

FAITH HUMANITARIAN RESPONSES IN VANUATU

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CHURCH WORKING GROUP

- COORDINATING ACROSS THE NUMEROUS FAITH ACTORS
- LINKING WITH WIDER HUMANITARIAN SYSTEM



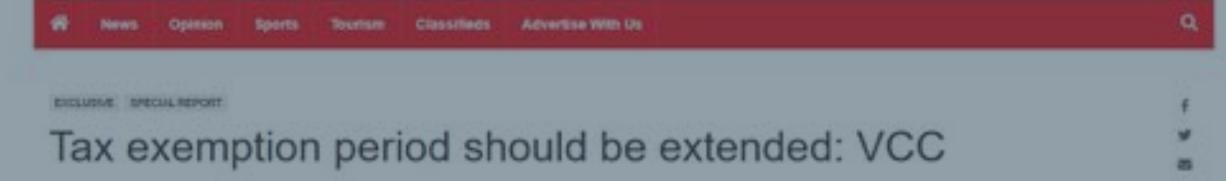
"The [humanitarian community] wasn't really receptive of our message in the early stages.

So the churches went off and completed assessment forms, and we took them back. It was 280 forms and they were like, 'Oh! OK! We didn't actually realise that this resource was there."

- Church Working Group representative







CHALLENGE: PARTICIPATION AND POWER DYNAMICS

LOCAL ACTOR

"Those I was meeting with were international personnel from large organisations. They were people from all over the world... Senior people. When they spoke, as someone representing [the church network] I felt a bit small."

ni-Vanuatu pastor,
 church representative in cluster meetings

AID DONOR

"Certainly the cluster model is the way for everybody to align and reduce any fragmentation of response. So everything has to go through that system... I suppose any organisation that is feeling left out probably needs to address how they can better engage with the system."

- donor representative, bilateral aid agency



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