Vanuatu

The World Bank is supporting the Government of Vanuatu with projects that are delivering safer, more reliable and climate resilient transport; increasing national and community resilience with reconstruction assistance to strengthen schools and other public facilities against disasters; and improving access to electricity and rural electrification.

Transport

Work is underway to improve the climate resilience of Vanuatu’s transport infrastructure. The Vanuatu Climate Resilient Transport Project is working on critical upgrades to 65 kilometers of the South Santo Road on Espiritu Santo, while the Vanuatu Aviation Investment Project under the Pacific Aviation Investment Program has already delivered major reconstruction works to airports and runways in Vanuatu for safer, more secure and more reliable air transport.

Resilience & Recovery

The Vanuatu Infrastructure Reconstruction and Improvement Project is improving the disaster and climate resilience of public sector assets in provinces impacted by Tropical Cyclone Pam (2015), including schools, health facilities and roads, and is also supporting the development of a National Disaster Recovery Framework.

The World Bank has also delivered US$10 million (VUV1.2b) in emergency funding to Vanuatu to support the country’s response to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and TC Harold (2020).

Energy & Extractives

Through off-grid solar home systems, the Rural Electrification Program has helped expand energy access for families and businesses in many of Vanuatu’s low-income rural areas. The Improved Electricity Access Project that was implemented in parallel has also enabled 4,500 low-income families to connect to the electricity grid.

CURRENT PROJECTS

As of January 2021 there are 4 active projects in Vanuatu:

- Rural Electrification Project Stage II
- Vanuatu Climate Resilient Transport Project
- Vanuatu Infrastructure Improvement Project
- Vanuatu Disaster Risk Management Policy Grant