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DIBULU AND MUANIKOSO FOOTBRIDGES IN NASINU COMPLETE AND OPEN

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People of Dibulu and Muanikoso in Narere, Nasinu are grateful for the two footbridges following the successful completion of the much needed repairs by the Fiji Roads Authority (FRA).

The communities concerns were heard in October last year when the Minister of Infrastructure and Transport (MOIT) Hon Vijay Nath visited the communities with FRA representatives. These two crossings are not FRA assets and are old pipe-bridges which were converted by locals into footbridges due to the convenience of available access.

The Honorable Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama had asked MOIT to direct the FRA to urgently repair the two footbridges that provided essential access for these communities.

Community spokesman Mateo Taridovu says they had been using these footbridges for the past 40 years and they are very thankful the Government has responded to their request in such a short period of time.

He said these two footbridges will provide a much better and safer access, providing a difference to more than 300 people living in and around the area.

FRA General Manager Network Operations and Maintenance Aram Goes says the design and planning along with sourcing of materials took time and unfortunately this behind the scenes work and preparation was not visible to the general public.

"We have upgraded both the footbridges by re-decking with new timber and bracing boards, this also includes a rope guide rail to assist the elderly and children safely."

The Dibulu footbridge is slightly over 100m and the Muanikoso footbridge is 30m long.

NB: Picture Attached Below

Picture Caption: Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Hon Vijay Nath and FRA representatives with the Dibulu and Muanikoso communities.

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