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## **GRANT AGREEMENT**

Between

**Friends of Vanuatu (FOV2)**

And

**ActionAid Vanuatu**

About

### **Cyclone Harold Recovery Projects on Malo Island**

#### **I. Introduction**

In April 2020, category 5 Cyclone Harold created widespread damage across Vanuatu, making landfall on Santo and Pentecost. Malo Island, just south of mainland Santo was also heavily impacted. As part of the TC Harold Response Recovery Assessment, ActionAid Vanuatu identified the need and opportunity to support ongoing recovery efforts on Malo through ActionAid Vanuatu's network of women's empowerment groups, known as Woman I Toktok Tugeta (WITTT). Under this grant, ActionAid Vanuatu will leverage their existing Malo-based network of women's community groups to support two distinct efforts focused on the ongoing recovery of education and economic development on the island.

#### **II. Purpose of the Project**

To support communities on Malo Island in the ongoing recovery from Cyclone Harold, ActionAid Vanuatu will work on two distinct activities in response to the expressed needs of community members.

**Component 1:** Support recovery of educational resources through assistance to building community-based reading resource centers and transporting books from Port Vila to Malo.

**Component 2:** Support economic recovery of women through the Women-Led Community-Based Protection Framework previously established by ActionAid Vanuatu. Component 2 will provide grants to Woman I Toktok Togeta community-based savings groups to support new and existing livelihoods projects.

**III. FOV2 Grant Amount:**

USD \$3,000.

**IV. Grant Period:**

1 June 2021 – 31 December 2021.

**V. Implementation:****Component 1 – Library**

The grant for Component 1 will assist in building and stocking a community-based reading center by providing funding in two parts: (A) Materials and labor to construct bookshelves, and (B) labor and fees to transport books from Port Vila to the school in Malo (Note: these books were made available by another donor). ActionAid Vanuatu will administer and manage the funds to complete the two parts.

**Component 2 – Women-led Community-based Protection (WLCBP)**

The Community-based Protection Framework, which was architected by the Malo local women, showed urgent needs including: lack of availability and access to food, lack of safe drinking water, gardens destroyed by wild pigs, improper sanitation, sexual violence, Intimate Partner Violence and more. One of the major issues raised by these women is the lack of financial avenues which is what this component will address. This grant component will facilitate the donation of subgrants to be given to the East and West Malo WITTT groups to support their existing livelihood projects. ActionAid Vanuatu's role is to administer and manage the funds for subgrants to the women's groups, and will continue to provide oversight as the projects are implemented, ensuring the funds are used correctly.

**VI. Objectives:**

Component 1 – Completion of community-based reading center, with books transported from Port Vila.

Component 2 – Issue subgrants to existing community-based savings and loan groups for the purpose of expanding and/or launching new income generating activities.

**VII. Reporting Requirements:**

Component 1 – Within 60 days, ActionAid Vanuatu commits to providing one narrative report (not to exceed one page) with photos and descriptions of activities. By December 31<sup>st</sup>, or at completion of Component 1 (whichever comes first), ActionAid Vanuatu commits to provide one final narrative report (not to exceed one page) with photos, descriptions of activities and accomplishments in comparison to the objectives. Photos should show progression of work before, during, and after project.

Component 2 – Within 60 days, ActionAid Vanuatu commits to providing one narrative report (not to exceed one page) with photos and descriptions of activities. By December 31<sup>st</sup>, or at completion of Component 2 (whichever comes first), ActionAid Vanuatu commits to provide one final narrative report (not to exceed 3 pages) with photos, descriptions of funded subgrants and accomplishments in comparison to the objectives. ActionAid Vanuatu will provide photos of participating groups/women and individual projects.

**VIII. Payment Schedule:**

Funding will be wired from FOV2 to ActionAid Vanuatu in one payment to cover all budgeted expenses, administration, labor, materials, etc. Funds will be wired to the following ActionAid Vanuatu account:

Account Holder:	ActionAid Vanuatu Committee, Inc International Account
Bank Name:	BRED (Vanuatu) Limited
Bank Address:	PMB 9088, Lini Highway, Port Vila, Vanuatu
Bank Phone:	(678) 29111
SWIFT / BIC Code:	BREDVUVU
Wire Routing Number:	
Account Number:	4806 5101 0013

**IX. Communication:**

The following addresses will be used for all forms of communication, including notifications, questions, and reporting throughout the project:

<b>Friends of Vanuatu</b>	<b>ActionAid Vanuatu</b>
<i>Name:</i> Brett Serwalt	<i>Name:</i> Flora Vano
<i>Title:</i> President, Friends of Vanuatu	<i>Title:</i> Country Program Manager
<i>Email:</i> President@fov2.org	<i>Email:</i> Flora.Vano@Actionaid.org

**X. Terms:**

No amendment or modification of this agreement shall have any force or effect unless it is executed in writing and signed by an authorized representative of FOV2 and ActionAid Vanuatu.

**XI. Appendices:**

The ActionAid Vanuatu Concept Note and Budget (see appendix) explains the project in more detail.

**XII. Signatures:**

By signing this agreement, Friends of Vanuatu and ActionAid Vanuatu acknowledge that the grant agreement has both been read and understood and that its terms and condition have been accepted.

