

15 detainees learn carving skills through TVET training

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FIFTEEN DETAINEES FROM THE Luganville Correctional Centre have gained and have practically demonstrated their carving skills through designing different finished products after completing two weeks workshop on Natangura seed carving funded by the Australian Government funded Sanma TVET Centre.

Participants shared their gratitude as to acquiring these technical carving skills to aid their livelihoods and families in small income generation through the sale of natangura carving a key activity after completing their terms in the facility.

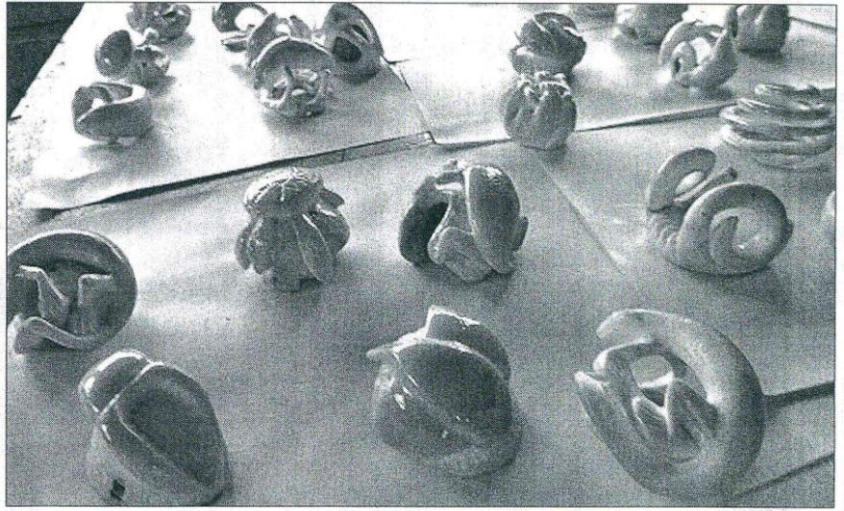
As quoted by a detainee "natangura seed carving is easy money for mi because I can produce it quickly and sell it and I can make my own designs".

This training initiated as a partnership between the Sanma TVET Centre and the Correctional Centre is a good opportunity for detainees to be focused and concentrate in practising their carving skills and also become experts as natangura carvers in the future whilst serv-

ing their term in the correctional facility.

All the 15 registered participants have carved a number of necklaces and full nut designs after completion of the workshop which was showcased for display and sale at the closing ceremony at the Luganville Market house. Some of the necklaces and full nuts were sold for which detainees received in return about Vt6,000 - 8,000. During the ceremony, the detainees also shared their experiences as being motivated through the training to be recognized by respected leaders, stakeholders and the general public. The detainees joined with other TVET Centre trades trainees during this closing ceremony. During the month of July, the TVET Centre has been partnering with VIT to up-skill workers in the areas of laying blocks, laying tiles, electrical wiring and welding.

Acting Manager of the Correctional Centre, Bani supports the idea of having an ongoing integrated program of natangura seed carving permitted only to the 15 trainees selected detainees. This activity is in alignment with the



The end products from the natangura seedlings carved by detainees.

Correctional Centre - Act to ensure detainees are supported in their rehabilitation.

The natangura seed carving will become an ongoing program to allow the trained detainees to continue to work and practise their skills. The priority for this rehabil-

itation program at the correctional facility is two fold; (1) Provide Security, and (2) Provide training, capacity and positive character building programs for behavioural change.

The NZAID Advisers at the Department of Corrections in Port

Vila were also impressed with the positive outcomes from this workshop as shown in photos of the end products. They also acknowledged this close working relationship between the Sanma Correctional Centre and Australian-government funded TVET Program.