



# SKILLS FOR AGRIBUSINESS

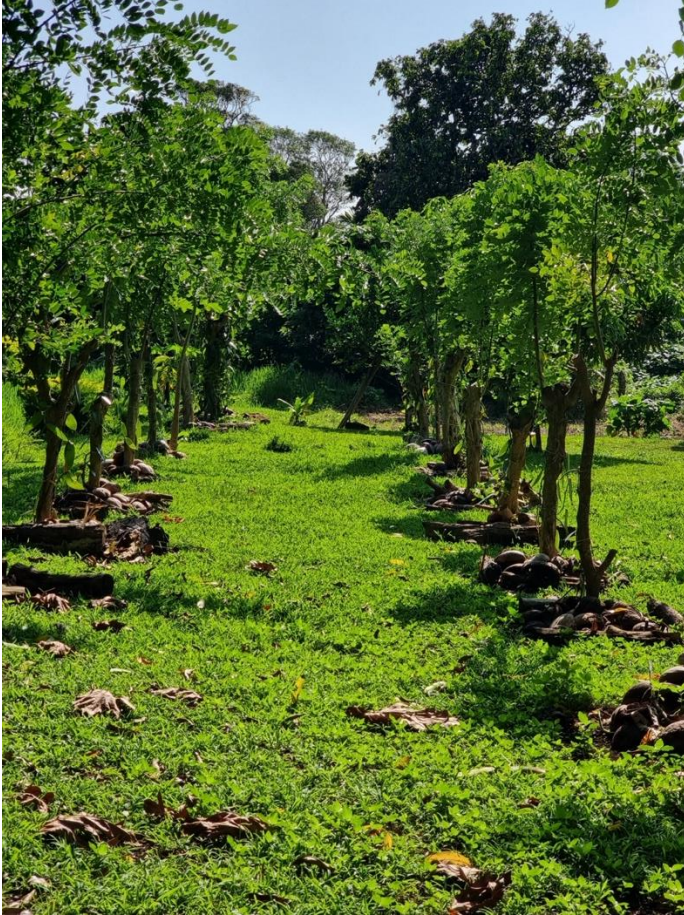
## 6-MONTH PROGRESS REPORT

*Image 1: Participants in the Good Governance workshop held in Port Patrick, Aneityum – June 2025*



January – June 2025

## INTRODUCTION



*Image 2: Client vanilla plots, Port Patrick, Aneityum*

- This report highlights progress made by the Skills for Agribusiness (SfA) workstream in the first half of 2025.
- SfA continued to work in collaboration with the provincial Skills Centres, the national and provincial Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD) and the Office of the Registrar of Cooperatives and Business Development Services (ORCBDS) to progress joint priorities.
- Our priorities for the first half of the year 2025 included:
  - **Vanilla Development** – Ongoing support to vanilla farmers on Tanna and Aneityum to improve and maintain quality of vanilla beans and governance of associations.
  - **Pepper Development** – Providing skills training for pepper farmers in Malo, Malekula and Ambrym. In addition to research on domestic pepper consumption as part of market systems strengthening.
  - **Seed Bank Development** - Delivering refresher workshops on governance and financial literacy for seed farmers in Malekula.
  - **'Farm to...' (market access)** – Facilitating partner meetings for Farm to School (F2S) initiatives in Tafea, Penama and Torba provinces. Providing skills training for school chefs and finalising the F2S guidebook.
  - **Beekeeping** – Consulting with and facilitating a good governance/financial literacy workshop with beekeepers from Luganville, West Coast and North-West Santo.

## INTRODUCTION CONTINUED



*Image 3: Merelava fish market opened in remote Torba Province in April 2025*

- **Market System Development** (*in addition to priorities already flagged for vanilla and pepper*) – Developing a monitoring framework, supporting follow up and coordinating the implementation of action plans with provincial Skills Centres and government departments, specifically regarding actions on the pandanus value chain with the Department of Forestry.
- **Fisheries** – Providing support for the opening of new cooperative fish markets in Merelava and Ureparapara in addition to governance skills training for the cooperatives who will be managing these markets.
- **Tractor Training** - Facilitating tractor driving training for DARD staff and key farmers as part of professional workforce development in the sector.

