



Gender & Protection in Emergencies

THE WORK OF VANUATU'S GENDER & PROTECTION CLUSTER



MINISTRY OF JUSTICE AND
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Why gender and protection, and why does it matter in emergency response?

Gender equality and social inclusion is a critical step towards achieving sustainable development. Crisis situations radically affect social and cultural structures, changing women and men's status. They often provide a window of opportunity for addressing gender-based discrimination and rights violations. If humanitarian interventions are not planned with gender equality in mind, not only do the chances of doing greater harm increase, but the opportunity to support and promote equality in livelihoods between men and women can be lost. (The Basics of Gender in Emergencies, WHO 2006)

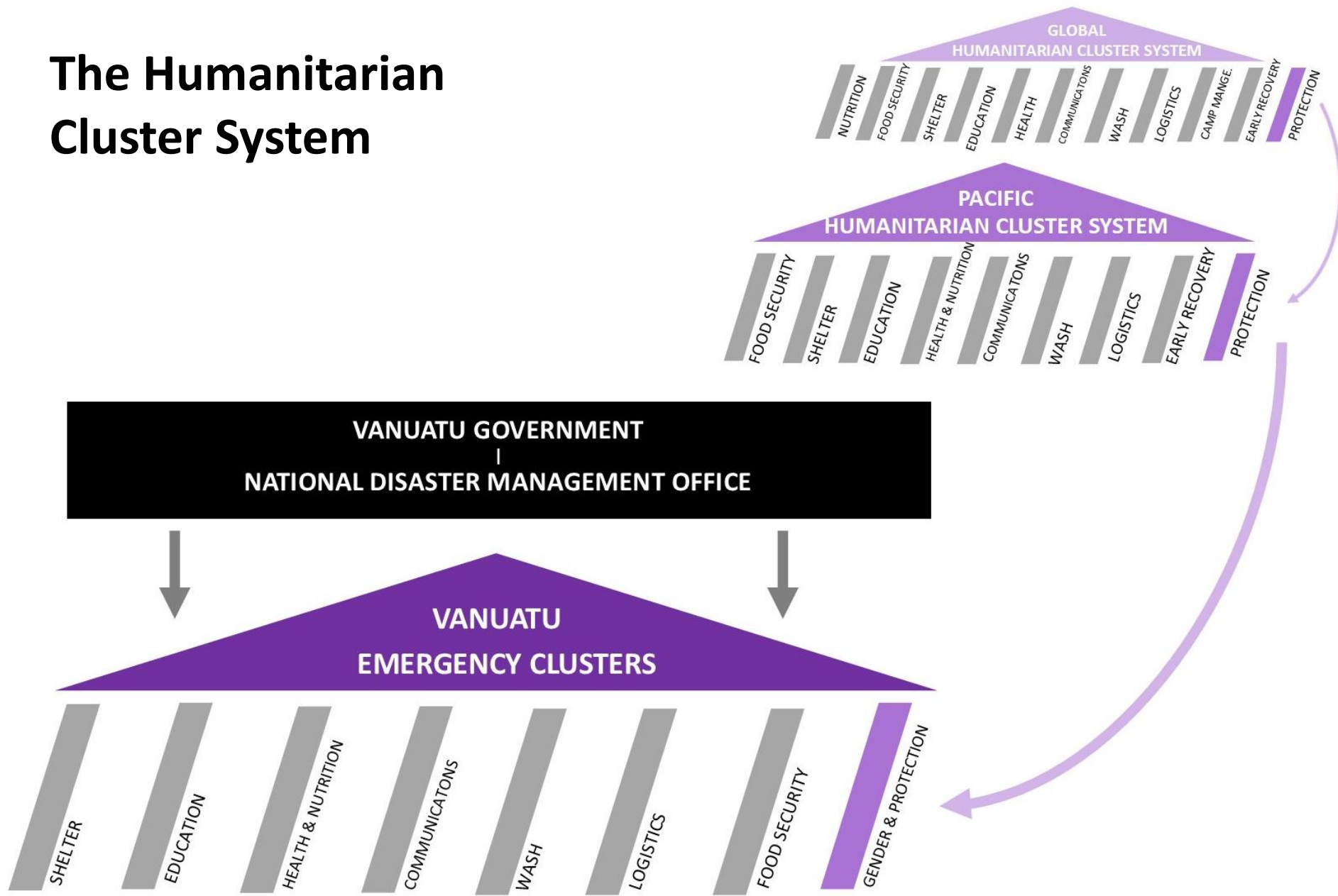




Who is responsible for progressing this work?

We all are. As field practitioners, team leaders and policy makers our job is to make sure that the assistance and protection we provide meets the needs of all the population equally, that their rights are protected and that those most affected by a crisis receive the support they need. We are all accountable. (Also from The Basics of Gender in Emergencies, WHO 2006)

The Humanitarian Cluster System



How the Gender and Protection Cluster is contributing to the Government's big plan, the Sustainable Development Plan, 2030.



**Vanuatu 2030 - The People's
Plan
National Sustainable
Development Plan (NSDP)
2016-2031**

National Gender Equality Policy 2015-2019

Strategic areas:

1. Reducing domestic and gender based violence
2. Enhancing women's economic empowerment
3. Promoting women's leadership and equal political participation
4. **Building a framework for gender mainstreaming**



IN VANUATU

- National Coordination Mechanisms
- The Vanuatu Gender & Protection Cluster



VANUATU'S GENDER & PROTECTION CLUSTER

Objectives:

- Increase knowledge and skills
- Operational Support
- Influence and Advocacy
- Operational Coordination

A group of people, including men, women, and children, are participating in a beach cleanup. They are standing in a line on a grassy area near the ocean, holding white plastic bags filled with trash. The background shows a blue sky with clouds and palm trees. The foreground shows a man in a blue shirt and a woman in a yellow shirt and red cap, both holding white plastic bags. The woman in the yellow shirt is looking at the man in the blue shirt, who is looking down at the bag he is holding. The man in the blue shirt is also holding a white plastic bag. The woman in the yellow shirt is wearing a red cap and a yellow shirt. The man in the blue shirt is wearing a blue shirt. The background shows a group of people standing in a line on a grassy area near the ocean, holding white plastic bags. The background also shows a blue sky with clouds and palm trees.

Enabling Environment:

- Government's commitment and mandate
- Well-developed processes & systems
- The commitment & contributions to the G&PC by its member organisations



LOOK HOW FAR WE'VE COME

Increasing Knowledge and Skills:

- Training
- Skill development
- Raising assessment
- Building capacity



Operational Support:

- Development of key resources
- Pre deployment briefings
- Development of assessment forms
- Supporting focal points in other clusters
- Input into the Government's response and recovery work
- Embedding women into assessment teams
- Real time data collection and sharing

Influence and Advocacy:

- Lessons learned
- High level liaison and advocacy
- Informing assessments
- Disability advocacy
- Protection as a strategic priority
- Sharing information between agencies



Operational Coordination:

- Mobilisation of people & resources
- Ongoing improvements in planning, coordination, implementation & information management
- Sharing information to assist planning
- Providing personnel for response/assessment teams
- Identification of risks
- Coordinated engagement by all G&PC partners



BUT WE STILL HAVE WORK TO DO...

Challenges:

- Complexity
- Resourcing
- Monitoring and evaluation
- G&PC's own ongoing capacity building
- National vs provincial
- Participation/engagement
- Focus on training (a dilemma)





Thank you!

Let's talk more

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