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CAN DO is a consortium of eight faith-based organisations. Our vision is Churches collaborating to enhance community resilience to disaster and conflict.



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Our principles



CAN DO (Church Agencies Network Disaster Operations) is guided by six principles. These are:

Faith matters

CAN DO and its partners are guided by Christian values and identity

It's not about us

CAN DO and its members will focus on the most vulnerable, at-risk communities

Learning and improvement

Members will reflect on their work to strengthen CAN DO's effectiveness

Valuing what each entity brings

Members will balance unity with contributing according to capacities

Trust and respect

Members will mutually respect and honour each other's partnerships and church structures

Transparency

Members will be open, thoughtful and accountable in all representations

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Executive summary

Reflecting on our CAN DO consortium, I'm reminded of the Bible story of young Samuel. Dedicated at birth for the service of God, *"the child Samuel continued to grow in stature and in favour with the Lord and with people"* – 1 Samuel 2:26.

In our third year of journeying together, like young Samuel, CAN DO has continued to grow in stature and favour. Guided by our vision to collaborate and to enhance community resilience to disaster, we, together with our partners, have had successes on a number of fronts:

Our Partnerships

These remain our greatest asset. Our members and partners have continued to share in the broad range of skills, knowledge and experience through various thematic working groups. These have culminated in several outputs, including:

- successful funding proposals,
- a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) mapping of church-owned buildings to serve as evacuation centres in Fiji and Vanuatu,
- a joint CAN DO humanitarian training package,
- Standard Operating Procedures for the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment (PSEAH),
- a joint response to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) call for input into the DFAT PSEAH policy, development of a localisation practice paper and
- development and presentation of localisation case studies.

Our Systems and Procedures

Through enhanced due diligence for higher standards of quality and accountability, we have continued to improve our systems

and procedures, including those relating to safeguarding and risk management.

Our Brand and Value-add

The CAN DO brand has continued to grow and receive recognition from various stakeholders in the sector, both in Australia and overseas. During the year, we received invitations to present on our programs at conferences, meetings and summits. We have also continued to add our voice to the localisation dialogue. The critical role of the Churches in emergency response has been acknowledged, both in PNG by the Australian Government Post, and in Timor-Leste by Disaster READY stakeholders.

Our Continued Learning

Driven by our guiding principle on learning and improvement, we have continued to demonstrate our commitment to continued learning through holding reflections, workshops and meetings. The independent Mid-Term Review of our Roadmap to Resilient Communities and our Annual Health Check confirmed our continued relevance and effectiveness. Suggestions and recommendations from these processes have been incorporated into our ongoing work.

Underpinning all these successes and learnings is a team of extremely gifted and committed members and partners who are supported by an incredibly competent Coordination Unit.

On behalf of the Steering Committee, I extend our heartfelt gratitude and congratulations for another successful year. Together we **CAN DO** all things!

Leah Odongo

CAN DO Steering Committee Chair

CAN DO achievements 2018-19



COORDINATION AND PARTNERSHIP

- Secured successful funding for the Sulawesi earthquake response in Indonesia which was completed by three partners in three months, reaching 29,478 beneficiaries
- Response to Ambae volcano in Vanuatu reached 4,142 beneficiaries
- PNG partners ongoing implementation of earthquake response - installing water tanks, WASH and Hygiene activities, psychosocial support - response funded by DFAT and MFAT
- GIS Safe'n'Redi platform developed and piloted in Fiji and Vanuatu
- Successful Partnerships and Performance Fund proposal – awarded AUD1.5 million through AHP Disaster READY from DFAT, for the expansion of GIS mapping activities in Fiji and Vanuatu, refitting selected churches and to run a Safe'n'Redi campaign



CAPACITY BUILDING

- Joint CAN DO Humanitarian Training Package developed and piloted in one Disaster READY country, which enhanced the consortium's ability to provide consistent training alongside our partners
- Development and implementation of knowledge management platform for the consortium



COMMUNICATIONS AND ADVOCACY

- Vanuatu partners presented on the Ambae response at the Centre for Humanitarian Leadership conference
- Representation in Canberra for Indonesian Scholarship Delegation