## CONTEXT

Several issues and changes within SfA's operating environment have impacted the execution of our planned activities in the first part of 2025:

- **Engagement of Industry Coaches:** After the resignation of a key SfA coach, the process of identifying a suitable replacement proved challenging and took several months, meaning that implementation of several planned activities was delayed.
- **Skills Centre Priorities and Resourcing:** It has proven difficult to implement our planned activities in some provinces because Skills Centre staff are managing so many other priorities in other workstreams. For example, in Malampa, no SfA activities were conducted in the first half of the year as the Skills Centre has been focused on commitments in other sectors.
- **Challenges with Air Vanuatu:** Flight schedules made it difficult to deliver agribusiness skills activities and provide support to our Skills Centre clients on the outer islands. For example, the planned chef training for the Farm to School initiative at Baldwin Lonsdale Memorial School (BLMS) in Torba was postponed.



*Image 4: F2S Chef workshop practical session at Ienaula Bilingual School, Whitesands, Tanna, June 2025*

## PARTNERSHIP STATUS AND CO-CONTRIBUTIONS

- SfA has an overarching partnership agreement with the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Forestry, Fisheries and Biosecurity (MALFFB). The Partnership Implementation Framework (PIF) signed between the Partnership and DARD on 14 August 2024 extends through until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025, with an expected total co-contribution from DARD into the Skills Development Fund of VUV 7,500,000.
- The Government of Vanuatu's 2025 budget approval was delayed until March 2025 due to the snap election in January. This means that DARD's co-contribution, which was expected to be received in March, was delayed to June 2025. Funds are still yet to be received despite multiple follow ups.

Partner	Amount committed to support for 2025 (VUV)	Amount received at 30 June 2025 (VUV)
DARD	7,500,000	0

- Despite the lack of direct co-investment, DARD and other partners, such as Department of Forestry (DOF), have continued to contribute directly to expenses for shared activities. An example of this includes the Pandanus nursery establishment activities in Malo and Paama where DOF contributed to travel and logistics expenses.

## WORKSTREAM WORK PLAN STATUS

WORK PLAN PRIORITY AREAS &/OR GREEN SHOOTS	MID YEAR STATUS UPDATE (no progress, limited progress, adequate progress, good progress, excellent progress)	ADDITIONAL COMMENTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vanilla Development</li> </ul>	Good progress	Vanilla farmers in Tanna and Aneityum were able to sell their remaining vanilla beans in February 2025 and raised over VUV 2 million in sales. A governance workshop was held for Aneityum farmers in May. The new vanilla storage and processing house at Port Patrick is currently under construction, and is due to be completed in September 2025.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pepper Development</li> </ul>	Adequate progress	A workshop was conducted for clients in Malo on packaging and labelling. Further improvements in the production process are needed to ensure market standards are met. A workshop with pepper farmers from Malekula will be held in August 2025. A market assessment found gaps in the demand side of the pepper market with greater linkages across market demand and supply required in the future to maximise income generating opportunities for farmers.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sustainable and resilient farming</li> </ul>	Good progress	Several coaching follow-ups were completed with farmers in East Vanualava and Merelava who are implementing alley cropping techniques. Quality and volume of production of fruits and vegetables are both reported to have increased. There has also been an increase in small livestock free range farming and income diversification for clients.

