



Image 1: Sanma Skills Centre staff with the Australian Deputy High Commissioner during her visit to Sanma province



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LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE



Image 2: Soft launching of Sanma Community Profiling tool by the Minister of Internal Affairs, Hon. Johnny Koanapo Rasou

Priority area: Provincial Partners – Service Delivery, Leadership and Governance (soft launching of the Sanma Community Profiling tool)

Achievement/Outcome:

- Throughout 2023, in collaboration with the Sanma Provincial Government, the Civil Status Office, the National Statistics Office, the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer, and the Area Administrators of the 11 Area Councils in Sanma, the Sanma Skills Centre supported the development of Vanuatu's first 'community profiling' tool
- The tool was used to collect demographic information on communities across Sanma province in 2023. The information is now centrally stored and accessible to members of the Sanma Provincial Government, who can use it to understand the unique needs of different communities in Sanma and inform future investment decisions and support
- In March, there was a 'soft launch' of the tool, which was led by the Hon. Minister of Internal Affairs, Johnny Koanapo Rasou. There is considerable interest from other Provincial Secretary Generals for a similar tool to be developed in other provinces to inform decision-making

LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE

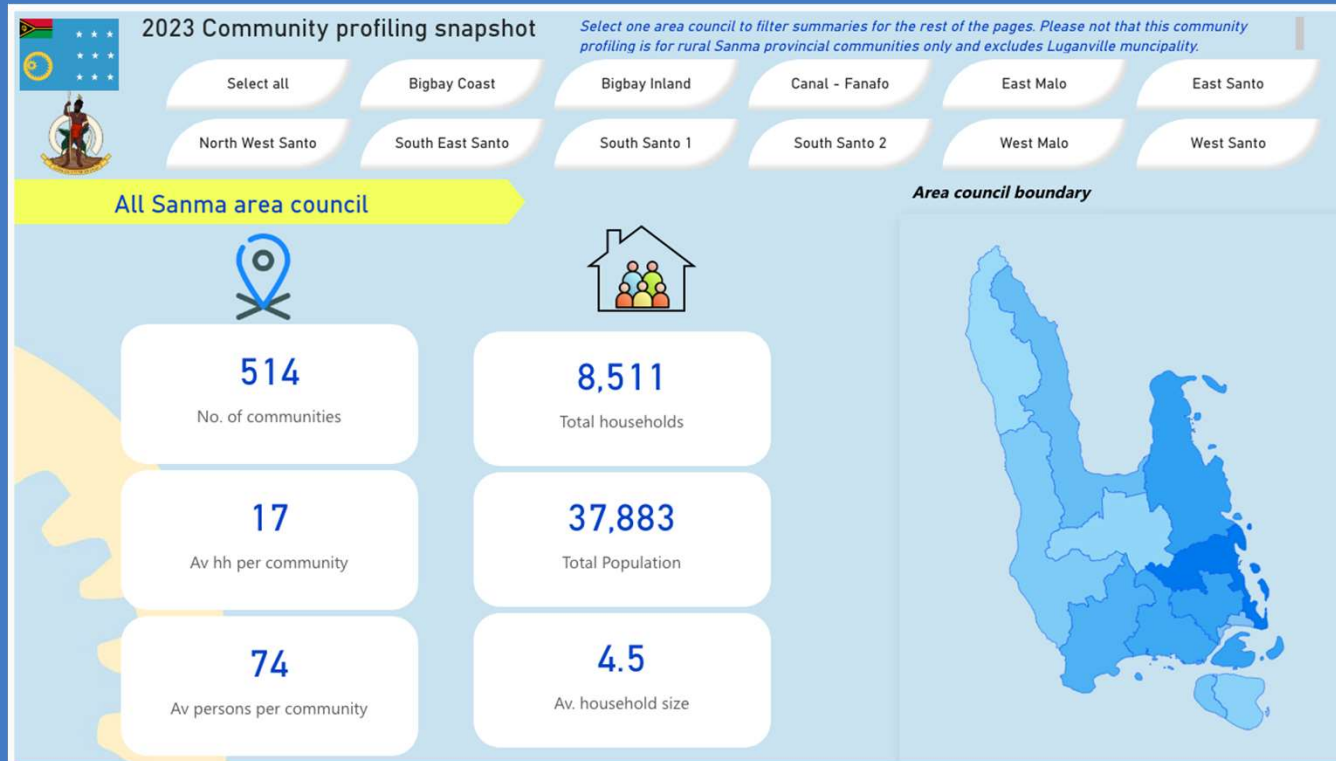


Image 3: Cover page of the Sanma Community Profiling Dashboard

SKILLS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE

Priority area: Supporting the establishment of Sfl Plumbers Associations

Achievement/Outcome:

