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Key data

Activity basics

Type	Standard
Short name	NL-FRA Micro Projects Vanuatu 2026-2027
Contract party	Ambassade De France Au Vanuatu Et Aux Iles Salomon (30218607)
ODA	Yes
Amount EUR	20000
Start date	01-07-2026
End date	31-12-2026
Full name	Gezamenlijk NL-FRA Micro Project Programma voor 2026-2027 in Vanuatu
Summary	The Micro Project Program traditionally implemented by the French Embassy in Port Vila, accredited to Vanuatu and the Solomon Islands, finances small-scale community-led initiatives, which respond directly to the needs and priorities of Vanuatu. The projects are aimed at strengthening local capacity and reliance, promoting social inclusion, supporting economic opportunities and improving access to essential services. For 2026-2027 the Program is presented as a joint NL-FRA program. Both countries jointly support micro-projects in sectors including WASH, agriculture, fisheries and food security, women's empowerment and renewable energy.

Activity details

Date of receipt of proposal	23-06-2026
Proposal’s reference number	
Budget holder	Ambassade Canberra (8241CAN)
Limit access	No
Related activity	

Accounting data

SAP application number	
Main funds center	General ODA activities (1705U0216)

Policy data

Cooperation modality	Project support
Technical assistance	0% of the activity budget
CRS code	43010 Multisector aid
Policy Keywords	
Refugees & host communities	No
Team Europe Initiative	No
Policy Markers	
__Trade & The Economy	Significant
_Security & Stability	Significant
Biodiversity	Principal
Climate change: adaptation	Not targeted
Climate change: mitigation	Principal
Desertification	Not targeted
Equality between men & women	Principal
Migration	Not targeted
Drinking water and sanitation	Principal
Food security	Principal
Literacy and access to information	Significant
Physical infrastructure	Principal
Skills development	Principal
Explain your choices	The NL-FRA Micro Project Program contributes to micro-projects in sectors including WASH, agriculture, fisheries, food security, economic development, renewable energy, infrastructure and women's empowerment. All the projects under the Program will have NL-FRA flags. The five projects that NL is financing are 2 WASH-projects for a solar water pump/ tank and construction materials to install a 10,000-litre water tank. 2 projects in renewable energy for the purchase of solar lights, 1 project for purchasing pellet machines aiming at using local ingredients for feeding animals and 1 project to provide a women's club with sewing machines to provide own clothing and school uniforms, including training on how to use the equipment. This program is 'enhanced engagement in action' and indirectly contributes to security and stability by leveraging this program to foster deepened relations with Vanuatu.

Beneficiary location

Beneficiary location	Country
Country	Vanuatu
Location type	Town
Specific location	Port Vila

Policy Appraisal

Policy relevance

- What policy objectives, as set out in the annual plan, policy notes etc., will this activity contribute to?

This activity will contribute to: *Outcome 4.2 Enhanced engagement with Pacific Island States.* This objective of the CAN MACS sets out to strengthen visibility and engagement of the Netherlands in Pacific Island States. This activity does so in the following ways:
The Micro Project Program small-scale and community-led initiatives focuses on the needs of local communities. The support of NL contributes to the priorities of Vanuatu. Priorities that are often mentioned in our government engagements such as climate change and support in the water sector. The project will help foster international collaboration, genuine partnership and goodwill between Vanuatu, the Kingdom of the Netherlands and France. Moreover, all the projects within this Program will be promoted as a NL-FRA collaboration making our support more visible on a local level as well as to the Vanuatu government. By collaborating closely with local stakeholders, the project ensures that Dutch involvement is relevant, welcomed, and sustainable, reinforcing both visibility and trust.

Rationale

- What issue/problem will be addressed by the activity
- Why does the activity help to address the issue/problem?

Building a meaningful relationship with a country so far removed from the Netherlands can be challenging. This activity provides a way for the Netherlands' to put its money where its mouth is. By investing in the Micro Project Program, the Netherlands does not only contribute to fostering development in Vanuatu on important themes (climate change, water, women empowermentetc.) but it also allows the Netherlands to demonstrate its willingness to invest in the the communities of Vanuatu. The rationale behind this is that this investment will aid the Netherlands' in its engagements with Vanuatu as it will allow the Netherlands to demonstrate its interest in collaborating with the people of Vanuatu and investing in the future of Vanuatu.

Additional remarks (if applicable)

Results

Water

Indicators
Description how the activity contributes to the policy theme Water?
Measurements: Two WASH projects for 1) a solar water pump and water tank and 2) to build a permanent base for a water tank and install a 10,000-litre tank to supplement the existing 6,000-litre tank, which no longer is sufficient to meet the needs of the growing population, also installing water taps.

Food and Nutrition Security

Indicators
Description how the activity contributes to the policy theme Food and Nutrition Security?
Measurements: One project on agriculture, fisheries and food security: Purchase five pellet machines so that farmers can stop buying industrial feed and instead use local ingredients, such as maize, cassava, coconut and sweet potato, to feed their animals themselves.

Climate

Indicators
Description how the activity contributes to this policy theme
Measurements: Two projects on renewable energy: providing solar street lights.
The project on agriculture, fisheries and food security (mentioned above) also reduces carbon footprint since the community buys less of industrial feed.
The solar water pump project mentioned under 'Water' also contains a sustainable energy source.
The project with the Motalava Women's club ensure less dependency on costly imports whilst generating sustainable income.

Women's Rights and Gender Equality

Indicators
Description how the activity contributes to the policy theme
Measurements: To provide the Motalava Women’s Club with 10 manual sewing machines in order to set up a textile workshop, including training on how to use and maintain the equipment. The aim is to enable women to produce clothing and school uniforms locally, thereby reducing reliance on costly imports whilst generating sustainable income.

Education

Indicators
Description how does the activity contribute to this policy theme?
Measurements: The project with the Motalava Women's Club includes a textile workshop/training on how to use and maintain the equipment.

Strengthened Civil Society

Learning questions
What have we learned from this activity with regards to Strengthened Civil Society?
Measurements: The agriculture project and the project with the Motalava Women's Club contribute to economic development since it increases production capacity within their own communities meeting local needs.

Finance

Budget breakdown

- Include an overview of the activity budget, including overhead costs.
  No overhead costs. 20,000 EUR will directly go to the Micro Project Program and finance the following:
  - EUR 3.911 for a solar water pump and water tank in the Village of Worlep, Island Mallicolo, Province Malampa
  - EUR 2,990 for construction materials, pipes and a water tank of 10,000 litres in the Village of Hogharbour, Island Santo, Province Sanma
  - EUR 4.367 for solar street lights in the Village of Nalema, Island Epi, Province Shefa
  - EUR 3.830 for the purchase of 5 pellet machines to use local ingredients for the feeding of animals in the Village of Namal, Island Tanna, Province Tafea
  - EUR 4.526 for the Motalava Women's club with ten manuel sewing machines for textile production
  - EUR 376 for solar street lights in the Village of Tavulai, Island Paama, Province Malampa
- Is the budget arithmetically correct?
  Yes
- Are the amounts/rates in the budget acceptable?
  Yes