## WORKSTREAM WORK PLAN STATUS - CONTINUE

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Honey/Bee Development</li> </ul>	Limited progress	Department of Livestock undertook a national assessment on the current situation for honey producers in November 2024, and a report was produced. An assessment was carried out with farmers in North West Santo in May 2025. Technical follow up and validation of active clients is planned to inform any future support.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“Farm to” Initiatives</li> </ul>	Good progress	A full-time coordinator was appointed to oversee the Partnership’s support for F2S initiatives. Partner meetings were held for F2S initiatives at Whitesands (Tanna), Ambaebulu (Ambae) and BLMS (Sola) in the first part of the year. Ambaebulu is accessing local food from farmer cooperatives whilst BLMS and Whitesands are dealing directly with farmer groupings. Chef training was completed for school chefs at Whitesands. A F2S guidebook has been drafted and is ready to inform consultations with the Penama Provincial Education Officer (PEO).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consolidation of Seed Bank model across provinces</li> </ul>	No progress	No activities were completed in the first half of 2025. However, Malampa Skills Centre will facilitate refresher workshops for seed farmers in the second half of 2025.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opening of cooperative fish markets</li> </ul>	Good progress	Significant support was provided to community fishermen associations in Merelava and Ureparapara to build new fish market facilities and equip them with the tools and resources required for operating their cooperatives. Close monitoring and support will be required into the second half of 2025.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support to DARD for the establishment of the Tractor Training</li> </ul>	Adequate progress	In the first half of 2025, VSP worked with DARD and the two tractor companies, Bodiam Engineering Limited and Vanuatu Agriculture Supplies, to develop the first training program on Efate. This training, attended by participants from Tafea and Shefa, is intended to be used as a stepping-stone by VIT and VIPAM as an accredited training package. A second workshop is planned in Santo in Q3 to support participants from remaining provinces. This second workshop is pending DARD co-investment.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Market Systems Development in the pandanus sector</li> </ul>	Good progress	Pandanus nursery establishment in Paama and Malo in collaboration with DOF and Vanuatu Agriculture Research Training Centre (VARTC). Progress was also made toward species identification and collection and the establishment of a pandanus collection plot at VARTC. In collaboration with SfCI, weavers and craft producer communities have been involved in these activities with further product development and replanting work planned for the coming months as a joint SfA/SfCI effort.

## QUANTITATIVE DATA (JANUARY - JUNE 2025)

SKILLS PROVIDERS ENGAGED	PARTICIPATION IN PARTNERSHIP SUPPORTED SKILLS TRAINING	BUSINESS CLIENTS SUPPORTED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 9 skills providers engaged - all men</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 126 participants (63 women and 63 men)</li> <li>▪ 50% women</li> <li>▪ 19 participants with disabilities (8 women and 11 men)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 87 farming entrepreneurs supported with ongoing skills training and market access support               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 43 vanilla farmers on Tanna and Aneityum including 1 male farmer with disabilities</li> <li>▪ 22 pepper farmers on Malo (8 women and 14 men)</li> <li>▪ 22 vegetable farmers on Vana Lava (9 men and 13 women)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## KEY RESULTS ACHIEVED

### Good Governance workshop for Vanilla Farmers at Port Patrick, Aneityum

- The Tafea Skills Centre, in collaboration with the Office of the Registrar of Cooperatives and Business Development Services (ORCBDS), facilitated a governance workshop with members of the Port Patrick Cooperative Producers in May. The Port Patrick Cooperative is made up of 12 members (plus their partners and families) who have focused on planting vanilla and pepper since 1997.
- 27 vanilla farmers attended this workshop (6 women and 21 men including one man with disabilities).
- Topics covered in the workshop included cooperative business management structure, roles and responsibilities, cooperative principals and budget preparation. In addition, the qualities of a cooperative leader were discussed as well as practical steps needed to develop and implement an action plan.
- As a result of this workshop, a meeting was organised for the association executive, with the support of an ORCBDS trainer, to strengthen the governance of the executive and put in place an official workplan. One of the workplan actions is to complete all the processes for official cooperative registration and to apply for an industrial permit.
- VSP and its partners are constructing a vanilla and pepper processing facility with these farmers, which will be used by the cooperative once the building is finished. ORCBDS will complete a follow up coaching as the processing house nears completion. In addition, all cooperative members will need to attend a health and safety workshop before using the facility.



*Image 5: Port Patrick Vanilla Farmers, May 2025*

## KEY RESULTS ACHIEVED

### Support for Pepper Farmer Associations from Malo to Register with Vanuatu Financial Services Commission (VFSC)

- The Sanma Skills Centre facilitated a two-day workshop for 22 pepper farmers (8 women and 14 men) from the Naviova and Ambosake Associations on Malo. The objective of the workshop was to review progress on their registration with the VFSC, and to follow up on the status of their Provincial License and Industrial Permit.
- The workshop also provided an opportunity to discuss their ongoing marketing and promotion efforts, acknowledging the challenges local pepper farmers from Malo face in marketing their products to food stalls and restaurants in Luganville.
- It was encouraging to witness a strong commitment to gender equality and community involvement, with both men and women from the Ambosake and Naviova communities actively participating in the production process.
- An important outcome of the workshop was the re-election of the Naviova chairman and executive members, which was carried out through nominations, seconding and unanimous voting.
- Following the workshop, registration of these associations was confirmed by VFSC, and they have now received their certificates.



