

Integral Update 2 - Vanuatu Cyclone Pam

Immediate Release



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Ten Integral Members are actively responding¹ to Cyclone Pam which has devastated the Pacific island nation of Vanuatu. Integral has now held two teleconferences to coordinate the activities of its Members who are supporting five local partners, and launching fundraising campaigns in their headquarter countries.

Latest statistics from the National Disaster Management Organisation in Vanuatu report 11 confirmed fatalities, 3,300 people displaced in 37 evacuation centres. There are serious concerns about disease with water contaminated, the lack of sanitation equipment and an increasing lack of food. The authorities are still struggling to get a clear picture of the situation because of the lack of access to many of the nations' islands.

Integral Members have agreed to establish an Integral Hub to support the early response to Cyclone Pam. Joel Kaiser, an emergency management specialist from Medair, will be deployed to Vanuatu today to assist in coordinating the response and help to develop an Integral strategy. Additionally, a communications specialist from TEAR Fund New Zealand is already enroute to Vanuatu to gather photos and stories for all Integral Members to use.

Joel says: "It is great that I can be deployed as Medair's support to the Integral Alliance and be a part of a collaborative work in response to this disaster. I am looking forward to working with local organisations and international NGOs to provide coordinated relief to vulnerable communities in order to maximize our collective impact."

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Extra quotes:

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,

¹ Cedar Fund (Hong Kong), Food for the Hungry (US), MAP International (US), Medair (Switzerland), Mission East (Denmark), Tear Australia, TEAR Fund New Zealand, Tearfund (UK), Transform Aid Australia and World Renew (US).

medical and WASH supplies, particularly for the most vulnerable.” Jan Eyre, Integral’s Disaster Management and Programme Coordinator.

“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.” Jan Eyre, Integral’s Disaster Management and Programme Coordinator

“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.” Alice Banfield, TEAR Fund New Zealand staff member who joined the NZ Air Force Hercules flight carrying aid for Vanuatu.

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, Vanuatu

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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