longer term, strengthening practices by



women, men and young people in agriculture, water and natural resources management.

2234 people better prepared for the impacts of climate change

During 2014, in each community at least two awareness sessions were run on weather, climate, climate variability and climate change (WCCC). In the communities close to the coast, one session on coastal erosion/protection was also delivered. In total, 789 people attended WCCC sessions from the 24 communities.

Over the project period, VRCS/FRC helped communities to implement a number of specific adaptation activities. For communities in Motolava and Vanualava, coastal and river bank protection was a priority. Awareness sessions improved the knowledge of the community in practices, which could assist to slow

erosion. Two communities in the Torres Group and one in Motolava benefited from improved water resources through rainwater harvesting systems. For three communities in Gaua, following extensive assessment, new climate resilient crops were planted.

In order to achieve the project's aims, VRCS/FRC developed partnerships with the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Forests as well as the Farmer's Support Organisation. During its implementation phase (July 2012 - December 2014), the project reached 2234 beneficiaries.

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Supporting Community Planning:

Mitigating the impact of disasters by coping with water challenges



Rainwater tanks are transported to remote communities by boat

The DRR/WASH project named 'Supporting Community Planning: Mitigating the impact of disasters by coping with water challenges' (SCP2) focused on increasing access to water and improving hygiene practices in Torba province.

Funded by the Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA-USAID) and in collaboration with the French Red Cross, the project has managed to reach 3066 beneficiaries in its activities.

Following on from the SCP1 project, SCP2 constructed two new gravity fed water systems in the communities of Biam and Koro on Gaua Island. In addition to these systems, 15 rainwater harvesting systems (RWHS) were built or repaired in communities on 6 different islands in Torba province.

Proper maintenance of these systems is vital to ensure their sustainability, so VRCS/ FRC conducted training in all



Installation of the water meter

of the communities to ensure that the skills and tools necessary are readily available, should the system require maintenance.

In addition to the supply of clean water, the SCP2 team focused on improving hygiene practices in the communities to mitigate the risk of preventable diseases. VRCS branch staff and volunteers were trained in hygiene promotion so that they could then travel to each of the communities to conduct awareness sessions. Sessions focused on three areas

3066
beneficiaries
reached

of hygiene: water management, hand washing and domestic hygiene. These sessions targeted community members in all communities and will be completed in early 2015.



Together Becoming Resilient

Community risk mapping

Red-Cross has been supporting the NDMO since 2010 to strengthen disaster preparedness in communities across Vanuatu.

The Together Becoming Resilient (TBR) project aims to build safer and more resilient communities through capacity building, institutional strengthening, and replicating an effective Community-Based Disaster Risk Reduction model in Vanuatu. During the first half of 2014, the TBR team wrapped up their work in Torba province. VRCS, with support from French Red Cross (FRC), has strengthened the NDMO network in Torba from the provincial to the community level, by setting up Community Disaster and Climate Change Committees (CDCCC) in each targeted community and training the Torba Provincial Disaster Committee. This project was funded by the European Commission Humanitarian Office (ECHO).

In mid-2014 VRCS/FRC, in consultation with the NDMO, identified South and South

East Malekula in Malampa province as new priority areas in need of increased disaster resilience. It was decided that VRCS/FRC would lead a new TBR project, funded by USAID, to facilitate community-based disaster risk reductions activities in 8 communities in the region. The methodology utilized for the project is the same as was used in Torba province, including community risk assessment, DRR awareness, first aid training, development of mitigation and response plans, as well as the improvement of early warning systems through the installation of HF radios.

In late 2014, CDCCCs were set up and a Vulnerability and Capacity assessment was undertaken in each of the 8 communities to determine areas that could be improved for disaster preparedness. The committees were trained in governance and accountability, basic project management and their roles and responsibilities.