*Image 6: Meeting between Sanma Skills Centre and pepper association office bearers from Malo*

# KEY RESULTS ACHIEVED

## Pepper promotion and market negotiations in Port Vila

- As part of the action plans developed in 2024, to help farmers access markets for their products, a market study was conducted to understand local consumption of locally produced pepper and promote its integration into the menus of hotels and catering establishments in Port Vila.
- The study assessed current consumption patterns and the market value of pepper within the local hospitality sector. Data was collected from 12 restaurants and hotels in Port Vila, four “20vt” mamas’ stalls and two kava bars.
- The report identified both barriers and opportunities for increasing local sales, and included a roadmap to support the growth and sustainability of the local pepper sector. Recommendations focused on market development, stakeholder engagement, and supply chain enhancement.
- Additionally, the study found that farmers need stronger skills to calculate the full costs of production, including materials, labour, packaging, and transport when determining their product prices.
- Recommendations such as improving farmers’ understanding of market expectations and supporting their access to popular selling sites in Port Vila will be shared with key pepper associations.



*Image 7 (above): Pepper promotion with a group of “20Vt mamas” at the airport. Image 8: (below) Chef Evoui and the consultant at NASAMA Resort*



# KEY RESULTS ACHIEVED

## Sustainable and Resilient farming in East Vanua Lava

- The Torba Skills Centre continues to support three farmer groupings in East Vanua Lava, the most agriculturally fertile part of Vanua Lava. These 22 farmers (9 men and 13 women) are the main suppliers to the Sola market and as there is currently no DARD Field Officer in the area, the Torba Skills Centre and local agriculture coach continue to provide support.
- A coaching visit was conducted to encourage farmer groups and individual farmers to continue in their production efforts, to review progress and celebrate their achievements in engaging in the agriculture sector.
- During the visit, it was found that several farmer groups have made savings from production sales and have reinvested this income in other revenue-generating initiatives to strengthen their cooperatives. They are now ready to meet with ORCBDS to progress formal registration.
- Additionally, individual farmers have increased their revenues by selling their agricultural products over the past 12 months. For example, a farming couple who live in East Vanua Lava, have now raised over 300 chickens and are supplying people in Sola with meat and eggs. This couple have been the lead farmers in agriculture and livestock production over the past year.
- The coaching activity also highlighted several challenges, including the high cost of fuel and limited transport options to get produce to markets in Sola and Mota Lava.



*Images 9 and 10: Chickens and eggs produced in East Vanua Lava by a couple who have successfully developed a poultry farm*



## KEY RESULTS ACHIEVED

### Farm to School (F2S) Partners Meeting at Whitesands Bilingual School, Tanna

- A partners meeting was held in March 2025 for all partners involved in the F2S initiative at Enaula (Whitesands) Bilingual School, Tanna. It was an opportunity for F2S partners to gather and share their experience implementing the F2S partner agreement which was finalised in September 2023. During the meeting, partners were given the opportunity to review their priorities and re-confirm their contributions.
- A meeting was also held between local farmers, the DARD Officer, the Tafea Skills Centre and the school to agree on the supply of fresh food. Since then, local farmers have reportedly completed several fresh food sales to the school, although further work is needed to refine these processes to ensure that the supply of fresh produce meets the demand.
- In May 2025, Enaula Bilingual School hosted training for chefs from Enaula and other local schools to strengthen the skills and knowledge of kitchen staff in areas such as hygiene, food safety, menu planning, meal costing, portion control, local procurement and sustainable food management. Nine participants attended the training (1 man and 8 women).
- The training aimed to shift practices away from repetitive, low-nutrition menus toward more balanced meals that better meet the nutritional needs of both boarding and day students.



