



Building a Brighter Future for Vanuatu's Children

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## LODGE OF DISCOVERY, VANUATU CYCLONE PAM FUNDING

### Rebuilding Suango Mele Primary School Library and Media Building

with Ratua Foundation, Association de Mele and SHaRM Pikinini Ecole Foundation



Festivities on October 13 2015 handing over of the New Library and Media Building

Report dated: 24 November 2015

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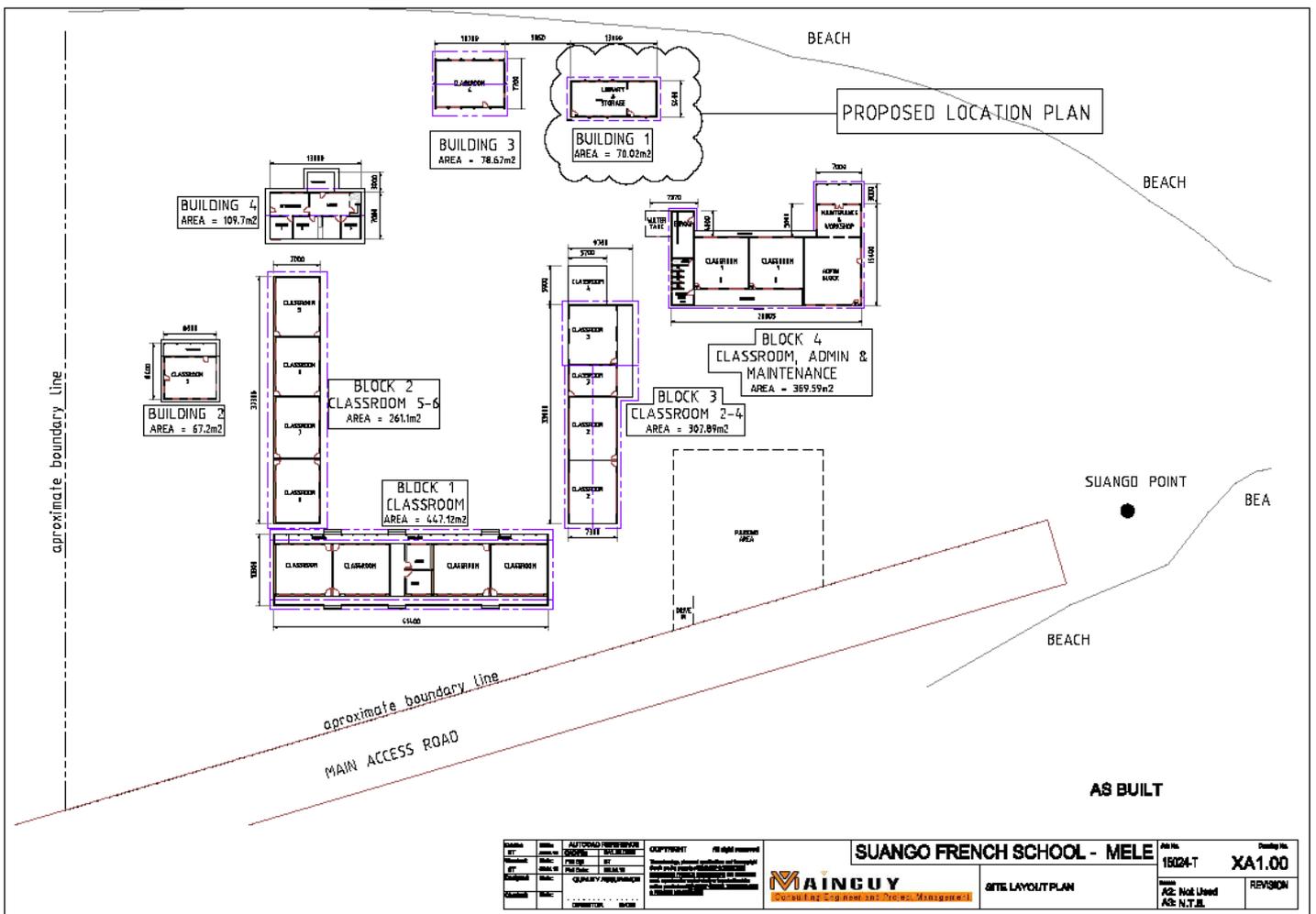
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### Final Reporting

