

# Implementation of the Universal Access Policy (UAP)

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# 1. Universal Access Policy in Brief

- UAP is aimed at reaching the last milestone by extending access of telecommunications services to the unserved and underserved areas
- Approved by COM November 2013
- There are various streams of Universal Access and the Government's Universal Access Policy is a key initiative
- Major objective is to achieve 98% of population coverage by 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2018 for the following telecoms services;
  - Voice Services
  - Narrowband Data Services including text messaging
  - Broadband(BB) Internet Services with download speed of at least 21 Mbps and upload speed of at least 12 Mbps
- There is a major focus on Schools, health facilities and Public Offices
- UAP Fund will allow us to support the UAP by providing access to unserved and under-served areas



# 2. UAP Unserved Areas



## LEGEND



Village without voice coverage



UAP Unserved Area – with corresponding number reference to table

Unserved areas	
1	Torres Islands
2	Ureparapara
3	East Motalava
4	NW Vanua Lava
5	East Mota
6	West Gaua
7	Merelava
8	West Coast Santo
9	North Santo
10	Central Santo
11	South Ambae
12	Central Maewo
13	Central Pentecost - Melsisi
14	South East Pentecost - Bunlap
15	North West Malekula
16	West/Central Malekula
17	South West Malekula
18	Central Epi
19	North Erromango
20	South Erromango
21	Aniwa
22	North Tanna
23	South Tanna
24	Central & South Futuna
25	North Aneityum



# 3. Current UAP Status & Progress

- Play or Pay
  - Securing industry support
  - Identification of Players and Payers
  - Negotiation with players over rollout plans
  - Determination of Broadband speeds
  
- ICT Programs (CLICC, TFS & ICS)
  - Provincial Awareness
  - Grant Application Form launching
  - Selection of beneficiaries
  - Site surveys
  - Procurement of Goods and Services
    - Tenders 1-12
  - Contracts negotiation & signing
  
- Reporting
  - Two minister reports and two stakeholders reports made to date



### 3. Current UAP Status & Progress Cont....

No of Schools awarded under the UAP ICT Programs

CLICC (Computer Lab & Internet Community Center)	Tablets For School (TFS)	Internet Café Support (ICS)
15	7	3



# 4. UAP Upcoming Plans

- Play or Pay
  - Finalize Plans and engage in undertaking agreements
  - Rollout of new sites and upgrade of existing sites to meet UAP requirements
  
- ICT Programs (CLICC, TFS & ICS)
  - UAP tender Contracts Management
  - Presence in schools for works
  - Indicative schedule dates of completion
  - Implementation of M&E Plan



# 5. UAP Expectations by 2018

- 98% of Population coverage in voice, narrowband and broadband achieved
- Improved use of ICT in 98% of Vanuatu Population
- Increased number of schools connected to broadband internet
- Increased use of ICT in Education





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