*Images 11 and 12: SfA cookery coach delivering training for school chefs from Enaula Bilingual School and other local schools in June 2025*



# KEY RESULTS ACHIEVED

## **Partner meetings for Farm to School (F2S) initiatives at Ambaebulu Junior Secondary School (JSS) and Balwyn Lonsdale Memorial School (BLMS)**

### **Ambaebulu JSS**

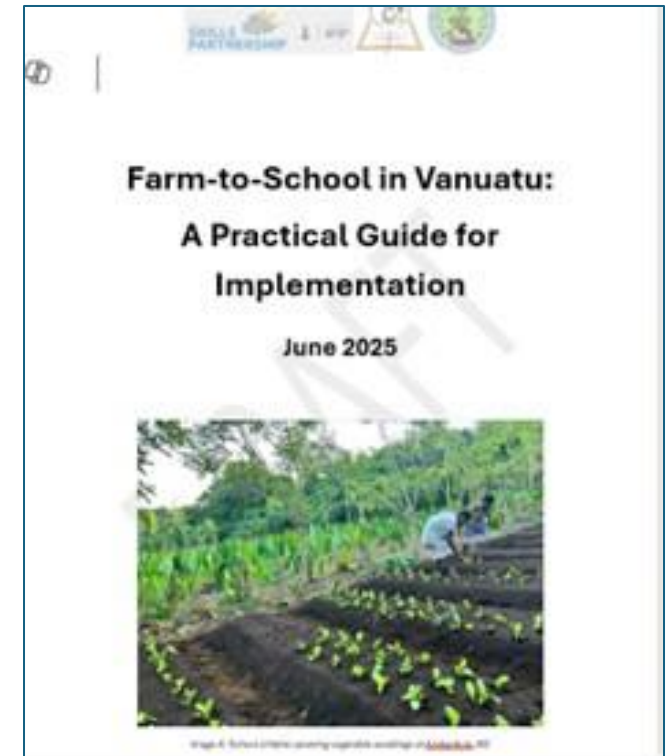
- In early April, the Partnership facilitated a series of meetings to support implementation of the Ambaebulu F2S. The meetings provided an opportunity to 'check-in' on progress, particularly in light of recent changes in school leadership at Ambaebulu.
- During the meetings, it became clear that the new principal of Ambaebulu had not been fully briefed on the F2S model or the respective roles of the school and other partners in supporting its delivery. In particular, the practice of sourcing fresh fruit and vegetables from local farmer cooperatives was no longer being followed as consistently as in previous years. The meetings also highlighted gaps in record-keeping at the school, including the absence of up-to-date data on food expenditure and sales of value-added products.
- The Partnership agreed to work with the Principal of Ambaebulu JSS to ensure the F2S initiative gets back on track and has also worked with ORCBDS Manager, Jimmy Alick, to develop a simple monitoring tool for the Ambaebulu bursar to track expenditure and sales of fresh food.
- Separate to the Ambaebulu F2S partner discussions, the Partnership presented a draft F2S 'guidebook' to the Penama Provincial Education Officer and other key stakeholders. The guidebook outlines the necessary 'pre-conditions' for a successful F2S project, details the steps involved in implementation, and clarifies the roles of key stakeholders. When finalised, it will shape the implementation of new F2S initiatives across Penama, including on Maewo and Pentecost.

# KEY RESULTS ACHIEVED

## Partner meetings for Farm to School (F2S) Initiatives at Ambaebulu Junior Secondary School (JSS) and Balwyn Lonsdale Memorial School (BLMS) (continued)

### Balwyn Lonsdale Memorial School

- After launching the F2S initiative in 2020, progress has stalled despite the best efforts of a volunteer currently overseeing the school farm at BLMS.
- In March, the Partnership facilitated a discussion with partners to revisit the F2S concept and agree on the governance mechanism. The included partners from Provincial DARD, Provincial Fisheries Department, BLMS, Provincial Education Department and a farmers' association from East Vanua Lava. Partners discussed and agreed the technical and financial support each will provide to the initiative.



*Image 13: Front page of the draft F2S Guidebook*

# KEY RESULTS ACHIEVED

## Nursery establishment on Ambae

- A nursery and backyard gardening workshop was successfully conducted in the Lovunmangwe community on Ambae. The activity was facilitated by DARD officers and Seed Bank interns, in collaboration with the Penama Skills Centre and the Penama Provincial Disability Desk officer.
- The event marked a milestone in promoting sustainable agriculture and enhancing food security for nearby schools and within the community as well disability inclusion in the agriculture sector with one participant with a disability, Dunstan Boe.
- A total of 18 participants (11 women and 7 men) were engaged in the workshop. The primary objective was to equip participants with practical knowledge and hands-on skills in nursery management to enhance local vegetable production. Topics covered during the training included germination testing, seed sowing techniques, breaking seed dormancy, backyard garden setup, and seedling transplanting.
- At the conclusion of the workshop, a formal launching and handing-over ceremony of the nursery took place. The nursery was officially handed over and will be look after by Dunstan Boe.
- Local households will now be responsible for their own backyard nurseries and seedling production, ensuring continued access to local vegetables while also generating household income.