#### Post-Pam April 2015

A working group of Ratua Foundation, Cyrille Mainguy and for Association de Mele and SHaRM Pikinini Ecole Foundation met post-PAM with the School Board, School Headmaster and Executive for the School as to how we could jointly assist Suango Mele Primary School with reconstruction on the school buildings damaged by Cyclone PAM. A plan was formulated for the reconstruction subject to fundraising by the various groups involved.

Following is a plan and layout of the School and identification of the School Buildings. Building 1 is the location of the Library Media Building, the subject of this report.



Proposed site plan of rebuilding programme for Suango Mele Primary School



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### Proposal to Lodge of Discovery – Cyclone PAM Committee

A project team consisting of Ratua Foundation, Association de Mele/Cyrille Mainguy and SHaRM Pikinini Ecole Foundation approached the Lodge of Discovery Cyclone PAM Committee to consider funding a standalone new build library and media building to replace the Library that was destroyed following Cyclone PAM.

In the absence of Isabelle Henon, Cyrille Mainguy and Steph Neilson met with the Lodge Committee and provided a full project proposal, plans and costings. The proposal was discussed at length and other options for additional input by the Lodge were also discussed and agreed. The Lodge of Discovery also indicated it was committed to overseeing the Library and Media Room as an ongoing project ensuring maintenance was attended to on an annual basis.

The Lodge of Discovery indicated and confirmed it would like to undertake the building as a standalone project which was agreed by the project team given the size of the other rebuilding required within Suango following the destruction of Cyclone PAM on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

A delighted project team received a confirming email approving the Project on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2015 advising the Lodge of Discovery would commit 4.5 Million Vatu towards this project and undertake the full project proposal as submitted as a standalone project.

..... 10<sup>th</sup> June 2015

Good afternoon Isabelle,

Last night the Lodge met and was told of the plight of Suango School and the plans for the rebuild of it. The committee proposed the released of Vt4.5M to cover the materials and labour costs to rebuild the library and media centre. We described how we felt costings could be reduced, allowing the footprint to be increased but still bringing the project in on budget and of our control of the project.

The proposal was quickly and unanimously agreed and passed, so I have great pleasure in confirming the Lodge of Discovery will undertake the rebuilding of Suango Primary School's Library and Media Centre.

One of our members, Andrew Hibgame, will contact Cyrille and discuss with him how we can enlarge the footprint from the existing size so the building can increase it's capacity. I think it would be great to arrange a convenient time with Steph and Cyrille to visit the school, talk to the headmaster and view the site.

I am really pleased and honoured to be able to help the Mele community with this project and look forward to working with you on this.

Sincerely,  
Russell  
Russell Chilton  
Chairman LoD Cyclone Pam Fund

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## Vanuatu freemasons fund school library rebuild

A local Mele school which suffered substantial classroom and infrastructure damage including its library in Cyclone PAM, will soon have a new library/media room.

Members of Lodge of Discovery in Vanuatu have confirmed the proposal to fully fund the building of a new library/media centre at Suango Mele Primary School which lost its library building and contents during Cyclone PAM.

Lodge of Discovery spokesperson Russell Chilton said the building project provides Freemasons in Vanuatu with an opportunity to provide relief and assistance to the local community.

Mr Chilton said the Lodge, which was founded in 1976, quickly opened a bank account after Cyclone Pam to handle donations pledged by individuals, lodges and Masonic groups from around the World.

"Freemasonry has been in existence for over 300 years and was founded on the values of integrity, kindness, honesty and fairness," he said.

"Members are urged to regard the interests of the family as paramount but importantly, Freemasonry also teaches concern for people, care for the less fortunate and helping those in need.

