

# Implementation of the Government's Universal Access Policy (UAP)

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting with Licensees

26<sup>th</sup> February 2014



The Government  
of The Republic  
of Vanuatu



**TRR**

Telecommunication &  
Radiocommunication  
Regulator

# Agenda

1. Submissions Summary
2. Unserved Areas
3. Current Pop % covered
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# Submissions Summary

- Telsat, TVL and Digicel submitted individual plans within the deadline
- A collective partial industry response was submitted also by TVL, Digicel & Telsat within the deadline
- eTech and CNS submitted plans after the deadline
- Received responses but no plans from SPIM (on day of deadline), Can'l, Incite and Interchange(all three after day of deadline)
- No response from Skycloud, Hotspotz, Wavecom, Micoms & Yumi Konek



# Current Play or Pay licensees

Play	Pay
Digicel	Can'l
TVL	CNS*
	e-Tech*
	Hotspotz
	Interchange
	Incite
	Micoms
	Skycloud
	SPIM
	Telsat*
	Wavecom
	Yumi Konek

\* Partial plans submitted



# What plans has TRR received?

- Digicel to rollout new sites and upgrade existing sites
- TVL to rollout new sites and upgrade existing sites
- Telsat submitted plan for new sites, however, this was not as a play commitment
- CNS submitted plan, however, this was not as a play commitment
- e-Tech outlined a proposal for a potential Government Radio Network throughout Vanuatu
- Can'l has advised of potential rollout of broadband services
- No plans provided by Interchange, SPIM, Incite, Skycloud, Hotspotz, Wavecom, Micoms & Yumi Konek



# TRR comments on submissions

- Rollout plans must be population based and not demand based.
- The emphasis is on unserved and underserved areas
- Plans must show current pop % covered and new pop % covered in rollout plans and for what services; voice, narrowband or broadband services
- All broadband rollouts must be achieved by 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2018 – if in phases (by each year) must specify pop % gained in each phase of rollout
- TRR will only present aggregated coverage data to industry
- In accordance with UAP, focus is on health, education facilities and public offices



# Which areas are unserved?

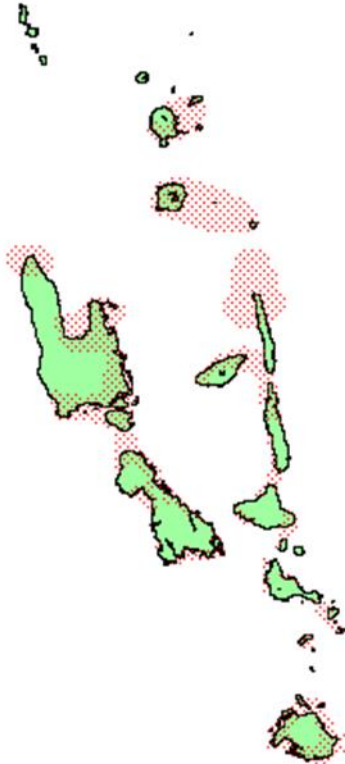


## Unserved/Underserved areas

1	Torres Islands
2	Ureparapara
3	East Mota Lava
4	NW Vanua Lava
5	East Mota
6	Merelava
7	West Gaua
8	West Coast Santo
9	Central Santo
10	South West Santo
11	North West Malekula
12	West Malekula
13	South Malekula
14	South Ambae
15	Central Maewo
16	Central Pentecost - Melsisi
17	South East Pentecost - Bunlap
18	South Epi - Filakaraka
19	East Erromango - Ipota
20	North Tanna
21	South Tanna - Imaki
22	Aniwa
23	Central & South Futuna
24	North Aneityum
25	South Aneityum - Umetch



# How much pop is now covered?



	2009 Census	2013 Projected Figure*
Total Population*	234,023	264,652
Total Pop Covered	202,894	?
Total Pop Uncovered	30,951	?
% Telecom Services Covered	86.70%	?
% Telecom Services Uncovered	13.23%	?

- Based on TRR's analysis using 2009 Census data, an additional 11.3% gets us to 98%
- TRR assessment of 98% coverage will be based on actual population data

\* Source: NSO 2013





# Next Steps(1)

## 1. TRR will :

- a. Submit report to Minister by 7<sup>th</sup> of March 2014
- b. Continue to work with Industry on all relevant aspects
- c. Determine and inform each licensee of levy to be imposed to those who chose to pay, or do not pay.
- d. Finalize actual payers and players through one-on-one discussions



# Next Steps(2)

2. Player licensees must provide by **COB Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2014** :

- a. Accurate & updated coverage maps (Prefer magnified maps by island)
- b. Analysis of current percentage of population covered by voice, narrowband and broadband services.
- c. Analysis of percentage increase in population to be covered by rollout plans.
- d. Confirm rollout plans to list of unserved and underserved areas provided. Include GPS coordinates
- e. Ensure to include education facilities, health facilities & public offices



# Next Steps(3)

## 3. Payer licensees must:

- a. Provide audited & certified Financial statements for 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 by **COB Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2014.**
- b. Work cooperatively with TRR to achieve the Government's UA policy intentions
- c. Recognize and understand that this is a total industry approach: pay if you do not play. All licensees must be involved



# Other UA Initiatives

1. Rensarie Broadband Project (UAP Fund) - Completed
2. UAP Implementation (The Policy)
3. Universal Access Programs (UAP Fund) - Forthcoming:
  - Computer Labs & Internet Community Center (CLICC)
  - Internet Café Support (ICS)
  - Tablets-For-Students (TFS)
  - Others, to be planned
4. APT J3 - External Donor Funded
  - 3 Telecentres planned for 2015



# UAP Interpretations

1. Period of Levy Contributions
2. Broadband Speed, DL 21Mbps / UL 12Mbps



Thank you

