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Universal Access Policy : Case of Vanuatu

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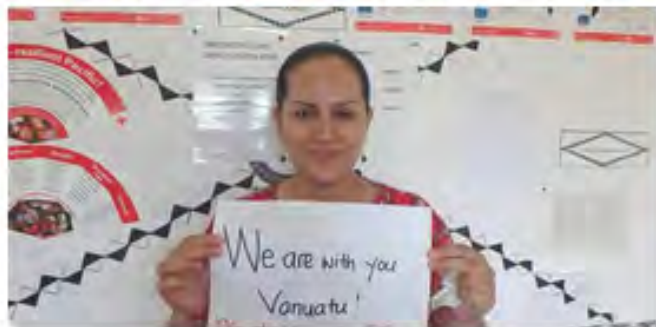
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Republic of Vanuatu

Outline:



1. Universal Access Policy Background

2. What we did

3. Plans for the Future: 98% Coverage by 1st Jan 2018

Background: The Policy

National vision: “A Just, Educated, Healthy and Wealthy Vanuatu”

To improve access to telecommunications service for locations, which are not or not adequately served by existing services.

1. Required Level of Telecommunication Services

- By 1 January 2018 98% of population to access voice, data, internet
- Speeds at 21Mbps downlink 12 Mbps uplink
- Priority to schools, health centers and public offices

2. Price

- Geographically uniform price
- Lower prices for priority areas

3. Implementation

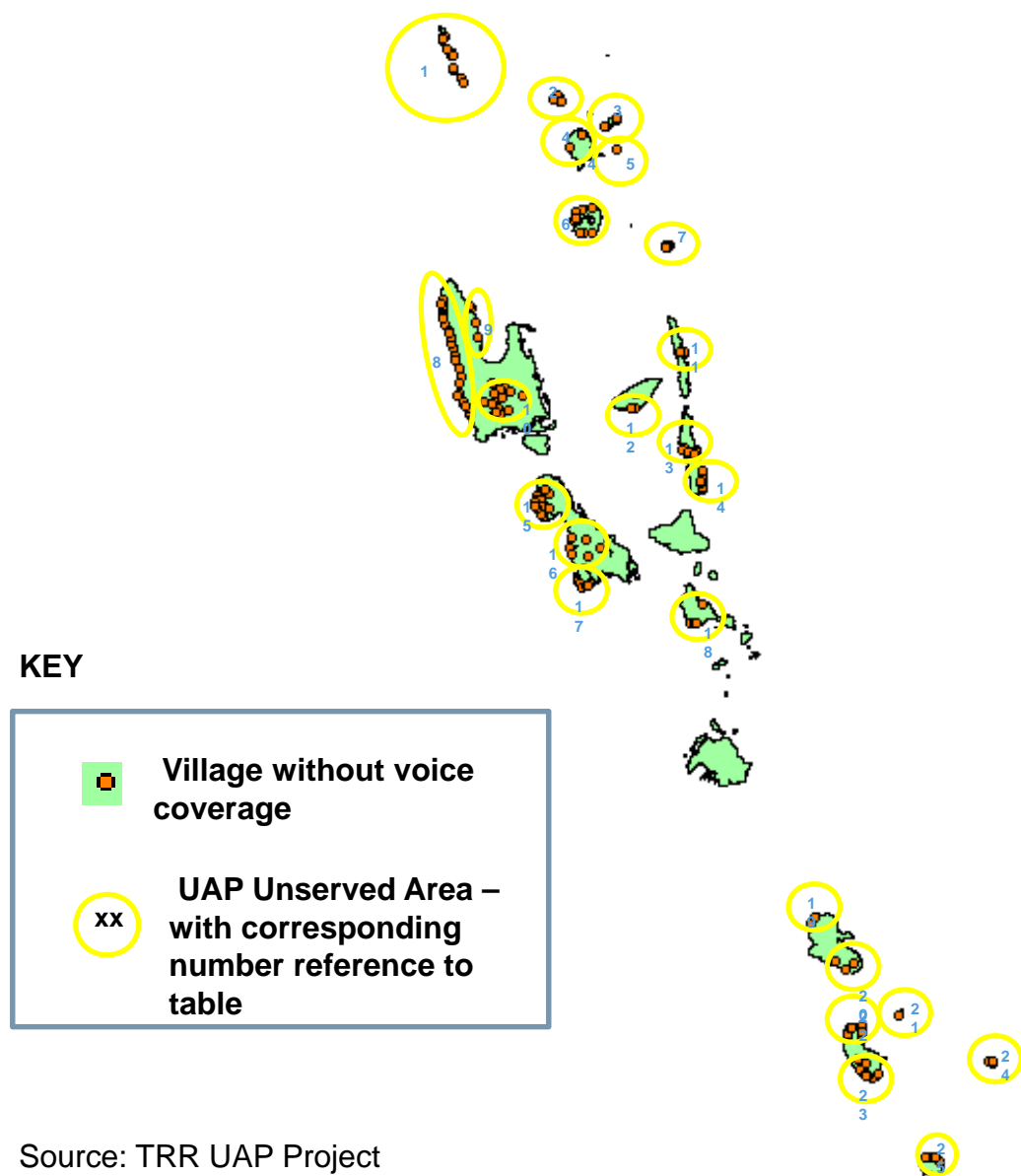
- Regulator

“Pay or Play” Approach



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Background: Unserved Area



KEY

	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

Source: TRR UAP Project

What we did?

