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TO: Joe lautim, Tafea Secretary General

DATE: 31 March 2021

Dear Secretary General,

Provincial Skills Development Quarterly Report: January – March 2021

The Tafea 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.

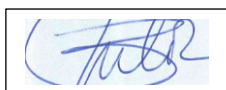
Working together to enable high quality skills training and market access facilitation in our key productive sectors is essential to achieving these objectives. This requires collective action, innovation, and a determination to leave no one behind in the development of our province.

The Tafea Provincial Government Training Board is pleased to share with you the results of our efforts in this quarterly provincial skills development report.

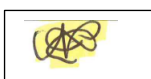
We look forward to our ongoing partnership for the recovery and prosperity of our communities and the nation as a whole – *Long God Yumi Stanap*.

Yours faithfully,

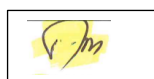
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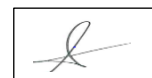
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Overview

Quarterly Activities

	Activity Type (list in Dot Points)
Skills for Agribusiness/ Food Security	1 x Handing over of coconut seedlings meeting
Skills for Construction	1 x Meeting
Skills for Creative Industries	1x Meeting
Skills for Tourism	
Training Provider Support	1 x Workshop
Leadership & Management	1 x Meeting
Inclusion	
Other	

Quarterly Participation of Individual Clients

	Skills for Agribusiness	Skills for Construction	Skills for Creative Industries	Skills for Tourism	Training Provider Support	Leadership and Management
Women	29		10		3	2
Men	35	9	5		3	9
TOTAL	64	9	15		6	11
People with Disabilities <i>(included in totals above)</i>			7			
Couples <i>(included in totals above)</i>						



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Highlights

Enhancing lives and livelihoods

Skills for Agribusiness - Food Security

Name of activity: Distribution and planting of coconut seedlings on North Tanna

Location: North Tanna

Total number of participants:

	Skills for Agribusiness
Women	29
Men	35
TOTAL	64

Overview:

Following on from last year's North Tanna drought response on food security, Tafea Department of Agriculture and Tafea Skills Centre collaboratively coordinated a coconut seed nuts and seedlings distribution and planting program to 4 affected remote communities in North Tanna on 26th February 2021. The North Tanna Area Council and its administration has mobilized communities, leaders, and women's groupings to participate in a handing over ceremony to mark this first ever coconut seed nuts distribution and planting program in these affected communities of North Tanna. This coconut seed nuts planting initiative is aligned with the 2021 DARD Business Plan on Increasing production of commodity crops such as Coconut Development in Vanuatu and with the Vanuatu National Coconut Strategy 2016-2025.

Key achievements/ outcomes:

- ✓ 29 women (and support from their husbands = example of better balance for couples)
- ✓ About 1,970 coconut seed nuts and seedlings were handed over as part of the launching this coconut seed nuts distribution and planting program in North Tanna Area Council.
- ✓ Deepening partnership with DARD

Quote from Partner/Client:

"On behalf of the women in North West Tanna, we are so happy to share our heartfelt appreciation for this dream come true project through the partnership between Tafea DARD and Tafea Skills Centre. The project has brought a sign of real relief to our long-forgotten population who have been struggling for so long. This is due to many factors, such as geographical location, rugged landscape, last people to receive the service delivery of Government through its decentralisation policy. We hope you can sense how we feel

right now and understand what we really cannot express but feel deeply in our hearts.”
Maria John, community participant.

“I firstly acknowledge the partnership between DARD Tafea and VSP and their common vision to serve the people of Tafea province. This part of North Tanna, our team under DARD in Tafea have forgotten to capture in our Provincial 2021 plans but with the help of our partners and the group of this empowered mothers, we have seen that coconut planting is a need for the community. By end of this year, DARD Tafea will continue to support the community with supply of coconut seedlings from Malekula and Santo under the Vanuatu National Coconut strategy 2016-2025 implementation.” Sam Naiu (Tafea PAO, Tafea DARD)



Fig1: Sam Naiu and Fenda Sam handing over a coconut seedling to the Community Chief, youth representative and the 2 representatives of the 29 mothers to mark this historical event in North Tanna.



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Skills for Creative Industries

Name of activity: Tanna Printing and Jewellery Meeting.

Location: Apera Beach Bungalow, Central Tanna.

Total number of participants:

	Skills for Creative Industries
Women	10
Men	5
TOTAL	15
	People with Disabilities
Women	4
Men	3

Overview:

Last year 2020, Tafea Skills Centre had to postpone all its -Skills for Creative Industries activities due to COVID-19, but this hasn't stopped the partnership between the Tafea Skills Centre and Tafea Department of Industry to plan for an event on Tafea Day, 8th October 2021. The event was a success where most of the products of the existing SfCI clients, including new potential clients, were sold. As a result, the team -identified that there was more work to be done especially starting with inventory of products. Skills for Creative Industries' first activity was a meeting with existing SfCI clients to update them on the context and challenges of 2020 and to also provide an overview of the 2021 workplan. This is to ensure clients fully understand the challenges and opportunities for 2021, and to support them to do a market inventory of specific products being produced and the story behind the products themselves.