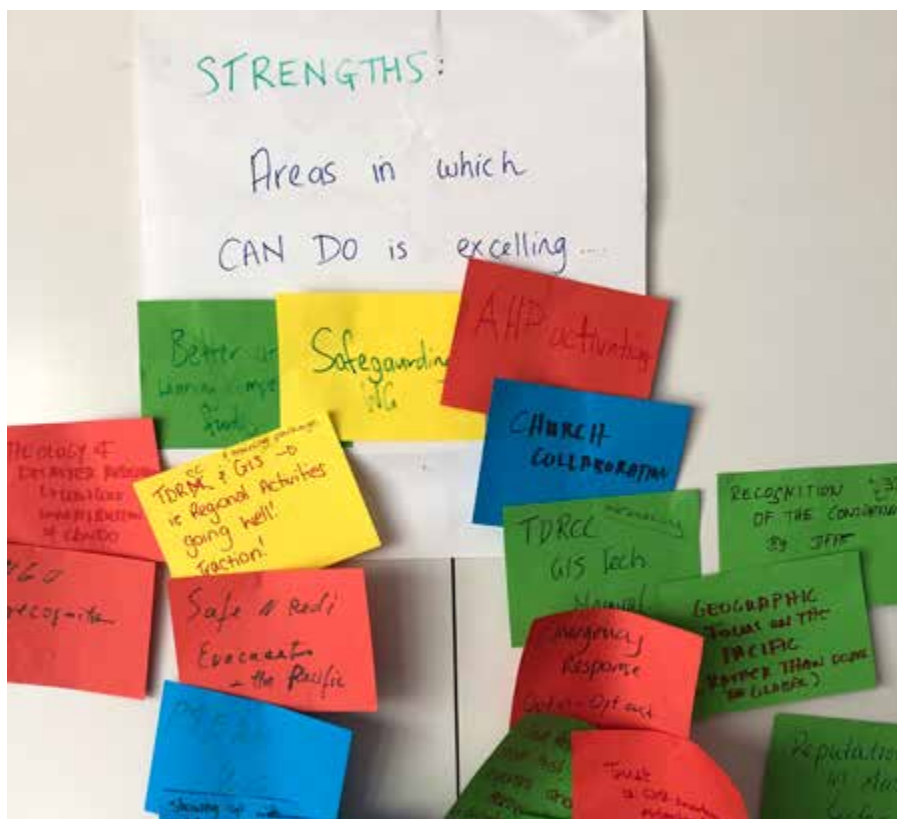
QUALITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

- Reviewed CAN DO member agency PSEAH policies and procedures
- Developed Standard Operating Procedures for PSEAH
- Reviewed and updated risk matrix, in response to outcome from due diligence workshop
- Reviewed and updated Roadmap



LOCALISATION

- Development and sharing of localisation practice paper at the Australian Localisation Experts Dialogue in January 2019
- Development and presentation of localisation case studies for the Ambae and PNG response.
- Invited to present on a localisation panel at the Australasian Aid Conference and to leadership summits



Localisation - What have we done?

CAN DO members are committed to working with local church partners and grassroots organisations to increase their capacity to respond to emergencies, as well as supporting them to build resilience and implement disaster risk reduction activities in their communities.

In consultation with partners, CAN DO's definition of localisation is

"A process where local peoples' capacity is strengthened to lead, plan and prepare, and gives respect to the local context from response to recovery."

In FY18/19 several initiatives were undertaken by CAN DO in the localisation space, including:

- A case study was completed by Transform Aid International (TAI) with significant input from Anglican Overseas Aid (AOA), featuring the Ambae Volcano localisation case study. The paper was titled "Church networks and localisation practice in the Pacific – CAN DO church partner response to the Ambae Volcano Vanuatu." This paper was prepared for the ACFID Localisation Experts Dialogue, attended by six CAN DO representatives, in late January 2019. The paper is the first research piece in a series over the lifetime of Disaster READY.
- Grace Asten from AOA joined a localisation panel on "Tracking progress on World Humanitarian Summit commitments in the Pacific" at the Australasian Aid Conference in February 2019.

- The research paper "Church networks and localisation practice in the Pacific" was further developed and presented at the Deakin University's Centres Humanitarian Leadership conference. The paper was developed by Belinda Lauria (AOA) and presented by Belinda and Ethel George (Anglican Church of Melanesia - ACOM). The paper has been submitted and accepted for publication in the Centre for Humanitarian Leadership's Journal, Working Paper series.

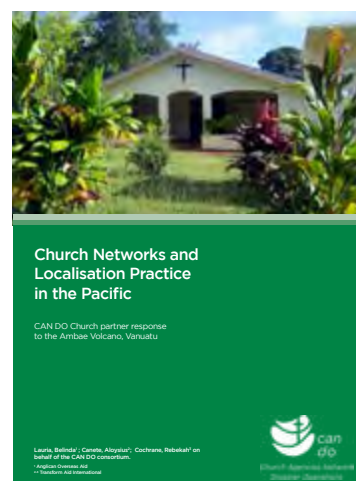
Each of these works and events provided CAN DO with an opportunity to raise its profile and highlight the importance of the Church and a faith-based approach to localisation in the Pacific.

A CAN DO Working Group on localisation was formed at the CAN DO workshop in June 2019. Australian Lutheran World Service is chairing the working group and is made up of the following members: AOA, Anglican Board of Mission (ABM), Caritas Australia and the Coordination Unit.

The objective of the CAN DO Localisation Working group is to meaningfully engage with our local partners in the development of a CAN DO strategy on localisation for our partnerships in the Pacific.



Ethel George, Women's Desk Officer at the Anglican Church of Melanesia. (Photo credit: Nils von Kalm, Anglican Overseas Aid)



"Church networks and localisation practice in the Pacific - CAN DO church partner response to the Ambae Volcano Vanuatu" - the first research piece produced by CAN DO

Safeguarding

CAN DO continues to strengthen safeguarding initiatives within the consortium to mitigate risks and ensure the safety of those engaged in our programmes.