- In March, the Sanma Skills Centre supported the Vanuatu Skills Partnership's Skills for Infrastructure (Sfl) team to undertake a series of meetings with previous graduates of Certificate II Plumbing in Sanma
- One of the main objectives of the visit was to assist the plumbing graduates to formalise their businesses and register with the Vanuatu Financial Services Commission (VFSC), so they are eligible to apply for government projects and contracts. Graduates were also provided with information on opportunities to gain higher-level qualifications through further training
- Following the meetings, eight plumbing businesses involving 26 plumbers (including 2 women) from eight Area Councils in Sanma were successfully launched. Their business registration forms were submitted to VFSC and licence fees were paid (with support from the Sanma Skills Centre)
- These businesses are now eligible to deliver future Water and Sanitation, Hygiene projects on behalf of the Department of Water Resources in Sanma



Image 4: Graduates of Certificate II Plumbing delivered in 2020 and 2021 show their completed business registration forms before submitting to the VFSC

SKILLS FOR HEALTH

Priority area: Professional Development of Health Information Officers

Achievement/Outcome:

- In March, the Sanma Skills Centre facilitated a graduation ceremony for ten health workers (including five women and five men) from the Northern Provincial Hospital in Luganville who recently completed a Certificate I in Computing course
- The training provided these health officers with essential Information and Communication Technology skills to assist with reporting, communication and other administrative responsibilities, which is expected to foster a more efficient and effective working environment and contribute to improved decision-making for the benefit of the Sanma health sector
- In mid-late 2024, the Sanma Skills Centre will support the implementation of a tracer survey to test the effectiveness of the training by seeking information from graduates about the extent to which they have been able to use knowledge and skills gained from the Certificate I in Computing course in their workplace



Image 5: Certificate I in Computing graduates from Northern Provincial Hospital pose with their certificates

INCLUSION

Priority area: Disability Inclusion (Financial Literacy)

Achievement/Outcome:

- In March, with the support of industry coach, Tahnia Cook, the Sanma Skills Centre facilitated the delivery of a five-day training course in financial literacy to nine people with a disability (six males, three females) who run their own small businesses in Santo
- The purpose of the training was to support these small business owners to become more financially literate and learn how to grow their businesses
- Early in the training, it became evident that the participants had very low levels of financial literacy. However, by the end of the training participants were able to perform basic calculations, could complete a daily reconciliation with a business float, and were able to use a template to develop a simple budget
- Participants also reported they were much more confident in how to document and record their business income and expenses, which means they are well-prepared to develop and keep a simple financial record of their business in the future



Image 6: Participants of the financial literacy training delivered in Luganville

INCLUSION



Image 6: Participants engaging in a group discussion during the financial literacy training in Luganville

WHAT ARE THE PRIORITIES FOR QUARTER 2?

In Quarter 2, the Sanma Skills Centre will continue to work with partners to implement a range of initiatives including:

- Malo pepper farmer coaching - focusing on packaging, labelling and marketing
- Progress steps to support Certificate I & II Building Construction training delivery at West Coast Santo (community consultation and official launching)
- Beehives management coaching including pest control – for Luganville beekeepers
- Family Life Education Training for Sanma Skills Centre Staff
- Facilitate workshop with Northern Provincial Hospital kitchen staff to upskill them into cookery and menus for patients as part of the 'Farm to Hospital' initiative
- Vanuatu Institute of Technology (VIT) Sanma campus preparation, coordination and launching
- Sanma Creative Industries Community Company (SCICC) Business and Governance Strengthening
- Pandanus Replanting Campaign

PARTICIPATION IN SKILLS DEVELOPMENT TRAININGS

SECTOR	WOMEN	MEN	TOTAL	PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
Skills for Health	5	5	10	0
Disability Inclusion	3	6	9	3 women and 6 men
TOTAL	8	11	19	9