Through the CDCCCs, Community Action Plans were created and a Disaster Pre-

3148 beneficiaries in
Malekula & 4286 in
Torba province

paredness kit was provided to each committee. Committees were trained in the use of these tools so that they would be better equipped to respond to disasters within their communities. In addition, the TBR team conducted Training of Trainer (ToT) workshops for CDCCC members and all school teachers in the target communities, to provide them the tools to conduct DRR awareness sessions in their schools and communities.



Disaster Response: Cyclone Lusi



Distribution of relief supplies in remote Santo communities

In March 2014, Cyclone Lusi made its way through the middle of the northern islands of Vanuatu. The category-2 storm caused damage to houses and crops affecting approximately 20,000 people.

Unfortunately, 8 people lost their lives in Santo in a landslide caused by heavy rain associated with the cyclone.

an assessment of the damage.

VRCS partnered with the NDMO to coordinate the major response. VRCS made use of its pre-positioned supplies in the provinces to distribute relief items following

an assessment of the damage. VRCS reached some of the most remote villages in Vanuatu to check on their inhabitants. In total, VRCS distributed relief to 57 of the worst affected households, reaching close to 300 people.



Distribution of relief supplies

Relief items were distributed to 57 households, close to 300 people

Loading supplies for distribution

Relief recipients





Together Becoming Resilient: Tafea & Shefa

Community planning

For most of 2014, the TBR TAFE project focused its efforts in Shefa province. Funded by USAID, the project aims to improve community resilience to natural disasters.

The TBR TAFE team worked with 5 communities on Efate to perform Vulnerability & Capacity Assessments. These assessments helped to direct the team in the creation of Community Response Plans (CRPs). CRPs detail what people should do in the event of a disaster and the identification of safe houses within communities. The community response plans were developed in collaboration with the Community Disaster & Climate Change Committees (CDCCCs).

To assist the CDCCCs in promoting disaster risk reduction in their communities, VRCS provided materials for the committees to use in awareness raising activities. Awareness sessions were run by each of the CDCCCs in their communities. In addition, the TBR TAFE team facilitated first aid training for CDCCC

members and for interested community members. First Aid can save lives in disaster situations, especially in remote villages without immediate access to a hospital.

Putting all that had been learned to use became possible in the simulation exercises conducted in each community. The simulation exercises allowed the project team to assess the performance of the CDCCC and the feasibility of the CRP that had been developed. It also allowed for practical assessment of the first aid skills that had been learned.

Towards the end of the year, the project began its work in Tafea province. The plan is to replicate the same disaster risk reduction activities in 5 communities in north Tanna. Initial work involved selection of communities, signing of MOUs with the communities and the provincial government and creation of a CDCCC in each community. The work with these communities in Tanna will continue into 2015.

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Disaster Response: Flooding in Efate



Following a period of particularly heavy rain in October, a number of communities on the outskirts of Port Vila and in rural Efate suffered from severe flooding.

It is estimated that over 1000 people were affected by the floods. Homes were buried in mud, belongings were washed away and water sources were contaminated. VRCS partnered with the NDMO to lead the only emergency response.

hygiene kits to 162 households, reaching the majority of the affected population.

Over 1000 people affected by severe flooding



The team performed needs assessments and distributed relief supplies such as cooking equipment, tarpaulins and

Damage caused by flooding in Prima on the outskirts of Port Vila



Relief supplies distributed to 162 households

Law & Fundamental Principles



Awareness session in Isini village, Tanna

The Law and Fundamental Principles (LFP) project is an ongoing program funded by the ICRC.

The program aims to raise awareness of the Red Cross movement, promote humanitarian values, reduce discrimination and promote social inclusion.

The program in Vanuatu targets areas where there are branches or sub-branches as well as areas where new projects are starting. This makes sure that the community has a good understanding of Red Cross at the outset of working together.

In 2014, the LFP program continued its awareness raising activities through monthly radio and television broadcasts as well as workshops with communities, provincial governments and schools. Through these awareness activities, the LFP program also contributes to the recruitment of volunteers for the Society.



