



# Mark Benevolent Fund Vanuatu Update



## Update on the award of £25,000 June 2015

The Craft Lodge of Discovery has announced its intention to rebuild the library at Suango Primary School. This school is in the Mele area on the western side of the Island of Efate and is near the lodge rooms so that everyone in the community will benefit from the build. The school is multi-lingual and currently caters for nearly 400 students, year 1-8, along with employing teachers and other staff from the local area.



In Tropical Cyclone Pam, the roofs of all school buildings sustained damage. These, as well as the damage to the headmaster's house are being repaired by either the Ratua Foundation or a collective of ex-pat residents who brought this larger initiative to the attention of the Lodge.

The Lodge is very proud to be assisting the local community with this rebuild as the library provides a central hub for the students and teachers alike and we aim to not only rebuild the previous structure but to increase the size of it so it will grow with the future needs of the school, providing a legacy for everyone concerned.

The Trustees of the Mark Benevolent Fund are delighted that things are moving along so quickly and hope that the build will be completed as soon as possible to allow the children to get back to full time education.