

Awareness of the **RIGHT TO INFORMATION LAW**

**EMAO ISLAND, PELE ISLAND
& NGUNA ISLAND**

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Emao Island

Emao is located in the southeastern part of the country, some 30 km north-east of Port-Vila. The island covers an area of 8.1 square kilometers. The land of Emao Island is quite a hill. The highest point on the island is 427 meters above sea level. It covers 3.3 km from the north to the south and 3.6 km from the east to the west. The estimated terrain elevation above sea level is some 278 metres.

The main means for transport to and around the island is by boat. There are no means of vehicle transportation on the island. RTI Unit team had to walk and use a boat to go from village to village.

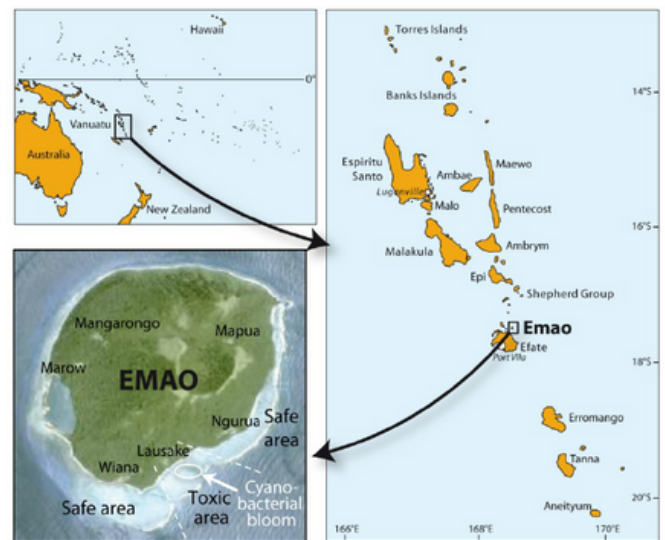
This awareness is the first awareness done on Emao island since the enactment of the RTI Act.

RTI Unit Manager, Harold Obed, RTI Records Mangement Officer, June Naviti and RTI Publication Officer Kevin Henry went to Emao on the 10th of April and return on the 11th of April.

With the assistance of the Emao Area Administrator Mr Robson the RTI Unit team was able to carry out RTI awareness in the following villages around Emao, Mangarongo, Mapua , Marou , Wiana , Ngurua and Lausake Village. The RTI unit also carried out the awareness on Takara village on Efate.

The RTI Unit team had to spend one night in Ngurua Village to be able to complete all villages under the Emao Area Administrator.

Awareness featured RTI law, process of requesting information under the RTI law, benefits of the law, how to use it, exemptions and MP entitlements.



In all villages, some 340 people came to listen, however the heated interest generated from discussion surrounding MP entitlements left us in no doubt that the message would be replicated to many more.

The worthwhile and successful 2-day trip had costed RTI Unit budget VT23, 000.



RTI Awareness, Lausake Village, Emao Island

Pele Island

Pele is a volcanic island located 11,2 miles north of the island of Efate in the Shefa Provicne of the Republic of Vanuatu. It has a total area of 1.7 square miles,Pele is inhabited by about 200-220 people residing in the four villages: Worsiviu, Worearu, Piliura, and Launamoa.

The main means for transport to and around the island is by boat and foot. There are no means of vehicle transportation on the island. RTI Unit team used a boat to go around the island of Pele.

RTI Unit Manager, Harold Obed, RTI Records Mangement Officer, June Naviti and RTI Publication Officer Kevin Henry went to Pele on the 15th of April.

With the assistance of the Chairman of the Launamoa Village Council the RTI Unit team was able to carry out RTI awareness on Launamoa village, Worasiviu and Piliura Village.



Awareness featured RTI law, process of requesting information under the RTI law, benefits of the law, how to use it, exemptions and MP entitlements.

In all villages, some 100 people came to listen, as in Emao the heated interest generated from discussion surrounding MP entitlements left us in no doubt that the message would be replicated to many more.

The RTI team spent the night on Nguna to continue RTI awareness on Nguna Island.

The worthwhile and successful 1-day trip had costed RTI Unit budget VT5, 000.



RTI Awareness, Piliura Village, Pele Island



RTI Awareness, Launamoa Village, Pele Island

Nguna Island

Nguna Island is an outer island off the north coast of Efate, Vanuatu.

It is neighbored to the east by Pele Island and to the west by Moso Island.

The island is bisected by two extinct volcano craters, the highest of which is the peak of Mount Taputoara at 593 meters (1,946 ft) tall.

Nguna is home to thirteen villages, which are located on the north, east, and south of the island, with west Nguna largely uninhabited. The total population was approximately 1,300 according to the 2009 census.