*Image 14: Backyard workshop participants pose during a workshop practical session, February 2025*

## KEY RESULTS ACHIEVED

### Tractor training - Workshop 1, Southern Provinces, Port Vila

- A workshop for DARD tractor drivers was held at the Agriculture station at Tagabe in June 2025, through a collaboration between the Partnership and DARD. Eighteen tractor drivers (17 men and 1 woman) took part in the workshop.
- The workshop was designed to upskill tractor drivers from Tafea and Shefa provinces in tractor operation and basic maintenance, including routine checks.
- It also contributed to the development of a nationally accredited Tractor Operation and Maintenance course, aligned with the Vanuatu Qualifications Authority (VOA). The goal is to create a formal career development pathway for both DARD staff and industry tractor operators.
- The workshop supports professional development of staff/personnel within the agriculture sector, promoting quality, consistency and sustainability in tractor operations nationwide. It also reflects the Partnership's broader vision of linking practical training to certification, recognition and long-term employability.
- The Partnership acknowledges the dedicated efforts and support of all staff across key stakeholders, including DARD and Bodium Engineering, to deliver this first training. The next training will take place in Santo for tractor drivers from the Northern Provinces.



*Image 15: Bodium Engineering conducting the first training for tractor drivers at Tagabe, Port Vila, June 2025*

## KEY RESULTS ACHIEVED

### Securing the supply of Pandanus on Malo (Sanma) and Paama (Malampa)

- Pandanus is one of the most important non-timber forest products in Vanuatu and has been used for cultural purposes for hundreds of years. In more recent times it has emerged as a valuable product from a commercial perspective, being used to produce a range of different handicrafts such as mats and baskets. In addition, pandanus plays a vital role in supporting climate resilience and adaptation, helping to mitigate the risks of rising sea levels and storm surges in low-lying areas.
- Building on the pandanus species assessments completed on Malo and Paama in 2024, the Partnership, in collaboration with the DOF and VARTC, supported the establishment of pandanus nurseries on both islands to increase the supply of quality pandanus for local weavers.
- Field research, species collection and replanting activities were carried out, and new nurseries were established at VARTC sites in each of the two pilot locations. Two species of pandanus were identified as most suitable for cultivation: *Dibius* (no nails) and *Tectorial* (with nails). Hundreds of seedlings or “young suckers” were transplanted into the nurseries. Over time, these will be distributed to weavers within local communities.
- The Partnership and its partners recognise the cultural significance of pandanus within Vanuatu and will continue to work together to strengthen the pandanus value chain in the second half of 2025.



*Image 17: Selected pandanus cultivars being collected for the Paama nursery and multiplication plot at VARTC, May 2025*  
*Image 18: Members of the team working at Malo nursery, May 2025*



# ADDITIONAL RESULTS

## Disability Inclusion

- In the first half of 2025, inclusive backyard gardening training was facilitated alongside partner governments including DARD and MoJYCS, in Luganville (Sanma), Mota (Torba), and West Ambae (Penama), while a follow-up activity was conducted for clients with disabilities in West Tanna (Tafea).
- The one-week training aimed to equip people with disabilities with practical skills they can use in daily life to support themselves and their families and potentially generate income. It also aimed to demonstrate to the wider community that people with disabilities are capable of meaningfully contributing to their households.
- The workshops focused on benefits such as food security, reduced grocery expenses, improved nutrition and the therapeutic value of gardening for people in remote communities.
- 47 people (24 women and 23 men) attended the training in Luganville, Mota and West Ambae, including 16 people with disabilities (10 men and 6 women). Follow-up visits have since been conducted across several sites and seedling trays and seeds were provided including white bun, tomatoes, lettuce, green bun, carrots, beetroot, long bean, dwarf beans and corn.



