

Integral Update - Vanuatu Cyclone Pam

Immediate Release



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Integral Members met together by teleconference today to coordinate their response for Cyclone Pam which has devastated the nation of Vanuatu. This category 5 Cyclone made landfall on Vanuatu on Friday 13th March evening and Integral Members started to plan and coordinate together within a few hours. An Integral Alert was raised on Saturday 14th March and currently seven Integral Members are actively responding: MAP International (US), Mission East (Denmark), Tear Australia, TEAR Fund New Zealand, Tearfund (UK), Transform Aid Australia and World Renew (US). Additional Integral Members are expected to join the response, supporting with fundraising campaigns, as further information becomes available.

Alice Banfield and Andrew Finlay from TEAR Fund NZ were able to join the NZ Air Force Hercules flight carrying aid for Vanuatu. Andrew has been deployed to Tanna to work with their local partner, while Alice is in Port Vila to connect with the various disaster clusters before going to Tanna. They have been able to keep in touch via a SAT phone and have sent photos and video footage for all Integral Members to make use of. When Alice landed in Port Vila she reports: "We have just arrived on the second Hercules – the sky is blue and it's looking reasonably peaceful, but at the same time we have not even left the airport and you can already see how massive the destruction is."

Integral will host its 2nd teleconference later today to further explore how a potential Integral Hub could support this response, enabling Members to reach more people. A Hub could help with assessment of needs and identify gaps in the response, support and strengthen local partners' responses with technical expertise and help to provide communications materials.

Jan Eyre, Integral's Disaster Management and Programme Coordinator says, "It was very encouraging on our first teleconference to hear how committed our Members are to exploring how Integral can add value in very practical ways – we,

and our operational Members, were offered technical expertise, logistics and capacity building support with personnel ready to leave in the next few days.”

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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.”

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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