



# RESERVE BANK VANUATU

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### **Reserve Bank of Vanuatu donates relief supplies to the displaced Volcano Affected Ambae Community in Luganville, Santo.**

The Reserve Bank of Vanuatu joined the nationwide campaign and relief support to the displaced population of Ambae by donating close to Vt 1 million worth of food items, toiletries and stationeries to the Santo Manaro Relief Committee in Santo on 7 October 2017.

Presenting the goods at a short ceremony at Vunamele Church compound, the Deputy Governor Mr. Peter Tari told the leaders and people of Ambae that the Governor of the Reserve Bank Mr. Simeon Malachi Athy, the Board members, Management and staff are deeply sadden to learn about the news of the drastic Manaro volcanic eruptions that forced the good citizens of Ambae to be evacuated out of their home island to Pentecost, Maewo and Santo.



“This is an unprecedented situation that will have a huge impact on the lives of the people of Ambae and the economy of this island and the Bank with the approval and support of the Board of Directors did not hesitate to join and

respond immediately with the nationwide support and relief to the people of Ambae”, Deputy Governor stated.

Receiving the goods from the Deputy Governor in front of the leaders and people of Ambae the Chairman of the Santo Manaro Relief Committee sincerely thanked the Governor, the Deputy Governor, Board, Management and staff of the Reserve Bank for having such a big heart and for responding and providing these goods to support the people of Ambae who have been displaced. The Chairman stated that the needs within the evacuation centers are huge and all the supports are needed and it is wonderful to see a prestigious national financial institution of the country like the Reserve Bank coming out and helping in this manner.

The Deputy Governor and his delegation visited a total of 10 evacuation centers within the Luganville town area and the rural areas and was moved by the magnitude and impact of this natural disaster on the lives of the people of Ambae. Deputy Governor emphasized to the Committee the need to ensure that the supplies and goods are distributed fairly and to all the victims on Santo and the other islands.

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