"This project at Suango Mele Primary School fits within the cornerstone values of the Lodge of Discovery and Freemasonry and

we are delighted to be involved in the rebuild of this very important part of the school."

Construction is expected to get underway shortly with the new building being larger than that originally constructed plus a media room has been added which can be closed off from the library if the need arises allowing for future school expansion.

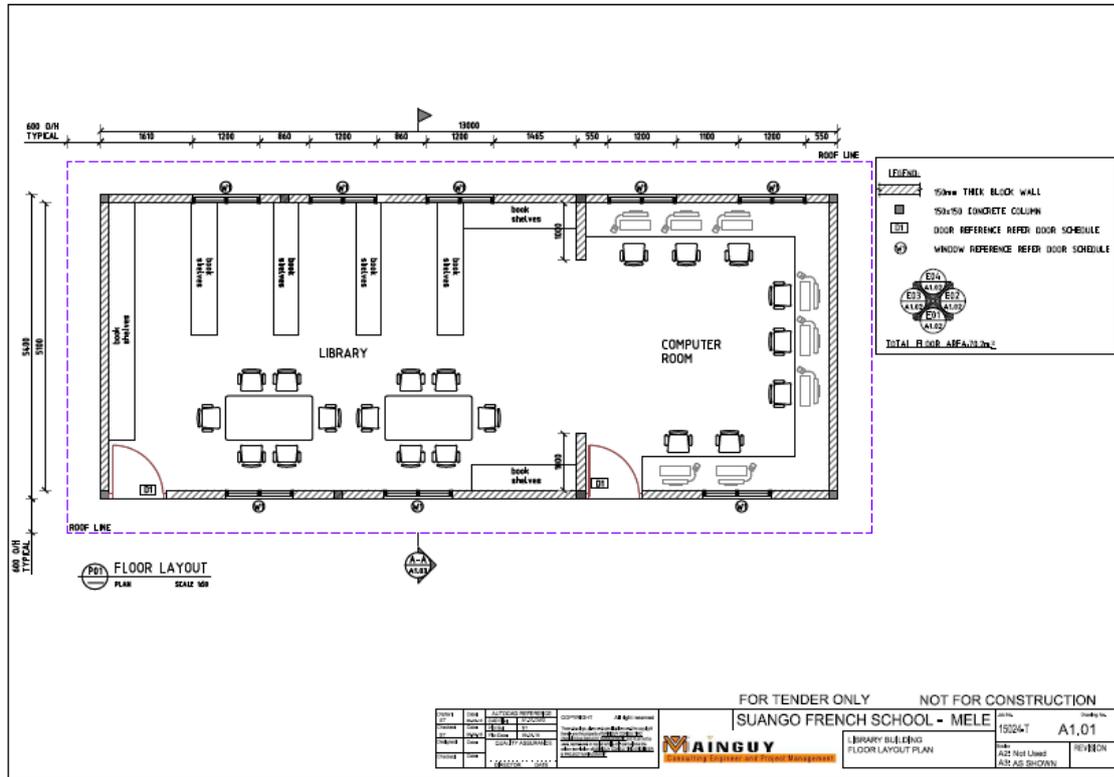
Once completed, the media room will be provided with computers which will be used by the 400 pupils who attend this school.

Construction of the new building, which is solely funded from donations received by the Lodge of Discovery, will be overseen by Andrew Hibgame and local builder Lloyd Hately together with local tradespeople.

Plans are also underway to restock the library which lost all its books in Cyclone Pam from other groups assisting with Suango Mele Primary rebuilding.

The Chairman of Suango Mele Primary School, Akuma Malas confirmed the School is honoured to accept the generosity of the Lodge members who have a local connection with the Mele area.

On behalf of his school executive and board, he looks forward to a long association with its members ensuring they see the benefit of the Library and Media Centre as a hub of learning for all students who pass through this popular local school.