One of the major projects undertaken by the LFP program during the year was the development of the Vanuatu Red Cross Society Parliamentary Handbook. This handbook is for the use of members of parliament to

have a greater understanding of Red Cross and its auxiliary role to the government. It is expected that this handbook will be published in 2015.



“One of the major projects undertaken by the LFP program was the development of the VRCS Parliamentary Handbook”

Branch News



New branch members in Penama Province

An exciting new development for the branches occurred later in the year when the President and the Communications Coordinator toured all of the provincial branches as part of the Strengthening Provincial Partnership Project.

This project aims to improve the capacity of the branches and promote a greater understanding about the work of VRCS and the Red Cross movement.

In each of the provinces workshops were conducted with staff, volunteers, provincial government representatives and interested members of the public. Aside from the delivery of information, VRCS worked with those present to brainstorm no cost/low cost initiatives that the provincial branches could undertake to assist their local communities.

The project had hoped to establish a committee for each branch, however it was decided that this should be postponed until a larger membership base could be established. In the meantime, interim committees were set

up to govern the branches. Feedback to the workshops was very positive, a number of new paying members signed up and the branches are now in a much stronger position to conduct activities in their provinces.

PENAMA

Another branch opening was celebrated in 2014 with the new office in Saratamata on Ambae. This new branch will provide opportunity for increased engagement in Penama province. The opening ceremony was attended by the President and Vice-President of the board, the CEO and other HQ staff.

TAFEA

During the last half of 2014, the Tafea branch hosted an AVID volunteer who worked with the branch staff and volunteers to build a commercial first aid program in Tanna. Two branch staff were trained as First Aid trainers and underwent significant on-the-job training as they ran First Aid trainings under the supervision of the AVID volunteer.

“the branches are now in a much stronger position to conduct activities in their provinces”

The branch hopes to use profits from the commercial first aid program to fund training for more VRCS volunteers.

TORBA

Torba Branch staff assisted in the completion of the TBR3 project. The branch helped the TBR team to monitor communities involved in the project and to collect information for use in evaluation of the project.

The remote island of Merig in Torba province experienced a period of drought in 2014. Torba Branch staff conducted needs assessments and dis-

tribution of relief items to assist the communities in need.

SANMA

The Sanma branch hosted the 2014 International Disaster Risk Reduction Day in Luganville. A public event was held that aimed to raise awareness of Disaster Risk Reduction practices. Information was displayed for school students to learn from while Red Cross staff and volunteers were on hand to answer any questions.

The Sanma branch also partnered with the provincial government to raise awareness regarding disaster risk reduction, specifically for people living with disabilities.

MALAMPA

Early in the year, the Malampa branch responded to a request for assistance following a fire in South Malekula.

A total of 9 houses and household buildings were destroyed leaving a number of families homeless. The Red Cross Malampa branch organized distribution of relief items to these families to assist in their recovery.

The Malampa branch also assisted the TBR4 project in the selection of communities in South Malekula to be included in the DRR project.

ERT Training in the provinces



Commercial First Aid Program in Tafea province



“The Sanma branch partnered with the provincial government to raise awareness regarding disaster risk reduction, specifically for people living with disabilities.”

2014 Events



2014 VRCS Gala Night



World First Aid Day



World First Aid Day



Student Career Day



World DRR Day



World DRR Day



Gala Night

2014 Events



VRCS Staff Photo



QBE Fun Run



VRCS in France



VRCS Christmas Party



VRCS in Beijing



White Ribbon Day



White Ribbon Day



World Health Day



OCAC Workshop



HF Radio Training

Financial Report

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Members of the Vanuatu Red Cross Society

We have audited the financial statements of the Vanuatu Red Cross Society for the financial year ended 31st December 2014 as set out in the following pages, comprising of the Income and Expenditure statement, balance sheet, and the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

The Society's Committee Members Responsibility for the financial statements

"The Society's Committee Members are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements and the information they contain."

