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More income opportunities for Daviqele villagers, says Minister Seruiratu



Caption: ***Minister for Rural and Maritime Development and Disaster Management, Hon. Inia Seruiratu says there will be more income opportunities for Daviqele Village from the new community road access.***

KADAVU – Community members of Tabanasa in Nabukelevu, Kadavu are relieved to have been able to transport goods and services using the community access road newly constructed by Government.

For many years, community members have had to walk almost two kilometers to get to Daviqele Village where most services like local store, transport, health centre, and school are located. It was also a struggle carrying heavy items via foot for their use.

Mr. Joji Ratulevu, a 69-year-old villager who will be benefitting from the project could not contain his emotions after a Government delegation visited the new road last week, saying that their long time 'cries' have been heard.

"The road that we will use comes as a great relief in carrying out our daily chores," he said.

"Our longtime cries have been heard and we can't thank the Government enough for thinking about us.

This development project increases accessibility to an easier and safer road for our use."

Mr Ratulevu added that seeing the relief the road has brought them, landowners in the village have agreed for Government to further develop land areas for future roadways for the purpose of improving accessibility for their people.

The Minister for Rural and Maritime Development and Disaster Management, Hon. [Inia Seruiratu](#) said it was vital to raise living standards for people in rural and maritime communities.

"The road promotes socio-economic developments by creating opportunities to uplift living standards through the provision of a safe and durable access to essential services," Hon Seruiratu said.

"The project will encourage villagers to increase agricultural production yields for farmers with access to the market in Vunisea."

The access road was funded under the Ministry's Community Access Road, Footpath and Footbridges (CARFF) Programme to provide a safe and proper access to people in the area. The project costs over \$19,000.

Hon. Seruiratu was on a 3-day tour of Kadavu last week where he met with villagers on the island. He also visited several ongoing projects and commissioned a few completed projects.



Caption: ***Provincial Administrator Kadavu Mr. Ropate Rakadi inspect the Tabanasa Community Access Road in Nabukelevu, Kadavu.***

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