

# MoET COVID-19 Contingency Plan Progress Report Template

## Ministry of Education and Training COVID-19 Contingency Plan Progress Report 03 Date: 06-17 April 2020

### 1. Overview

Since the declaration of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) as a global pandemic by the World Health Organization (WHO) on 10<sup>th</sup> of March 2020 and the State of Emergency (SOE), the Ministry of Education and Training (MoET) has been taking measures to ensure the safety of school children/students in Vanuatu. This progress report presents the significant and emerging developments that have been undertaken between the 6<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> of April 2020. However, since TC Harold, COVID 19 activities are disturbed and schools through Provincial Education Office, MoET and Government are working on responding and recovering from the TC impacts for Northern provinces, most updates below will concentrate on Shefa and Tafea schools.

During the stated period, some of the significant developments that achieved includes, but not limited to:

- Next cluster meeting will be on the 17<sup>th</sup> of April 2020. Venue, AUF Conference room
- HPS is already establish in all provinces and been reactivate.
- Most MoET staff have receive their VNPF Loan package
- GIP Form submitted to DSPPAC for the Sector Analyst to look though before providing a GIP code for Awareness on Psycho Social Support for Mental Health in central to school level.
- Message has been send out through Digicel network- to all parents, to contact teachers for support in HSP and also communicating time allocated on when HSP have been live through Radio Vanuatu on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 5:00-5:30pm.
- All key messages from COVID 19 been disseminated to every SIOs and schools, including provincial staffs.
- The COVID 19 message send out is very clear; most of provinces and school staffs have an idea on the safety wears and sanitizers. Schools in Shefa and Tafea Province are preparing their hygiene kits this week before schools will start of next week. Message is being send out by Digicel network as a reminder to schools.
- **Preparation** of Home schools package that completed their HSP.
  - a) **Tafea Province** – 8 schools
  - b) **Shefa Province**- 36 Schools
  - c) **Sanma Province**- 68 Schools
  - d) **Penama Province**- 73 schools
  - e) **Malampa Province**- 90% of schools completed
  - f) **Torba Province**- schools are informed

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- **Photocopy**
  - a) *Tafea*- all eight schools have photocopied their HSP
  - b) *Shefa*- 20 schools
  - c) *Sanma*- 50 schools completed
  - d) *Malampa*- 40% of schools
  - e) *Penama*- 10 schools
  - f) *Torba*- 0
- **Distribution**
  - a) *Shefa*- 20 schools
  - b) *Sanma*- 50 schools completed
  - c) *Malampa*- 40% of schools
  - d) *Penama*- 10 schools
  - e) *Torba*- 0

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### 2. Key Outcomes delivered, main challenges/issues and way forward

