



The National University of Vanuatu (NUV) donates to Tongan community for disaster relief

Port-Vila, Vanuatu – 1 February 2022: On 1 February 2022, the National University of Vanuatu handed over a donation of 100,000VT to the Vanuatu-based Tongan community in support of the Solidarity Call towards the population of Tonga.

Following the eruption of the Hunga Tonga Hunga Ha’apai underwater volcano two weeks ago, the Government of Tonga and humanitarian partners reported that the disaster affected 84% of the population directly and 85% of agricultural households.

The Vice Chancellor and President of the National University of Vanuatu, Mr. Jean-Pierre Nirua, said “The National University of Vanuatu joins the solidarity efforts led by the Vanuatu-based Tongan community and local authorities in support of the relief and recovery actions towards the people of the Kingdom of Tonga.”

Mr. Jean-Pierre Nirua added “In these difficult times, we remember the contributions of Tongans in the good teaching and training of Vanuatu citizens and students by the Tongan academic and technical communities, whose families are also affected. As we embrace the good values of resilience and solidarity, we must support each other in the Pacific”.

Vanuatu has experienced few disasters too like the Tropical Cyclone PAM in 2015 and knows from experience the emergency and the urgent need for clean and drinkable water, food rations and shelters. The donation will go to the victims in Tonga who are suffering and have destroyed homes.

The representative of the Tongan community in Port Vila, Mrs Linda KALPOI, expressed gratitude to the National University of Vanuatu. She said “The Tongan community in Port Vila is very touched by the donation and the generosity of the National University of Vanuatu. It is beautiful! Monetary donations offer the most flexible way of providing support to our community back home.”



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Mr. Jean-Pierre Nirua, concluded: “The National University of Vanuatu sympathises with the people and learning institutions of Tonga in these difficult times. We express our condolences to the families who lost their loved ones. Our thoughts are with our Tongan brothers and sisters in these challenging times”.



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About the National University of Vanuatu

The National University of Vanuatu was established by the Act n°34 of 2019 adopted by the Parliament on the 17th of December 2019 and officially published on the 24th January 2020.

The purpose of the University as stated in its article 3 is “to provide higher education advancement and lifelong learning through academic and professional excellence by way of training, teaching and learning, in both the English and French official languages, research and international cooperation”.

Based on the Act, the NUV is authorized to offer the current Bachelor Programs and to develop collaboration with new partners on the implementation of other Bachelor and Master programs.

The Act also paved the way for merging existing Vanuatu PSET training into the NUV over time, and under the overall supervision of the MoET, including the following institutions which are approved to deliver accredited degree level courses according to Vanuatu Qualifications Framework (VQF): Vanuatu Institute of Teacher Education, Vanuatu College for Nursing Education, and Vanuatu Agriculture College. Inclusion in the NUV will require meeting high quality tertiary education and trainings standards and accreditation requirements in accordance with the laws of Vanuatu.

The National University of Vanuatu works in collaboration with several international universities, which support the development of the institution by issuing internationally recognized diplomas.