

# ANNUAL SNAPSHOT – WHAT’S CHANGED IN 2025?

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## Most significant results for 2025

**127 new WASH technicians**  
on Tanna, Merelava and Ambae

**88%\***  
of trade graduates now working after training

**62**  
training and business coaching activities on 12 islands | 6 provinces

**2,800+** People accessing safe, clean water on Merelava and Ambae

**1,053** participants in skills training from 43 Area Councils

55%  6% 

 **VUV 30.8m**  
government and community co-investment in skills training in Tafea, Penama and Sanma

**VUV 49.9m**  
Contracts won by infrastructure client businesses on Tanna, Malekula and Santo




**6**  
new accessible public buildings launched

## A stronger skills system

- Support to the **Tertiary Education Directorate (TED)** and the **Vanuatu Qualification Authority (VQA)** in partnership with Pacific Australia Skills:
- Regular **PSET Sector Coordination Committee** meetings
- National Skills Policy Implementation framework** completed
- First ever **National Skills Competition** hosted by **Vanuatu Institute of Technology** influencing the wider region

**New infrastructure graduates**

120 nationally recognised construction & plumbing graduates in Tanna, Pentecost, Santo and Port Vila

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**17**  
Ministry of Education & Training (MoET) staff upskilled in project management

**6**  
training providers supported to meet VQA standards

**2**  
new provincial providers delivering accredited courses

## Quality training reaching more people

**5** provincial MoET Skills Centres facilitating skills training on 12 islands

**94%\***  
of infrastructure graduates satisfied with training quality

Participants from 43 Area Councils, including Futuna and Mota

\*n=sample of 32 graduates

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## Leadership driving better services

**5** Provincial  
Secretary  
Generals reported that the Skills Centres are driving improved service delivery

**10** skills sector leaders graduated with a Certificate IV in Leadership and Management

**6** new accessible public buildings now operational

**3 new water systems** serving 2,800+ people

## Jobs & Income

### Employment & Entrepreneurship

**88%\*** of infrastructure graduates working after training (48% increase from before training)

**50%\*** of infrastructure graduates now self-employed (167% increase from before training)

### Business & Markets

**4** construction companies of Skills Centre trainees won VUV 49.9m in new contracts on Tanna, Malekula and Santo

**94%\*\*\*** of clients believe skills development has been critical to their business practice and income generation

Seed farmers earned **VUV 7m in sales** (2024–25)

4 provincial Handicraft hubs recorded **VUV 1.4m in sales** during **Vanuatu Made Tradeshow** (64% increase from sales in 2024)

**First exports to 2 new markets in Fiji** by Sanma Creative Industries Community Company

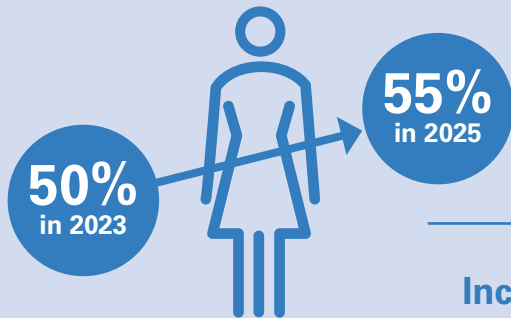
**43 traditional products** development by Skills Centre clients registered by the Vanuatu Intellectual Property Office since 2023 strengthening protection of indigenous knowledge

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## Inclusion

Women’s participation in skills training is increasing



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provincial  
Disability  
Desk officers  
supported to  
operationalise  
their workplans

### Inclusive Resource Room

supporting inclusion of  
trainees with disabilities at  
**Vanuatu Agriculture College**

**Vanuatu Disability  
Promotion & Advocacy  
Association and  
Vanuatu Society for  
People with Disability**

supported to ensure critical  
operational and training  
needs are met

59 participants with  
disabilities participated  
in skills training



6%  
of all participants

## Climate resilience

2,800+ people now benefitting from  
drought-resilient water systems

127 new  
**WASH  
technicians**

upskilled to support DoWR to  
maintain local water systems



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84%\*

of infrastructure  
graduates reported an  
improved improved  
understanding of  
climate resilience

83%\*\*

of industry coaches  
now integrating  
climate resilience

**New pandanus nurseries & solar dryers  
supporting sustainable livelihoods**