Safeguarding specialists from each agency have come together to form a Safeguarding Working Group, and this year we have had some significant achievements. Most notably these are:

- Taking a coordinated approach to the Safeguarding review of 10 CAN member agencies,
- Coming to an agreement on a common approach for members in developing their agency's PSEAH code of conduct and policies,
- Aligning all agency PSEAH definitions and standards across all CAN DO agencies,

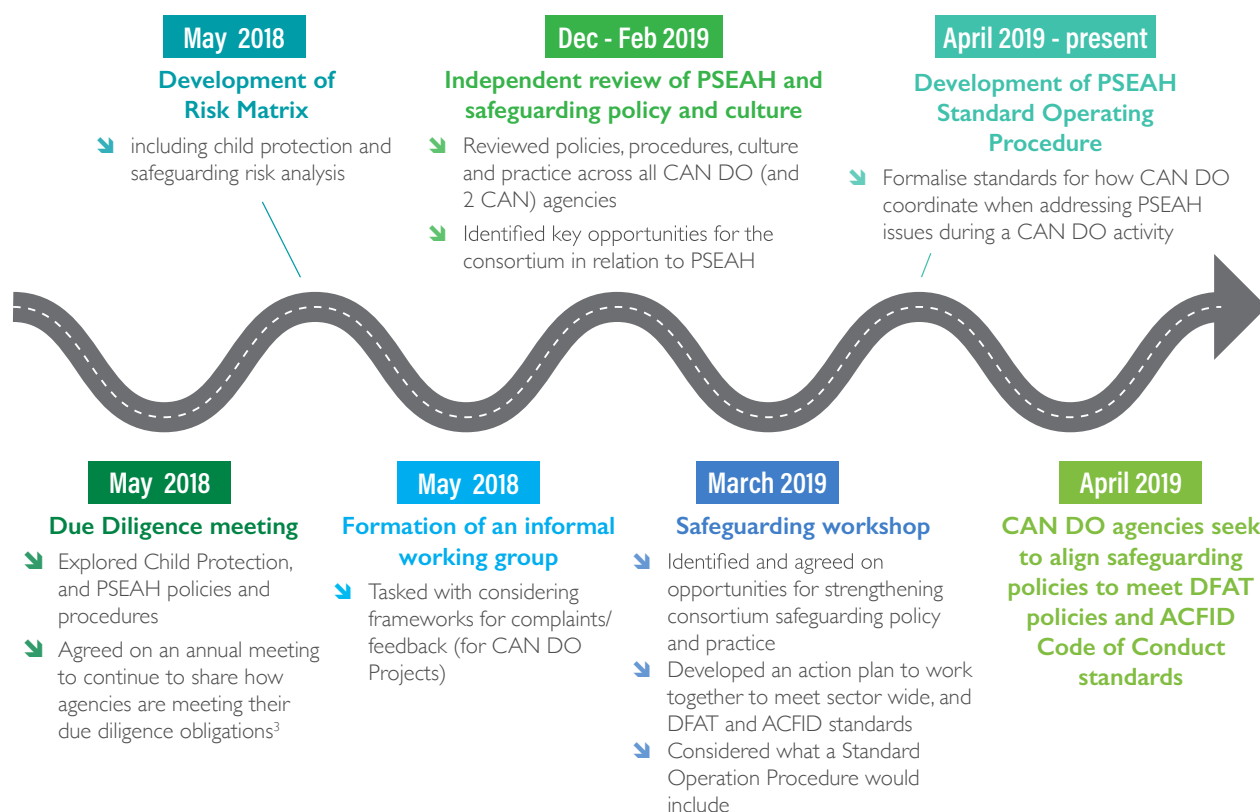
- Appointing a CAN DO Safeguarding focal point,
- The development of our Safeguarding Standard Operating Procedure (SOP).

The Safeguarding SOP is a unique consortium approach to safeguarding.

What's next in Safeguarding:

The Safeguarding Working Group will be developing a joint approach to partner training, socialization of Safeguarding policies and procedures.

CAN DO's Safeguarding Journey





VALUING WHAT EACH ENTITY BRINGS

Disaster READY

CAN DO, as part of the Australian Humanitarian Partnership, is implementing disaster preparedness programming in Fiji, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea. This is through the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's multi-year funding for the Disaster READY program.

For each Disaster READY country, we take an approach of having a lead agency which drives the Disaster READY activities, valuing what each entity brings in their approach and in the strength of their partners. The lead agencies in each Disaster READY country are: AOA in the Solomon Islands, Caritas Australia in Papua New Guinea, Act for Peace in Vanuatu and Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) in Fiji. Act for Peace in Vanuatu and Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) in Fiji. Disaster READY also includes multi-country activities. These are the Theology of Disaster Resilience in a Changing Climate, the Humanitarian Training Package and GIS mapping of church owned assets.

A Theology of Disaster Resilience in a Changing Climate – (TDR)

As part of Disaster READY, CAN DO has been developing "A Theology of Disaster Resilience in a Changing Climate."

In August 2018, 10 theologians and practitioners from Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, and Australia met in Suva to explore and consider what a context-specific theology of Disaster Risk Management might look like for the Pacific. Prior to the group meeting, baseline surveys were conducted in Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu with

church leaders, communities and other stakeholders. The purpose of the baseline surveys was to provide data to inform the theology of Disaster Risk Management and to test the assumption that theological beliefs underpin people's responses to natural disasters, climate change and the environment.

