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**Public Statement in Relation to State of Emergency
Statement No#3**

Good Dei long yumi everyone start long Toress kasem Aneytum

Mi wandem tekem opportunity ia bakeken blong updetem yumi long olketa measures we kavman I tekem blong kontrolem spread blong COVID-19 folem State blong Emergency we President I diklerem tedei long 10am, 26 March 2020.

Kassem tedei 26 March 2020, Vanuatu I no kat wan confirmed case yet blong COVID-19.

Yumi kat ol suspect we ol health authority blong yumi oli work long hem mo stap monitorem olketa.

Yumi luk long international levels mo regional levels, olketa countries oli tekem strick measures finis blong controlem virus ia mo fulap oli diklerem State blong Emergency.

Taem we WHO I diklerem long 12 March 2020 se virus ia hemi kam wan "Pandemic"

Hemi minim se situation ia hemi kam wan disasta long definition blong disaster anda lo National Disaster Act No.23 of 2019.

Follem ol developmen ia, last wik yumi luk work blong Task Force I move I ko long NDMO blong respond mo managem virus ia folem law blong hem.

Sins outbreak blong COVID-19, Kavman wetem Task Force I putum aot fulap measures blong protectem country blong yumi mo citizens blong no kasem COVID-19.

However, Kasem tedei yumi luk I kat fulap "IGNORANT" people we oli no wandem tekem measures ia seriously.

Despite long olketa advaes ia yumi still luk fulap citizens oli travel aot long country.

Tedei some long olketa citizens ia oli stranded long Fiji, New Caledonia, Australia, mo New Zealands.

Fulap lo olgeta hemi ol wokman blo yumi we oli recruitem olgeta blo wok lo seasonal employment lo Australia mo New Zealand be yumi glad se afta plante toktok wetem ol fama mo kavman oli agri blo extendem ol contract blo olgeta blo oli continue blo wok during lo period ia go kasem taem situation hemi improve lo Vanuatu.

Whilst Kavman hemi work blong karem back ol nara citizen we oli stranded, hemi very important blong Public mo citizens I cooperate wetem kavman blong enforsem olketa control mo prevention measures we I kam long Health Authority mo NDMO.

Blong helpem situation, Council of Ministers hemi sidown long Tuesdei afternoon mo akri long wan "State of Emergency" blong strengthenem prevention measures we kavman through long health authority mo NDMO i putum i stap.

President hemi declerem finish State blong Emergency ia through long wan instrument we hemi gazette mo effective tudei 26March 2020.

Mi wandem assurum pipol blong Vanuatu se yufala no panic mo mi wandem encouragem yufala blong karem stret information we I kam long Health authority mo NDMO blong helpem yumi long olketa steps we bae yumi tekem blong protektem yumi long COVID-19.

Mi stap assurum ol pipol blong Vanuatu se Kavman istap work wetem ol local suppliers blong mekem sua se igat inaf goods/kakai long stock.

Ship blong cargo bae I continue blong kam mo sapos igat nid, bae ol planes oli tekem ol goods/kakai ikam.

Kassem tedei, Vanuatu I no kat wan kes yet. Be chanis blong yumi kassem hemi high from yumi luk ol klos neighbor country blong yumi oli kasem finis, olsem Fiji, New Caledonia, PNG, Australia, New Zealand, mo Guam.

State of Emergency hemi kam blong helpem yumi blong adressem IGNORANT attitudes blong yumi mo helpem State blong kontrolem situation blong protectem yumi ol citizens.