Finalised Plan of Library and Media Room Building

**COSTINGS**

Final cost for the Lodge of Discovery Library and Media Building :

Details	Donor	Cost proposed to Project
<b>Total cost of the Rebuild – Library and Media Room including building, finishing, painting, tiling, electricity and wages</b>	Lodge of Discovery	4.5 Million Vatu

**Lodge of Discovery**

Under the direction of Andrew Hibgame (LOD Committee) and Russell Chilton (Chairman of the LOD PAM Committee) for the Lodge of Discovery, a local builder and a team of niVan builders were engaged by Lloyd Hatley to undertake the new building project at Suango.

The project commenced on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2015 with a site inspection.

Following are photos recording the construction timeline at Suango for the Library and Media Room:



Pouring the slab 28<sup>th</sup> July 2015



15<sup>th</sup> August 2015



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7<sup>th</sup> September 2015



20<sup>th</sup> September 2015



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30 September 2015

### **Additional work undertaken by the Lodge of Discovery**

The Lodge of Discovery subsequently approved and added a verandah and storm shutters which were not originally planned. These additions have enhanced the building providing a place of shelter in wet weather for the children using the library and media room.

The provision of storm shutters ensures the building is now fully compliant should cyclones prove an issue in the coming seasons and are lockable shutters and act additionally as security for the building and its contents.

# SUANGO SCHOOL NEW LIBRARY HANDING OVER PROGRAM DATE: 13<sup>TH</sup> OF OCTOBER 2015



	TIME	HIGHLIGHTS AND SPEACHES	RESPONSIBLE
1	3:00 PM	ARRIVAL	TEACHERS AND STAFFS
2	4:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ ASSEMBLE ON THE MAIN ENTRANCE</li> <li>❖ WELCOME</li> <li>❖ SALU SALU</li> <li>❖ OFFICIAL WELCOME TOKTOK</li> <li>❖ WELCOME SONG</li> <li>❖ OPENING PREA</li> </ul>	SUANGO SCHOOL STUDENTS AND STAFFS  HEAD MASTER SUANGO  STUDENTS AND STAFFS  JIMMY METO SCHOOL CHAPLIN
3	4:30 PM	<u>OFFICIAL SPEACHERS</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ SCHOOL</li> <li>❖ AID-DONNER REP</li> </ul>	CHAIRMAN REPRESENTATIF
4	5:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ RUBAN CUTTING/AND CAKE</li> <li>❖ DEDICATION PRAY</li> </ul>	CHAIRMAN/ AID-DONNER REP  PASTER BEN KALTANAK PRESBYTARIAN CHURCH
6	5:30 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ TANNA CUSTOM DANCE</li> <li>❖ REFRESHMEN \$ KAVA</li> </ul>	YCC COMMUNITY  SUANGO SCHOOL



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**A report prepared by the Lodge of Discovery .....**

Tuesday 13th October was a great day for our Lodge, Freemasonry and the pupils of Suango Mele Primary School in Mele. It was seven months to the day that a category five tropical cyclone swept past the island of Efate in Vanuatu and seriously damaged or destroyed the school buildings in this community. Now, with the generous donations of many individuals, Lodges and Masonic organisations around the world, the Lodge of Discovery was able to give back to Mele a brand new library and media room.

We relocated the building away from the rear of the grounds, which was close to an area of swampland, to a new site more central to the other buildings where it now overlooks Port Vila Bay. The build took around three months to complete and came in within our budget. We built the veranda as an addition to the original plans as we felt it was more practical for the school especially when it rains.

The delegation from the Lodge was brought on to the school grounds by traditional dancers and, after a welcome song by the pupils, was given typical salu salu garlands. There were speeches by the school head teacher as well as the two local chiefs who all reiterated the importance of the library to the community and their gratitude to Freemasonry for making it possible. Lodge Worshipful Master, Rick Burns, spoke in the Ni-Vanuatu language of Bislama about the worldwide membership of Masonry, how we aspire to continued learning, the charitable nature of Freemasons and how the Lodge was particularly drawn to helping out the school, who are our neighbours, by funding the library.

