

VANUATU SKILLS PARTNERSHIP – ANNUAL SNAPSHOT – CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS THE NSDP IN 2025.



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SOC 2 Quality Education

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

14 **106** **5**

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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SOC 6 Strong and Effective Institutions

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

ECO 2 Improve Infrastructure | ECO 3 Strengthen Rural Communities | ECO 4 Create Jobs and Business Opportunities

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

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

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

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

*n=sample of 32 graduates ***n= sample of 89 agribusiness and creative industries clients



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SOC 4 Social Inclusion

Inclusion

Women's participation in skills training is increasing

50% in 2023 → 55% in 2025

5 provincial Disability Desk officers supported to operationalise their workplans

Inclusive Resource Room supporting inclusion of trainees with disabilities at **Vanuatu Agriculture College**

59 participants with disabilities participated in skills training

6% of all participants

Vanuatu Disability Promotion & Advocacy Association and Vanuatu Society for People with Disability supported to ensure critical operational and training needs are met

ENV 1 Food and Nutrition Security | ENV 3 Climate and Disaster Resilience

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 understanding of climate resilience

83%** of industry coaches now integrating climate resilience

New pandanus nurseries & solar dryers supporting sustainable livelihoods

*n=sample of 32 graduates **n=sample of 13 industry coaches