**Friends of Vanuatu:**

Date: 6/7/2021 | 9:24:12 PM EDT

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**Brett Serwalt, President FOV2**

**Action Aid Vanuatu:**

Date: 6/14/2021 | 6:19:17 AM EDT

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**Flora Vano, Country Manager, ActionAid Vanuatu**

## APPENDIX

### Concept Note

#### Funding source: Friends of Vanuatu, Friends of Flora Vano

When the local women of East, South and West Malo came together to discuss their issues and factored resolutions of these issues into their protection framework led by ActionAid womanitarians, they openly shared their pains, cried over their TC – Harold experiences, how they suffered extremely by the horrible disaster. “ When I realised that our house was crushing, I held the hands of my 2 children and ran towards my neighbour’s house but the winds came gushing on us so strong that I ducked them under a pandanus tree and that’s where we sheltered for the rest of the night.” ( Voke 35 , saying crying)

Voke’s experience was just one of the many stories that were shared during the safe spaces provided by ActionAid Vanuatu team when they visited Malo island for the TC Harold Response Rapid Assessment. The safe spaces provided to these 2,000 plus women led to a fully defined Malo – based issues which were later fragmented into locally – based solutions designed by local women leaders whom many of them were later nominated / selected to lead the Malo Woman I Toktok Tugeta, one of ActionAid Vanuatu’s Network with the purpose to empower women in grassroot communities.

The Rapid Needs Assessment identified extreme sufferings from vulnerable communities like Melbulbul Community the far Eastern Side of Malo island who were already experiencing land disputes from indigenous landowners.

The same response team travelled to Uripiv island , Malekula to meet with women leaders there. Mrs Doresday Kenneth Watson, Director General for the Ministry of Justice who was on sabbatical leave that time for her late Father’s passing assisted the ActionAid Vanuatu team to consult key community leaders, the Provincial Government of Malampa and key community leaders. This resulted in the successful establishment of ‘Woman I TokTok Tugeta Malekula.

#### Grant allocation:

The grant allocation will go towards the following components:

Component 1 – Literacy building

## Component 2 – Sista Savings and Loan Schemes

### **Component 1 –**

Vanuatu, known for its high illiteracy rate has affected women mostly by limiting their access to further education and formal employment therefore leaving them stuck in domestic agriculture. In addition to the complexity of learning in a rural setting, the severe damages caused by TC Harold has left many school libraries empty therefore limiting reading opportunities for the local school children. This grant lot of component 1 will assist in building a community – based reading resource centre, starting off with a bookshelf which with donated books which are already made available by another donor. The grant will help to facilitate the transportation of these books to Malo island as well as meeting labour costs and purchasing a quality book shelve. The main outcome of this component will be school children and out of schoolgirls can borrow a good reading book!

### **Component 2 – Women – Led – Community – Based Protection ( WLCBP)**

The Community – Based Protection Framework which was architected by the Malo and Malekula ( Uripiv) local women showed urgent needs which includes; lack of availability and access to food, lack of safe drinking water, gardens destroyed by wild pigs, improper sanitation, sexual violence, Intimate Partner Violence and many more. One of the major issues raised by these women is the lack of financial avenues which is what this component will address. This grant component will facilitate the donation of subgrants of 50,000vatu each to be given to the Malo and Uripiv WITTT to support their existing livelihood projects. ActionAid Vanuatu’s role is to ensure that these funds are used correctly and are accounted for.

### **Accountability and Reporting**

ActionAid Vanuatu ( AAV) acknowledged its responsibility as the recipient entity of this grant and shall comply in full to ensure accountability of the grant expenditures. AAV will provide both narrative and grant financial acquittals as expected.

**Budget breakdown ( per today’s exchange rate: <https://transferwise.com/gb/currency-converter/usd-to-vuv-rate> )**

Total of \$3,000 in vatu ; surplus of 24,000 vatu makes total of; 324,000 vatu

Total grants to be received in vatu: 324,000 vatu

Overhead cost (10%) of total grand - 32,000 vatu ( to be administered by ActionAid Vanuatu Office)

Disaggregated budget: 100,000 vatu for Literacy building ( schoolbooks) and 200,000 vatu for WLCBP – Livelihood assistance. Surplus of 24,000 vatu will be used for administrative purposes.

Item/ particular	Item cost	Subtotal	Total
<b>Component 1 - Literacy building activities</b>	-	-	-
Activity 1 – Library shelves	41,500	41,500	41,500
1.2 – Labour on Malo	10,000	10,000	51,500
Activity 2 – Transport Cost 2.1 Transport cost for the collection of donated books.	10,000	10,000	61,500
2.2 Transport of books to Vanuatu Ferry Shipping for shipment to Santo	5,000	5,000	71,000
2.4 Transport of books from Santo to Malo via truck and later boat and again truck to project site	18,500	18,500	81,500
2.5 – Labour cost ( Vila)	10,000	10,000	100,000
		<b>Grand total</b>	<b>100,000 vatu</b>
<b>Component 2 – Women – Led Community – Based Protection ( WLCBP) Activities</b>	Total budget – 200,000		
<b>Activity 2.1 – Cash assistance for East Malo WITT</b>	100,000 (13 groups)	50,000	50,000

<b>Activity 2.2 – Cash assistance for West Malo WITTT</b>	100,000 (32 groups)	50,000	100,000
<b>Activity 2.3 – Cash Assistance for Melbulbul Community ( East Malo)</b>	Combine with 2.1	50,000	150,000
<b>Activity 2.4- Cash Assistance for Uribiv Island WITTT</b>	Combine with 2.2	50,000	200,000
		<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>200,000 vatu</b>