



New Adult LLN Assessors with their certificates

Enhancing literacy and numeracy in higher institutions

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ALMOST 20 ADULTS FROM higher educational institutions in Vanuatu are now ready to assess literacy and numeracy levels among students in their respective work places.

They are from Vanuatu Teachers Institute of Education (VITE), Vanuatu College of Nursing Education (VCNE), Edwards Computer Foundation, Police College and Vanuatu Pacific Vocational Training Centre.

Each of these key learning institutions have requirements for

students to meet before they begin their chosen courses.

However, surveys have revealed that the majority of students are still failing to meet Language, Literacy and Numeracy (LLN) requirements.

Most of the students attending these vocational institutions are dropouts from year 12 and 13. This raises the need for improvement across the whole education system, not only in the whole education. The issue of low literacy and numeracy skills is also experienced in work places and at the community level.

That is why the government

has appointed a National Adult LLN Strategic Group and Working Group to build a more literate and numerate population. Building LLN capacity across the Post Sector Education Training (PSET) and expanding the pool of LLN assessors are the main purposes of a one-week National LLN Assessor Training Workshop that was attended by the 20 individuals.

They were selected by their institutions to attend the workshop so that they can help to improve their student's numeracy and literacy skills.

They have been trained to

identify and address LLN issues, using the National Adult LLN Framework.

The workshop held at VITE was facilitated by LLN Specialists Marian Loughman and Fione Moore from the Vanuatu Skills Partnership.

All participants received certificates for successfully completing the workshop from the Director of Tertiary Post Schooling, George Jonathan Maeltoka, last Friday.

The second LLN Assessors Workshop has boost the number of Adult LLN Assessors in Vanuatu to 46.

not apply rules which comes in a state of emergency, for the rules says no one has the right but the police, but today since we are dealing with a huge number of population the government tries to be flexible in dealing with the situation in a more friendlier way by finding solutions which will benefit the Ambaeans' state of living.

"The exercise of evacuating and relocating the people is incredibly expensive. And the government is trying to look for some stable solutions to minimize the situation.

"The cost for food and transport is also considered very expensive and it is working to find an inexpensive and suitable way to help the evacuees. We are very pleased to say there were some solutions given from the decisions from chiefs from Maewo and Santo to support the Ambaeans."

At the moment, the government is trying to look for a permanent location, so they would always have a second home with all available facilities and necessities.

Once the government settles on these initiatives then they could start on the commencing of new infrastructures and developments, especially the public needs, education and their state of living.

PM Salwai extended his appreciation to the chiefs and landowners of Maewo, for their support and understanding. He also acknowledged the chiefs of Santo through the SANMA Council of Chiefs, for their resolutions which were considered by the Government through the COM.

He wishes to thank the leaders and Chiefs for their understanding and kindness in accommodating the families of Ambae in Santo and Maewo and also to the leaders of the communities of Ambae residing at Maewo and Santo for their cooperation.