Communication & Logistics Strategy	% Achieved	Progress	Main challenges/issues	Way forward
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Education cluster meets at least once a week</li> </ul>	100%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Next cluster meeting will be on the 17<sup>th</sup> of April 2020. Venue, AUF Conference room</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TC Harold has caused the delay of cluster meetings due to all team members are busy producing plans in response to the affected zones.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Depending much on the chairperson, on when and where should be a next meeting.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reactivate provincial Health Promoting School (HPS) committee in</li> </ul>	80%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HPS is already established in all provinces and been reactivated</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>However, not enough Budget for the HPS officer to do the monitoring including Communication breakdown between the members.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish or empower the HPS active management committee in the Province.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>VNPF has responded nationwide to employees that a loan package of VUV 100,000.</li> </ul>	95%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Most of the MoET staff have received their fund.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delay of process and queue of members has caused few members still yet to receive their share.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There should be a follow up regarding the delay of process</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Awareness on Psycho Social Support for Mental Health</li> </ul>	20%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GIP Form submitted to DSPAC for the Sector Analyst to look through before providing a GIP code.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are no budget or training in place from central to school level to implement this activity.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Awaiting a GIP code to be given before proceeding further</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Home School Give Hand</li> </ul>	90%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Message has been sent out through Digital network- to all parents, to contact teachers for</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The challenge is most parents have difficulty in coping with the time; 5:00pm is too early for</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parents have to cope with the timing, because Radio station</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relay COVID-19 Key messages provided by the MoET Central Office and Provincial Education Office</li> </ul>	100%	<p>support in HSP and also communicating time allocated on when HSP should be live through Radio Vanuatu. Adding on, they have manage to come out live on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 5:00-5:30pm.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All key messages from COVID 19 been disseminated to every SIOs and schools, including provincial staffs.</li> </ul>	<p>parents due to working schedules.</p>	<p>has a tight schedule after 5:00pm</p>
<b>Health &amp; Hygiene Strategy</b>	<b>% Achieved</b>	<b>Progress</b>	<b>Main challenges</b>	<b>Way forward</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All staff (including teachers) to have sanitizers face mask and other materials to mitigate risk of infection and spreading.</li> </ul>	70%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The message send out is very clear, most of provinces and school staffs have an idea on the safety measures and sanitizers. Schools in Shefa and Tafea Province are preparing their hygiene kits this week before schools will start of next week. Message is being send out by Digital network as a reminder to schools.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Available stock from the supplier and budget allocated for the required safety wears. Washing hands is only the safety measures schools practises.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Washing of hands need to put into practical by staffs and students.</li> <li>Teachers has to remind students on hygiene measures.</li> <li>MFAT to fund the activity but More Information has to be gather from the MoET WASH officer before developing a GIP form to DSPPAC.</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Social gatherings are to be reduced</li> </ul>	80%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Every provincial staffs are well informed. The decision is been declared to be more flexible by the NDMO, since the preparedness and post TC Harold, since people from the affected province has to gather for safety measures.</li> </ul>	<p>For schools in Shefa and Tafea Province, there are strictly measures, to which schools has to address, before schools starts on the 20<sup>th</sup> of April On how to accommodate students when it comes to social gathering and distance. Most schools have less space to a child as required by NDMO regarding COVID 19. Boarding schools are those, which are very difficult to manage since, dormitories and dining halls have less space to accommodate students.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Message has to be continue to echo to everyone since COVID 19 is still around the corner. Shefa and Tafea Schools has to come up on different ways on how to manage their students.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Psychosocial support to be provided for staff if necessary</li> </ul>	10%	<p>GIP Form submitted to DPPPAC for the Sector Analyst to look though before providing a GIP code.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are no budget or training in place from central to school level to implement this activity.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Awaiting a GIP code to be given, before further processes.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Home-schooling Strategy (Teaching &amp; Learning)</b></p>		<p><b>% Achieved</b></p>	<p><b>Progress</b></p>	<p><b>Main challenges</b></p>	<p><b>Way forward</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All schools are to be closed if the outbreak worsen</li> </ul>	100%	<p>After TC Harold impact to northern provinces, COM has extend the SOE for another 30days, for Sanma, Penama, Malampa and Torba provinces. Schools to be close while in order to recover. However, as clearly stated BY DG through his media statement, Shefa and Tafea province should</p>	<p>The challenge that will be face by schools resuming is, most schools have less space to a child as required by NDMO regarding COVID 19. Boarding schools are those, which are very difficult to manage since, dormitories and dining halls have less space to accommodate students.</p>	<p>Southern Provinces, Schools developed their own plans on how to address Social distancing in school compound. E.g. Epauto Secondary School, Days are being arranged for different classes. Schools in Northern Provinces will resume according to the decision that will be made, after the SOE lapse.</p>	

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		<p>resume as of 14<sup>th</sup> April 2020. Bust due to delay of communication, schools will kick off on the 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020 to give time to prepare.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most schools have dedicated to put more effort in <b>preparing</b> their home school packaging, few are still yet to complete.</li> </ul> <p><i>Provinces with number of schools that completed their HSP</i></p> <p><b>Tafea Province – 8 schools</b></p> <p><b>Shefa Province- 36 Schools</b></p> <p><b>Sanma Province- 68 Schools</b></p> <p><b>Penama Province- 73 schools</b></p> <p><b>Malampa Province- 90% of schools completed</b></p> <p><b>Torba Province- schools are informed</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack of capacity for staffs in preparing HSP.</li> <li>• Need more time, especially for secondary schools.</li> <li>• Lack of resources, e.g. Printer, paper, computer etc...</li> </ul>	<p>More support needed from Central level.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teachers must prepare home-schooling packages for students.</li> </ul>	<p>95%</p>			

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<p>90%</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Most schools have attempt to complete developing their HSP and <b>start photocopying</b>.</li> </ul> <p><i>Tafea- all 8 schools have photocopied their HSP</i></p> <p><i>Shefa- 20 schools</i></p> <p><i>Sanma- 50 schools completed</i></p> <p><i>Malampa- 40% of schools</i></p> <p><i>Penama- 10 schools</i></p> <p><i>Torba- 0</i></p>	<p><b>Student package photocopying.</b> Need of extra toners and paper to deliver from MoET. Also, breakdown of photocopy machines.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Awaiting MoET for support</li> <li>Few schools are adopting the online module developed by Malapoa. Onesua Presbyterian College, has a workshop coordinated by Malapoa technical staff on developing their online learning platform from 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> April.</li> </ul>
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90%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Distribution is in progress.</b></li> <li><b>Shefa- 20 schools</b></li> <li><b>Sanma- 50 schools completed</b></li> <li><b>Malampa- 40% of schools</b></li> <li><b>Penama- 10 schools</b></li> <li><b>Torba- 0</b></li> </ul>	<p>Challenge faced are, Geographical locations and transport cost including road condition.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>E-Copy of student packages will be send to all SIO base on other islands.</li> <li>More time needed before distribution completed</li> <li>Schools with hard copies of HSP, Some JSS has send out students packages and some principals are requesting e-copy of package to do their own printing.</li> <li>E-copy of package will be send on emails, if teachers and students wants to have access to them.</li> </ul>
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**Sign Off**

I take responsibility for this report and certify that it is true, correct and complete.




