



Ministry of Education & Training
Government of Vanuatu

TO: Albert Ruddley

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Dear Secretary General,

Provincial Skills Development Quarterly Report: January- March 2020

The Sanma 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:

1. Enhance lives and livelihoods.
2. Repair the built environment.
3. 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 Sanma 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,

Vice Chair

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Overview

Quarterly Activities

This data should be taken from the Smartsheet and cross checked by Centre Managers with their team

	Activity Type (list in Dot Points)
Skills for Agribusiness/ Food Security	1x site visit for Kamewa school meal improvement Standard facility design (Farm to School) 1x meeting with Municipality to further promote the use of scale initiative with market vendors
Skills for Construction	1x design of kitchen facility in draft for SfA Farm to School 1x Malo builders scoping
Skills for Creative Industries	1x textile clients meeting with Department of Health to confirm COVID Face Mask prototype 1x SCICC Board Meeting
Skills for Tourism	1x Tourism Marketing Storian (VTO and clients)
Training Provider Support	1x Graduation of 14 plumbers in Cert II Plumbing
Provincial Leadership & Management	1x PGTB meeting 5x face to face meetings with all partners t confirm priority area proposals. 1x Scoping visit to Area Councils in West Santo
Inclusion	Identification of potential people with Disability and gender participation in Skills Centre activities.
Other	1x Australian Deputy High Commission visit to Sanma

Quarterly Participation of Individual Clients

This data should be taken from the MIS/ MEL Hub and cross checked by Centre Managers with their team

	Skills for Agribusiness	Skills for Construction	Skills for Creative Industries	Skills for Tourism	Training Provider Support	Leadership and Management
Women	0	0	8	2	0	2
Men	2	13	6	1	0	0
TOTAL	2	13	14	3	0	2
People with Disabilities (included in totals above)	0	0	0		0	0
Couples (included in totals above)	0	0	0		0	0

Most of the activities in this quarter involved Meeting, Consultations, site visit and planning with partners so there was limited participation of individual clients in each sector in the activities.

Highlights

This information should be taken from debriefing meetings with Skills Providers as well as completion reports and Skills Centre staff meetings.

In February 2021- the new Deputy High Commissioners first visit to Sanma was facilitated by Skills Centre. Included meetings with Provincial Government, partners, clients and attendance at Graduation for Plumbing Trainees. Very successful.

"It was really inspiring to see where you have been able to take the program (during a pandemic and tropical cyclone!)- plugging gaps, finding innovative solutions to shelter, enabling farmers to access crops quickly, connecting different actions, getting behind strong leadership." DHOM after trip via thank you email.



D/H Commissioner visit Philip Toa at Banban



D/H Commissioner visit Sanma Skills Centre and SCICC

Enhancing lives and livelihoods

Skills for Agribusiness - Food Security

Name of activity: Site visit for Kamewa school meal improvement Standard facility design and Aore Adventist Academic Boarding School Farming initiatives (Farm to School).

Location: Kamewa School and Aore Adventist Academic.

Total number of participants: (disaggregated by gender and disability)

Two principals = 2 men

Overview:

The visit by two officials from the VSP is an initiative to support boarding schools such as AAA to better manage their boarding fees by investing on agriculture in order to feed their students with local and healthy food crops instead of investing on imported food. Subsequently, the project will address the importance of food security.

To utilize available space of farming land of the school and establish a multiplication plot farm inline of the concept of one stop shop (integrated or sequential cropping method) of local variety of food crops, legumes and vegetables to enrich the healthy diets of the students.

Key achievements/ outcomes:

- VSP will assist the school to grow and produce food crops, legumes and vegetables by using an allocated land space.
- At the harvest stage of the grown garden VSP will train the chief cook to develop local and healthy recipe using the grown garden of food crops, legumes and vegetables to prepare meals in the school kitchen for student consumption.
- Cost of the visit – VSP met the cost of the visit that lasted from travelling across the waters from Saint Michelle at 9:30am and returned at 12:30noon on Friday, 12th February 2021.
- Work plan for implementation, design (SfC) infrastructure to support initiative,
- draft design in development for kitchen



The Interior of the Hot section showing the large cooking boilers and a walk-in cooler and Dining area that can accommodate up to only 700 students.

Skills for Creative Industries

Name of activity: Professional Development Workshop for SCICC, MHC and THC Managers

Location: Luganville

Total number of participants: (disaggregated by gender and disability) 4 men, 4 women.

Overview:

A three-day workshop was held in the Sanma Skills Centre aimed at empowering handicraft hub managers from Malampa Handicraft Centre (MHC), Torba Handicraft Cooperative (THC) and Sanma Creative Industries Community Company (SCICC). It was an opportunity for these women to meet each other and exchange experiences of how their different business models and standard operating procedure work, to share challenges and explore solutions. It was also a chance to think about how they might work collaboratively to mutual benefit.

