



Universal Periodic Review (UPR) Recommendations Vanuatu

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Foreword

The Universal Periodic Review Process is a state driven process, which provides the opportunity for each State to identify key human rights issues and challenges as well as to periodically declare what actions it has taken to improve human rights situations and fulfil human rights obligations. It brings the smallest and most isolated nations to a review in Geneva on an equal footing with all other countries of the United Nations and enables them to tell their human rights story.

The work that has been undertaken by the UPR Committee in producing this action plan is commendable but is also a *small step in the journey as Vanuatu defines and tells its human rights story to the world*. The recommendations that Vanuatu accepted are cross-cutting and ought to be included in all planning processes across Government and Non-Government sectors. It is said that a journey of a thousand miles begins with a step; this is true of Vanuatu's UPR process. The plan is a step in a long journey to protect our most vulnerable groups (women, children, persons with disabilities and elderly). It indeed requires a multi-stakeholder approach and continued commitment from all to get involved in the process for the development of our nation.

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Abbreviations

CAT	Convention against Torture	PSO	Public Solicitor's Office
CBOs	Community Based Organizations	PPO	Public Prosecutor's Office
CBR	Community Based Rehabilitation	SCA	Save The Children Australia
CDU	Curriculum Development Unit	SLO	State Law Office
CEDAW	Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women	SPD	State Prosecutor's Department
COM	Council of Ministers (Vanuatu)	SRBJ	Stretem Rod Blong Jastis (Clear Path to Justice)
DFAT	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Australia)	TSC	Teaching Services Commission
DOCS	Department of Correctional Services (Vanuatu)	UN	United Nations
DWA	Department of Women's Affairs (Vanuatu)	UNCAC	United Nations Convention against Corruption
EIT	External Inspection Team (Vanuatu)	UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
FBOs	Faith Based Organisations	UNDP	United Nations Development Program
FPU	Family Protection Unit (Vanuatu)	UNJPO	United Nations Joint Presence Office
ICCPR	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights	UNODC	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
ICERD	International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination	UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
ICESCR	International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights	UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
JSS WG	Justice Sector Strategy Working Group (Vanuatu)	UNOHCHR	United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
MIPU	Ministry of Infrastructure and Public Utilities	UNWOMEN	United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women
MNCC	Malvatumauri National Council of Chiefs	UPR	Universal Periodic Review
MOET	Ministry of Education and Training	VANGO	Vanuatu Association of Non-Governmental Organizations
MOFA	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	VCC	Vanuatu Christian Council
MOFEM	Ministry of Finance and Economic Management	VESP	Vanuatu Education Support Program
MoH	Ministry of Health	VFIU	Vanuatu Financial Services Intelligence Unit
MOIA	Ministry of Internal Affairs	VITE	Vanuatu Institute of Teacher Education
MOJCS	Ministry of Justice and Community Services	VLC	Vanuatu Law Commission
MoL	Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources	PJSPV	Vanuatu Law and Justice Partnership
NGOs	Non-Government Organizations	VMF	Vanuatu Mobile Force
NHRC	National Human Rights Committee	VNCW	Vanuatu National Council of Women
NHRI	National Human Rights Institutions	VNSO	Vanuatu National Statistics Office
NZAid	New Zealand Agency for International Development	VNYC	Vanuatu National Youth Council
OHCHR	Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights	VPF	Vanuatu Police Force
PMO	Prime Minister's Office	VPSC	Vanuatu Police Service Commission
		VWC	Vanuatu Women's Centre
		WHO	World Health Organisation
		WSB	Wan Small Bag

Background

The Universal Periodic Review (UPR) is a unique process created by the United Nations (UN) General Assembly and commenced in 2007. It involves the review of the human rights situations of all UN Member States once every four and half years. It is informed by three reports: a national report which is prepared by the State under review and which contains information on measures the Government has taken to promote, respect and protect human rights in the country as enshrined under the various international human rights instruments; a UN compilation report; and a stakeholder report, which is meant to provide additional information by other relevant stakeholders such as Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs). A two-stage review is conducted: first, the review of a State's report begins with the Human Rights Council (HRC) Working Group on the UPR; and then the review is concluded by the HRC itself. The review process in the Working Group is interactive, between the State under review and the Member States of the HRC, as well as other Member States and stakeholders such as civil society and national human rights institutions (NHRIs). Fellow States will make recommendations which the State under review has to consider for implementation. The State concerned has an opportunity following the conclusion of the review by the Working Group and before the session of the HRC, to consider which recommendations it will accept and to consult with stakeholders on this. The Government will then decide which recommendations it will accept and implement, defer or not support. The plenary session of the HRC which takes place after the review, adopts the decisions of the Working Group to facilitate implementation of the recommendations which have been accepted by the State under review. Implementation of the

recommendations by the State under review will then follow and after that there is an assessment of implementation since the last review. The UPR process is a key mechanism for all UN Member States in protecting and advancing human rights and, in particular, it is intended to assist States with regard to:

- ✚ the improvement of the human rights situation on the ground;
- ✚ the fulfillment of the State's human rights obligations and commitments and assessment of positive developments and challenges faced by the State;
- ✚ the enhancement of the State's capacity and of technical assistance, in consultation and with the consent of the State concerned;
- ✚ the sharing of best practice among States and other stakeholders;
- ✚ support for cooperation in the promotion and protection of human rights; and
- ✚ the encouragement of full cooperation and engagement with the Human Rights Council (HRC), other human rights mechanisms such as the treaty bodies and special procedures, and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR).

Vanuatu submitted its second report under Universal Periodic in November 2013. The report was completed by the UPR Committee which was established in February 2013. A Government delegation (including one representative from civil society) travelled to Geneva to present the report, after which member states of the United Nations Human Rights Council made recommendations for consideration to Vanuatu. After broad consultation on the 109

recommendations received, 95 were accepted and adopted by the Council Of Ministers (COM resolution 88 of 2014).

The accepted 95 recommendations are the subject of implementation over the next four years and the focus of this action plan. They have been divided into thematic areas for incorporation into existing national development priorities such as the Priority Action Agenda of the Government of Vanuatu (PAA), and the Planning Long, Acting Short strategic framework (PLAS) as well as Ministry Annual and corporate plans that relate to poverty reduction, education, social protection, health and internationally agreed developments goals such as the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) with efforts towards the achievement of human rights, as these processes are interdependent and mutually reinforcing in that they share the ultimate objective of promoting human well-being and honouring the inherent dignity of all people. This is the basis for a national human rights strategy and useful discussion tool for bi-lateral and multi-lateral donor support.

Key Lessons learnt from the UPR process

- Taking ownership of the process means adapting the UPR process to meet our specific needs
- The process requires adequate planning, financial and technical assistance for stakeholders
- Continued commitment to the UPR Process is only possible with broad stakeholder consultation and participation.

