

**SAVE THE CHILDREN
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ROLE PROFILE**

TITLE: Anticipatory Action Consultant	
REPORTS TO: Program Manager	LOCATION: Remote, with travel to Vanuatu and Papua New Guinea
	CONTRACT LENGTH: up to three months
<p>BACKGROUND:</p> <p>Save the Children is an international organization working to uphold children’s rights and protection in different regions of the world, including the Pacific. In Vanuatu and PNG, Save the Children works with communities and the government across a range of thematic areas including education, health, child protection, disaster preparedness, risk reduction, response, recovery, and climate change adaptation.</p> <p>The Pacific is extremely vulnerable to climate disasters and facing significant threat from climate change. In 2023, Save the Children has obtained funding to trial Anticipatory Action in the Vanuatu and Papua New Guinean contexts, for cyclone and flood hazards respectively. This TOR is to provide support to the in-country teams to develop anticipatory action frameworks and trigger points based on available datasets.</p> <p><u>Vanuatu</u></p> <p>Vanuatu was ranked 1st in the World Risk Report (2020) as the country with the highest disaster risk. It experiences an average of five cyclones per year and in the last five years alone has experienced 4 cyclones of Category 3 or higher, two of which were Category 5 (Tropical Cyclone Harold 2020, Tropical Cyclone Kevin 2023). Pacific island nations like Vanuatu, are among the most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, with expectations that the frequency and severity of these events is only likely to increase.</p> <p>Due to the frequency of cyclones and the variability and unpredictability in terms of intensity, magnitude and impact, there is a need to create clear and agreed trigger points that enable decisive anticipatory action. The Yumi Redi early warning tool aims to achieve this. It will be available to government, NGO and civil society actors to enable action to protect and mitigate the impacts of cyclones on vulnerable populations. It will also assist Start Network members to raise anticipatory alerts to ensure timely awareness and resource mobilization to reduce humanitarian devastation.</p> <p>To ensure the greatest accuracy in calculating risk intensity, a review of the last 30 years of weather data (or as much is available if this is not possible) will be analyzed to determine disasters specific to cyclonic weather.</p> <p><u>PNG</u></p> <p>Communities across all regions of PNG are exposed to riverine or coastal flooding. Riverine flooding is estimated to affect around 33,000 people every year on average. Around eight per cent of the PNG population live within one kilometre of the coast and are thus exposed to coastal flooding and storm surge. A large proportion of PNG’s land area is at risk from coastal and riverine flooding, with potentially damaging or life-threatening floods occurring once every 10 years on average, as associated with extreme rainfall events.</p> <p>Climate change is expected to increase the frequency and/or intensity of some key climate-related hazards that have historically impacted PNG. This scenario poses a real threat to the</p>	

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country's agricultural sector - the main source of employment and livelihoods for PNG communities - which represents 80-84% of economically active Papua New Guineans). Agriculture activities are at-risk from extreme weather conditions, and increased hydro-meteorological hazards such as flooding. Anticipatory Action is not well understood or engaged in PNG and support is required to set up frameworks for socialising and activating anticipatory action at a local level.

ROLE PURPOSE:

The Anticipatory Action Consultant will play a pivotal role in collaborating with various International Non-Governmental Organizations (INGOs) operating in Vanuatu and Papua New Guinea to develop a comprehensive anticipatory action protocols. These protocols aim to enhance the community's resilience to hazards by mapping potential risks, and identifying triggers for action, and will complement other anticipatory action programs funding response activities. The consultant will provide expert guidance to ensure the successful platform to deliver anticipatory actions, ultimately safeguarding vulnerable populations and minimizing the impact of disasters. The role will work remotely as well as in-country for key stakeholder meetings and consultations.

It is anticipated that this consultancy will cover 45 working days over September – December 2023.

KEY AREAS OF ACCOUNTABILITY:

Planning and management of Anticipatory Action

- Facilitate design of anticipatory action framework which includes the following: (as relevant)
 - Conduct analysis and identification of priority hazards/risks
 - Conduct stakeholder analysis and map existing and ongoing initiatives
 - Support the establishment of triggers, identify risk monitoring tools, developing a functional risk monitoring system and the decision making process including roles and responsibilities
 - Develop anticipatory action framework (consisting of above) and plans for resourcing
- Support engagement with authorities and local partners as relevant
 - Explore and establish partnerships to ensure timely forecasting of risks and impacts
 - Support engagement with other key stakeholders, as required, including engagement with local communities to ensure local knowledge is considered in the anticipatory action framework

Capacity building

- Provide training and capacity-building sessions to INGO staff and local partners, including government, on the anticipatory action protocol, trigger recognition, and effective response implementation.

Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning

- Produce a document which gives an overview of the process followed in developing the anticipatory action framework and documents and key learnings.

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Key deliverables:

- Anticipatory action frameworks for Vanuatu and Papua New Guinea
- Process learning report

Activities (activities may vary across Vanuatu and PNG)

1. Inception design plan for AA Tool, with presentation to Steering Committee
2. Data collection and analysis, including a full review of forecasts from national, regional and global sources, including collation of any Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment (VCA).
3. Incorporate readiness triggers and activation triggers into AA tool design
4. Finalise draft AA tool for presentation to AA Steering Committee
5. Socialize the AA tool, and provide training for end-users

General:

Comply with Save the Children policies and practice with respect to child safeguarding, code of conduct, health and safety, equal opportunities and other relevant policies and procedures.

COMPETENCIES FOR THIS ROLE:

1. LEADING AND INSPIRING OTHERS

Demonstrates leadership in all our work, embodies our values and articulates a compelling vision to inspire others to achieve our goals for children.

Level required: Accomplished

2. DELIVERING RESULTS

Takes personal responsibility and holds others accountable for delivering our ambitious goals for children, continually improving own performance or that of the team/ organisation

Level required: Leading edge

3. PROBLEM SOLVING AND DECISION MAKING

Takes effective, considered and timely decisions by gathering and evaluating relevant information from within or outside the organisation.

Level required: Leading edge

4. COMMUNICATING WITH IMPACT

Communicates clearly and confidently with others to engage and influence; promotes dialogue and ensures timely and appropriate messages, building confidence and trust with others.

Level required: Accomplished

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Essential

- Prior experience working in an emergency response contexts or fragile states
- Solid understanding of key components of Anticipatory Action,; strong knowledge of organizational good practice in AA, DRR and Emergency preparedness and how these interrelate
- Ability to convene a range of experts and stakeholders to plan for Anticipatory Action
- Recognised management role in relevant technical areas at both field and country level
- A general appreciation of the issues concerning the NGO sector, both development and humanitarian issues

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- Good analytical skills. Effective negotiator, with the ability to positively influence cross departmental and cross sector working
- Public liability insurance
- Ability to work within a team

Desirable

- Experience working in Vanuatu and Papua New Guinea, or the Pacific more widely.
- Solid experience in more than one of the Save the Children priority sectors: education, protection, emergencies

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