The main means for transport to and around the island is by boat, on foot and on pickup trucks. RTI Unit team walked to around some villages and used a pickup truck to go around other villages.

RTI Unit Manager, Harold Obed, RTI Records Mangement Officer, June Naviti and RTI Publication Officer Kevin Henry went to Nguna on the 23 to 25 of April.

With the assistance of the Chief of Taloa Village Chief Mariwota the RTI Unit team was able to carry out RTI awareness on the following villages on Nguna Island, Taloa , Unakap, Newora, Malaliu, Mere, Matoa, Rewoka, Farealapa and Utanlangi Village.

The RTI Unit team had to spend four nights on Nguna to be able to complete all villages under the Nguna/Pele Area Administrator.

Awareness featured RTI law, process of requesting information under the RTI law, benefits of the law, how to use it, exemptions and MP entitlements.



In all villages, some 300 people came to listen, as in the other Efate offshore islands the heated interest generated from discussion surrounding MP entitlements left us in no doubt that the message would be replicated to many more.

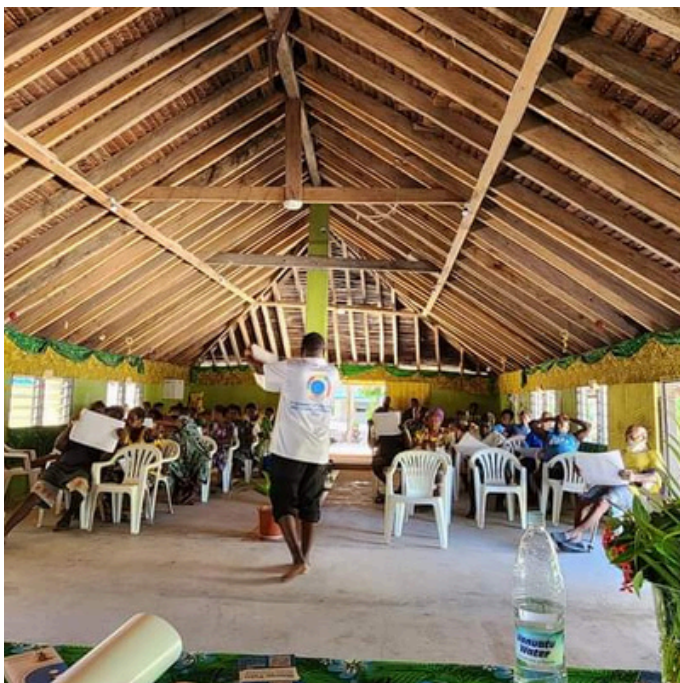
The worthwhile and successful 3-day trip had costed RTI Unit budget VT59, 500.



RTI Awareness, Taloa Village, Nguna Island



RTI Awareness, Mangarongo Village, Emao Island



RTI Awareness, Marou Village, Emao Island



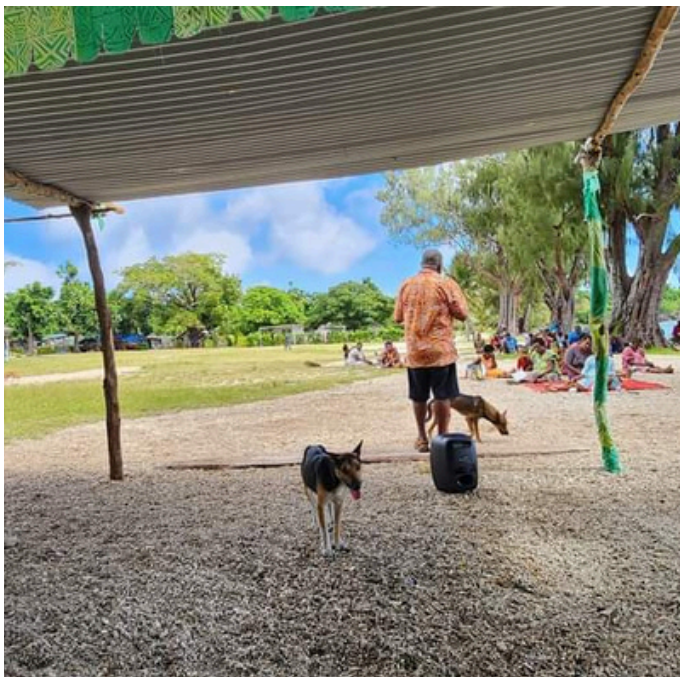
RTI Awareness, Ngurua Village, Emao Island



RTI Awareness, Lausake Village, Emao Island



RTI Awareness, Taloa Village, Nguna Island



RTI Awareness, Utanlangi Village, Nguna Island



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