To show their appreciation of our efforts, members of the Lodge and the building team were presented with traditionally woven mats, a custom here in Vanuatu. The most senior member of the Lodge, W. Bro. Alan Churchill PGStB, was chosen to represent Freemasonry as a wider organisation and cut the ribbon to the building, thereby granting the school its new library.



**Lodge Members, Children and Headmaster Peter Jerome with Alan Churchill cutting the ribbon to open the Library and Media Room on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2015**



**Inside the Library and Media Room following the opening on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2015**



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**THE PROJECT TEAM will work with the Lodge of Discovery and complete the following :**

### **Books for the Library collected by SHaRM**

A book drive was undertaken in the North Otago region in New Zealand via PaperPlus Oamaru and also a collection of books for donation via their local branches throughout North Otago. Ten local North Otago Schools in the area also provided books and journals for collection during the month of July 2015 ready for them to be packed and shipped in late August by container along with other donated equipment.

Approximately 2000 reading books and 500 plus journals were donated during this successful donation drive. These books and journals arrived at the school on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2015 within a container of school desks, chairs, equipment and teacher resources.

The project team will now work with the Lodge of Discovery to provide the shelving required to successfully provide access to all the Suango Mele Primary School children.



SHaRM member Marg Manhire sorting books with Shuna Burdett outside the new library and media building – 24 October 2015



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### Media Room fit out by SHaRM

During the next few weeks computers and monitors will be installed with wireless access within the media room on work tables. This new technology will provide Suango Mele Primary School children with access to learn computer skills as a new learning skill during their years at Suango.

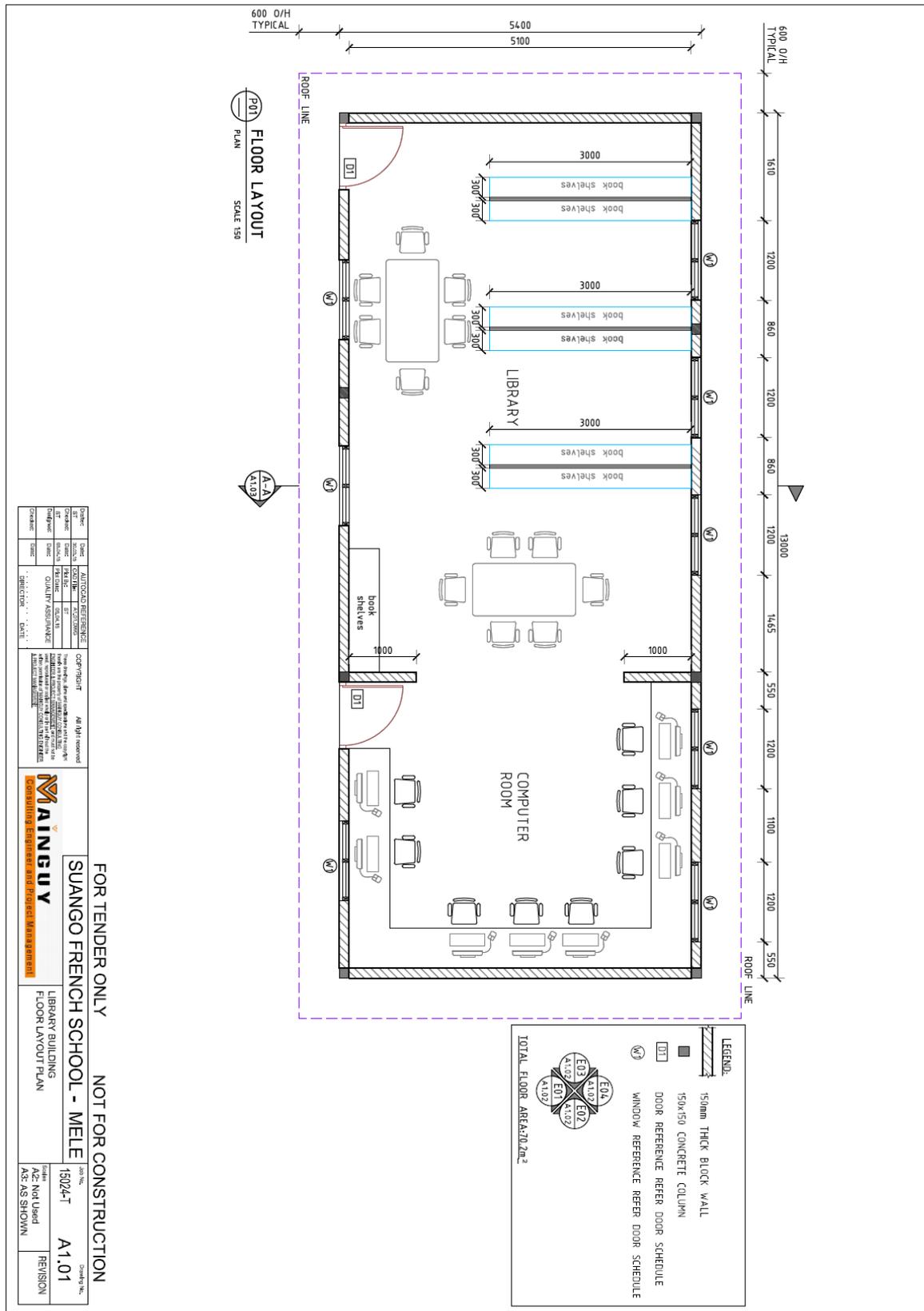
The computers will be wirelessly connected and networked so that at least 10 children will have access to use the computers at any one time.