Drawing from the baseline survey results, and through intense and robust theological discussions over the week, the following core statement emerged: Preparedness is an element of discipleship for a Resilient Pacific Earth Community. It was agreed that this statement will frame the development of the framework paper and the accompanying Bible studies.

The name of the resource - the "Theology of Disaster Resilience in a Changing Climate" was chosen by the Pacific Islander theologians. This title recognises the reality for Pacific Islanders that climate change is often the cause of disasters, and that elements of climate injustice (the selfishness and greed of a few) have led to Pacific Island communities (and in particular those who are poor and vulnerable in other ways) disproportionately experiencing the impacts of climate change.

These are complete and available for download at: <https://www.unitingworld.org.au/projects/disaster-preparation-climate-change/>

The Theology of Disaster Resilience in a Changing Climate

Reverend Amy Chambers

Reverend Amy Chambers is the CAN DO representative from the Anglican Church in Fiji. The Anglican Church is represented in CAN DO Fiji Disaster READY implementation. Following the devastation of Tropical Cyclone (TC) Winston in 2016, CAN DO Fiji was formed. Rev. Amy was part of the initial group of Churches that brainstormed issues affecting Fiji, and played a prevalent role in discussing an appropriate response.

"When CAN DO came from Australia, (after Cyclone Winston) one important presentation to them was from the director of the National Disaster Management Office (NDMO). He acknowledged the power that churches have, and secondly he apologized to the churches that they hadn't fully utilized their networks in the TC Winston response.

In Fiji, it wasn't until Cyclone Winston that the Government realized the power the church has. They stretch across the urban and rural areas and the call of the church is strong in people's lives. That also made me realise that we hadn't talked to each other as churches. We were just dealing with our little congregation where we were. The Fiji Council of Churches wasn't working at that time, with the Anglicans doing their bit, Catholics doing their bit. We realized we need to talk to each other, network and pool our resources together."

From the baseline, it was found that across the Pacific, it is a common way of thought to believe natural disasters are the direct result of one's sins. In Fiji, the Anglican Church seeks to promote the Theology of Disaster Resilience in a Changing Climate, and take an active role in promoting the theology through Disaster READY. When asked how the theology will improve the lives of those affected by disaster, Rev. Amy said:

"They will begin to understand that it's not them or their sin causing disaster. People still believe that, in spite of the teachings we do, and they want to blame their neighbour or somebody else. That thinking is still very much alive. I hope they will now say (extreme weather events) are the effect of climate change and a mystery to us, but we can understand and do something to prepare"



Photo credit: Aletia Dundas, UnitingWorld

Humanitarian Training Package

In 2016, CAN DO decided to consolidate all of our member training resources into one humanitarian training for partner staff, funded through Disaster READY. We wanted something that reflects our Christian values for service and covers the basics in international humanitarian principles, standards and best practice. Thus, the CAN DO Humanitarian Training Package was born. This work is contributing towards our goal of Church partners and communities being actively engaged in their own community resilience building, disaster risk reduction and response. It sets out international disaster terminology and principles in plain language that is easily accessible to communities and draws on participants' own knowledge and context to demonstrate learnings.

The innovation in this training package is how we will work with our Church partners to also produce a theological understanding, as we work with Churches to speak in a way that is locally accessible to communities.

The training package is underpinned by three broad learning outcomes:

- CAN DO partners have a shared understanding of key international humanitarian principles, standards and approaches to disaster response in the Pacific
- CAN DO partners can consistently and collectively apply international humanitarian standards and best practice to their disaster response activities in communities
- CAN DO partners can facilitate effective learning programs with partners and community groups

Each session includes a step-by-step session plan containing learning objectives, key messages, exercises and activities and reference to relevant training tools. Each session is developed so it can be delivered as a single training or combined with other sessions to formulate a more comprehensive package.

Humanitarian Training Package: Theological Component

At the heart of Christian mission and ministry is the call of Jesus to care for the vulnerable, marginalized and poor and to ensure that those in our care are protected; their dignity affirmed and respected, regardless of their ethnicity, religion, sex, age or ability. The local congregation becomes the focal point of contact for many in the community during disasters. It is a role that the Church takes seriously and honours. As churches, and as part of our active discipleship and custodianship of creation and the resources available to us, it is our responsibility as Christians to be prepared to respond in love (see Mark 12: 28-34, 1 John 4: 10-21 & Matthew 5:43-45) and to mitigate the impact of disasters. Preparedness embodies prayer, discernment and action.

Designing your Training Program - The Training Wheel



LEARNING AND IMPROVEMENT



Disaster READY Fiji

The Disaster READY program in Fiji focusses on training Church volunteers in DRR and the mapping of church evacuation centres. This year, Fiji focussed on developing, endorsing and commencing the use of training materials and policies by church leaders. Additionally, CAN DO Fiji has continued with volunteer training and

mapping of church assets for use as evacuation centres. Activities this FY have included finalisation and training of trainers on the TDR, the review and updating of partner churches' Child Protection Policies, Volunteer training and GIS mapping of Church compounds for use as evacuation centres.

