

# VPF Visualized Perspective in the Prohibition of Use of Anti – Personnel Mines.

Ladies and Gentlemen bear with  
me in a 10 x minutes brief  
presentation.

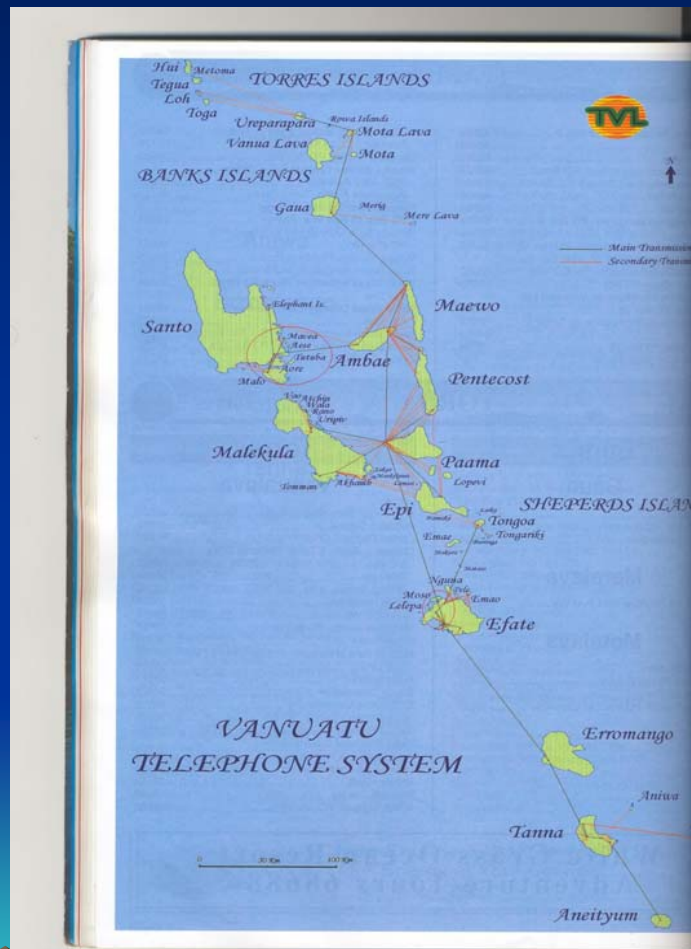


# Geographical Information

- Vanuatu is a Y shaped strait of 83 habitual Islands covering approximately 12 to 14,000 square miles in length and 8,000 Square Miles in width. These Islands are mostly habited by Ethnic Melanesian clans that dominantly made up of 75% of the population while 25% is made up of European, Asians, Polynesians, Micronesians and Indian Neutralized Citizens.
- The current population information drawn from the National Statistic Office is over 200,000 and may demand more on the expansion of agricultural and infrastructural developments.
- The main educational languages taught and spoken through out Vanuatu are English, French, the Common dialect known as Bislama and other Ethnical languages .



# Vanuatu Map



# Introduction

- The abstract information provided in this presentation is drawn from the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2006 report compiled by the VPF HQ regarding the survey being done by the UN on the Ban Anti-Personnel Mine.
- The VPF supplied information based on local knowledge but deemed to identify whether there are any products of the Ban Anti- Personnel sighted in Country.
- The information provide dwell mainly on the World War II unexploded ordinance that could easily be located in a number Islands in Vanuatu, and poses as a threat to both the local population and foreign investors who wishes to invest in the Country.



# Introduction Cont.

- While taking the opportunity to convey our gratitude to the UN, the National Government and the Security donor partners for guiding us to take a positive stands against Anti – Personnel Mines ban, we also noted the destruction of lives in countries as South East Asia, Africa and the Middle East who suffered greatly the consequences of these Implements.



# Anti – Personnel Mines Victims 1



# Anti – Personnel Mines Victim 2



# VPF Position 1

- For your information the home based Environmental, Infrastructural, Structural and Agricultural information gathered during the post colonial administration as of 1975 to 1979 and again from the period of 1980 to 2006 doesn't show or indicate any sighting of the Ban Anti – Personnel Mine Implements in this tiny Island Nation.
- We believe the stable political and security environment that our International and regional leaders have pledged their commitments to control the distribution of War design Implements, have made a positive impact to this tiny Island nation as a Zone Free for the Anti – Personnel Mines Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfers.





