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**Planning Long, Acting Short
The Government's Policy Priorities for 2009-12**

Governance				
Responsible macroeconomic and fiscal management	Finalise and institutionalise new development budget process to better align resources to priorities.	MFEM/MPM	• New Development Budget process implemented	2010
	Maintain prudent budget management practices at all levels of government.		• Any deficit should not exceed 3% of the overall budget	ongoing
	Maintain sound and stable monetary Policy.		• Sustainable debt level in relation to GDP maintained	ongoing
	Pursue a higher real economic growth rate		• Stable financial system maintained	ongoing
			• Maintain at least 5% average real GDP growth over the four-year period	2009-2012
	Strengthen the legal regime governing the appropriation and use of public funds.	MFEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised PFEM Act presented to Parliament • Finance Regulation 2.2 report submitted • Compliance with PFEM Act and regulations enhanced • Review of the whole taxation system completed 	2009 2009 ongoing 2009
	Payroll Cost maintained at the manageable level	MFEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Link between the PSC, Department of Finance and line Ministries strengthened • Financial Service Bureaus established • Stronger control of payroll • An increased proportion of government budget allocated for operational expenditure 	2009 2009 2010
	Adequate resources made available for operational expenditure.			

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	Strengthen government procurement and disposal of assets	MFEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contracts and Tenders Act and supporting procedures and practices Reviewed Development partners have more confidence in and use government processes to finance project related activities 	2009 2010
Strengthen accountability and transparency in public offices and institutions.	Revive the public accounts committee.	MPM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public accounts committee convened on a regular basis 	2009
	Implement recommendations of the Ombudsman Review Report	MPM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ombudsman Act amended to ensure Ombudsman reports can be used as evidence Capacity building program in place Leadership Tribunal established 	2009 2010
	Develop or amend relevant laws to hold Political Leaders and bureaucrats accountable to their decision.	MPM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laws enacted or amended 	2011
	Revisit government ability to pursue legal recourse for financial loss	MJSW/MPM/MFEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government recovered at least 30% of outstanding financial losses 	ongoing
	Strengthen the capacity of the Auditor General's Office.	MPM/MFEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Auditor General appointed Technical support program in place Active audit work program developed and implemented 	2009
	Review the performance of state owned entities (SOEs) and where necessary abolish or institute reforms as required	MFEM/MPM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Targeted SOEs reviewed and reformed Government's financial exposure to SOEs reduced SOEs Act Passed by Parliament 	2009-2011 2009
Abolish or Privatise non-performing SOEs	MFEM/MPM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government shares in SOEs sold 	2010	

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Decentralisation through more effective utilisation of human resources	<p>Review Governance Structure and status of the six Provinces</p> <p>Develop Urbanisation Policy to improve urban management</p>	MOIA/MPM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role of the Secretary General strengthened • Coordination and Planning improved • Decentralisation Act improved • Minister declaration made on potential urban areas subject to physical planning Act • Key positions in Province/Municipal be made permanent 	<p>2010</p> <p>2012</p> <p>2009/10</p>
Stability of government	<p>Promote political stability</p> <p>Review Government Ministerial structure.</p>	MPM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant Constitutional Review committee recommendations implemented. • Political parties legislation passed by parliament • Government Act Amended • People's Representation Acts Reviewed • Government's Ministry structure reviewed and rationalised 	<p>2009</p> <p>2010</p> <p>2012</p>
Strengthening of a Professional and Robust Foreign Services	<p>Institutional Strengthening of Foreign Services in line with Foreign Service Act</p> <p>Explore opportunities to expand bilateral relations</p> <p>Review Vanuatu's membership to regional and international organisations</p> <p>Facilitate appointment of Ni Vanuatu to foreign Missions</p>	MOFA/MPM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointment of heads of missions made in accordance with the foreign service Act • Technical cooperation agreement with non-traditional donors established • Contribution to regional/international organisation rationalised in line with ESCAP review recommendations • Legislations to accommodate career diplomatic services amended 	<p>2010</p> <p>2009</p> <p>2010</p>