UPR Committee 2014



Above: Vanuatu UPR delegation to Geneva Mr. Charlie Harrison, Mrs. Jenny Tevi and Mrs. Julie Garaleo January 2014; and Vanuatu UPR Committee September 2014;

1. Ratification of international human rights treaties

Recommendation/Cluster Thematic Area	Action/Activities (What do we already have in place to achieve this recommendation? What else do we plan to do to achieve this recommendation?)	Lead Agency (Who will take the leading role in ensuring that this action is done?)	Other Agencies and stakeholders (Who else is important for us to achieve this task?)	Result Indicator (How will we know we have achieved our targets?)	Time Frame (When do we expect to complete activity)
Ratification of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR)¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct national consultation and awareness on economic social and cultural rights contained in ICESCR in Port Vila, Santo and Tanna (ensure participation of provincial representatives) Draft policy/COM paper on ratification Prepare instrument of accession or ratification (depending on outcome of consultations) Lobby for existing laws to be modified in line with ICESCR (depending on outcomes of consultations) 	NHRC, MOJCS NHRC MOFA MOJCS	PMO, MOFA, SLO, MOIA, NGOs, VCC, Malvatumauri, Commonwealth Secretariat, OHCHR, SPC/RRRT, PIFS	Consultations undertaken Advisory paper produced by NHRC submitted to COM Instrument of ratification deposited	May 2015 2015
	Draft and send a letter of invitation for Independent Expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights	MOFA	MOJCS, PMO, MOFEM, UNJPO, OHCHR	Visit of the independent expert	Mid-2015

¹ This cluster of recommendations was made by the following countries: 99.3- Continue current efforts to ratify the ICESCR as well as ICERD as soon as possible (Switzerland); 99.4- Consider ratifying the ICESCR (Spain); 99.7- Ratify the ICESCR (Ireland); 99.8- Ratify ICESCR (Iraq); 99.9- Become a party to the ICESCR (Montenegro); 99.10- continue efforts in strengthening its national legal frameworks, including by ratifying the ICESCR (Indonesia)

Technical Assistance²	Invite Special Rapporteurs /thematic mandate holders (ICERD and ICESCR);	MOJCS; MOFA	OHCHR; UNJPO;	Invitation to Special Rapporteurs sent	On-going-2016
	Seek technical assistance from UN agencies and other development partners	PMO, MOJCS, MOFA	NHRC; OHCHR, UNJPO; SPC/RRRT; PIFS; Commonwealth Secretariat; NZAid, DFAT	Number of requests for technical assistance submitted	On-going-2018
	Support civil society organisations in human rights to access funding and resources to continue operation	PMO (Aid Coordination Unit)	NGOs	Conducive environment for CSOs to continue accessing funds to conduct human rights education	On-going-2018
Accession to the International Covenant on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination³	Conduct national consultations in 2 main provinces (Include participation from all provinces)	NHRC; MOJCS; MOIA; PMO	NGOs, VANGO, Malvatumauri, VCC, Parliament	Consultations conducted	August 2016
	Submit advisory paper to COM on implications of accession to ICERD	NHRC	NGOs, MOJCS	Advisory paper submitted by NHRC	2016

² 99.11. Enhance technical cooperation with and seek support from the UN human rights mechanisms for further consideration of ratification of important documents on human rights, including the ICESCR (Viet Nam)

³ 99.6. Accede to the ICERD (Iraq); Second part of rec 99.3: Continue current efforts to ratify the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD) as soon as possible (Switzerland)

2. Implementation and reporting of Human Rights Treaties

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Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)⁴	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mapping of pilot 2 sites (Mataso community and Puninga community) 	MOJCS (Department for Women's Affairs DWA)	SRBJ (PJSPV) Communities of Mataso and Puninga	Mapping completed Used as baseline information for referral system	2014
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalize Gender Policy 	DWA	MOJCS, PMO, MOFA, Vanuatu Christian Council (VCC); Council of Chiefs-Malvatumauri; Parliament; NGOs and CBOs.	Gender policy endorsed by the Council of Ministers	2014 (underway)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct awareness raising campaigns and sensitisation workshops for Members of Parliament; Traditional Leaders and Public Servants 	MOJCS (DWA)	PMO; Malvatumauri; MOFA; Vanuatu Christian Council; Council of Chiefs; Parliament; NGOs and Community Based Organisations	Number of awareness raising activities conducted Number of promotional materials distributed across the provinces	2014- 2015

⁴ 99.15. Undertake in an effective manner the necessary amendments to fully incorporate Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) into the domestic legal system as soon as possible (Switzerland); 99.34. Put in place a broad strategy, which includes legislation, to change or eliminate practices and cultural stereotypes which discriminate against women, in compliance with the CEDAW Convention (Uruguay)

	Develop policy to promote women's representation in all Government established Committees and Taskforces	Prime Minister Office (PMO)	DWA, MOJCS	COM Paper endorsed by DCO and COM 1/3 of all Government Committee members are women	2014-2015 2014
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recruit policy advisor to finalise gender policy 	MOJCS (DWA)	SRBJ	Policy Advisor recruited	2014
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct review of Family Protection Act 	MOJCS, (DWA, SLO, VLC)	Vanuatu Christian Council (VCC); Council of Chiefs-Malvatumauri; Parliament; NGOs and CBOs.	Review of FPA tabled before Parliament	2017
Rome Statute⁵	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review legislation to identify gaps with Rome Statute Commitments 	MOJCS (VLC)	PMO, MOFA, Parliament, VLC	Review of the legislations tabled in Parliament	2017-2018
Universal Periodic Review (UPR)⁶	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct briefing for ministers (COM); Develop publicity materials on UPR process Conduct activities to raise awareness radio/tv interviews to raise awareness on UPR 	MOJCS NHRC	PMO, MOFA; SLO; Parliament	Radio/tv interviews conducted	2014-2015

⁵ 99.16. Make efforts to fully align its national legislation with all obligations under the Rome Statute (Slovenia)

⁶ 99.29. Engage and involve national parliament in the follow up process and implementation of the accepted recommendations in the 2nd UPR report of Vanuatu, and as an example, by hosting a briefing on the role of Parliament on the UPR process and implementation (Solomon Islands)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop briefing note for 52 MPs Organize workshop for MPs 	UPR Committee	PMO, MOFA; SLO; Parliament	Number of MPs attending the workshop. Record of the number of briefing packs developed and dispatched to MPs	2014-2015
	Conduct consultations outside of Port Vila	MOJCS, NHRC	SPC/RRRT, PIFS, OHCHR	Number of consultations held	2016
	Prepare for mid- term review	MOJCS, NHRC	PMO, MOFA, NGOs, Parliament, UNJPO	Mid-term report submitted	2016
	Review implementation action plan and monitor progress mainstreaming of recommendations	UPR Committee MOJCS, NHRC	PMO, MOFA, NGOs, Parliament, UNJPO	Action plan reviewed and amended	2017
	Prepare third cycle report for Human Rights Council	MOJCS, NHRC, UPR Committee	PMO, MOFA, OHCHR, VNSO	Third Cycle report prepared and submitted to COM	2017-2018

