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PIANGO EXPRESS SOLIDARITY WITH SOLOMON ISLAND MEMBER (NATIONAL LIASON UNIT (NLU))

The Pacific Islands Association of Non-Governmental Organisations (PIANGO) offers its deepest concern and compassion to Development Services Exchange (DSE) following the devastating tsunami that struck the Western Province of the Solomon Islands.

PIANGO wishes to express its solidarity with DSE and its members in these times of difficulties.

According to the Executive Director of PIANGO, Cema Bolabola, it is in such times of human distress that allocation of resources to disaster stricken areas is of high priority.

“We call on development partners in the region to build the capacity of NGOs, CSOs and communities in disaster preparedness and mitigation. More communities should be supported to document indigenous knowledge on early warning signs of natural disasters.” she said.

The Secretariat envisages that adequate resources on disaster preparedness are made available to all Governments, Non Government Organisations (NGOs), Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and Non State Actors (NSAs).

This would allow for a quick turn around of much needed assistance to the affected communities. And allow the people affected to begin a new chapter of their lives and persevere with their livelihoods.

PIANGO realises that rehabilitation of such magnitude is not the easiest of tasks and commends DSE for its efforts. We offer our sincerest wishes for an efficient and complete recovery for those who have been affected by the disaster.

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