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**Media Release**

**Solar lights to light up Malo Island**

Through Australia's Direct Aid Program (DAP), Malo Island will have 100 solar lights installed around the island.

Australia's High Commissioner, Her Excellency Ms Heidi Bootle was in Avunatari on Malo Island early this week and officially announced support for the purchase and installation of the solar lights for communities on Malo.

In acknowledgment, the Member of Parliament for Malo and Aore Constituency Hon. Wesley Rasu said it gave him great pleasure to acknowledge the generous support and assistance from the Australian Government.

"On behalf of my people, I want to say, Thank Yu Tumas, for making us proud, happy and feeling safer because you helped us light up Malo for a good cause."



*Caption: Australian High Commissioner, H.E. Ms Heidi Bootle making the DAP announcement on Malo Island*



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“This project will help make communities safer, and especially women and girls, people living with disabilities, youth and children,” said High Commissioner Bootle.

“This is a good example of our communities working together, and supports economic and social development.”



*Caption: Members of the community on Malo during the announcement*

DAP is designed to support community-based organisations and groups in Vanuatu. It is available to communities, individuals, local registered NGOs, academic institutions and other organisations engaged in development activities in Vanuatu.

You can find further information on DAP on the Australian High Commission’s website: <https://vanuatu.embassy.gov.au/pvla/directaidprogram.html>.

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