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Manua Centre Primary School re-dedication

2 - 5 by Premilla Hinge

31 MANUA Centre Primary School has its classrooms back after they were destroyed by cyclone Pam.

32 The coordinator of SHaRM Pikinini Ecole Foundation, Ms Steph Neilson, who is also associated with Stuart Friend that donated most of the materials, said that donors helped with all their heart to repair all the classrooms that had been damaged to enable students to begin their studies again.

29 "The donors made the full payment for all the materials and no funding nor any materials were supplied by the Ministry of Education," she said.

28 She said the donors were Ratua Foundation, Volunteer Vanuatu, BlueScope Lysaght, Port Vila Hardware, SHaRM Pikinini Ecole Foundation, Cyrille Mainguy and Stuart Friend.

22 "The donors either paid for the materials or provided materials free of charge with the kind hearts that they have," she said.

30 Ms Neilson said the damage to Manua School was extensive with five classrooms partly destroyed as well as serious damage to the administration block, library and storage area.

33 "The children have been attending school under UNICEF tents and now the school's main block is able to be reused and classes commenced this week," she added. She said in less than four weeks,



The ribbon cutting ceremony at the re-dedication of the school.

the North Efate school has been repaired, reroofed, repainted, rooms renovated and re-dedicated.

She said the team had tremendous assistance from Headmistress Melizabeth Steele, the Board and School Committees from Manua area, enabling this rebuild to be completed so quickly.

Director of Educational Services, Roy Obed with his delegation, re-dedicated the Manua Centre School plus named Block 2 of the School 'The Stuart Friend Block' due to Mr Friend's 'tremendous efforts in coordinating the rebuilding work from inception to the handover' for Manua.

"In a moving ceremony, Roy Obed was joined by all donors marking the occasion,

handing back the repaired school enabling the 314 pikininis attending Manua to return to classrooms for the last term," she said.

She also said the renovated classrooms were repainted with assistance of up to 20 volunteers from Volunteer Vanuatu and the community all joining together to complete the work.

"The community spirit in this rural North Efate location was fully supported by the Chiefs and Committee leaders who endorsed this work and a job well done by all those who contributed."

Mr Obed thanked the donors for their generosity and the 'ability of the volunteers to achieve the rebuild in less than four weeks'.