

ANNUAL PROGRESS SNAPSHOT ALIGNED WITH THE NATIONAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PLAN JAN-DEC 2023



SOC 2 Quality Education

82 skills development activities

including 13 accredited trainings, on 14 islands across 6 provinces through the provincial Skills Centres in remote locations such as Northwest Santo, Torres, Merelava, Aneityum and Emae.

3 registered training providers

engaged through the Skills Centres to deliver accredited courses in remote locations (off-campus).

8 registered training providers

supported towards meeting quality requirements for registration by the Vanuatu Qualifications Authority.

28 trainers



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graduated with a Certificate III in International Skills Training through the APTC.



15.8 million VUV

co-investment from government partners at national and sub-national levels in addition to in-kind contributions from Skills Centre clients and communities.

Delivery of Certificate I in Computing for 51 Ministry of Health (MOH) staff (including 16 women)

across all provinces in collaboration with the MOH and the Vanuatu Australia Health Partnership.

SOC 6 Strong and Effective Institutions

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provincial Secretary Generals acknowledged the Partnership as a major contributing factor in their respective province's progress towards the goals of the National Sustainable Development Plan at the National Summit in June.

Over 2,000 students and community members

in Tanna, Santo and Pentecost now have improved access to safe, clean water and sanitation facilities through collaboration brokered by the Partnership between national, provincial and community stakeholders.

9 leaders



from government, training providers, and civil society supported to undertake a Certificate IV Leadership and Management course through the APTC.

1 new Area Council building was constructed in NW Santo

through an 'on-the-job' training practicum bringing government services closer to the people in this remote location.

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Adaptive Leadership workshops

co-facilitated for provincial and national government staff in partnership with Balance of Power.

Critical contributions to post-cyclone response coordination after 3 Tropical Cyclones caused significant damage in

4 provinces

including participation in

3 national sector response clusters.

Successful development and pilot of a new digital community profiling tool in all 11 Area Councils of Sanma Province.



ECO 2 Improve Infrastructure

ECO 3 Strengthen Rural Communities

ECO 4 Creating Jobs and Business Opportunities

ENV 1 Food and Nutrition Security

Skills and employment pathways

1,278

participants

including 642 women (50%) and 37 participants with disabilities (3%), accessed skills training facilitated by provincial Skills Centres.

16 graduates



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from Certificate I and II Building and Construction courses on Tanna, Malekula and in Torba supported to successfully apply for higher-level training at APTC in Port Vila.

40 plumbers and construction graduates

contracted to support community infrastructure initiatives in Santo, Ambae, Pentecost and Gaua.

4 new businesses established

in Santo and Malekula by 60 trade graduates (8 women, 52 men including 2 men with disabilities) after the completion of accredited training in construction and plumbing in 2022 and 2023.

19 plumbing trainees from Pentecost

currently undertaking Certificate II in Plumbing contracted to support the WASH Cluster post TC Lola to conduct rapid assessments and provide urgent repairs in three Area Councils.

Income and market access

83%

of Skills Centre clients surveyed¹ stated that Partnership support has been 'very important' or 'important' for their income generation in the past 12 months.

40%

of Skills Centre clients surveyed¹ reported increased income this year compared to last year.

Creative Industries hubs in Torba and Sanma province have **more than doubled their sales from 2022 to 2023** due to expanding market opportunities facilitated by the Partnership.

In October, the Sanma creative industry hub exported **300 hats** to Hill Hats in New Zealand.

216 high value products from Malampa, Torba and Ambae clients showcased at an exhibition at the Auckland Museum with initial sales generating



a revenue of 752,910 VUV

and an ongoing market access outlet established.

22 beekeeper clients

in remote Northwest Vanuatu have made over VUV550,000 in sales in three months.

39 pepper farming clients

on Malo have established three new business associations.

Food security

20 farmers



in East Vanua Lava coached on alley cropping techniques to strengthen food security.

Collaboration with the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development for the establishment of a National Seedbank, including recruitment and ongoing training of **18 seedbank officers across all provinces.**

12 school cooks



in Penama province trained in recipe development using local produce, waste management and value adding techniques.

In 2023 combined sales of VUV 9.5 million

were recorded across the creative industries hubs in Torba, Malampa, Sanma and Tafea provinces benefiting 320 craft producers.

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SOC 4 Social Inclusion

642 women participated in skills activities representing 50% of total participants compared to 40% in 2022.

45 women participated in accredited training courses through the provincial Skills Centres in 2023, representing 19% of all trainees.

Of these 40% completed courses in non-traditional trade areas.

37 people with disabilities participated in skills activities, representing 3% of all participants.

9 female leaders were supported to participate in international networking events in Fiji, New Zealand and Australia.

The Vanuatu Society for

People with Disability was supported to design and undertake rapid situation assessments for people with a disability following TCs Judy and Kevin.



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women were appointed as Directors of the Board of the creative industries hub in Tafea.

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houses were rebuilt for people with disabilities on Tanna by a local Skills Centre graduate carpenter who is deaf, as part of ongoing TC Judy/Kevin recovery efforts.

49%

of women headed business clients² reported increased income in 2023 compared to 2022.

103 people

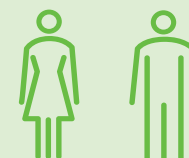
77 **26**

including 77 women (3 with disabilities) and 26 men (1 with a disability), took part in **Family Life Education workshops** held in 6 provinces to mitigate against harmful gender dynamics and domestic violence.

ENV 3 Climate and Disaster Resilience

28 trainers



13 **15**

including one man with a disability completed a Training of Trainers for the delivery of a Certificate II & IV in Resilience course in collaboration with the South Pacific Commission - Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change and Resilience Program.

Disaster kits and a focal point process developed

in all provincial Skills Centres.

Solar irrigation system installed and rainwater catchment system strengthened

to support resilience to drought at the Northern Provincial Hospital in Santo as part of the Farm to Hospital initiative.

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new buildings constructed

through the Partnership in Torba and Penama were used as evacuation shelters during TC Lola.

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Environmental Permit

developed as part of community consultations towards the development of the Ureparapara Fish Market Building.