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights⁷	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop budget for consultation and report writing process • Set up sub-committee to collect data and write report • Conduct training for committee on thematic areas of ICCPR • Write report and submit to COM for approval • Deposit report to UN depositary 	MOJCS NHRC UPR Committee	PMO and all relevant ministries and departments; VNSO; NGOs	Budget developed and funds secured Sub-Committee set up and functioning Training conducted Consultations conducted across the provinces Report draft submitted to COM for approval	March-July 2015
Convention Against Torture⁸	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop budget for CAT report consultation and report writing process • Set up sub-committee to collect data and write report • Conduct training for committee on thematic areas of CAT • Write report and submit to COM for approval • Deposit report to UN depositary • Conduct trainings to raise awareness on CAT provisions 	MOJCS DOCS; Police Ministry of Internal Affairs; PMO; Attorney General NHRC, CAT Committee MOJCS	MOFA, PMO; Ombudsman, OHCHR NGOs, VPF, DOCs OHCHR, SPC/RRRT PMO, MOIA	CAT report finalised and submitted	November 2015-2016

⁷ 99.30. Submit the initial report to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (Montenegro); 99.31. Respond as soon as possible to the pending request for the visit of the independent expert on the issue of foreign debt, in line with the standing invitation to the special procedures it had extended in 2009 (Slovenia)

⁸ 99.59. Implement reforms to ensure Vanuatu is able to meet its obligations under the United Nations Convention against Torture regarding prosecution for acts of torture, attempt to commit torture, or complicity or participation in torture (United States of America)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oversee the finalisation, completion and submission of External Inspection Team (EIT) report 	MOJCS	DOCS, Ombudsman, OHCHR	EIT report finalised and published	2014
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legislative review to ensure compliance with CAT provisions 	MOJCS, VLC, Attorney General's Office	Parliament, DFAT, Australian Attorney General	Legislative review conducted and recommendations made	2015-2017
Convention Against Corruption⁹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalise and approve UNCAC review report 	PMO, MOJCS, VFIU	MOFA, NGOs (Transparency Vanuatu); UNODC	Approval of UNCAC review report	2014-2015
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish national anti-corruption framework and steering Committee 	PMO, MOJCS, VFIU	MOFA, NGOs, UNODC	Anti-corruption framework and steering Committee established	2015- 2016
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build capacity of stakeholders to combat corruption 	UNODC, UNDP, PMO	Government, NGOs, Parliament	Training programs for stakeholders	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen enforcement of Leadership Code 	Ombudsman	Government, NGOs, Parliament, VCC, MNCC	Leadership Code enforced	2015-2016
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review public service code of conduct 	Public Service Commission	Government Ministries and Departments	COM approval of the policies reviewed	2017

⁹ 99.70. Implement promptly the Convention against Corruption (Australia); 99.71 Fully align its national legislation and policies with the provisions of the United Nations Convention against Corruption in order to effectively combat corruption and to further improve integrity, transparency and accountability (Netherlands)

3. National Human Rights Mechanisms/Strengthening of Institutions

Recommendation/Cluster Thematic Area	Action/Activities (What do we already have in place to achieve this recommendation? What else do we plan to do to achieve this recommendation?)	Lead Agency (Who will take the leading role in ensuring that this action is done?)	Other Agencies and stakeholders (Who else is important for us to achieve this task?)	Result Indicator (How will we know we have achieved our targets?)	Time Frame (When do we expect to complete activity)
National Human Rights Institution (NHRI)¹⁰	Formalise National Human Rights Committee (NHRC) responsible for establishing NHRI.	PMO, MOJCS, SLO	NGOs; Parliament; VCC; MNCC	Order paper PMO	2014
	Conduct consultations on nature and form of NHRI (including study visits)	NHRC, MOJCS	MOJCS, PMO, MOFA, NGOs, regional and international organisations	Approval of policy/COM paper	2015
	Develop policy/COM paper for the establishment of the National Human Rights Institution (NHRI)	MOJCS, NHRC, SLO			
	Draft legislation establishing NHRI	MOJCS, NHRC, SLO	NGOs, Parliament, OHCHR, PIFS,	Legislation drafted	2015
	Preparation of budget support for the NHRI	MOJCS	PMO, MOFEM	Appropriation of the budget support by the Parliament	2015-2016
	Secure office space for NHRI	PMO; MOJCS	PMO, MOFEM	Office space secured	2017
	Appointment of the members of the NHRI	PMO; MOJCS	PMO, MOFA, MOFEM	Appointment letters issued	2017-2018

¹⁰ 99.17. Endeavour to establish a human rights institution in the country in accordance with the Paris Principles (Nigeria); 99.18. Proceed with the establishment of a National Human Rights Institution in compliance with the Paris Principles (Germany); 99.19. Establish an independent national human rights institution in accordance with the Paris Principles (Mexico); 99.20. Increase all kinds of measures aimed at establishing a National Human Rights Institution, in compliance with the Paris Principles, with the assistance of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Uruguay); 99.109. Continue its current momentum and efforts on democracy, good governance, legislative reform and capacity building for national human rights mechanisms, with more focus on employment for youth, education, health care, social welfare and preparedness and resilience in response to climate change (Viet Nam).

Ombudsman ¹¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue efforts to increase funding to Ombudsman office • Table amendment of the Ombudsman Act before Parliament • Strengthen enforcement of leadership code 	PMO PMO; Ombudsman; Parliament PMO; Ombudsman	MOFEM, Regional and international partners MOJCS	Increased budget support Amendment passed by the Parliament Greater enforcement of leadership code	2015-2018
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¹¹ 99.21. Strengthen the role of the Ombudsman, in particular its powers of investigation in cases involving politicians (France)

4. Human Rights Promotion Programs (Education and Awareness)

Recommendation/Cluster Thematic Area	Action/Activities (What do we already have in place to achieve this recommendation? What else do we plan to do to achieve this recommendation?)	Lead Agency (Who will take the leading role in ensuring that this action is done?)	Other Agencies and stakeholders (Who else is important for us to achieve this task?)	Result Indicator (How will we know we have achieved our targets?)	Time Frame (When do we expect to complete activity)
Human Rights Education ¹²	Conduct and support human rights awareness programs Develop human rights educational materials and translate them into Bislama	MOJCS MOJCS, language bureau	PMO; CSOs; FBOs; CBOs; VCC; Council of Chiefs; NGOs (Save the Children; VNCW; FPU; WSB); UNICEF; OHCHR; UNWOMEN; Youth Parliament, MOH, MOET	Records of the number of awareness workshop conducted Number of village/community leaders trained in human rights	2014-2018 Ongoing
	Develop National Human Rights Strategy to be used as a guide for human rights education and awareness raising	MOJCS	PMO, MOFA, NHRC, NGOs	COM Approval of strategy document and implementation thereof	2015
	Develop a training program for government officials	MOJCS	PMO, (Consultation across Government Departments)	Program developed Number of training conducted	2015
	Allocate Human Rights budget	MOJCS, PMO,	MOL, MOFA, MOCLC,	Budget support	2015-2018

