

Long wait after cyclone, but Aneityum thanks TVL

SINCE CYCLONE PAM MORE THAN two months ago, Aneityum island was connected to the outside world with only a satellite phone as there was not mobile phone network from local providers.

This was until yesterday when Telecom Vanuatu Limited (TVL) reconnected the island to the rest of its country-wide network.

A resident of Aneityum who is visiting Port Vila, Keith Neiyo, has thanked TVL for reconnecting Aneityum to easier and cheaper means of communication.

He said when there was no mobile network, it was quite hard for people on the island to communicate either with their families in Port Vila or other islands.

Neiyo said people who own small businesses on the island found it also very difficult to contact Port Vila to order new cargo or find out about shipping services to the island.

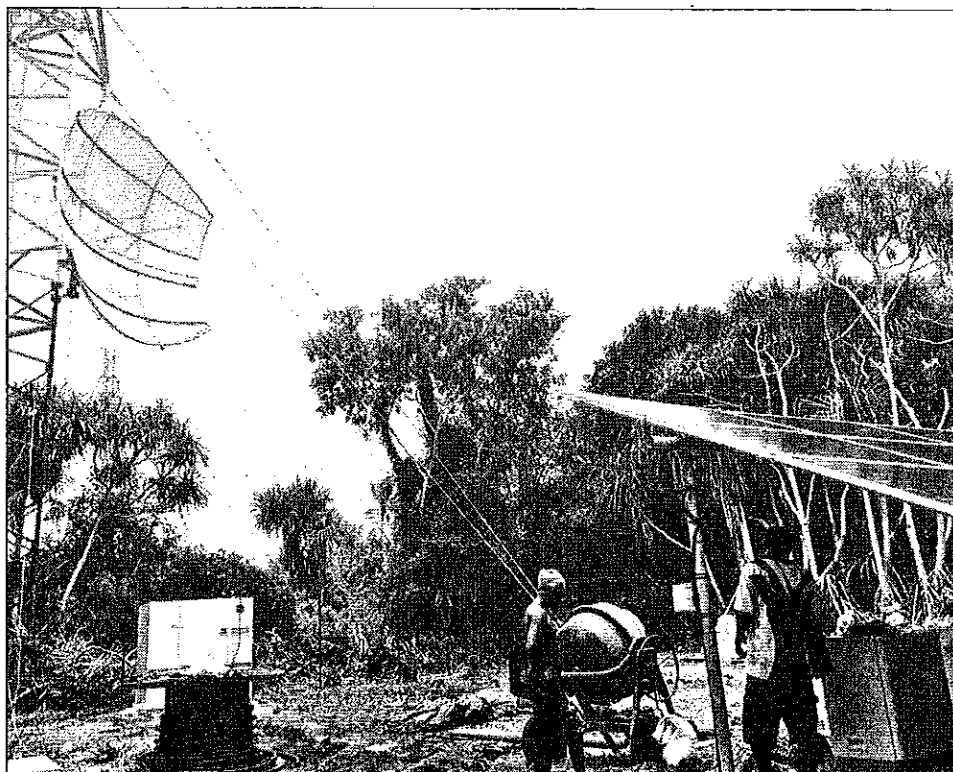
He said while the satellite phone served its purpose immediately after the cyclone, which the people are grateful for, Aneityum people living in Port Vila had to dig deep into

their pockets to call home a month after the cyclone.

"I bought a Vt500 refill card here in Port Vila and used it to call home via the satellite phone and talked for about only a minute or less," he said.

There was also the problem of what may be poor reception for the satellite phone that resulted in phone calls being cut half way into conversations.

But now with the TVL network restored, Neiyo is grateful for those who provided satellite phones and thanks Telecom Vanuatu Limited for bringing back its service.



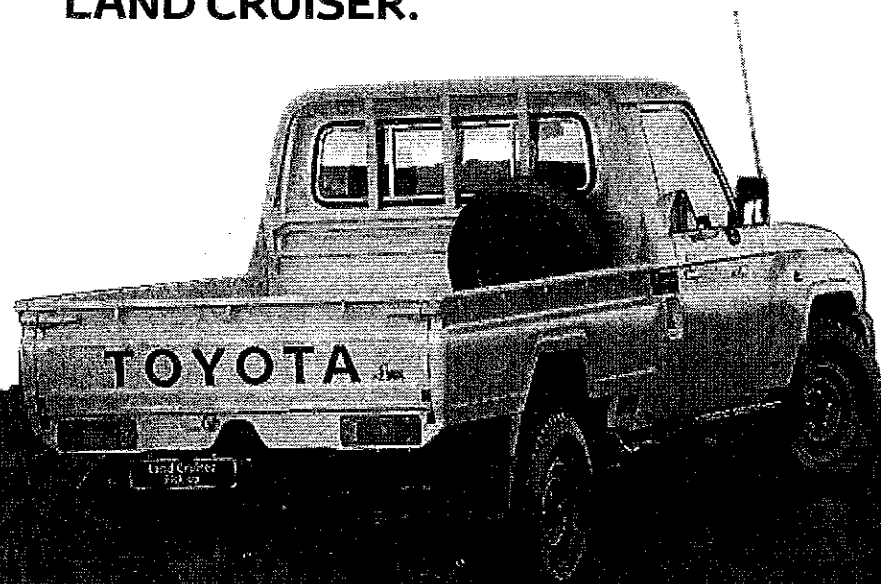
Digicel erected a tower on Mystery Island before cyclone Pam but the island and its people have not received the service provider's network yet. Photo: Matthew Hardwick



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