Disaster READY Fiji: Nadave Disaster Risk Reduction Training

On the 18th - 20th March 2019, ADRA Fiji, in partnership with the Social Empowerment Education Program Organisation (SEEP), ran a DRR training for four villages in the Naboubuco district, in the province of Naitasiri, Fiji. This district was chosen as it was hit hard by a Category 5 Tropical Cyclone in 2016, and the community needed tools to better prepare for such a disaster in the future. The aim of the training was to equip the participants with skills necessary to face the four phases of a disaster. Presentations were run by the CAN DO Fiji/ADRA team as well as guest presenters from the National Disaster Management Office, Fiji Disabled People's Federation, National Fire Authority, Empower Pacific, Fiji Police, Save the Children and the Ministry of Health. As an activity, participants were grouped according to their villages and tasked with developing a seasonal calendar, a map of their village, a Hazard, Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment and a DRM and DRR plan. From these activities, facilitators were able to capture what participants already understood and

could then elaborate further on areas they felt participants needed to know more about.

Since the training in March, participants have taken their learning and presented in the Boso Vaka Koro (village meeting) where a DRR community committee was elected. The team interviewed a representative from SEEP, asking him to share his experience on the DRR training. Mr. Josefa Ravea stated that "I had limited knowledge and understanding of DRR before the training, but as the training progressed I have an increased understanding of DRR terminology and actions. The training has changed my view towards DRR and I have begun sharing with my family what I have learnt. I have also been encouraging rural communities to prepare through awareness trainings and informal sharing of DRR knowledge." CAN DO continues to conduct trainings in Fiji and simulation exercises in communities that have not been visited by other NGOs or Government.



Participants of DRR Training in Nadave, Tailevu. (Photo credit: ADRA Fiji.)



Participants of DRR Training in Nadave, Tailevu. (Photo credit: ADRA Fiji.)

Safe'n'Redi - GIS Mapping as part of Disaster READY

Globally, cyclones and other natural disasters are becoming more and more frequent. However, most private homes in the Pacific are not built to withstand strong cyclones, meaning that community members often have to find shelter elsewhere. Thankfully there is often a church building nearby which is sturdy and caters to the needs of a diverse population.

This is why we have developed the Safe 'n' Redi website, which lists church-owned buildings that have been mapped by our enumerators and earmarked to be used as evacuation centres. CAN DO trains church volunteers to map compounds in the community. Their surveys collect detailed information about the building and supporting infrastructure, how many people it can safely fit and what condition it is in, as well as information on facilities such as sanitation, cooking, washing, water supply, power, and disability access.

The information gathered is based on the Fiji and Vanuatu National Selection and Assessment Criteria of Evacuation Centres and the Pacific Disability Forums Guidelines on physical accessibility. Mapping has started in Fiji and Vanuatu and will be expanded to the Solomon Islands in the next financial year.

The website provides information to make an informed and timely decision about which sites to open during times of an emergency.

"The lady inside the house looks after the Catholic Church property and initially did not give permission for us to map out the church. We explained to her about the CAN DO and how we will go about the GIS Mapping. Then she allowed us to do the mapping." - Timaleti Ratuyalewa, ADRA Fiji Project team member



The data can be collected online as well as offline by trained volunteers through a dedicated App (Android and iPhone), and is maintained by the churches owning the buildings, locally, regionally and on national levels.



Church volunteers undertake GIS mapping as part of Disaster READY activities in Vanuau Balavu, Fiji. (Photo credit: Timaleti Ratuyalewa.)



GIS mapping Levuka. (Photo credit: Timaleti Ratuyalewa.)



Church volunteers undertake GIS mapping as part of Disaster READY in Levuka, Fiji. (Photo credit: Timaleti Ratuyalewa.)

Disaster READY Vanuatu

The Disaster READY program in Vanuatu is implemented by the Vanuatu Christian Council (VCC). The program focus for the last year was in setting up working groups of church leaders, disability representatives, and relevant government departments to develop, test and endorse training materials for community leaders. During the year, the Safe 'n' Redi GIS platform has been improved with a New Mapping App for Evacuation Centres. Mapping data from 2018 has been handed over to the NDMO and United Nations International Office for Migration, for use in Sanma province, in the Northern part of Vanuatu. Psycho-Social Support resources have been developed and trialled with displaced people from the Ambae Volcano disaster in three host communities on Ambrym island, and TDR implementation has begun. Activities have taken place on Efate with selected participants from Espiritu Santo and Ambrym. The program activities will move to Espiritu Santo in the next financial year.



Pastor Solomon Bebe. (Photo credit: George Tabi, Vanuatu Christian Council)

Psychosocial Support Training Vanuatu as part of Disaster READY

As a Pastor, Solomon Bebe is seen as a source of strength, advice and unity for his community. When the Manaro Voui volcano erupted in 2018, Mr Bebe had been among the evacuees of Ambae Island to Santo. He recalls, *"I had been with the people during these terrible times of eruption and all you can see in their eyes was a loss of hope, a time where many thought God was punishing them."*

Following the Manaro eruption, Pastor Bebe attended Psycho-Social Support training (PSS), run by the CAN DO Consortium, through Disaster READY. This enhanced his ability to provide counsel to those around him. In his own words, PSS training broadened his perspective on how to support people dealing with trauma as a result of a disaster. Through his experience,

Pastor Bebe has become an advocate for PSS training. He encourages all Church leaders to take advantage of the opportunity to attend this training and that all Churches should share with their communities any information retrieved. As Pastor Bebe notes, Church leaders and Pastors are trusted figures in their communities – they are very present within the lives of individuals and aim to assist their parishioners during times of struggle.