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Land				
Equitable and sustainable development of land while ensuring the heritage of future generations	Implement key recommendations of the national land summit especially sustainable utilisation of land by Ni Vanuatu.	MLNR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land reform program implemented to ensure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Better-informed collective customary decision-making. ○ Participatory land governance. ○ More effective and efficient enabling services. ○ More efficient utilisation of land resources 	2012
	¹ Strengthen Land laws Act to increase transparency in land lease decisions.	MLNR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law amended to increase transparency and reduce opportunities for corruption in the use of ministerial powers in land disputes. • Government capacity to acquire land for public interest enhanced 	2009-2010
	Strengthen the capacity of the MLNR to formulate and implement land policies and laws.	MLNR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MLNR restructured to better cope with workload; increase resource allocation to MLNR 	2012
	Promote sustainable environment	MLNR/MOIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EIA carried out in all development • National Disaster management Plan implemented 	2009 Ongoing
Infrastructure				
Reliable and accessible infrastructure services	Strengthening the institutional capacity of MIPU	MIPU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity building program in place. • Better infrastructure policies and implementation plans 	2009
	Rehabilitate and maintain the national road network to facilitate economic growth and service delivery.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resources committed to road maintenance expanded. • Use of private sector and local communities for road works and employment creation in rural areas increased. 	Ongoing 2009-2012

¹ Although this is a governance issue, for monitoring purpose it is preferred to be under land section.

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	Ensure vigorous telecommunications competition continues to drive lower prices and greater access	MIPU/Telecoms Regulator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent independent regulator established • UAP Fund used to extend subsidised telecoms services to remote areas • New telecommunications legislation presented to Parliament • SPIN and E-Government programs successfully completed • Competition in the telecommunications industry sustained. 	2009 2009 2010 Ongoing
	Ensure that power is more widely available at a fair price. Explore/expand and invest on potential renewable energy sources.	MLNR/URA/MIPU MLNR/URA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilities Regulatory Authority (URA) maintains effective regulatory oversight. • Power tariff reviewed. • Luganville concession re-tendered • Access and rural electrification programs increased. 	ongoing 2009 2009 2009
	Improve shipping, wharf and storage facilities	MIPU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy, legal, institutional and governance of the domestic shipping industry strengthened. • Management and oversight of current stevedoring concession agreements improved. • Strategy for long-term wharf and stevedoring services developed and embarked on. • Feasibility study on the need to establish an inland ports completed 	2011 2011 2010 2010
	Expansion/Construction of new international airport Upgrading of Domestic Airstrips Review the Air services/upper air space agreement	MIPU/MTBD MIPU MIPU/MTBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feasibility study completed. • Airstrip identified and funding secured • New agreements signed. 	2010 2010 2010

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Productive Sector				
Support the productive sectors as an engine for investment, economic growth and employment	Improved Productive sector institutional capacities	MTBD/MPM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fully-fledged Department of Trade and Industry established. 	2009
	Improve farmers' access to markets and information	MTBD/MNBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information, market access and facilities, especially between and within Provinces improved 	2010
	Improve access to credit facilities through existing commercial and micro credit schemes	MTBD/MNBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support to microfinance programs enhanced 	2011
	Institutional Strengthening of DARD, Fisheries, and Forestry Extension Services.	MAQFF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capacity building program in place for DARD, Forestry and Fisheries extension services 	2010
	Restructure and strengthen Quarantine Services to facilitate export growth	MAQFF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capacity building program in place to ensure compliance with sanitary and phytosanitary requirements 	2010
	Provide institutional strengthening for livestock services	MAQFF/MLNR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organic certification program enhanced Cattle industry strategy and investment program developed 	2011
	Implement recommendation of the review of Copra industry	MAQFF/MLNR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coconut industry rehabilitation program established 	2009
	Encourage Tourism as an important source of Foreign Exchange Earner	MTDB/MAQFF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased arrival of tourists and trickling effects to all communities 	Ongoing