Beyond Disaster Relief New Zealand has provided and had installed 10 new computers, fax/scanner/laser printer for use within the Suango Mele Media Room. The project team are grateful for the generosity of the New Zealand donor who worked with SHaRM to provide this wonderful resource to Suango Mele Primary School.

A media projector and rollaway screen will also be located in the media room for other functions and use by the school giving it a multi-media function.

### Fit Out Library and Media Centre

Details	Donor	Cost
Library Books and Journals (English)	10 Schools from Otago New Zealand and public of North Otago via a book fundraiser via PaperPlus Oamaru and surrounding PaperPlus stores	Donation
Library Books and Journals (French)	Provided by Ratua Foundation	Donation
Rollaway Screen and Projector	Weston School Oamaru, New Zealand	Donation
Computers	Beyond Disaster Relief New Zealand	Donation – 725,287 VT



Shelving Plan and Media tables to be costed and constructed



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### INSPECTION AND SIGN OFF BY CYRILLE MAINGUY, PROJECT MANAGER FOR SUANGO

Working with Cyrille Mainguy, Project Manager on all the rebuilding at Suango, Cyrille has been assisting the head builder Lloyd Hately throughout the building of the new Library and Media Room.

Cyrille will provide this report to the Ministry of Education, following his further final inspection and circulation of this report.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Cyrille Mainguy', on a light blue background.

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For and on behalf of the Combined Group assisting Suango Mele Primary Rebuild  
Per: Stephanie (Steph) Neilson

Dated 24 November 2015



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Lloyd Hatley and his team of builders

Cyrille Mainguy, Engineer and Project Management for project managing the rebuild

Ratua Foundation

Association de Mele

Beyond Disaster Relief New Zealand – computers and printer for Media Room

SHaRM Pikinini Ecole Foundation

SHaRM helpers to install the books and media equipment into the library and media room including Deb Friend, Shuna Burdett and Ben Burdett

School Board and Committee assisting during the building and Mamas for their assistance during the Handover on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2015

Donations of Library Books, Media equipment, computers and other items from 10 schools in North Otago and the general public who donated books to the fundraising drive for "Books for Vanuatu" via Dick Cottier of PaperPlus, Jacquie Webby and Sally Austin all of Oamaru, North Otago, New Zealand

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