

New NDMO facility for Torba

By Harrison Selmen

A NEW NATIONAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT Office (NDMO) building for the people of Torba Province was officially opened last Friday.

Minister of Climate Change, Ham Lini, led a delegation to Torba on Friday to open the building.

The new building accommodates three offices, one server room, one conference room, one storage room, reception space, toilet and bathroom.

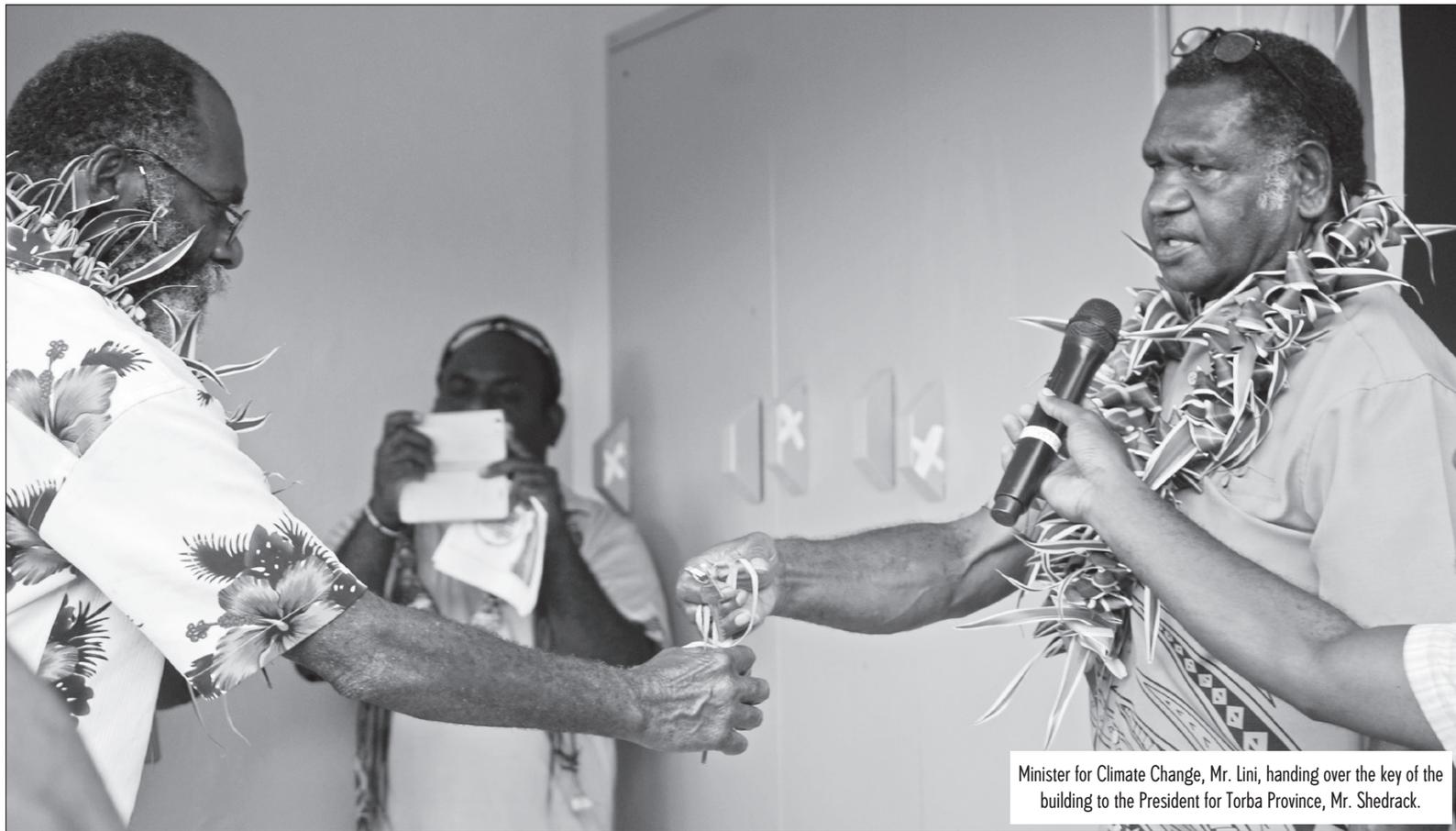
The total cost of this new facility is Vt25 million and was funded by the European Union through the assistance of the World Bank. The main aim of this project is to increase the resilience of communities in the country.

Torba is a strategic site for this project because they have an active volcano which makes them susceptible and vulnerable to Natural Hazards.

A similar building was built on the island of Tanna and could be the first disaster buildings established outside from Luganville and Port Vila to provide timely information and warnings to the people during disaster periods.

Core task Team leader for the Project, Tevi Obed, said they are very happy to assist the Vanuatu Government on the project because it is part of the country's national priorities.

"They want to decentralize their services to the provinces so that the people can have easy access to disaster management services to help them



Minister for Climate Change, Mr. Lini, handing over the key of the building to the President for Torba Province, Mr. Shedrack.

in their preparedness for natural disasters".

Mr. Obed said it is a good project for the people of Torba.