On a personal level, Mr Bebe has witnessed those who seek psycho-social support emerge with a higher level of confidence. He says he will continue learning about psychological issues and that he dreams of becoming confident in addressing them.

Solomon Islands Disaster READY

The Disaster READY project in the Solomon Islands focusses on increasing collaboration and coordination between the six national Church partners, with members working together in working group meetings, and participation in and delivery of joint trainings and activities. This was significant because, prior to Disaster READY, the churches have not coordinated across so many activities and provinces to the level that they are now. As with all DR countries, the Solomon Islands is delivering the TDR in Church communities. It also led the first active in-country trials of the CAN DO Humanitarian Training Package. The Solomon Islands CAN DO program is demonstrating a localised approach by using other CAN DO country technical leads from Fiji and Vanuatu to deliver specific technical training of trainers in GIS mapping and TDR.

Papua New Guinea Disaster READY

The Disaster READY program in PNG focuses on effective engagement in disaster preparedness from the community level up to leadership levels, within the church systems. The activities focus on developing coordination mechanisms for church Disaster Risk Management (DRM) activities and capacity building of church partners, leaders and the community, via the Church Partnership Program (CPP). The church partners in PNG work through a central coordination hub and working group which builds skills, knowledge and strategically aligns and links with national and subnational humanitarian structures in PNG. This year the PNG Church Partners have prioritized strengthening community preparedness mechanisms for rapid and slow-onset disasters in two pilot provinces: Western Highlands and Bougainville. This includes the implementation of the TDR, facilitating an Emergency Response Preparedness Plan at the national and sub-national levels and training Churches to facilitate community based-DRM activities.



Map of planned sites for GIS mapping, Solomon Islands.

(Photo credit:ADRA Solomon Islands)



Raynick from ADRA SI plotting the CAN DO Solomon Islands GIS mapping of potential evacuation centres on Guadalcanal.

(Photo credit:ADRA SI)



Disaster Ready baseline focus group discussions in Western Province, Solomon Islands. (Photo credit:ACOM Solomon Islands)



Disaster Ready baseline focus group discussions in Western Province, Solomon Islands. (Photo credit:ACOM Solomon Islands)

CAN DO member reach

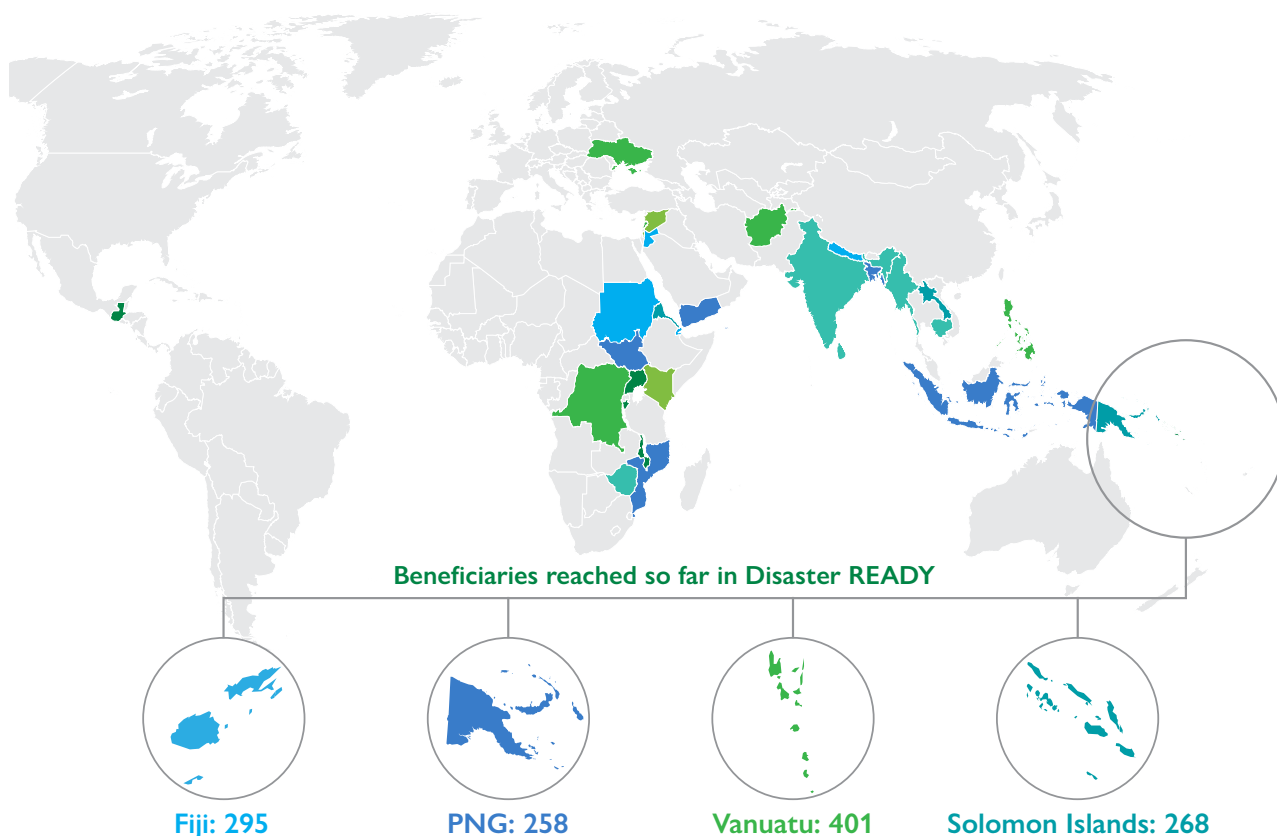
Members have programs all over the world. Although not all of these are funded through CAN DO, our reach globally as a consortium is significant, reaching over 1.4 million people in need of humanitarian assistance from across the world.

