



Ministry of Education & Training  
Government of Vanuatu

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Kalwajin Skepha,  
Secretary General  
Malampa Province

Dear Secretary General,

**Provincial Skills Development Quarterly Report of July to September 2021**

The Malampa Skills Centre is committed to supporting implementation of the Government’s National Recovery Strategy, *Yumi Evriwan Tugeta* – and the longer-term goals of the *National Sustainable Development Plan 2030*.

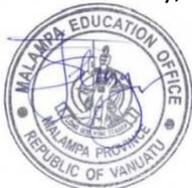
*Yumi Evriwan Tugeta* clearly outlines three priority objectives:

- Enhance lives and livelihoods
- Repair the built environment
- Restore and strengthen essential social services and protections

Working together to enable high quality skills training and market access facilitation in our key productive sectors is essential to achieving these objectives. This requires collective action, innovation and a determination to leave no one behind in the development of our province.

The Malampa Provincial Government Training Board is pleased to share with you the results of our efforts in this quarterly provincial skills development report. We look forward to our ongoing partnership for the recovery and prosperity of our communities and the nation as a whole – *Long God Yumi Stanap*.

Yours faithfully,



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## Overview

### Quarterly Activities and Participation

	Activity Type	Women	Men	TOTAL	People with Disabilities	Couples
<b>Skills for Agribusiness/ Food Security</b>	2 x coaching 1 x workshop 3 x meetings 1 x event 1 x procurement	6	6	12	0	2
<b>Skills for Construction</b>	1 x Procurement 1 x Scoping trip	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Skills for Creative Industries</b>	1x procurement	62	4	66	1	0
<b>Skills for Tourism</b>	1x workshop 1x coaching 2x procurement	87	14	101	0	0
<b>Training Provider Support</b>	2 x procurement 1x Accredited Training 2 x Professional development 1 x meeting 2 x technical support 1 x LLN assessment	4	19	23	1	0
<b>Leadership &amp; Management</b>	1 x Procurement 1 x Scoping trip 1 x PGTB Meeting	6	14	20	0	0
<b>Inclusion</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Climate Change</b>	1x scoping trip	0	4	4	0	0

## Highlights

### Enhancing lives and livelihoods

### Skills for Agribusiness - Food Security

**Name of activity:** Malekula Seeds and Malekula Pepper at the National Agriculture Week

**Location:** Malekula

**Total number of participants:** 12 farmers (6 women, 6 men)

#### Overview:

*Malekula Seeds* and *Malekula Pepper* were showcased for the first time at a National event, the Agriculture Week in Tanna in August 2021. Prior to the event, Malampa Skills Centre in partnership with the Department of Agriculture and Department of Industry worked with both the vegetable seed farmers and pepper farmers to prepare high quality products for the national event.

#### Key achievements/ outcomes:

1. Malekula Seeds and Malekula Pepper were promoted and shipped to Lenakel Tanna.
2. 35kg of local resilient vegetable seeds were produced for the National Agriculture Week. The total seed sales at the Agriculture Week in Tanna were valued at 81,000vt
3. 18 kg of Malekula Pepper was showcased at the Agriculture Week. Of the total kilos, 3,300g were sold at the Agriculture Week whilst 14,700g were bought by Organic Paradise in Port Vila. Total income earned is 75,300vt

#### Quote from Partner/Client:

*“Malekula Seeds is a first ever seed bank for Malampa and I believe a model for Vanuatu. I grow capsicum and I never thought I would make money from its seeds. I can confirm that there is money in seeds. I travelled all the way to Tanna to showcase our product at the National Agriculture week in Tanna and I must say that I am proud to be part of Malekula Seeds.”* Donald Sanhabath, vegetable farmer, North West Malekula.