Auditor's Responsibility

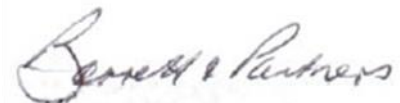
"We have conducted an independent audit of these financial statements in order to express an opinion on them to the members of the organisation."

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with applicable accounting concepts and standards and statutory requirements so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the society's financial position and the results of its operations.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

- a) The financial statements of the Vanuatu Red Cross Society have been properly drawn up:
 - i. so as to give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Society as at 31st December 2014; and
 - ii. in accordance with applicable International Accounting Standards;
- b) The accounting records, other records and registers required by the Vanuatu Red Cross Society Act and its constitution, to be kept by the Society, have been kept in accordance with the provisions thereof.



Signed April 21, 2015
Barrett & Partners, Chartered Accountants
B&P House – PO Box 240, Lini Highway, Port Vila

Financial Report

2014 Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2014

	2014	2013
General Funds	16,245,521	27,761,637

Current Liabilities		
Bank Overdraft	-	33,357
Accounts Payable	2,369,911	7,254,637
Other Current Liabilities	11,676,882	26,473,712
	14,046,793	33,761,706

TOTAL EQUITIES & LIABILITIES	30,292,314	61,523,343
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Current Assets		
Cash on Hand	21,320	3,476,311
Cash at Bank	20,228,961	46,318,316
Other Current Assets	912,967	334,053
Accounts Receivable	984,264	773,085
	22,147,512	50,901,765

Non Current Assets		
Property, Plant & Equipment As per Schedule (at Book Value)	8,144,802	10,621,578

TOTAL ASSETS	30,292,314	61,523,343
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2014 Statement of Cashflows

For the year ending 31 December 2014

Operating Activities	2014	2013
Cash was provided from:		
Receipts from Donors	91,623,423	105,513,770

Cash was applied to:		
Payments to suppliers & Employees	121,001,812	94,613,974
Net Cash Inflow (outflow) from Operating Activities	(29,378,389)	10,899,796

Investing Activities		
Cash was applied to:		
Purchase of new Plant & Equipment	132,600	1,684,080
Net Cash Inflow (outflow) from Investing Activities	(132,600)	(1,684,080)

Net increase (Decrease) in Cash Held	(29,510,989)	9,215,716
Add Opening Cash brought forward	49,761,270	40,545,554
ENDING CASH CARRIED FORWARD	20,250,281	49,761,270

Cash Balances in Balance Sheet		
Cash at Bank	20,228,961	46,284,959
Cash on Hand	21,320	3,476,311
ENDING CASH CARRIED FORWARD	20,250,281	49,761,270

Financial Report

General Summary

	INCOME	EXPENDITURE	NET INCOME
Donations & Membership Fees	825,300	-	825,300
First Aid	3,155,240	732,590	2,422,650
Fundraising	2,382,920	987,087	1,395,833
Overheads	2,019,211	-	2,019,211
Rental Incomes	2,092,000	-	2,092,000
Interest Income Bank	106,588	-	106,588
Other Income	13,260	-	13,260
TOTAL CORE INCOME	10,594,519	1,719,677	8,874,842

Restricted Funds/Project Funds	
Project Income	80,681,392
Project Expenses	91,563,836
EXPENSES & PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENTS	10,882,444

Society Expenses	
Advertising & Promotion	196,125
Board Expenses	252,576
Building & Maintenance	131,738
Depreciation	2,609,374
Interest & Bank Charges	13,350
Membership Fees	-
Motor Vehicle Expenses	680,306
Office Expenses	475,722
Other	2,587,023
Professional Fees	322,780
Salaries & Benefits	2,239,520
Travel	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	9,508,514

