

# Vanuatu

The World Bank is supporting the Government of Vanuatu in delivering safer, more reliable and more resilient transport, as well as improving the resilience of services and basic infrastructure of settlements around Port Vila.

This is in addition to disaster response assistance, and analytical and research work on labour mobility, poverty and growth.



## Transport



Work is underway to improve the climate resilience of Vanuatu's transport infrastructure and contribute to faster, safer and more reliable transport. The Vanuatu Climate Resilient Transport Project is working on critical upgrades to 65 kilometers of road and bridge infrastructure on Espiritu Santo island, improving access to markets and essential services. The project will also work to improve planning and better prioritize road maintenance.

## Urban Resilience



A number of settlements around Port Vila will see improvements in resilience and services through a US\$25m Vanuatu Affordable and Resilient Settlements Project. This project will support safer, more affordable urban developments in and around Port Vila; home to around 40 percent of Vanuatu's population.

The project will establish a new urban expansion area to serve as a model to reduce risks in hazardous areas, offer affordable options for urban development, and support better access to roads, employment and services.

## Governance



The World Bank is supporting key aspects of Vanuatu's Disaster Recovery and Resilience Act and its Physical Planning Act which help improve risk reduction, preparedness, response and recovery from future disasters, which often disproportionately impact vulnerable ni-Vanuatu communities.

This is delivered through the Vanuatu Second Disaster Risk Management Development Policy Grant that also strengthens health responses to disasters and climate change, and improves debt transparency.

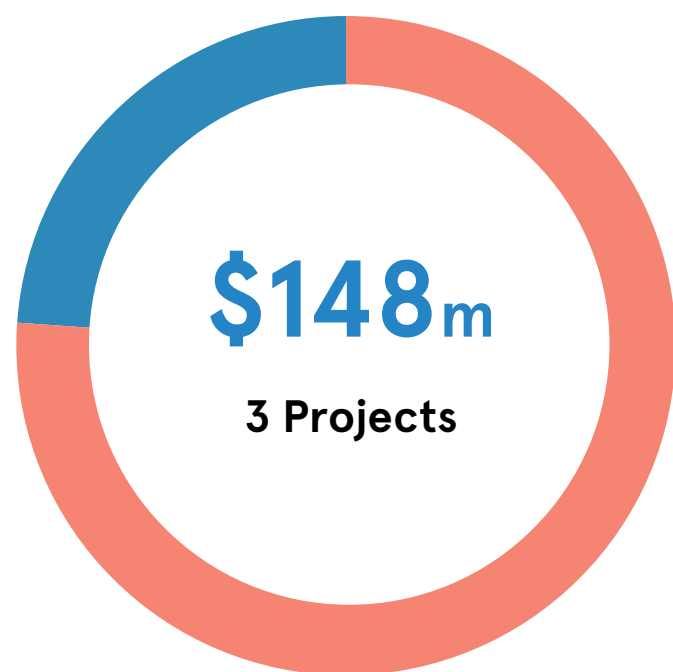
## Emergency assistance



In March 2023, the World Bank delivered US\$9.5 million to support Vanuatu's response to the impacts of Severe Tropical Cyclones Judy and Kevin, and a 6.5 Mw earthquake in Vanuatu's north that occurred in the same week. This funding supported the government's recovery, and response needs following these disasters.

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## Current Projects



<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Focus area</b>		<b>Total commitment in US\$m</b> <small>(includes IBRD, IDA, Other and Co-Financing)</small>
Vanuatu Climate Resilient Transport Project	Transport	●	113
Vanuatu Affordable and Resilient Settlements Project	Urban, Resilience	●	25
Vanuatu Second Disaster Risk Management Development Policy Grant with a Catastrophe Deferred Drawdown Option	Urban, Resilience	●	10
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>148</b>