¹² 99.23. Continue to improve the knowledge of human rights among its population, especially by promoting education and awareness-raising activities on the matter (Switzerland); 99.24. Further address human rights issues in the country, especially through promoting human rights education (Armenia); 99.26. Provide human rights training to Government officials and teachers (Timor-Leste); 99.27. Continue its efforts to further improve the awareness on human rights issues and international human rights conventions in Vanuatu, particularly by providing training to government officials (Malaysia); 99.28. Mainstream human rights in all national programmes and policies (Timor-Leste); 99.62. Incorporate systematically in police training awareness raising on the rights of victims and suspects (France); 99.25. Included human rights education in the school curricula (Timor-Leste)

	support for all Government Ministries	MOFA	MOIA, MIPU	appropriated by Parliament	
	Continue incorporation of human rights standards into training of police force Seek technical assistance to conduct training	PMO (VPF);	MOFEM, MOFA, MOJCS	Approval of the training manual Technical Assistance sought	2014 (ongoing) 2015-2018
	Develop COM/Policy paper on Human rights education in the school curricula Continue current programs human rights awareness in schools	MOET; MOJCS MOET; NGOs	PMO, NGOs	Approval of the policy paper	2015
	Conduct Human rights training for Vanuatu National Youth Council – Provincial and municipal youth council presidents	Vanuatu National Youth Council (VNYC) SPC/ RRRT Pacific Youth council	DWA, VWC, VANGO, TIV	Training conducted	May 2015

5. Gender Equality

Recommendation/Cluster Thematic Area	Action/Activities (What do we already have in place to achieve this recommendation? What else do we plan to do to achieve this recommendation?)	Lead Agency (Who will take the leading role in ensuring that this action is done?)	Other Agencies and stakeholders (Who else is important for us to achieve this task?)	Result Indicator (How will we know we have achieved our targets?)	Time Frame (When do we expect to complete activity)
Allocation of Resources¹³	Continue to provide budget support to DWA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget support provided and to be established in all 6 Provinces. Space allocated for DWA Provincial Offices 	MOJCS; (Ministry of Finance and Economic Management (MOFEM))	Vanuatu Police Service Commission (VPSC)	Officers appointed as per the approved structure	2014 (on-going)
Legislative Reform and Affirmative Action¹⁴	Continue to conduct activities to promote legislative reform and affirmative action: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lobby for further amendments to Employment Act 	Department of Labour, DWA	MoJCS, MoIA, PMO, Private Sector,	12 weeks Maternity leave enforced Minimum wage increase to Vt 30,000	2014 (on-going) 2015-2017
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct trainings with community leaders (political parties) and women contestants 	MOIA, Vanuatu Electoral Office (VEO), DWA	Parliament; Provincial Governments, SLO	30 % Reserved seats for women at Council, Local Government and National Parliament	2014-2020

¹³ 99.22. Continue to allocate resources to the Department of Women Affairs to allow it to further enhance and implement programs for the advancement of women's rights (Philippines)

¹⁴ 99.32. Continue to promote legislation and actions to eliminate discrimination and strengthen protection of rights of vulnerable groups such as women, children and people with disabilities (China) 99.33. Develop affirmative action's for women's empowerment in the public and private sectors (Mexico)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue with programs to support women's access to decision-making within VPF. • Women's access to police operational duties • Increase access to capacity development opportunities • Support efforts to combat discrimination in the police force 	VPF	MOIA, Vanuatu Australia Police Project (VAPP); DFAT	Number of women participating in decision-making positions within the Police Number of women participating in capacity-development activities Number of women with operation duties	2014-2016
Citizenship and Equal Pay¹⁵	Amendments to Citizenship Act to promote dual citizenship for women	MoJCS, MOIA, DWA	PMO, Parliament	Amendments made to	(On-going)

¹⁵ 99.35. Amend its Citizenship Act to avoid discrimination on the basis of sex and mitigates discrimination of women in employment and reduce existing wage gaps (Portugal); 99.36. Continue efforts to eliminate discriminatory practices against women, particularly regarding the granting of nationality (Algeria)

¹⁶ 99.38. Take prompt action to implement the Family Protection Act, and consider initiatives to raise community awareness of that Act (Australia); 99.39. Take all necessary measures for the effective implementation and dissemination of the "Family Protection Act" throughout the country, including in the most remote areas. In particular, in this respect, to provide sufficient funding to the department in charge of the implementation of this legislation (Belgium); 99.40. Take all measures to implement the Family Protection Act of 2008 and train the police specifically to receive complaints from women on violence perpetrated against them by their partners or spouses (France); 99.41. Continue to allocate sufficient resources to ensure the effective implementation of the Family Protection Act, and to adopt further measures to combat domestic violence, with a special focus on women and girls with disabilities, who are at greater risk of all sorts of violence (Netherlands); 99.42. Continue its specific measures already undertaken to ensure that persons concerned are informed about the content of the Family Protection Law (Switzerland); 99.43. Take all necessary measures so that the Family Protection Units can ensure that all cases of domestic violence are brought to justice (Switzerland); 99.44. Ensure the dissemination of information about protective measures that are available and the legal framework in place to protect women, also among the rural population of the country (Belgium); 99.45. Further extend education and publicity program to all regions in order to inform women, and particularly women with disabilities, of the availability of the protection orders, counselling services and education under the new law (New Zealand);

¹⁷ 99.46. Continue its efforts in raising awareness campaigns to sensitize communities and general public on issues of domestic violence, with the support of the international community and other United Nations agencies (Bhutan); 99.47. Continue to enhance measures combating the social and cultural causes of gender-based violence, by promoting awareness- raising campaigns, especially, in the education sector (Belgium, Spain); 99.48. Adopt a policy of prevention and public awareness, in addition to the work done by NGOs and the Vanuatu Women's Centre (Belgium); 99.50. Continue to take the necessary measures to combat all forms of violence against women and girls and to reduce discrimination against women, in particular in the job market and in national political life, where women are seriously under-represented (Brazil); 99.51. Implement its legislation to prevent violence against women and that it adopts a strategy to properly tackle the unequal status of women (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland); 99.52. Improve the protection of the rights of women and girls, including by

				Citizenship Act	
Implementation of Family Protection Act and other laws/policies protecting women¹⁶	<p>Continue programs to implement Family Protection Act: Pilot project undertaken as part of the Implementation of the Family Protection Act (FPA) to appoint Authorised Persons (AP) and Registered Counsellors (RCs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FPA Community Mapping Exercise in 3 communities (2014) 	DWA, VWC	Justice Agencies (SPD, PSO, Magistrates Courts, VPF), SRBJ, VCC	Appointment of Authorised Persons and Registered Counsellors undertaken APs and RCs able to conduct their functions effectively	2014-2016 (on-going)
Combating Gender-based and domestic violence¹⁷	<p>Continuous Awareness raising on creating a safe environment free from violence for women, girls and families have been targeted during special events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Women's Day, Children's Day, Rural Women's Day, White Ribbon's Day Undertake specific awareness with Community and Church women groups on women's social economic and political empowerment programs 	DWA, MOJCS (Child Desk, Disability Desk)	VPF, NGOs	<p>Number of information education communication (IEC) materials developed and disseminated</p> <p>No of women trained through programs</p>	2014-2017

effectively addressing gender-based violence, particularly domestic violence, and by advancing programs and training to counter discrimination with regard to women's employment and financial access (United States of America); 99.61. Ensure that perpetrators of violence against women are duly prosecuted and convicted (Belgium)