CAN DO members and partners supported emergency responses in 32 countries, collectively reaching nearly 1.5 million beneficiaries.



Photo credit: H Wilstrom, ALWS

Burundi: Marie has faced emergency after emergency in her life. The war in Burundi came to her village when she was only 13, forcing her to flee as a refugee. In later years, when Marie had her own family, her husband was abducted by rebels and killed. CAN DO member, the Australian Lutheran World Service, and Lutheran World Federation, supported Marie to build her own house and garden. She is excited about life again, and says "My heart will be full of joy!"



CAN DO members responded to humanitarian crises in...



Afghanistan

Education and livelihoods



Burundi

Community Empowerment Program



Bangladesh

Rohingya refugee crisis



Cambodia

Flood response and livelihood recovery



Djibouti

Education and protection for refugee children



DRC

Ebola preparedness, prevention and control



Eritrea

Drought and food security



Gaza

Outpatient ward reconstruction



Guatemala

Volcano earthquake recovery



Indonesia

Earthquake and tsunami recovery, Palu earthquake response



India

Flooding and cyclones



Jordan

Syrian refugee response



Kenya

Drought resilience and refugee assistance



Laos

Attapeu flood response



Lebanon

Syrian refugee response and protection activities



Malawi

Flooding and food security



Mozambique

Cyclone response and food security



Myanmar

Social-Pastoral program



Nepal

Earthquake recovery program



Palestinian Territories

Emergency health response



PNG

Flooding response



Philippines

Typhoon recovery and response



Solomon Islands

Cyclone Oma response



South Sudan

Strengthening integrated livelihoods strategies and peaceful coexistence capacities for conflict affected returnees, IDPs, Host Communities and at risk communities



Sri Lanka

Humanitarian crisis



Sudan

Darfur Appeal



Syria

Syrian refugee crisis



Tonga

Cyclone Gita response: food security, shelter and protection



Ukraine

Winterisation relief



Uganda

Humanitarian response



Yemen

Humanitarian response



Zimbabwe

Cyclone Idai response, Cholera response

Emergency highlights

CAN DO responds to the Papua New Guinea Earthquake

On the 26th of February 2018, an earthquake measuring 7.5Mw struck the Southern Highlands, Hela and the Western Provinces of PNG. CAN DO partners responded together, jointly addressing the immediate needs of the 40 hardest hit communities, collectively reaching 51,965 beneficiaries. The response ran from the 31st March 2018 to the 31st of August 2019. Working with three Australian agencies alongside their partners required trust and respect, with CAN DO members mutually honouring and respecting each other's partnerships and church structures.

Caritas Australia PNG (CAPNG) was the in-country lead agency for the management and coordination of this project, in partnership with the Catholic Church, United Church in PNG (UCPNG), Evangelical Lutheran Church of Papua New Guinea (ELCPNG) and ADRA PNG. CA PNG played a lead role in direct implementation. Church partners

were also supported by their Australian counterparts: Caritas Australia, UnitingWorld, Australian Lutheran World Service and ADRA.



Unloading tanks during the PNG earthquake response. (Photo credit: ADRA PNG)

Pastor Raymond Kurumu

In October 2018, CAN DO partners attended a week long counselling workshop in Mendi, PNG, hosted by the United Church as part of the Highlands Earthquake Response project. One important participant was a pastor from the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Papua New Guinea based in Kagua station. Pastor Kurumu has been involved in church community development for more than 10 years, after graduating from the Ogelbeng Seminary in Mt Hagen, Western Highlands province. Pastor Kurumu is also a farmer and has tried different cultivation ideas in rice farming, coffee and animal husbandry.

The counselling/care and peace building training was originally designed to benefit the earthquake victims, however Pastor Raymond has now trained more than 50 other counsellors and peace mediators in Kagua, Ialibu and Mendi, demonstrating the wider impact of the work CAN DO has through Churches.

The CAN DO-sponsored training in Mendi was more in-depth than the training received at seminary school, and explained different approaches to counselling and conflict resolution. This enabled Pastor Raymond to successfully lead more than two peace mediation processes in Kagua. The third major peace process pastor Raymond is involved in is the Sugu Valley conflict, where there have been more than 30 recorded deaths and hundreds of families displaced.