Figure 1: Malekula Seeds and Pepper products at the National Agriculture week in Tanna, August 2021

## Skills for Creative Industries

**Name of activity:** Strengthening business at Malampa Handicraft Centre

**Location:** Malekula

**Total number of participants:** 62 women, 4 men (including 1 person with disability)

### Overview:

To prepare for Independence Day on the 30<sup>th</sup> of July and the National Secondary School Games that brought around 3,500 students and teachers to Malekula in August, the Malampa Skills Centre supported the Malampa Handicraft Centre (MHC) with the procurement of 1,365 handicraft products (baskets, mats, hats, fans, carving, door mats and others) as Malampa gifts and souvenir to be sold at the centre. In addition, the MHC Manager participated in a management workshop and coaching organised by Breadfruit consulting with support from the Vanuatu Skills Partnership.

### Key achievements/ outcomes:

- 1. Increased sales at MHC this quarter**
  - a. July - 300,695VT
  - b. Aug - 1,090,135VT
  - c. Sept - 451,940VT
- 2. For the first time in 2021, MHC was able to procure products with funds from its savings account**
  - a. July – 770,000VT
  - b. Sept – 950,000VT

Savings account balance as at end of Sept – 742,426vt

### 3. Increased number of active producers

As a result of increased producer confidence in the management of MHC, timely payments to producers and strengthened relationship with producers, the number of active producers increased from less than 50 to 152 by the end of September.

### Quote from Partner/Client:

“I am proud to confirm that from May to September 2021, MHC has been able to give back 2,277,385VT to its producers. We now have a stable monthly stock, and our aim is to sell all products by the end of each month. In September, we cashed out 950,000vt to our producers. This is only possible through injections of funds by Malampa Skills Centre in the beginning that has helped procure products and increase sales.

With other creative industry products such as pepper products, tools and cocoa tools, we are slowly expanding our services even more and growing the centre.” Mrs. Cindy Kilman, MHC Manager.



Figure 2: MHC Manager, Cindy Kilman (standing), and MHC founder, Naomi Malau, checking the quality of products at MHC, September 2021

## Skills for Tourism (Agritourism)

**Name of activity:** Malekula Food Culture workshop to prepare for National Secondary School Games 2021 & coaching during games

**Location:** Malekula

**Total number of participants:** 87 women, 14 men

### Overview:

Malampa Skills Centre in partnership with the Department of Tourism supported a workshop for 80 chefs and food stall operators in Malekula in early August to prepare for the National Secondary School Games (NSSG) in Lakatoro, Malekula. Skills in food preparation for the athletes was a need identified by the Local Organisation Committee for the Games. Around 3,500 athletes from secondary schools in the six provinces of Vanuatu participated in the NSSG in Malekula from the 22nd to 27th of August.

### Key achievements/ outcomes:

As a result of the skills development, the mamas used the available island kakae to make delicious and nutritious food. They also learnt new ways to cook and present island food that are well portioned using their creativity, adding value to the end product. Participants created meal plans that enabled them to rotate their weekly menus. They also learnt skills on how to safely use and store kitchen utensils.

### Quote from Partner/Client:

"In 2 weeks' time, athletes from all over Vanuatu will arrive on our shores and this workshop is very timely. I've never attended anything like this before. I am very grateful because this has given me ideas on how to plan and prepare healthy and delicious meals for our visitors." Chef, Uripiv community.

"I am excited about what this workshop will do beyond the Secondary school games. We had some mamas who own bungalows who participated as well. I know for a fact that Malekula Holiday Villas benefited from a cooking coaching on the weekend before Chris returned to Vila. This will definitely upgrade their cookery skills which will improve their services to their customers." Rolyne Liu, Manager, Malampa Department of Tourism.



Figure 3: Food Culture Coach, Christopher Bulememe, during the workshop and at a coaching session with the chefs at Lakatoro school, August 2021

## Restoring and strengthening essential social services and protections

### Training Provider Support

**Name of activity:** Basic construction tools for Pektel Rural Training Centre (RTC) Building Construction graduates

**Location:** Malekula

**Total number of participants:** 14 men, 1 person with disability

#### Overview:

14 trainees from Pektel RTC in North West Malekula graduated with a Certificate II in Building Construction in July 2021. The qualification was the only accredited course delivered by Pektel RTC. Pektel RTC is currently delivering two other unaccredited level 1 courses in Tourism and Small Engine Serving. Through the construction course, trainees have built several permanent buildings around Vanuatu as part of their practical training.