¹⁸99.49. Take the necessary measures to change the structures that prevent the implementation of CEDAW, including with regard to violence or murders linked to witchcraft. (Canada)

	Improve quality of data collected and disaggregated on gender- based and domestic	Courts (Magistrates, Supreme)	MOJCS, SRBJ, NGOs (VWC)	Annual reports produced	2014-2016
	Support to justice agencies to appropriately implement laws that prohibit gender-based and domestic violence	Justice Agencies (PSO, PPO, SPD, Magistrates)	NGOs (VWC),	Numbers of cases prosecuted Enforcement of applicable laws	2014-2016
Combating Harmful cultural practices¹⁸	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide support to MNCC on implementation plans of agreed Malvatumauri Gender recommendations Support Vanuatu Christian Council (VCC) to implement VCC gender policy 	MNCC VCC	MOJCS MOJCS	Number of recommendations implemented VCC gender policy implemented	2014-2017
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue raising awareness on CEDAW through radio and other appropriate channels of media 	DAW,VBTC	MOJCS, NGOs, VCC, MNCC	Number of radio shows held annually	On-going



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Birth registration campaigns; early child care education and community based rehabilitation in progress

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6. Strengthening Judicial system/Law reform

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Promoting confidence in the Judicial system ¹⁹	Case management support across the justice sector	MOJCS (Courts)	PMO DFAT/SRBJ	No of cases pending annually	On-going
	Complete Public Prosecutor Office Renovations (refurbishment of administrative buildings)	MOJCS	PMO DFAT/SRBJ	Refurbishment completed	2015-2018
	Develop a Refresher training program for lawyers in the Judiciary	MOJCS	PMO DFAT/SRBJ	Training program developed Number of lawyers trained	2015
	Strengthen Vanuatu Police Force and role of impacts of Crime Working Group	MOJCS	PMO DFAT/SRBJ	Working Group strengthened	2015-2018
	Continue programs on birth registration including mobile registration (awareness raising)	MOJCS MOIA (Civil Registry)	MOJCS (Child desk) MOFEM, UNICEF	No of trainings conducted annually	2015-2018
	Support learning and exchange programs with Federal Court of Australia	Supreme Court (Vanuatu)	MOJCS/ SRBJ	3 exchange programs annually	2014-2016

¹⁹ 99.56. Strengthen the justice system in order to avoid loss of faith and respect in the judicial system among citizens, including to raise the efficiency of birth registration system (Estonia); 99.57. Take steps to further enhance the capacity of the judiciary, especially with regard to the backlog of court cases and the staffing of the Public Prosecutor's and the Public Solicitor's Offices (Germany); 99.58 Continue to implement effective crime prevention measures to ensure safety and social order in its society;

	Maintain up to date statistical database of registered births	VNSO/Ministry of Health	PMO	Reduction of the number of backlog cases	2015- 2017
Standards for Female Detainees²⁰	Mainstream minimum rules into policy and standard operating procedure for Department of Corrections	MOJCS (Department of Correctional Services)	PMO, MOFEM/ NZAid-OHCHR	Rules part of standard training for Correctional Officers	2014-2018
	Continue conducting human rights training for detention centre officials Continue to allow access to detention centres by independent stakeholders	DOCs	OHCHR	Number of trainings conducted	On-going
Juvenile justice system reform²¹	Draft juvenile offenders bill	Department of Corrections/State Law Office	PMO, MOFEM	Bill passed by the Parliament	2016
	Develop COM/Policy paper for the rehabilitation centre for youth offenders	MOJCS	PMO, MOFEM	Approval of the policy paper	2016
	Seek approval Infrastructure plan approved by COM	COM	New Zealand Government	Approval of infrastructure plan	2014
	Build new facility that houses separate juvenile offenders	MOJCS	New Zealand Government; Malvatumauri	Separate facilities for juvenile offenders	2014-2017
	Support Justice Sector agencies in	Magistrate's	Pacific Judicial	Implementation	2014-2017

²⁰ 99.63. Consider incorporating the United Nations Rules for the Treatment of Women Prisoners and Non-Custodial Measures for Women Offenders, otherwise known as the "Bangkok Rules", as part of its programme to enhance the conditions of women detainees in prisons (Thailand)

²¹ 99.64. Develop legislation and appropriate sentences for juvenile offenders (Belgium); 99.65. Continue efforts to introduce a criminal justice process for youth in Vanuatu, which improves the outcomes for offenders, victims and their families (New Zealand); 99.66. Expedite the legislative process to bring the juvenile justice system in line with the standards of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, and additionally strengthen training programs for police officers and the judiciary (Uruguay); 99.67. Develop rehabilitation centres for young offenders with facilities that promote the psychological and physical development of these young persons and their social reintegration (Mexico)

	the implementation of Juvenile Justice Memorandum of Agreement	Court	Development Program, SRBJ, Justice Agencies, MOJCS	of juvenile appropriate processes	
Criminal Age of Responsibility²²	Review legislation on the age of criminal responsibility Amend legislation	MOJCS (VLC); SLO SLO,	MOET, PMO, UNICEF MOJCS, Parliament , technical assistance from regional and international organisations	Penal code in line with CRC regarding the minimum age for criminal responsibility Amendments in legislation approved by Parliament	2014-2016
Gender equality in judicial proceedings²³	Continue programs to provide socio-legal services for women Continue lobbying for legislative reform to promote gender equality in judicial proceedings	MOJCS (Public Solicitor's Office) MOJCS	DWA, PMO, NGOs DWA, VLC	No of women who receive legal aid annually No of legislative reviews undertaken to promote gender equality for women No of laws amended annually	2015-2017

²²99.68. Revise the legislation on the age of criminal responsibility (France) ; 99.69. Continue to step up efforts to raise the minimum age for criminal responsibility including continuing review of relevant legislation (Trinidad and Tobago)

²³99.60. Take the necessary steps to ensure that the principles that guarantee equality between men and women are applied in judicial proceedings and that socio-legal services are made more available to women. (Canada)

Death Penalty²⁴	COM/Policy paper on the death penalty	MOJCS	PMO	Policy paper approved by COM.	2014-2015
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7. Children

