



**Advocating for Rights &
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Make tourism accessible for persons with disabilities

The Disability Promotion & Advocacy Association (DPA) would like to thank the owner of the Nimaleten Bungalow in Tanna, for rebuilding their bungalows to be accessible for persons with disabilities. DPA acknowledges the owner's effort in rebuilding back from cyclone Pam to ensure that not only to the standard they were in before the cyclone, but better.

This step taken by Nimaleten Bungalow paves the way forward for all hotels and other service providers in the tourism sector to follow in ensuring that their services are inclusive and accessible.

DPA urges other hotel owners and service providers in the tourism sectors to ensure accessibility of their services from their footpaths to their rooms, and to other aspects of their services. It is vital for Bungalow owners and hotels in the tourism sector to make their Hotels accessible not only for persons with disabilities but also for pregnant women and senior citizens.

DPA acknowledge the huge role that TVET played in ensuring accessible tourism for all including persons with disabilities.

Meanwhile DPA and the Vanuatu Civil Society Disability Network was advocating through various clusters of the response unit for cyclone Pam, for Vanuatu to 'Rebuilt Back Better', meaning that the new buildings and repairs to ensure accessibility for persons with disabilities.

DPA calls on governments to review the building code and ensure that the implementation of the building act and the road act is inclusive of persons with disabilities.

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