Key achievements/ outcomes:

- A very strong presence from Vanuatu Intellectual Property Office (VIPO) with 3 senior members delivering informative and encouraging presentations added to the sense of recognition and value of the handicraft sector.
- The Department of Industry showed its commitment to this sector and participants see a real connection to the VSP partnership.
- Hub Managers enjoyed meeting and discussing ideas and plans to support one another within the VSP organisation. For example, how to share expenses at future sales events, exchanging experiences on what has and hasn't worked, and how to manage different management and operational issues.
- The VSP vision and updated plans for Creative Industries gave participants are clear insight into the current situation and enables them to plan accordingly.

Quote from Partner/Client: “

I really enjoyed the workshop and able to meet high representative from Vanuatu Intellectual Property, DOI and VSP. I would like to thank VSP for organising such activity to bring together handicraft managers to share their experience and to meet and discuss with partners and stakeholder. This really change our mindset and way of thinking.” Marry Alick, President for SCICC

“The Workshop in Santo was a great learning experience for me. I came to learn about how intellectual Property right directly affect the lives of people living within our island societies and communities. It also gives me a wider view on how we can change our existing policies and processes to suit the needs of handicraft mamas. In simple terms I went there to provide awareness on copyright however exposure to this workshop has also help me in terms of narrowing my focus on specific issues that must be addressed to help our handicraft sectors within our provinces”

Lorenzies Lingtamat- Copyrights and Related Rights Officer, Vanuatu intellectual Property Office.

Group photos



Group work



VIPO and DOI in deep discussion with Torba HC



Skills for Tourism

Name of activity: Tourism Marketing Storian

Location: Luganville

Total number of participants: (disaggregated by gender and disability) 8 female, 6 male

Overview:

VTO Officers facilitated information and awareness meetings with key local tourism business owners in Santo.

Key achievements/ outcomes:

- Site visit WW2 sites around Beleru, Banban & the town with Mayumi Green from Wreck to Rainforest was a big success. Discovering old WW2 wreck sites, old American war bases such as the seaplane base, the bomber sites and learning more about the WW2 history on Santo & the Pacific. We continue to work with and build a stronger relationship with one of the main adventure operators in the country.
- Mayumi is willing to partner with VTO in 2021 to package adventure for the domestic market as well as the international.
- Create awareness around the role of the Call Center and the marketing storian through the Kava networking event on the 03/03/2021.



VTO storian team visit to Word War II Museum

Repairing the built environment

Restoring and strengthening essential social services and protections

Name of activity: Graduation of Cert II Plumbing Trainees

Location: Luganville, Santo

Total number of participants: 14 trainees (all men)

Overview:

Another milestone for skills training in Sanma and for Vanuatu was reached 5th February when 14 plumbers in SANMA province walked down the aisle to collect a nationally and internationally recognised qualification, after successfully completing all 20 units of the new Certificate II in Plumbing training package.

Key achievements/ outcomes:

This marks the first ever local delivery of the Certificate II in Plumbing in Vanuatu, thanks to the joint effort between Torgil Rural Training Centre (under the Anglican Church of Melanesia Vocational Education and Training School — ACOMVETS), the Vanuatu Skills Partnership (VSP) through the Sanma Skills Centre under the Ministry of Education and Training (MoET), and the Australia Pacific Training Coalition (APTC).

Quote from Client Representative:

"I would like to acknowledge the work of all partners to enable this standard of training to be available in Luganville, SANMA Province. I would also like to thank lead trainer, Mr. James Matariki, for his team building approach with the trainees. I would like to announce that we now have a registered plumbing association, 'Northern Plumbers' Association', and we will work to meet all formal requirements to establish a plumbing business. We look forward to using our skills to improving water supply and sanitation in SANMA."

Speaking on behalf of the 14 graduates, certified plumber, Mr Rogatien Andre.



D/H commissioner handing over Certificate II in Plumbing training Package to VQA CEO



Participants happily display their Certificates.

Provincial Government Leadership & Management

Name of activity: Joint West Coast Scoping Visit

Location: North West Coast Santo

Total number of participants: (disaggregated by gender and disability) 4 men, 4 women.

Overview:

For the first time a joint VSP, DARD, DOI Scoping trip was held in collaboration with the Sanma Provincial Government's Area Councils. Proposed priority for 2021 in Sanma is to strengthen service delivery through the Area Council Network- most activities in 2021 will be run in partnership with Area Administrator to strengthen decentralised approach for Government of Vanuatu.

Key achievements/ outcomes:

- Scoping with Area Councils have identified:
 - Demand for establishment of bee keeping project- 15-20 farmers in each community (10-15 in each Area Council) – utilise budget from sectors as well as Area Councils.
 - Collaboration with Sunset Environment Network in West Santo to support Pandanus Replanting (Doctor Chris + Dept of Forestry) to partner on this initiative in the Eden Hope area. Discussions to confirm link value chain- sustainable supply of pandanus from the area to SCICC.
 - Support Department of Industry and Department of Agriculture with Vanuatu National export Development program for Taro Export in Northwest and South Santo. Training component concept will be developed to support this program.



Scoping team arriving at Tasariki



Biggest Taro Farm at Olboe Village