Recommendation/Cluster Thematic Area	Action/Activities (What do we already have in place to achieve this recommendation? What else do we plan to do to achieve this recommendation?)	Lead Agency (Who will take the leading role in ensuring that this action is done?)	Other Agencies and stakeholders (Who else is important for us to achieve this task?)	Result Indicator (How will we know we have achieved our targets?)	Time Frame (When do we expect to complete activity)
Birth Registration²⁵	Review of the Civil Registry Act	MOIA (Dept of Civil Registry), Vanuatu Law Commission (VLC)	MOJCS (Child desk); Civil Registry and Vital Statistics working group; VCC; Malvatumauri	Civil Registry Monitoring and Evaluation	2015-2018
	Re-introduce mobile registration activities Raise awareness through birth registration campaigns	MOIA (Dept of Civil Registry),	MOJCS (Child Desk), UNICEF, UNHCR	No of children registered through registration campaigns	2015-2018
	Training and logistics support on birth registration with health workers	MOIA (Dept. of Civil Registry)	MOH, Provincial health, VNSO	No of trainings conducted on birth registration	2015-2018
	Review of the ICount project operations; including training and review of the software and	MOIA (Civil Registry)	MOH	Icount review conducted	2016

²⁴ 99.37. To not yield to the pressure to reintroduce the death penalty and maintain its abolition, in accordance with the global trend towards abolition (Spain)

²⁵ 99.72. Continue taking steps to ensure that births of all children are registered (Uruguay); 99.73. Strengthen all types of measures aimed at the universal registration of children across the country, among others, through a broader use of the mobile birth registration system, promoting new awareness-raising strategies on the importance of birth registration and ensuring that it remains free (Uruguay) 99.55 Develop institutions for the support and protection of children

management of information and data				
Purchase 20 mobile phones for piloting approaches to ICount	MOIA (Civil Registry)		Mobile phones purchased	2014-2015
Support MOET and provincial Education Officers carry out registration	MOIA (Civil Registry)	MOET	Number of MOET and provincial education officers supported	2015-2016
Develop coding system for birth registration	MOIA (Civil Registry)	MOET, VNSO, Passport Office	Coding system for birth registration developed	2014-2015
Continue activities to develop and strengthen existing traditional and formal governance systems for the protection of children (Child protection support and welfare system)	MOJCS	Tafea Province; SCA	Child Desk progress annual report	2015-2016
Monitor and evaluate pilot in Tafea province and roll out to other provinces	MOJCS	Provincial Governments	M&E Reports from pilot Expansion of project to other projects	2016-2018
Conduct workshops to raise awareness on the importance of birth registration	Vanuatu National Youth Council and Civil status	MOIA, MOH, Provincial and municipal governments, Provincial Health centres, provincial and municipal youth councils.	Number of trainings conducted	May-November 2015

Prevention of child abuse and domestic violence²⁶	Continue with VITE programs that support inclusive education including an early intervention to mitigate ill treatment, violence and abuse	MoET/VITE	MOJCS (Child Desk)	No of teachers trained through VITE courses	On-going
	Review Referral processes	MoET	MOJCS/MOH/CSOs/police	No of cases reported and referred	2014-2018
	Develop National Child Protection Framework	MOJCS (Child Desk), PJSPV	National Child Protection Working Group (NCPWG), Malvatumauri	Framework completed	2016

8. Right to Information

Recommendation/Cluster Thematic Area	Action/Activities (What do we already have in place to achieve this recommendation? What else do we plan to do to achieve this recommendation?)	Lead Agency (Who will take the leading role in ensuring that this action is done?)	Other Agencies and stakeholders (Who else is important for us to achieve this task?)	Result Indicator (How will we know we have achieved our targets?)	Time Frame (When do we expect to complete activity)
Freedom of Information²⁷	Follow up on the status of the RTI Bill	PMO/SLO	MOJCS, MOJCS	Bill passed by the Parliament	2014
	Provide a budget for the Enforcement of the RTI Act	PMO/OCGIO	MOJCS, MOFEM	Budget appropriated by the Parliament	2015

²⁶ 99.53. Take further measures in combating gender-based violence, domestic violence, ill-treatment and abuse of children including sexual abuse (Philippines); 99.54. Include in its priority action plan measures to step up efforts towards protecting children from abuse or violence (Belgium)

²⁷ 99.74. Approve the Right to Information Bill and National Media policy and decriminalize defamation in accordance with international standards (Estonia); 99.75. Accelerate the introduction of a law on freedom of information in line with international standards (Ireland)

9. Water and Sanitation

Recommendation/Cluster Thematic Area	Action/Activities (What do we already have in place to achieve this recommendation? What else do we plan to do to achieve this recommendation?)	Lead Agency (Who will take the leading role in ensuring that this action is done?)	Other Agencies and stakeholders (Who else is important for us to achieve this task?)	Result Indicator (How will we know we have achieved our targets?)	Time Frame (When do we expect to complete activity)
Safe water and Sanitation ²⁸	Continue with Curriculum Development Review (CDC) to support civic education which includes inter alia safe water and sanitation Review Water related Acts to ensure that all matters relating to water are managed by DWS	MOH/Ministry of Environment Department of Water Supply	MOET; UNICEF, NGOs VLC	WASH materials are part of the curriculum Review undertaken. Legislation aligned	2015 2014
	Continue implementing provisions of the National Water strategy (2008-2016) Continue supporting National Water Strategy Committee which provides oversight in the work of the Department of Water Develop database of all water projects in Vanuatu	Department of Geology and Mines MOH Environmental Health Unit Department of Water; National Water Strategy Committee	NDMO; WASH cluster, Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources	Ministry annual development reports Database developed and operational	2014-2016 On-going
	Continue healthy islands initiative through primary health care revitalisation	MOH	MOET	No of schools participating in healthy islands initiative	2014-2016

²⁸ 99.76. Take further steps to ensure the progressive realization for all inhabitants of the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation (Germany); 99.77. Adopt policies and take measures to ensure full realization of the right to safe drinking water and sanitation, with special focus on rural areas (Maldives); 99.78. Invest in the necessary infrastructure so that all citizens have access to adequate drinking water and sanitation, especially in rural areas (Spain)

Introduce water safety plans for community water catchments	MOH Environmental Health Unit; WASH cluster (Dept of Geology, Mines and Rural Water Supply), PWD, Unelco, Live & Learn, Care International, Red Cross, World Vision, UNICEF, WHO and ADRA	NDMO, MNCC, VCC, Municipalities, Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources	Target 90% population coverage 4 urban water supplies (Mele/Melemaat, Luganville and Unelco); 7 pilots (Fanafo Port Olry-Santo, Imlao/Imlaka-Tanna, Matarisu (Tonga), Epau North Efate; Nalivuhai Vanua (Malo);	2014-2017
Introduce H2S testing of water to all communities	MOH Environment Unit; Municipal inspectors; NDMO	Provincial Health Promotion officers Peacecorp Volunteers	Target 80% of the population Pilot in Melemaat/Mele, Lelepa	2014-2018
Set up Laboratory for public tests of specimens	Department of Geology and Mines; MOH	Ministry of Climate Change	Taskforce set up Tender process undertaken Laboratory design, human resources Site identification	
Improve national drinking water standards	COM MOH Environmental Health Unit; Geology &	NWAC, Provincial EHOs, RWSO	Undertake consultations and desk review-mapping water sources and	2014-2016

