

Ambae Volcano response - Safe Shelter Awareness key messages

Applicable for emergency shelter reinforcement and Building Back Safer

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To make your house more resilient to any natural disaster, it is important to:

Blong mekem haos blong yu i save stanap akensem eni natural disasta, emi impoten blo

(1) **Build your house on a safe site by identifying and trying to avoid potential hazards** in your location and build as well as you can to resist them,

Bildim haos blong yu long wan ples we yu save se i sef gud mo yu tram blong kipim yu aot long ol Nara hazard we i stap happen long ples we yu lif long em mo yu save stanap strong akensem.

(2) **Deeply anchor your house to the ground with strong foundations**, setting the posts at least 1 meter deep in the ground

Mekem gud foundesen blong house blong yu i strong, traonem ol pos blo haos at lis 1 Meta i KO daon long kraon.

(3) **Ensure that you have strong connections at all joints** – the roof material to the roof timbers, the roof to the walls and the walls to the foundations. Strong connections can be made with cyclone straps, rope and vines.

Mekem sua se yu kat wan strong connection long every join, long ruf kasem ruf timba, ruf kasem wol mo ol wol kasem faoundesen, ol strong koneksen olsem yu save mekem wetem ol Saeklon strap,

(4) **To cross-brace your roof and walls**, at least by creating triangles between the corners or junctions of your house.

Blong cross bresem ruf mo wols blong haos blong yu at lis yu mas mekem ol traeankeles between long ol corners blong haos blo yu.