20/04/2020

Date

Director General



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## Annexes

### Annex 1: Media statement by DG towards COM decision on Shefa and Tafea schools to be resuming on the 14<sup>th</sup> of April 2020.

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#### MEDIA STETIMEN

#### Anaonsmen Blong Ministri Blong Edukesen mo Trening blong sapotem

#### toktok blong Praem Ministra Folem Desisen namba 13 blong Kaonsel

#### Blong ol Ministra.

Folem toktok blong Honorabol Praem Ministra long Fraedei namba 10 long manis Eprel 2020 follem Kaonsel Blong ol Ministra desisen, ni stap mekem anaonsmen ia i go long everi peren, gadien, studen, skul, mo ol edukesen otariti long kaontri.

*Kaonsel Blong ol Ministra hemi apruvum blong ol skul long Shefa mo Tafea provins oli save statem nomo skul operesen blong olgeta baeken long Tusdei namba 14 Eprel 2020, be oli mas mekem sua blong kipim gudfala haejin praktis mo fisikol distensing.*

Ministri blong Edukesen mo Trening hemi stap mekem ol anaonsmen ia:

1. Evri skul kaonsel, prinsipol mo administresen, ol tija mo ol narafala staf blong Shefa mo Tafea provins oli mas priperem ol skul blong olgeta blong save statem ol nomol klas.
2. Hemia nao ol samting we evri skul kaonsel, prinsipol mo administresen, ol tija mo ol narafala staf blong Shefa mo Tafea provins oli mas mekem bifo oli statem skul baeken:

a. Mekem rere wan plan blong hao nao bae oli save manejem heit mo haejin mo fisikol distensing.

b. Folem situesen blong COVID-19, plan ia bae hemi kavremap ol tringting ia:

- i. Disinfeksen blong ol skul bilding evridei.
- ii. Anejenmen blong ol alternativ klas blong ol klas we i gat fulep pikinini blong manejem fisikol distensing.
- iii. Hao nao bae skul hemi montarem ol pikinini evridei.
- iv. Mekem gud ples blong wasem han.
- v. Provaedem sop long ol ples blong wasem han.

c. Wan wan skul administresen bae hemi mekem sua se lening blong pikinini hemi kontinuu.

d. Ministri blong Edukesen mo Trening i stap givim taem long ol skul, stat lo long Tusdei namba 14 Eprel 2020 kasem Fraedei namba 17 Eprel 2020 blong oli kompilim plan ya blong skul i stat long Mande namba 20 Eprel 2020.

3. Ministri blong Edukesen mo Trening hemi wantem infomem yumi evriwan se hemi stap developem wan standad Homskul Pakej, blong mekem rere sipos igat wan Kes blong Koronavaeres long Vanuatu o emi narafala disasata long fuja.

4. Long saed blong ol pikinini we oli stap stadi ovasi, Ministri blong Edukesen mo Trening hemi stap wok wetem wan wan institusen, ol hae komisenia mo Ministri blong Foren Afea.

5. Ministri blong Edukesen mo Trening i stap wok wetem OGCCO blong oli save karem ditei infomesen long ol damej long skul we TC Harold hemi mekem blong givhan long olgeta skul.

6. Ministri blong Edukesen mo Trening hemi stap wok wetem ol Provinsoi Edukeser Ofa blong oli karemad asesmen blong givhan long welfea blong ol tija mo staff.

7. Las tok, Ministri blong Edukesen mo Trening hemi givim asures long populeser blong Vanuatu se no mata long eni disasata, lening blong pikinini hemi kontinuu nomo. Yumi mas sapotem lening blong ol pikinini oltaem.


Ministri blong Edukesen mo Trening hemi wantem apli long pipol blong Vanuatu long yumi kontinuu blong ova from situesen we kaontri blong yumi hemi stap givim tru long hem.




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Direkta Jenerol

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Annex 2: Message send out by Digicel Network, as a reminder in regards to HSP and preparation for Shefa and Tafea schools, to get their hygiene materials ready before resuming on the 20<sup>th</sup> of April 2020. Including, a reminder to parents if they need support in HSP.


 Ol famle oli save kontaktem ol tija blo sapotem yufala wetem homskuling blong givhan lo ol pikinini lo haos. 2 12:46

Thursday, 16 April 2020

 Folem desisen blo Kounsel blo Minista ol studen lo Shefa mo Tafea oli skul bageken lo 20 Eprel. Ol skul oli mas stretem gud ol haejin materiol bifo 20 Eprel 2 11:42

Annex 3: Message, reminding parents to turn on their radio to listen to HSP programme.

Friday, 17 April 2020

 Lisen lo Homskul Givhan Program evri 5pm Mandei, Wednesdei mo Fraedei lo Redio Vanuatu. Kasem ol advaes blo MOET lo homskul blo sapotem gud lening lo haos 1 13:15