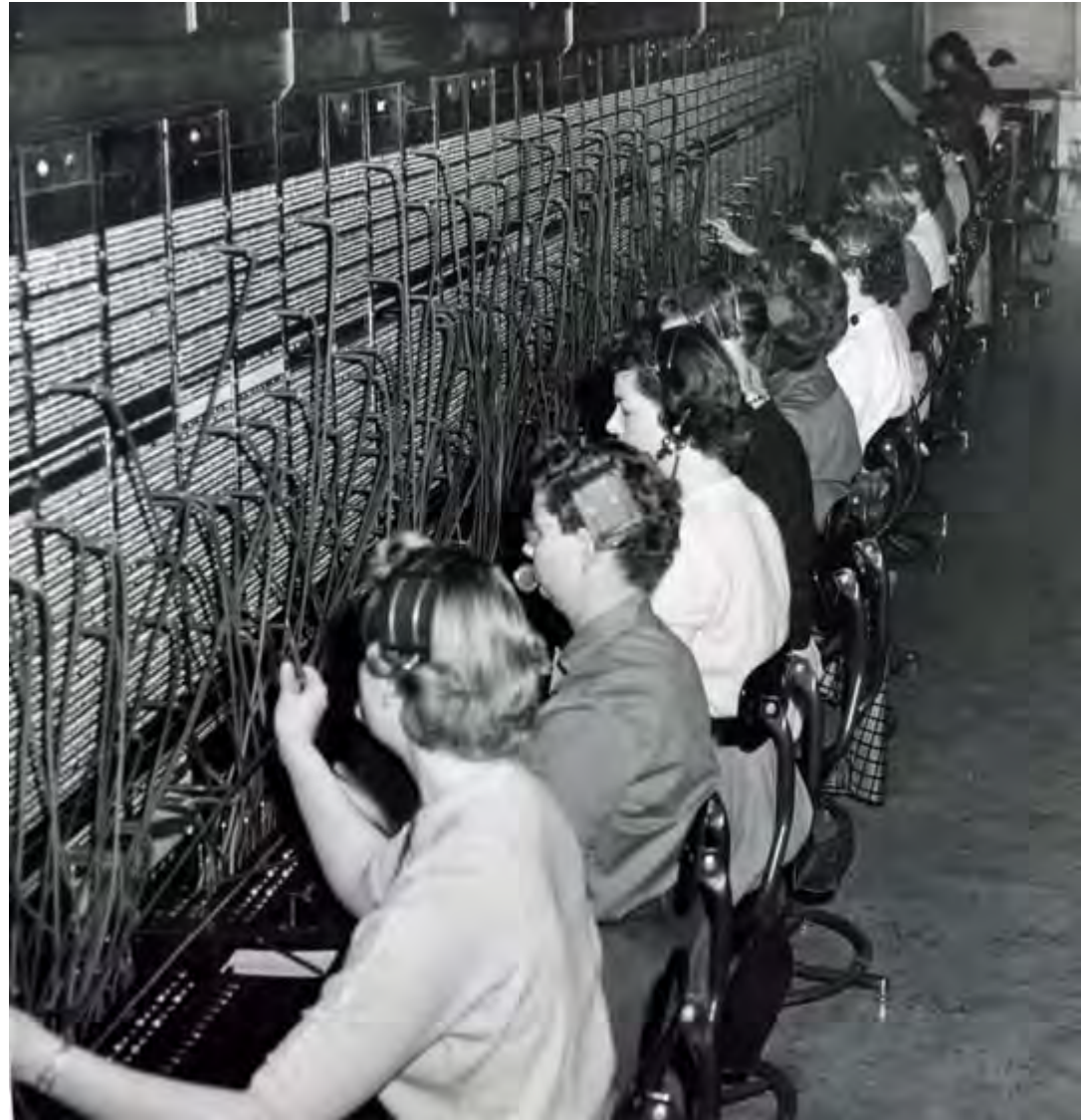
1. Asked for Money - Thank you DFAT
2. Develop our market development initiatives (connect schools, tablets for students and internet café`s)
3. Recruit a UAP Project team (3 pax)
4. Selected 25 project sites
5. Establish a Grant Review Committee
6. Project underway 😊



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Plans for the Future: 98% Coverage by 1st Jan 2018

1. Grow demand for ICT services
2. Connect all 514 schools (early childhood to tertiary) throughout Vanuatu
3. m-Governance Strategy
4. Develop sectorial ICT Policies (27)
5. 3 - 5% of Ministry budget for ICT
6. Partnership with private sector
7. Increase use of ICT in Education
8. Support other member countries



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