The Meteorology Department has forecasted that the country is likely to experience 2 to 3 cyclones this cyclone season and thus Mr. Obed encouraged

the people of Torba Province to make good use of the new facility by taking heed of the information, advisories and warnings provided by this office in relation to cyclones as well as other disasters.

Minister for Climate Change, Ham Lini, said other government

departments under the Ministry of Climate Change and other government agencies will also use the building as Provincial Emergency Operation Centre (PEOC) to coordinate response during emergency or disaster event.

Minister Lini urged the people of Torba to care for the facility so that it

can continue to provide the needed service to the people.

Secretary General (SG) for Torba Province and President Erick Shedrack extended their gratitude to the European Union, World Bank and the Government for working collaboratively in making sure the project materializes.

Inspector cautions leaders against creating division among Tanna coffee farmers



Inspector Iawis and Tanna Coffee representative Samuel are urging the government to work cooperatively with politicians and community leaders from the island to continue to promote Tanna coffee

By Anita Roberts

PROMINENT LEADERS MUST NOT cause division among the Tanna coffee farmers.

This statement was made by Tanna Coffee Farmers chief Inspector, Willie Joe Iawis, on behalf of chiefs on Tanna and Tanna Coffee representative, Jacob Samuel, following rumors that some leaders from the island are creating division in Tanna Coffee.

The chief inspector from west Tanna said all leaders; community chiefs, politicians and MPs from the island

and the Government must cooperate with each other and work closely, following the Tanna coffee constitution to support the product's development progress,

He acknowledged Tanna Coffee for helping local farmers.

Grown on the rich soil of the active Yasur volcano on Tanna, Tanna coffee is Vanuatu's first ever product to be exported around the world.

Seedlings are also exported freely across Vanuatu. On Tanna alone, there are around 700 independent coffee

farmers out of the 1,000 estimated coffee farmers in the country.

Tanna Coffee Company is also supporting the coffee industry on other islands like Epi and Efate.

Inspector Iawis said the company stands ready to supply free seedling to any farmers on Tanna and anywhere in Vanuatu.

Farmers who want free coffee seedlings and people seeking information about Tanna should contact mobile numbers: 7350120 and 5582664.

Provincial Weather Forecast

Weather Information provided by the Vanuatu Meteorology & Geo-Hazard Department.

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FORECAST OUTLOOK	TORBA		SANMA	
	Today	Tomorrow	Today	Tomorrow
	Max 32°C Min 26°C Light showers. Light to moderate SE winds.	Max 32°C Min 26°C Isolated showers. Light to moderate SE winds.	Max 31°C Min 24°C Isolated showers. Light to moderate SE winds.	Max 31°C Min 24°C Isolated showers. Light to moderate SE winds.
COASTAL MARINE FORECAST	SE winds 12/17 knots. Light to moderate seas to 1.0 meter.	SE winds 10/20 knots. Light to moderate seas to 1.5 meters.	SE winds 12/17 knots. Light to moderate seas to 1.0 meter.	SE winds 10/20 knots. Light to moderate seas to 1.5 meters.

FORECAST OUTLOOK	SHEFA		TAFEA	
	Today	Tomorrow	Today	Tomorrow
	Max 30°C Min 18°C Isolated showers. Light to moderate SE winds.	Max 30°C Min 18°C Isolated showers. Light to moderate SE winds.	Max 30°C Min 16°C Isolated showers. Light to moderate SE winds.	Max 30°C Min 16°C Isolated showers. Light to moderate SE winds.
COASTAL MARINE FORECAST	SE winds 12/17 knots. Light to moderate seas to 1.0 meter.	SE winds 10/20 knots. Light to moderate seas to 1.5 meters.	SE winds 12/17 knots. Light to moderate seas to 1.0 meter.	SE winds 15/20 knots. Moderate seas to 1.5 meters.

FORECAST OUTLOOK	PENAMA		MALAMPA	
	Today	Tomorrow	Today	Tomorrow
	Max 30°C Min 22°C Isolated showers. Light to moderate SE winds.	Max 30°C Min 22°C Isolated showers. Light to moderate SE winds.	Max 30°C Min 20°C Isolated showers. Light to moderate SE winds.	Max 30°C Min 20°C Isolated showers. Light to moderate SE winds.
COSATL MARINE FORECAST	SE winds 12/17 knots. Light to moderate seas to 1.0 meter.	SE winds 10/20 knots. Light to moderate seas to 1.5 meters.	SE winds 12/17 knots. Light to moderate seas to 1.0 meter.	SE winds 10/20 knots. Light to moderate seas to 1.5 meters.

	TODAY		TOMORROW	
	SUNRISE	SUNSET	SUNRISE	SUNSET
	0505	1756	0505	1756
High and Low Tides				
PORT VILA	TIME	HEIGHT (m)	TIME	HEIGHT (m)
	0426	0.51	0531	0.53
	1136	1.18	1242	1.23
	1715	0.88	1840	0.83
	2245	1.17		
LUGANVILLE	0356	0.62	0508	0.62
	1053	1.24	1207	1.32
	1621	0.99	1758	0.93
	2208	1.30	2339	1.33