		Mines, WASH cluster		access Water standard manual completed and usable to measure water standards (public and private)	
	Develop National sanitation standards (including VIP water seal, water tanks, compost toilet and septic tank)	MOH Environment Unit Geology & Mines	NGOs, Private Sector	Sanitation standards completed	2014-2016
	Improve sanitation facilities of communities, schools and clinics-waste management strengthened Carry out 5 year sanitation plan desk review	Department of Geology & Mines	MOH, Province EHOs, PEOs, Local authorities, Chiefs, Village Health Workers (VHW)	Desk review undertaken	2015-2018

10. Health					
Recommendation/Cluster Thematic Area	Action/Activities (What do we already have in place to achieve this recommendation? What else do we plan to do to achieve this recommendation?)	Lead Agency (Who will take the leading role in ensuring that this action is done?)	Other Agencies and stakeholders (Who else is important for us to achieve this task?)	Result Indicator (How will we know we have achieved our targets?)	Time Frame (When do we expect to complete activity)
Access²⁹	Review of National Health Strategy	MOH	Health Cluster, Youth Council, Churches, Chiefs, WHO; UNICEF; DWA; UNDP; UNFPA; NGOs	Review completed Recommendations implemented	2014-2015
Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)³⁰	Finalisation of Reproductive Health Strategy Conduct trainings on public health disaster preparedness	MOH	Health Cluster, Youth Council, Churches, Chiefs, WHO; UNICEF; DWA; UNDP; UNFPA; NGOs	Review completed Recommendations implemented MDG reports No of trainings conducted	2015
HIV/AIDS³¹	Finalisation of review HIV strategy	MOH	Health Cluster, Youth Council, Churches, Chiefs, WHO; UNICEF; DWA; UNDP; UNFPA; NGOs (VNYC)	Strategy completed Capacity building for stakeholders	2015-2018
Technical Assistance³²	Seek continued technical and financial assistance in the following areas-	MOH	UN Agencies; NGOs, Vanuatu Family Health Association (VFHA),	National Plan of Action on NCDs implemented	2014-2017

²⁹ 99.79. Ensure that all Vanuatu people are able to access health services (Nigeria); 99.80. Continue to take measures that allow the improvement of the health and education systems of its population (Cuba); 99.81. Continue to promote its progressive improvements to provide adequate access to its population to basic and quality health care services (Venezuela)

³⁰ 99.83. Strengthen efforts to make further progress in the health-related MDGs (Sri Lanka); 99.105. Continue to be committed to economic and social development, reduce the development gap between rural and urban areas, better protect people's right to health and right to development (China)

³¹ 99.84. Continue addressing the HIV/AIDS impact on women and children, in particular the mother-to-child transmission (China, Thailand)

³² 99.106. Continuously seek international support in terms of technical and financial assistance in order to increase capacity-building and to develop programs and policies aimed at promoting the enjoyment of human rights to all citizens in key areas, such as health and education (Timor-Leste); 99.82. In cooperation with the relevant international organizations, continue its programs to improve the public health standards and well-being of its people (Singapore)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary Health Care • Communicable disease control • Non-Communicable disease control • Strengthening of Health Information System (HIS) • Provincial health capacity building 		VNSO, PMO	Recommendations from Demographic Health Survey (DHS) implemented	
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11. Education

Recommendation/Cluster Thematic Area	Action/Activities (What do we already have in place to achieve this recommendation? What else do we plan to do to achieve this recommendation?)	Lead Agency (Who will take the leading role in ensuring that this action is done?)	Other Agencies and stakeholders (Who else is important for us to achieve this task?)	Result Indicator (How will we know we have achieved our targets?)	Time Frame (When do we expect to complete activity)
Access ³³	Continue review of policies by MoET to ensure access Early Childhood Care and Education policy Inclusive Education Policy Education in Emergency Examination, Assessment and Certification Rules and Procedures Curriculum Statement	MOET, Vanuatu of Institute of Teacher Education (VITE) TSC, VIT	DFAT, NZAid (VESP), UNICEF SCA	Legislation drafted/amended Policies reviewed and developed	2015-2017

³³ 99.85. Continue to consolidate its education policies to improve the living conditions of its people, in particular of the neediest sectors of the population (Venezuela); 99.87. Take all the necessary measures to ensure that the right to education is enjoyed by all children (Brazil); 99.88. Give consideration to improving its domestic legislation and existing programs aimed at increasing access to education (Philippines); 99.97. Put in place a strategy for the promotion of access to education for women and girls, reduce drop-out rates among girls in secondary education and improve the access to and the quality of education in rural areas (Ukraine)

Early childhood Care and Education (ECCE) program	MOET, ECCE	UNICEF, World Vision, DFAT & NZAid (VESP)	60 pilot schools in three provinces	2014-2017
Education in Emergency (EiE) disaster risk reduction program	MOET (EiE)	Education clusters UNICEF, SCA, Live and Learn	Number of people educated in EiE Increased School Safety Plans developed and implemented in schools	2014-2017
Promote and mainstream Gender equity policy into new curriculum materials and training	MOET (Policy and Planning Unit)	MOJCS-DWA, DFAT and NZAID (VESP) UNICEF, UNWOMEN	Increased equal access in education for boys/girls	2014-2017
Inclusive Education Policy Awareness and Coordination	MOET (IE section)	MOJCS, Disability NGOs, DFAT and NZAid, MOH	Increase awareness and early identification for schools and communities	2014-2017
Research on developing and testing indicators for disability inclusive education in the Pacific	MOET	Monash University, Nossal Institute for Global Health, DFAT	Indicators measuring efforts towards education in the Pacific are developed	2013-2015
Strengthening capacity for disability-inclusive education development policy formulation, implementation and monitoring in the south pacific	MoET	Queensland University of Technology University of the South pacific, DFAT	Establish two model inclusive schools	2013-2015

New curriculum focusing on ratification of international human rights treaties, gender equity, inclusive education, climate change, disaster risk reduction, water and sanitation, judiciary system, child rights, family life education, health and physical education etc	MoET (Curriculum Development Unit)	MOH, Health, Education clusters (EIE), NDMO, MOJCS, DFAT and NZAID (VESP)	Percentage of children (boys & girls) meeting literacy and numeracy standards in school years 4-6	2014-2018
Training of teachers (K1-Year 3) to improve skills and knowledge in teaching methodologies and practices (including inclusive education)	MoET, VITE	DFAT, NZAid (VESP)	Percentage of children (boys and girls) aged 6 entering	2014-2018
Vanuatu Institute of Teacher Education has 2 courses developed to introduce inclusive education concepts and practices; action to be taken is to increase the credit point value of courses to provide more detailed information	MoET VITE	MoJCS	-Increased credit point values are provided for the 2 courses New course outline and syllabus developed & approved that covers detailed concepts and teaching practices for both primary and secondary students	2015-2018

