

Integral Disaster Response Alert for Vanuatu Cyclone Pam

Immediate Release



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An Alert for an Integral Response was raised on 14th March 2015 for Cyclone Pam which has devastated the nation of Vanuatu. A category 5 cyclone struck Vanuatu late on Friday 13th March, the worst ever to hit this island nation with gusts of wind up to 200 mph. Assessment information is still being gathered and the cyclone has destroyed much of the nation's communications infrastructure.

To date four Integral Members have opted in to the Integral Response, with more expected following the first Integral coordination teleconference to be held on 17th March. Current activities of Integral Members include:

- TEAR Fund New Zealand have deployed 2 staff Members to aid coordination and support their partners, Nasi Tuan and Olu Fou (pictured right).
- Transform Aid are linking in closely with their partner in Vanuatu, Vanuatu Churches of Christ.
- Medical Teams International is assessing all response options including sending medical teams or assisting partners who are on the ground.
- Cedar Fund (Hong Kong), Medical Teams International, Mission East (Denmark) and Tearfund (UK) are fundraising.
- MAP International (US) are looking to support two partners with medical supplies.

Jan Eyre, Integral's Disaster Management and Programme Coordinator says, "We have Integral Members well-placed in the region and who are already on the ground linking with local partners and churches. It is vital that we get as much assistance to the affected population as quickly as possible. By coordinating this response across the Integral membership, we can maximise our resources, both operationally and in fundraising, to meet the urgent need there is for shelter, medical and WASH supplies, particularly for the most vulnerable."

Integral has set up a dedicated website to enable Members to share information and media resources and to facilitate on-going sharing and coordination for this joint operations and communications response,

Integral's website: www.integralalliance.org

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MORE INFORMATION ABOUT INTEGRAL

All Integral Members sign up to the [Red Cross Code of Conduct](#) and [Sphere Standards](#), and Integral has developed an agreed [Quality Standards Statement](#) amongst its 20 Members.

Integral has 20 Members who work in over 80 countries, with more than 650 local Partners, in more than 40 sectors. Our Members have a combined income of over \$663m USDs and are:

[CEDAR Fund](#) - **Hong Kong**
[Food for the Hungry](#) – **USA**
[Integra](#) - **Slovakia**
[MAP International](#) - **USA**
[Medical Teams International](#) - USA
[Medair](#) – Switzerland
[Missions Alliance](#) - **Norway**
[Mission East](#) - **Denmark**
[SEL France](#) - **France**
[TEAR Australia](#) – **Australia**
[Tear](#)- **Netherlands**
[Tearfund](#) – **Belgium**
[TEAR Fund](#) – **New Zealand**
[Tear Fund](#) - **Switzerland**
[Tearfund](#) – **UK**
[Transform Aid International](#) – **Australia**
[World Concern](#) - **USA**
[World Relief Canada](#) - **Canada**
[World Relief](#) – **USA**
[World Renew](#) - **Canada & USA**

The Integral Disaster Relief Process:

Integral Members have developed a collaborative strategy for responding to disasters as Integral, with the Disaster Response Process co-ordinating the emergency activities of its Members. The aim of the Integral DR process is to combine resources to ensure that as many people as possible are reached with the assistance they need.

2015: Cyclone Pam, Vanutu

2014: The Philippines (Typhoon Hagupit), Ebola outbreak in West Africa, South Sudan, CAR, Syria, The Philippines (Typhoon Haiyan), Kenya unrest, Iraq

2013: Cyclone Mahasen (Bangladesh), North India Flooding (Utterakhand), Syrian Crisis, and Tropical Cyclone Phailin (East India), Typhoon Haiyan (The Philippines)

2012: South Sudan (displacement), Philippines Flooding, Democratic Republic of Congo (displacement)

2011: Cote d'Ivoire, Libya, North Korea, South Sudan, Japan earthquake, Middle East, East Africa food crisis

2010: Haiti earthquake, Sahel food crisis, Indonesia earthquake, Guatemala Hurricane, Pakistan floods

2009: Sri Lanka (internally displaced people), Pakistan floods, Asian disasters

2008: Kenya Unrest, China Earthquake, Myanmar Cyclone, Democratic Republic of Congo, East Africa Food Crisis, India floods

2007: Bangladesh Floods, Zimbabwe Humanitarian Crisis

2006: Indonesia Earthquake

2004: Indonesia Tsunami, Sri Lanka Tsunami

Integral Vision:

- Integral's vision is a world without poverty.
- Our mission is to work in collaboration as national relief and development agencies committed to maximising the holistic impact of our Christian response to the poor worldwide. Integral's main focus is on working together when disasters happen, and to find opportunities for our Members to collaborate and so maximise our resources and impact following a disaster.

On Integral Collaboration:

- Integral's goal is for all its Members to become more effective and efficient in their work and to see greater impact and reach as a result of working collaboratively. This means making sure that Integral Members share information and play complementary roles with the resources they have available when an emergency happens. The Integral Secretariat plays a co-ordinating role to facilitate better communication between all Members in disaster situations with the aim of increasing support and avoiding duplication.

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