



**Advocating for Rights &  
Promoting Abilities of People  
with Disabilities since 1999**

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Luganville needs more ramps and toilets for people with disabilities**

The National Co-coordinator of the Disability Promotion & Advocacy Association Mrs Nelly Caleb says there needs to be more ramps and wheel-chair accessible toilets for people with disabilities in Luganville.

Mrs Caleb made the comments when she was a guest speaker at a forum to mark National Women's Day in Luganville.

"At the Luganville Airport there is no ramp for wheel-chairs for people with mobility issues, despite there being a wheelchair accessible toilet," she said.

"There are no wheel-chair accessible toilets at Unity Park or at the Chief's Nakamal where many people with disabilities attend organized events.

"It's also important for groups or organizations building ramps to make sure they are the right measurements because some ramps are too steep.

"I'm happy to speak with the developers of new hotel and business developments about the needs of people with disabilities because it is vital they consider their needs.

"DPA is advocating for ramps and wheel-chair accessible toilets at all public buildings.

"People with disabilities are being discriminated against, they are the most disadvantaged group in our society and should be included in all parts of daily life.

"It is wrong that people are labeled by their disability as we need an all-inclusive community which DPA is working for.

"In the DPA vision for 2013-2017, our first fundamental principle is that the life of a person with a disability has equal value to, and shall be accorded the same rights, dignity and respect as that of a person without an obvious disability.

"Our second principle is that we believe in the equal rights of men and women and that people with disabilities have equal rights as all other citizens of Vanuatu, and that these rights must be protected and promoted."

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