	Piloted Inclusive Education Teacher Capacity Workshop to introduce the Inclusive Education Policy and concepts of inclusion to local educators; action to take is to provide more I.E. educator workshops	MoET VITE	MOH, MOJCS, Disability NGOs, DFAT, NZAID (VESP)	-Provide awareness and early identification to schools and communities -No. of teachers who attend I.E. workshop	2014-2017
	School base Management (SBM) being strengthened to improve access	MoET, SBM	DFAT and NZ Aid (VESP)	Percentage of schools schooling years Kindergarten and years 1-3 meeting school minimum quality standards for children with special needs	2014-2017
Allocation of Resources³⁴	Continued school grants at primary level	MOET/MOFEM	Parliament, PMO, Donor/Development partners	No of grants awarded annually	2015-2017

³⁴ 99.96. Allocate more resources to the education sector (Canada); 99.98. Reinforce efforts addressing high level of adult illiteracy and low rate of girl's enrolment in secondary and higher levels of education

12. Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Management

Recommendation/Cluster Thematic Area	Action/Activities (What do we already have in place to achieve this recommendation? What else do we plan to do to achieve this recommendation?)	Lead Agency (Who will take the leading role in ensuring that this action is done?)	Other Agencies and stakeholders (Who else is important for us to achieve this task?)	Result Indicator (How will we know we have achieved our targets?)	Time Frame (When do we expect to complete activity)
Technical Assistance ³⁵	Mainstream human rights into all aspects of CCA and DRM policies and Legislation -Review NDMO Act to ensure that it is inclusive of international human rights norms	NDMO Project Management Unit (PMU) VMGD	State Law office; World Bank; Vanuatu Police Force; Ministry of Infrastructure and Public Utilities (MIPU); Local Authorities; NGOs, Red Cross, Ministry of Lands, Land Tribunal Office; Council of Chiefs	Current legislation is reviewed	2014-2016
	Develop civil-military interaction guidelines for response during major emergencies	NDMO Project Management Unit (PMU) VMGD	State Law office; World Bank; Vanuatu Police Force; Ministry of Infrastructure and Public Utilities (MIPU); Local Authorities; NGOs, Red Cross, Ministry of Lands, Land Tribunal Office; Council of Chiefs	Civil- Military interaction guidelines developed and used	2014-2016
	Develop Guide on Internal displacement	NDMO Project Management		Internal displacement guidelines	2014-2016

³⁵ 99.107. Continue to seek technical assistance to address the specific problem of the disproportionately negative impact of climate change on women and children (Trinidad and Tobago);

		Unit (PMU) VMGD		developed	
Awareness Raising³⁶	<p>Advocacy to reduce vulnerability and increase public safety</p> <p>-Capacity-building in human resource development</p> <p>-Capacity –building in organisational development</p> <p>Early warning system and multiple Hazard and Risk Mapping</p> <p>-Curriculum review to include education for emergencies</p> <p>-Training for Correctional Service Officers on DRM</p>	<p>NDMO VMGD NAB</p> <p>VMGD; MOET; DOCS</p>	<p>Government stakeholders NGOs Sector cluster systems Donor partners International organisations; VCC; MNCC, VNYC, Provincial and Municipal Government and Youth Councils</p> <p>NDMO; VNSO; Donor Partners; NGOs; Government stakeholders</p>	<p>-All six provinces have DRM and CCA focal persons coordinating DRR and CCA program</p> <p>-Community Disaster Climate Change Committees (CDCCC) set up in all islands</p> <p>100% of total population receives warning during emergency</p> <p>-Communities understand risk and address it</p>	2014-2016

³⁶ 99.108. Continue to develop awareness-raising and action programs for its population, with the necessary international cooperation and solidarity of the community of nations, in order to deal with the impacts of climate change (Venezuela)

13. Protection for Persons with disabilities

Recommendation/Cluster Thematic Area	Action/Activities (What do we already have in place to achieve this recommendation? What else do we plan to do to achieve this recommendation?)	Lead Agency (Who will take the leading role in ensuring that this action is done?)	Other Agencies and stakeholders (Who else is important for us to achieve this task?)	Result Indicator (How will we know we have achieved our targets?)	Time Frame (When do we expect to complete activity)
Domestication of CRPD³⁷	Seek funding for the implementation of the Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) plan in achieving the national Disability policy and extending of the term of the policy. Increase the capacity of the disability desk into a unit to recruit more officers to support the implementation of the disability policy	MoJCS	Disability NGOs, PMO, MFEM, VANGO	CBR programs implemented in rural communities	2014-2016
	Promote enactment of disability specific legislation Review compliance with disability legislation Lobby for establishment of Parliamentary disability Committee	MoJCS MOJCS/Parliament	SLO VLC	legislation is enacted Review of legislation to track compliance	2014-2016 2018
Infrastructure development to ensure	Monitor compliance with Implementation of the building Code	MoJCS	MIPU, People with disabilities	Increased access to	2015

³⁷ 99.99. Vanuatu is encouraged to take steps to fully implement its policies and action plans on the rights of women and persons with disabilities (Solomon Islands); 99.100. Ensure all relevant domestic laws include disability as a prohibited ground of discrimination (New Zealand); 99.101. Continue its work progressing towards implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), including through prompt implementation of the new Building Code for the Public Works Department to ensure buildings and amenities are disability-friendly (Australia)

access by persons with disabilities³⁸			NGOs, Media, Parliament, Provincial Disability Committees	public places and buildings for people with disabilities	
	Provide support to the Ministry of Education in the implementation of the inclusive education	MoJCS MOET	NGOs People with disabilities	Establishment of two model inclusive schools	2014-2018
	Consider establishing special schools for blind and deaf	MoJCS MOET	NGOs People with disabilities Private Sector	No of schools established annually	2014-2018
	Work closely with the Public works department to promote access to public transport for persons with disabilities	MoJCS PWD	Private Sector; People with disabilities Land Transport Association	Improvement in public transport infrastructure for persons with disabilities	2014-2018
Working conditions of persons with disabilities³⁹	Review employment Act to ensure it is inclusive of disability issues	VLC, Labour Department	MoJCS SLO NGOs	Employment Act reviewed	2014-2018

³⁸ 99.102. Adopt measures to ensure the accessibility of persons with disabilities to places such as schools, hospitals, markets and public offices (Spain); 99.103. Continue with the measures aimed at improving the protection and integration of persons with disabilities, in particular in the areas of access to education and public transport (Argentina)

³⁹ 99.104. Promote the situation of disabled persons and their working conditions (Algeria)



Top row: All good ideas start on paper and with beautiful scenery-brainstorming for the UPR report 2013

Bottom row: left-UPR consultation; middle- Members of Troika and Vanuatu Delegation exchanging responses to the 109 Recommendations; right-Meeting with special rapporteur on rights of persons with disabilities, Geneva, 2014. (Photos courtesy of Ministry of Justice and Community Services)



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Top row left: human rights training for Pacific Island Correctional officers; middle- Radio broadcast- raising awareness in Santo on sexual reproductive health; right- Birth registration campaigns across Vanuatu (photos courtesy of Department of Correctional Services, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Internal Affairs) Bottom row left: Wheelchair clinics in Emae and Futuna islands 2014; community awareness training on penal code and community rehabilitation and re-integration for offenders; (Photos courtesy of Department of Corrections, Ministry of Justice and Community Services)

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Common Based Rehabilitation Plan

Disability Policy

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