Pastor Raymond is the only leader who is accepted by both rivals onto their land to negotiate for peace using

traditional and contemporary methods of restoring peace in the community. When interviewed, he was negotiating with the Kagua businessmen around the country to assist the communities with portable sawmills to rebuild homes that have been damaged in the conflict. Pastor Raymond has also been involved in a Community Based DRR training supported by the ELCPNG Church Partnership Program and was the WASH focal point in the Earthquake response.

Pastor Raymond explained that "Counsellor training I received from the seminary was basic, and as part of my pastoral duties, I applied these skills in relationship counselling, communion confessions or other family issues. After attending the counselling training conducted by the United church in Mendi, I was able to lead two major peace processes in Kagua. One is between the Wambea and Riarepa groups and the other is the Sugu valley crisis. Without fear and favour, I stood between these groups and negotiated for peace because government was slow to respond. I am the only person allowed into the warring communities on both sides. The different skills in approaching the types of conflict was a plus and enabled me to perform to the next level. Thank you for interviewing me and writing my story".



Photo credit: Felicity McCullum, Caritas Australia

Mr and Mrs Kuling of Mendi are among the couples driving change as local champions offering compassion to other households suffering from trauma and fear arising from the complex emotional, social, physical and spiritual losses. The couple are among the community-based counsellors that have been key to building in women and developing the family approach to trauma and conflict counselling."



PNG Earthquake evaluation trip in the Southern Highlands, PNG. (Photo credit: André Breitenstein)



Earthquake damage in the Southern Highlands, PNG. (Photo credit: André Breitenstein)

CAN DO members have a large reach through their networks.

CAN DO member ABM also responded to the earthquake, through their partner Anglicare PNG. The Anglicare PNG response was not undertaken through CAN DO, however it was done in close coordination with CAN DO in-country partners. Anglicare PNG reached an agreement

with other CAN DO in-country partners regarding the list of communities before proceeding. By early 2019, Anglicare PNG and local volunteers had installed nine water catchment tanks across communities around Mende. All of the communities were non-Anglican.



Anglicare PNG Volunteers at Sunda Full Gospel Local Church. (Photo credit: Anglicare PNG)



Anglicare PNG Volunteers creating the concrete slab box for the basement at Yaken Aid Post, Mendi SHP. (Photo credit: Anglicare PNG)

CAN DO responds to the Sulawesi earthquake and tsunami, Indonesia

At 5pm on September 28 2019, a 7.5 magnitude earthquake hit the Minahassa Peninsula, Central Sulawesi, Indonesia. The earthquake triggered a tsunami which engulfed Palu City and significant stretches of the coastline of Donggala District. In addition to the earthquake and tsunami, soil liquefaction caused widespread damage and destruction.

CAN DO, with three member agencies: ADRA, Caritas Australia and Act for Peace, and their partners: ADRA Indonesia, Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and Christian World Service

(CRS) responded in Palu City, Donggala District and Sigi District. The focus of CAN DO's response was on the delivery of water systems to allow for access to adequate quantities of quality water, delivery of essential sanitation and hygiene, supplies such as tarps for building shelters and provision of debris clearance and emergency shelter to affected people.

By working through multiple partners, we were able to provide greater community impact. In total CAN DO reached 29,478 beneficiaries.



Construction of emergency shelter. (Photo credit: CRS Indonesia.)



Asia with her grandmother (90+) in front of an emergency shelter in Lolu, Sigi. They are one of the families that was affected by the earthquake and liquefaction and have been staying at the camp since. The emergency shelter seen in the photo was built with assistance of shelter materials from CAN DO partners. (Theresia Kinanti Dewi, 3 December 2018).

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Health check

Highlighting improvements made

Every year CAN DO conducts a Healthcheck survey, to ensure we are constantly striving to improve and strengthen our effectiveness. From the first health check conducted in FY16/17, we have made some significant gains. In FY17/18 the improvements we needed to make were around AHP activations and securing funding, promoting an ecumenical approach to emergency response and the need for an improved understanding of CAN DO externally. Some improvements suggested from members from FY18/19 are:

- Securing non-DFAT funding
- Planning and preparedness for AHP activations
- PNG earthquake coordination
- Clarity of the roles/responsibilities shared between the CAN DO CU, Lead Agency, Steering Committee and CAN CEOs
- Communication between members
- Management of staff turnover

While in FY17/18, some of the major positive aspects highlighted were engagement of the Coordination Unit, successfully tendering for the AHP and the approach to workshops in the Pacific, in FY18/19, highlights were our Disaster

READY programs, the Safeguarding review and Raising of CAN DO's profile. Members identified that the key areas to focus on to continue our success are:

- The ongoing role and leadership of the CU in providing support and communication in relation to Disaster Ready and Safeguarding
- Collaboration through increased engagement in activations and Disaster READY activities
- Ongoing investment, ownership and drive, from agencies
- Applying lessons learned from previous humanitarian responses to our work
- Open communication between all members and the CU

Overall, member feedback was positive and we will continue to strive to deliver the biggest impact collectively to the communities we serve.

Together we CAN DO more! See you in FY19/20.

Thanks,

The CAN DO team



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