

# Meteo uses e-government network to disseminate El Niño information

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**THE VANUATU METEOROLOGY** and Geo-Hazards Department (VMGD) has used for the first time the e-government network through video conferencing to disseminate information of the current El Niño event to provincial authorities.

VMGD is working with the line government departments to ensure preparation on ground for this climate event is a priority.

Last Friday, during the video conference briefing, Daily Post noticed that not only provincial authorities and agriculture officers were present, but, secondary school students of a school on Ambae were also present with the provincial officers on Saratamata on Ambae.

The officers were informed

about the current climate situation, rainfall forecast and climate outlook in the coming months. Emphasis was on the 2015-16 El Niño in Vanuatu.

Provincial authorities were firmly advised to seriously take into consideration the information that were given out, and pass on the same message to the people in the communities in their respective provinces.

"El Niño is here. Prepare now. We do not want to see people complaining of become victims of this long dry spell in Vanuatu, and requesting the government to assist them. Let us not be dependent. Act now," Philip Malsale, Climate Manager from Climate Division told the provincial officers.

El Niño in the country is expected to last until early 2016.



Philip Malsale, Climate Manager from Climate Division is briefing the provincial officers during the video conference briefing.