#### Key achievements/ outcomes:

- As part of trainees' practical, the 14 students constructed Hokai Business Centre, a business hub in South Malekula. This hub will cater for market vendors, who are usually mothers in the community, to sell their garden products to raise income for their family immediate needs.
- The graduates have been able to secure employment in either rural or urban areas as their qualification is well recognised by industry.

#### Quote from Partner/Client:

"Out of the 14 trainees, I am proud to confirm that 5 have now found jobs. We are waiting for VQA to print their qualification certificates and I am sure once the trainees receive that, more will be able to find full time employment in both urban and rural areas through Government tendered projects."  
Max Arnamu, Pektel Academic Manager



Figure 4 Graduates from the recent Certificate II in Building Construction (left) and unveiling of new Pektel VTC signage board at the July Student graduation ceremony (right)

## Training Provider Support

**Name of activity:** Filing and computer skills workshop for Training Providers in Malampa

**Location:** Malekula

**Total number of participants:** 4 women and 5 men

### Overview:

In early August, the Malampa Skills Centre supported the Tertiary Education Directorate (TED) under the Ministry of Education & Training (MOET) with a 2 week-long office filing & basic computer skills workshop for Post-School Education and Training (PSET) Providers. The workshop equipped five (5) registered PSET Providers with the skills set and equipment required to effectively deal with office administration tasks. The two-week long workshop covered filing procedures, manual and electronic filing, and filing equipment. Through this workshop, TED were able to assist the five providers with additional office equipment and resources to improve their office operations.

### Key achievements/ outcomes:

- Jean Baptiste RTC on Ambrym now has a photocopier for the first time. This photocopier machine will be used for training purposes, as well as an Income Generating Activity through its photocopying and printing services. These services will be targeting the community as they do not need to travel long distances to their main centres for these services.
- The five Training Providers have the knowledge and tools to establish and maintain a basic filing system, which is part of the compliance requirements for their Quality Management System.

### Quote from Partner/Client:

“For Jean Baptiste RTC to print and photocopy at the centre is an achievement. Thanks to VSP and MOET for the support. Having the right equipment in place and the knowledge to use them will definitely enhance their work.” Dorah Willie, Malampa Training Coordinator.



Figure 5: Workshop participants learning how to use a photocopier machine during the workshop and posing with their certificates at the end of the workshop with PEO Malampa, Mr. Renjo Samuel (standing third from the right)

## Climate Change

**Name of activity:** Malekula *Protektem ol Risos* Coalition

**Location:** Malekula

**Total number of participants:** 4 men

### Overview:

In September, a team comprised of two community leaders from Central Malekula, 1 representative from the Department of Forestry, 1 representative from the Malampa Provincial Government and the Malampa Skills Centre travelled to Port Vila to meet with relevant partners namely the Department of Environment, Live and Learn Vanuatu, the Department of Forestry, Vanuatu Skills Partnership and the Department of Fisheries to discuss a Malekula *Protektem ol Risos* Coalition and to seek their support for the coalition. The aim of the coalition is to protect and encourage the sustainable use of natural resources (marine and forest) by all communities and at the same time mitigate the impacts of climate change.

### Key achievements/ outcomes:

- All partners endorsed the coalition and look forward to working with the coalition to protect the natural resources in Malekula
- The Vanuatu Skills Partnership has secured funding from British Aid to support the establishment of the coalition
- The coalition will be based within the Central Malekula area council office in Lakatoro
- The Department of Forestry offered support for a sign board for Amal Crab Bay
- Live and Learn has confirmed a 4-year Blue Carbon project to be implemented at Crab Bay in Malekula commencing in October 2021.

### Quote from Partner/Client:

“A Malekula *Protektem ol Risos* coalition is a better strategy to take things forward. For too long, we have been working in siloes. It is time for all Government and NGO partners to come to the table and join forces with our communities to initiate and drive environmental work together. Only then, will we be able to achieve sustainable change.” Mr. Steward Roy, Chairman, Crab Bay Conservation Area, Malekula



Figure 6: The Malekula team meeting the different partners in Port Vila, September 2021