



MARKET ANNOUNCEMENT

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Vanuatu's First Parametric Microinsurance launched by VanCare

VanCare Insurance Limited ("VanCare") a fully owned subsidiary of FijiCare Insurance Limited ("FijiCare") in Vanuatu is pleased to announce the launch of ClimateCare, Vanuatu's first parametric microinsurance product with the support of the Vanuatu Government, the United Nations Capital Development Fund led Pacific Insurance and Climate Adaptation Programme (PICAP). After the successful launch and pilot of ClimateCare in Fiji, the product has now been expanded to Vanuatu. ClimateCare is a weather index microinsurance product developed and piloted to respond to the growing need for insurance solutions to address economic impacts of natural hazards in Pacific region.

The main aim of this parametric microinsurance product is to increase the Pacific Islands disaster risk management capacities and improve their financial resilience. VanCare's ClimateCare is designed to provide immediate monetary relief to those insured members who are covered under the scheme for loss of income arising out of natural disasters such as cyclones.

FijiCare Executive Director and VanCare's Chairman, Mr. Avi Raju commented on the launch, "We are thrilled on the expansion of ClimateCare to Vanuatu, this is an inclusive and innovative solution, made possible by the collaborative efforts of the Vanuatu Government, Reserve Bank of Vanuatu, PICAP and UNCDF. Parametric microinsurance product is an addition of the bundled microinsurance product that VanCare currently offers. ClimateCare parametric insurance is a unique insurance solution, where all insured members who fall within the defined geographical parameters of the extreme weather event like cyclone will qualify for a claim pay-out based on pre-defined trigger events. As the parent company, at FijiCare, we are committed in providing innovative insurance solutions across the Pacific region."

The Programme Manager for the UNCDF-led Pacific Insurance and Climate Adaptation Programme, Mr. Krishnan Narasimhan congratulated VanCare on the launch of parametric microinsurance in Vanuatu and shed light on the pilot project. He said, "UNCDF is privileged to partner with VanCare in launching Vanuatu's first weather index parametric microinsurance product targeted at low-income households who are highly vulnerable to impacts of natural hazards. We compliment FijiCare and VanCare for continuing its commitment towards developing inclusive insurance markets in the Pacific, demonstrated first by its rollout of the bundled microinsurance and now the expansion of parametric microinsurance to Vanuatu."

ClimateCare, Vanuatu's first parametric microinsurance product was launched by the Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of Vanuatu, Mr. Noel Vari.

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Mr. Avi Raju
Executive Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Victor Robert", written over a horizontal line.

Mr. Victor Robert
Company Secretary

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