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Human Resource Development				
Ensure quality of education for all.	Improve the quality of education. Phase out compulsory primary school contributions and replace with increased grants direct to schools	MoE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vanuatu education sector strategy implemented through SWAP • Review completed with the view to established an education assessment and quality authority • System of approved school bank accounts established; supporting audit, training and public awareness programs are in place. • Compulsory school contributions replaced by increased grants direct to schools 	2009 2009/10 2010 2010
	Increase human resource capacity in critical areas for Vanuatu's development	MOE/MPM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Human Resource Development Plan developed • Scholarship priorities and selection management reviewed • Government and donors contributions to scholarship increased 	2010 2009 2009-2012
Create better environment for employment opportunities	Expand trade skills development	MOE and MYDT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of certified technical and tertiary training institutions increased • Range of credible technical and vocational training programs increased. • New study facilities for Year 14 Francophone completed 	2011 2012 2009
	Expand seasonal worker and other overseas employment opportunities	MOIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued growth and success of the RSE scheme with New Zealand • Arrangements for seasonal labour scheme with Australia established • Opportunities for skilled migration expanded • Localisation policy enforced 	ongoing 2010

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Support and Strengthen holistic development of youth and the conduct and development of quality sports for all.	Improve access, quality, relevance, management and delivery of skills development for effective participation in national, regional and global markets	MYDST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The authority over the Technical and Vocational education and training subsector is clarified and defined. • Technical and Vocational Education and Training Act developed and finalized. • National Policy and Strategic Action plan on Technical and Vocational Education and Training developed and implemented. • Youth Employment Opportunities plan developed and implemented 	2009 2010 2010/2011 2010
	Strengthen the capacity of the Ministry of Youth, Sport and Training	MYDST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management restructuring to a fully established and fledged Ministry of Youth, Sports and Training • New Office facilities at National and Provincial HQs completed • National Youth Strategic Plan 2009 – 2019 developed and implemented • National Sports and Recreation Strategic Plan 2009 – 2019 developed and implemented • National Youth Act developed and finalized • National Sports and Recreation Act developed 	2009 2010/2011 2009 2009/2010 2010

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Health				
Investing in a Healthy Vanuatu	Strengthen the capacity of the Ministry of Health	MOH	• New National Health Policy and structure finalised and implemented.	2009
	Strengthen the delivery of basic health services to all, in remote, rural and urban areas.		• Achieved the following Millennium Development Goals:	2009-2012
			• Reduced Child Mortality • Improved Maternal Health • Combat HIV/AIDS and Malaria	
	Vigorously control and progressively eliminate malaria from Vanuatu		• Resource allocation to favour community health (away from central hospitals and administration) rebalanced	2009-2012
			• Health Infrastructure improved	2009-2012
			• Reach of essential health services to remote areas increased	
Invest in training and supporting the health workforce, particularly nurses to staff rural facilities	• Immunisation levels increased, supply of essential medications to health facilities maintained	2009-2010		
	• By 2014, eliminate malaria from TAFEA, stop all deaths and decrease nation-wide incidence to 7/1000 from 23.3/1000 in 2007	2009-2011		
	• Numbers of nurses trained and engaged increased– staffing shortfalls at rural facilities reduced	2011		

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Security				
Strengthen security and the rule of law.	Strengthen the capacity of law enforcement agencies.	MOIA/MJSW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public confidence in law enforcement agencies restored • Law and order maintained • National Strategy Action Plan for Justice Sector developed • Backlog of outstanding criminal and civil cases reduced • Construction of new correctional facilities completed • Construction of new court house embarked on • Review of security 	2009-2010
	Institutional strengthening of the Ministry of Justice for effective oversight of judicial services	MJSW/MPM		2009
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Abbreviation

MLNR	Ministry of Land and Natural resources
MPM	Ministry of Prime Minister
MFEM	Ministry of Finance and Economic Management
MOE	Ministry of Education
MYDST	Ministry of Youth Development, Sports and Training
MOIA	Ministry of Internal Affairs
MJSW	Ministry of Justice and Social Welfare
MTDB	Ministry of Trade, Tourism and Business Development
MIPU	Ministry of Infrastructure and public Utilities
MOFA	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
MOH	Ministry of Health
MNBD	Ministry of Ni-Vanuatu, Cooperative and Business Development
MAQFF	Ministry of Agriculture, Quarantine, Fisheries and Forestry
URA	Utility Regulatory Authority
NBV	National Bank of Vanuatu