Key achievements/ outcomes:

- ✓ 7 people attended (4 women and 3 men with disabilities) the meeting. They have been involved in crafts for some years now but are finding market access an issue. Through the Skills for Creative Industries workstream, we look forward to registering them in the future as SfCI clients and look forward to supporting them with their product development and quality improvements, as well as market access.
- ✓ A session on Inclusion, to educate the participants on the important of supporting people with disabilities.
- ✓ The first meeting was a successful one. The participants identified priority products for development in relation to the available resources.

Quote from Partner/Client:

“The meeting encouraged open communication and discussion among the participants. It was great to hear that the majority of the clients are continuing with the production of crafts despite COVID-19, and they have seen that the income earned whether big or small still supports them financially. There is a group of people with a disability making crafts in the past years that is very impressive. They will need support to get them to another level where they will earn income which is also a way of advocating for people with disability in Tafea. People will see them differently and start to appreciate their contributions to the community. Market access was an issue raised by the participants which we acknowledged and through the SfCI workstream in partnership with DOI Tafea we look forward to providing support in this area. Great, inclusive and exciting journey for Creative Industry development in Tafea.” Xavier Nako, (Tafea DOI Officer)



Fig2: Knox Lanny, the Skills Partnership’s Inclusion Officer, leading the discussion on Product Inventory



Repairing the built environment

Skills for Construction

Name of activity: Consultation to set up a South West Tanna Builders' community company.

Location: Ipilamae community, South West Tanna.

Total number of participants:

- 9 men (trained local builders and chiefs)

Overview:

A consultation meeting was held on 19th February 2021 with the recently trained local builders and community chiefs to set up a builders' community company. The Tafea Provincial Government Compliance Officer, Mr Samson Nalau, who is also the Vanuatu Financial Services Commission Officer on Tanna presented the different models of business legal entities, and its registration requirements and process for the community builders and their leaders to choose the preferred business entity to set up their builders' community company.

Key achievements/ outcomes:

- ✓ Out of the three entities: Association, Private company and Community company the builders and chiefs came to agree to register their business set up as "Iko builders' community company limited".
- ✓ The builders' community company has also announced their new business bank account with NBV to their members and leaders.
- ✓ The next agreed action is to set up the company's governance structure.
- ✓ The trained builders have also paid an amount VT 10,000 for their business license under Tafea Provincial Government.
- ✓ This amount was handed over to the Tafea Business Licensing Officer,



Fig3: VFSC officer on Tanna leading the discussion on setting up Iko Builders' Community Company on South West Tanna



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Restoring and strengthening essential social services and protections

Training Provider Support

Name of activity: PSET MIS Training on Tanna

Location: Tafea Skills Centre, Isangel – Tanna.

Total number of participants:

	Training Provider Support
Women	3
Men	3
TOTAL	6

Overview:

From 22nd – 26th February 2020, Tafea Education Office, Vanuatu Qualifications Authority and Tafea Skills Centre collaboratively organized and delivered a refresher workshop on Open VEMIS and PSET MIS with the Tafea training providers that included Napil RTC, Greenhill RTC and Lume RTC. This 5 days PSET MIS workshop was delivered by VQA IT officer, Mr Ray Vakes. There was good participation and representation of managers and trainers from the 3 registered PSET institutions in Tafea province.

Key achievements/ outcomes:

- ✓ This Open VEMIS / PSET MIS capacity building exercise was timely to assist the managers and their trainers to upload their student enrolment, registration, and course deliveries for semester 1 of 2021.
- ✓ It also contributes to the PSET provider managers and their trainers building confidence in understanding and using this digital online database platform to enter and regularly update their institutions' data and other required information.

Quote from Partner/Client:

"The training is really helpful, personally it helps me with the structure of work, how to insert data securely in a professional way. Now I feel confident to deliver this same workshop to my trainers." Christian Tony (Manager, Green Hill Vocational Centre manager)



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Leadership & Management

Name of activity: Tafea Provincial Government Training Board – 1st Meeting

Location: Sunset Bungalow, Central Tanna

Total number of participants:

	PGTB members
Women	2
Men	9
TOTAL	11

Overview:

On 10th of March 2021, the Tafea Provincial Government Training Board (PGTB) convened its first meeting of 2021. The meeting discussed and endorsed Tafea 2021 Skills Proposals and Workplan.

Key achievements/ outcomes:

- ✓ Tafea Productive Sector Officers presented last year's quarter 4 Provincial Skills Development report which outlines key highlights, lessons learnt and areas for improvement.
- ✓ Tafea Productive Sector Officers also presented this year's 2021 Workplan and its Priority Areas for this collaboration and coordination.
- ✓ Endorsement of Tafea Priority Area Proposals and Tafea 2021 Workplan.
- ✓ Tafea Training Providers' representative to the PGTB highlighted opportunities for strengthening collaboration between the Departments who are responsible for the industries and productive sectors (demand side) with the skills supply side (the Tafea Training Providers). Eg: Tafea DARD to work with Napil RTC in agriculture production and commodities while Tafea Tourism Department to collaboratively work with Green Hill RTC and Namas Lume VTC.

Quote from Partner/Client:

“Having that collaboration with sector partners discussing the skills proposals is really helpful in aligning the activities with our provincial plans and knowing that this year's workplan and its activities will be collaboratively coordinated and implemented”. Wendy Tomasi, Tafea Department of Women's Affairs.



Fig3: Tafea PGTB members group photo after the endorsement of the 2021 Tafea Priority Areas and Workplan.