

PROGRESS SNAPSHOT JANUARY-JUNE 2024

LONG TERM OUTCOME 1

A more inclusive, quality assured and increasingly decentralised skills system

26 skills development activities

including 4 accredited trainings, on 11 islands across 6 provinces facilitated through the provincial Skills Centres including remote locations like West Santo and Merelava.

4 registered training providers

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

2 registered training providers

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

Launch of the first ever provincial campus for the Vanuatu Institute of Technology at Rensarie College in Malekula.

22 flexible demand-driven workshops and coaching sessions

led by 15 industry coaches (including 9 women) facilitated for Skills Centre clients.

Increased co-investment into the Partnership's Skills Development Fund from government partners at national and sub-national levels from

7.3M VUV over the January-June 2023 period to 17.2M VUV over the same period in 2024,

in addition to direct and in-kind contributions from Skills Centre clients and communities.

Supported the establishment of the new PSET Sector Support Committee at the request of the Director, Tertiary Education Directorate.



LONG TERM OUTCOME 2

Developmental leadership drives collective action for improved service delivery

Presentations of results at Provincial Government Council sittings in Sanma, Tafea and Penama led to pledges of financial support for key initiatives in all three locations.

47 Ministry of Health staff



have now completed Certificate I in Computing qualifications across all 6 provinces.



4 government departments

supported to strengthen internal programming, monitoring and reporting systems.

Penama Provincial Government

supported to launch regular newsletters on provincial development progress, strengthening strategic communications and accountability.

9 leaders



from national and provincial government, supported to undertake a **Certificate IV Leadership and Management** course through the Australia Pacific Training Coalition (APTC).

LONG TERM OUTCOME 3

Sustainable benefits (economic, environmental, and cultural) for Partnership clients and their communities

Skills and employment pathways

Nok Construction, a company established by 28 Santo-based construction graduates

(4 women 24 men including 2 with disabilities,) has been contracted to build the West Coast Area Council building in Wusi, West Santo.



318
participants

including 156 women (49%) and 33 people with disabilities (10%), accessed technical vocational courses or work-related training facilitated by provincial Skills Centres.

18 graduates



from Certificate I and II Building Construction courses on Tanna, Malekula, Pentecost and Torba supported to study Certificate III in Carpentry at APTC.



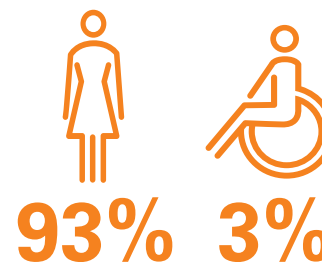
1 male construction graduate from Tanna

successfully contracted by the National Bank of Vanuatu to support the 'Isi Haos' initiative, offering secure and affordable housing options.

Income and market access

4 provincial craft business hubs supporting market access for 289 craft producers

(93% women and 3% entrepreneurs with disabilities).



Since commencing operations in September 2023, the Tafea hub has earned just over **1,000,000 VUV in sales**


representing products from 22 producers across Tafea province.

2 new farmer cooperatives formally registered in Penama.

As a result of increased quality and new packaging, **2 pepper associations from Malo earned VUV 59,450** in a two-day sale at Luganville market.

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Inclusion

156  **women entrepreneurs**
provided with financial, business or professional development services representing 49% of total business clients.

33 **people with disabilities**
participated in skills activities, representing 10% of all participants.

8  **men, including one with a disability,**
supported in the creative industries sector, a non-traditional area for men, representing 14% of all craft clients.

Disability Desk Officers in Tafea and Malampa supported to practically operationalise their work plans.



Supported the Ministry of Justice and Community Services to coordinate the first National Disability Committee meeting for 2024.

Climate resilience

32 farmers



from 3 islands in remote Torba province increasing local food security through the use of climate resilient farming techniques.

Disaster preparedness plans developed
for all provincial Skills Centres.



Satellite phone training conducted with provincial Skills Centres staff to ensure effective communications in times of disaster.

Water tanks fitted at all 4 provincial Skills Centres.

6 Environmental Impact Assessments

facilitated with partners for infrastructure projects in Torba, Santo, Ambae and Malekula.

29 farmers on North-West Tanna



equipped with new skills in drought resistant farming practices.