# VPF Position 2

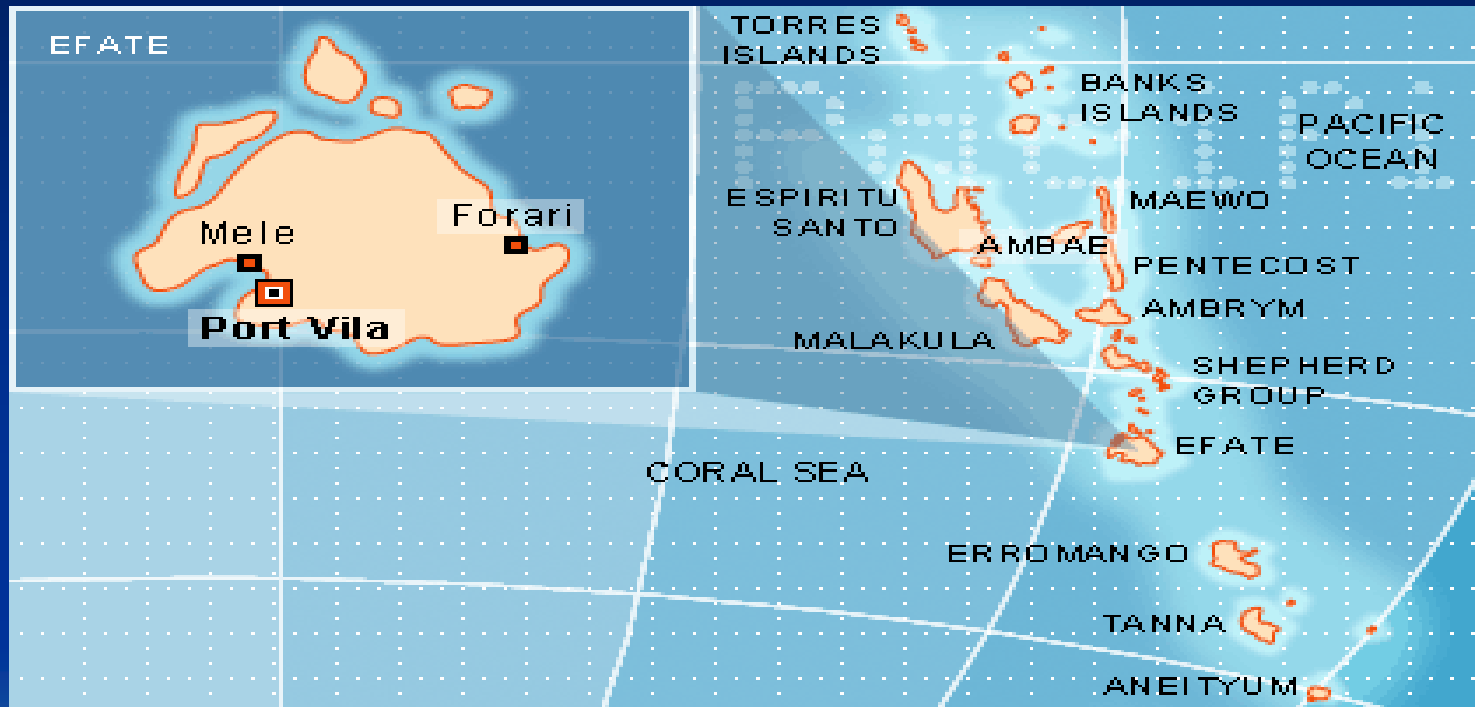
- However for our part, though we may not have the Anti – Personnel Mines Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer but this doesn't ruled out the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War unexploded ordinance that are yet to be surveyed and programmed for proper and standard disposals or decommissioning of these implements that poses as a threat to the population residing in both Port Vila and Luganville Urban Centers.

# Development Focus

- Vanuatu tropical environment, sea resources and rich fertile land have attracted both the local and foreign investors in exploiting and developing the land masses with structural, infrastructural, agricultural and sea resources projects that could sustain the economy of Vanuatu to grow better.
- Since the based Urban Centers are being identified as Port Vila and Loganville including its off shore Islands, more development are centered around these areas despite the facts that there are unexploded World War II ordinance or implements being sighted there.
- Concentrate areas of Interests are the North Eastern Part of Efate and the Eastern and Southern Part of Loganville. ( See Next Slide )



# Concentrated Area of Interest 1



# Concentrated Area of Interest 2



# Summary

- The VPF have pity the incumbent populations of the urban centers including interested investors that may already developed lands that may be identified as contaminated or accommodated buried huge stockpiles of unexploded ordinance.
- It is the VPF intend to inform the work shop of the existing hazard threat to the population, and made the following recommendations for consideration and further Actions;



# Recommendation

- We view that proper unexploded ordinance disposal technical and administrative trainings has to be provided to VPF officers to work on decommissioning program,
- We view that proper and accurate equipments and facilities has to be established to accommodate the disposals or destructions of Implements,
- We view that a joint decommissioning of unexploded ordinance dialogue and agreements has to be secured by the US government and the Vanuatu Government to oversees the removal and destructions of the War unexploded Implements in order to allow both locals and investors to exploit the land without any hesitation or scare, and
- We viewed that a proper World War II unexploded ordinance information data base has to be established in order to assist the Vanuatu Government in providing accurate information to UN regarding any ban War Substance or Implements.



# Conclusion

- Ladies and Gentlemen, I believe the information provided gives a limelight to the position of Vanuatu and VPF in regards to the Ban Anti – Personnel Mines topics that is yet to discuss in this work shop, and focus further on the World War II unexploded ordinance that poses as a worry to this tiny Island Nation. ( Vanuatu )



# Question

- I will now take any questions to clear any doubtful areas regarding the presentation.