*Image 19 and 20: Mota Island and Luganville inclusive backyard gardening workshop participants and coaches.*



# ADDITIONAL RESULTS

## Environmental Sustainability/ Climate Resilience

- Key activities delivered in the first half of 2025 such as the inclusive backyard gardening workshop and the coaching follow-up for farmers on Vanua Lava emphasised the importance of production techniques that improve soil health and promote the efficient use of natural resources such as water, thereby strengthening resilience to drought. This included training on practices such as mulching and crop rotation, as well as water-saving irrigation methods such as drip irrigation using recycled bottles or hosepipes.

## Better Balance:

- The Partnership has continued to encourage the participation of female farmers and farming couples in all SfA skills activities.
- Data for the first half of 2025 shows that 50% of all participants in SfA activities were female. This includes the participation of a woman in the recent tractor training workshop in Port Vila.



*Image 21 (L) and 22 (R): Inclusive backyard gardening workshop participants preparing their gardens.  
Image 23 (below): Samentha Leo at the recent tractor training workshop delivered in Port Vila.*



## LESSONS LEARNED IN 2025

### **Lesson 1:**

We need more coaches to support the delivery of our activities, but recruitment of quality industry providers is not straightforward.

#### **Actions:**

- Work with our provincial partners to identify possible local coaches to develop their technical skills.
- Expand the Training of Trainers model to strengthen human resources in technical areas within the provinces.

### **Lesson 2:**

We need to ensure we support our partners to take the lead on follow up after our initial work is complete.

#### **Actions:**

Continue to work with provincial partners in their planning processes so that key initiatives are incorporated into their business plans. A great example of this approach is in Torba and Penama, where partners have allocated funding to develop and expand the F2S concept.

### **Lesson 3:**

There is a gap in local consumer understanding and awareness of the quality of locally-grown products in Vanuatu, such as vanilla and pepper, which limits domestic demand for these products.

#### **Actions:**

Promote locally grown products for local consumption by supporting producers and raising public awareness of the benefits of these products. For example, during Malampa Week, pepper producers will be supported to showcase and market their products

# PRIORITIES FOR THE SECOND HALF OF 2025

## Vanilla

- Completion of vanilla processing house in Aneityum.
- Opening of vanilla house in Aneityum and launching of spices strategy.

## Pepper

- Awareness/promotion/certification/marketing of pepper for local consumption in Malo and Malekula.
- Pepper market readiness in Malo.
- Pepper promotion awareness.
- Pepper governance workshop.

## 'Farm to...' (market access)

- Training for three schools in Ambae and handover of new equipment for schools in Penama implementing F2S and launching for F2S guidebook.
- Training of Trainers (TOT) for chef coaches from Torba, Penama and Tafea in Santo.
- Enaula F2S follow up and procurement of solar freezer.

## Honey

- Follow up coaching / workshop – Hive management.

## Market System Development (*in addition to priorities already flagged for vanilla and pepper*)

- Critical Review Assessment of the implementation of the Market Systems approach in Sanma, Malampa and Tafea.

## Tractor Training

- Tractor training and farm implementation for 43 tractor drivers from the northern provinces in Santo.

## Seed development

- Refresher workshops and governance in Malekula.

## KEY RISKS AND MITIGATION STRATEGIES

RISK	MITIGATION STRATEGIES
<p>DARD is unable to provide planned co-investments or provides co-investment too late to be able to implement planned activities such as the second tractor workshop.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Continue to communicate with DARD staff to understand barriers.</li> <li>▪ Potentially look at existing activities in the workplan that are being delivered in Q3 that the DARD co-investment can be coded towards if it is received late (such as the delivery of the first tractor workshop in June/July).</li> </ul>
<p>Limited availability of coaches on ground means that the Partnership is unable to deliver activities as planned.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Identify additional local coaches so there are no delays and activities can be delivered as planned.</li> <li>▪ Run a TOT workshop for those coaches to equip them on concept to work with stakeholders as a way or sustainability working in to the future.</li> </ul>
<p>Postponement or delay of activities in the provinces due to limited resources within the Skills Centres, as well as competing priorities due to the end of the phase.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ensure regular communication with Skills Centres for the implementation of agreed priorities.</li> <li>▪ Delegate technical responsibilities to provincial partners where appropriate, to strengthen local ownership and reduce reliance on Skills Centre staff.</li> </ul>
<p>No solid market linkages between farmers, processors and local consumers for key products such as vanilla and pepper.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Work with local buyers to ensure they understand the quality of local products and are informed about when these products are available for sale.</li> </ul>