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2014 Income and Expenditure

Vanuatu Red Cross Society

Income	
General Donations	792,300
Membership Fees	33,000
FA Kits	1,165,000
FA Training	1,990,240
Gala Night Events	1,605,150
Flea Markets	631,120
Donation Cost Recovery	95,000
Other Fundraising	51,650
Overhead from Australian RC	705,753
Overhead from IFRC	47,889
Overhead from Oxfam CCA	1,116,809
Overhead from Chinese Embassy	143,940
Overhead - Other	5,000
Office Rental Fees	635,000
Rent Recoveries	1,390,000
Training Centre Recoveries	61,000
Tools/Material Rental Recoveries	6,000
Interest Income Bank	18,834
Interest Term Deposit	87,754
Other Income	13,080
TOTAL INCOME	10,594,519

Expenses	
Advertising / Visibility	196,125
Auditors Remuneration	322,780
Bank Charges	13,350
Board of Directors Expense	252,576
Emergency Responses	407,908
Cleaning	131,738
Computer Maintenance	238,650
General Expenses	93,384
IFRC Statutory Contribution	113,677
ICRC Statutory Contribution	34,091
APFN Fundraising Network	62,466
Standing Commission fee	44,051
Insurances	249,230
Motor Vehicle Expenses	680,306
Postage	10,506
Power	212,072
Printing & Stationery	226,566
Municipality Rates	33,556
Salaries	1,753,009
Security Costs	320,000
Severance Paid	486,511
Telephone	360,718
Travelling Expenses	655,870
TOTAL EXPENSES	6,899,140

OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) 3,695,379

Other Expenses	
Depreciation Expense	2,609,374
FA Training	437,865
FA Kits	285,285
FA Manual	9,440
Gala Night Expenses	788,475
Flea Market Expenses	9,810
Volunteer Expenses	38,795
Donation Expenses	150,007
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	4,329,051

NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) (633,672)
(including depreciation)

Financial Report: 2014 Income and Expenditure

Projects

Income	
Membership Fees from Projects	7,000
Grants from Australian RC	38,306,889
Grants from ICRC	2,998,465
Grants from IFRC	387,429
Grants from New Zealand RC	4,726,105
Grants from IFRC Kuala Lumpur	310,446
Grants from OXFAM Australian	12,334,042
Grants from French RC	10,956,755
Grants from USA	3,862,599
Grants from Chinese Embassy	2,060,611
Grants from Suisse - Malagwelo	3,830,994
Grants from VAPP - Malagwelo	900,057
TOTAL INCOME	80,681,392

Expenses	
Australian RC Project Expenses	38,399,007
ICRC Project Expenses	2,990,205
IFRC Project Expenses	387,429
IFRC Kuala Lumpur	306,151
OXFAM Australia Project Expenses	19,940,880
USA Project Expenses	7,943,329
China Project Expenses	2,060,611
French Red Cross Project Expenses	11,407,948
New Zealand Red Cross Project Expenses	4,724,571
Malagwelo Project 2013/14	4,541,310
TOTAL EXPENSES	92,701,441

OPERATING SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT)	(12,020,049)
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Investment & Other Income &	
Income carried forward to 2015	-
Prior Year Adjustment	1,038,558
Exchange Losses/Exchange Gains	99,047
TOTAL OTHER INCOME & EXPENSES	1,137,605

NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	(10,882,444)
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Our international partners within the Red Cross and Red Crescent movement offer us financial and technical support that help to strengthen our capacity as a National Society. We would like to thank IFRC, the ICRC, New Zealand Red Cross and in particular French Red Cross and Australian Red Cross who work closely with our team.

OUR PARTNERS



OUR DONORS



OUR SUPPORTERS

The ongoing support of local business is also an important part of our success. Along with the organizations below, we would like to thank Uplift Australia and Pacific International Trust.



The organisations listed above are just some of the many organisations that assisted us in 2014. While we don't have the space to name you all, we would like to thank each and every organization, group and individual who has supported us in some way over the past 12 months.

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