Yumi wandem adressem arias ia long period blong State of Emergency ia:

- Kontrolem movement blong ol pipol in mo aot long kaountry mo long ol islands blong yumi.
- Kontrolem movemen blong pipol internally long public centers blong Port-Vila, Luganville, Lenakel mo provincial centers.
- stopem public gathering mo klosem down ol night clubs, mo cinema, restaurants includim ol mama we oli cook long ol markets.
- Encouragem ol mobile markets mo main market long Port-Vila mo Luganville oli go long ol sub-centers blong tufala town.
- Encouragem ol man mo women blong tekem kaikai blong kakai long house mo "Kava" blong drink long house.
- Kavman I strongly rikomendem **family "containtment"** long home oltaem mo encouragem family blong planem good movement blong olketa blong avoidem risk blong kasem virus ia.
- Enforsem good hygiene practices mo social distancing
- Censhorship long media information abaot COVID-19.

- I minim se nao ia bae law I applae long man mo women we I spreadem kiaman information long Face Book mo narafala media outlets abaot COVID 19
- Enforsem full security measures blong mekem sua se I kat peace mo happiness oltaem long taem blong State of Emergency.
- Inkrisim public campaign abaot how yumi save protectem yumi long COVID 19.
- Mekem sua se Public Transports I practisim health advise abaot good hygiene.
- Monitorem movemen blong sea, land mo air transport in mo aot long ol islands blong yumi.
- Ensuring se I kat continuation long ol essential mo critical services I ko long citizens.
- Ensuring **se super market mo shop I open long limited** taem blong allowem family I tekem goods mo services blong olketa.
- Ensuring se **olketa market vendors includim ol handicraft long** road oli practisim good hygiene mo social distancing long limited taem we oli allow blong salem product blong olketa long public.
- Encouragem se ol employee blong private mo public sector we oli gat ol outstanding leave oli must tekem.
- Taem we Kavman I closen ol schools, ol students oli must stap long home mo ol schools principals mo teachers oli must makem available ol course materials blong oli save study lo home.
- Ol internet providers oli must kam forward blong providem inaf data mo bandwidth capacity blong allowem ol study online.
- Enfosem Pablik Health Act long ol arias we I nid blong applaem law ia.
- Fulap long olketa instruction ia bae I stap long regulesen we mi saenem tudei follem state blong emergency ia.

Long semtaem work I progress blong impruvum health facilities blong yumi long Vila mo Santo folem WHO standard requirement blong treatim COVID-19

Yumi work wetem olketa patnas blong yumi blong karem ol equipments blong testing mo screening I kam long Vanuatu.

Kavman blong New Caledonia I help bigwan taem oli akseptem blong oli save helpem yumi wetem testing ia, whilst yumi stap wait blong installem blong yumi.

Yumi work tu blong karem ol specialist doctors blong helpem yumi long testing mo prevention blong COVID 19 bae ino kasem yumi long Vanuatu.

Blong kat ol stret information abaot COVID 19, Mi wandem encouragem yumi everyone blong usum olketa soses ia:

- kolem fri numba ia "119" blong karem stret information long health authority abaot COVID 19.
- Ko long FaceBook page " Health Promotion" blong karem update long COVID 19
- Visitim Vanuatu COVID 19 website- WWW.COVID19.GOV.VU blong kasem mo advaes long how you save protektem you mo family blong you from Virus ia.

Kavman bae I traem best blong hem blong mekem sua se citizens blong Vanuatu start long Toress kasem Aneytum I save oltaem.

Mi wandem appil too long olketa churches mo yumi everyone blong sapotem plan blong VCC blong pray everi Wednesday long 9am kasem 10am, mo

encouragem family blong fast mo pray from protection blong Papa God.

Encouragem ol family blong kontinue blong pray mo worship long house blong olketa.

Mi stap appil long every komunity leaders: chiefs, Pastors, Women lidas, Youth Lidas, blong stanap tuketa blong faetem COVID-19 blong demonstrate strong spirit blong resilience blong yumi. Tuketa bambae yumi protectem Vanuatu from COVID-19.

Pray blong mi se Papa God bae I lidim yumi wanwan mo protektem yumi mo nation blong yumi blong no kasem COVID 19

Stap home, protectem yu, bae yu stap safe oltaem

Thank you Tumas.