

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NATIONAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

JANUARY - JUNE 2025



ECO 2

Improve Infrastructure

ECO 3

Strengthen Rural Communities

ECO 4

Create Jobs and Business Opportunities

Skills and Employment Pathways

5 new area-based plumbing businesses established on Tanna by Tafea Skills Centre clients.

462
participants

including 267 women (58%) and 38 participants with disabilities (8%) accessed vocational training facilitated by provincial MoET Skills Centres.



267



38

Youngster Bargain Company, a female owned construction company on Tanna

comprising Tafea Skills Centre clients, is currently employing 8 people including 1 woman to build the new Central Tanna Area Council building.



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Income and Market Access

Tafea Creative Industry and Cultural Market Hub products showcased and sold in an internationally renowned 'Diva' exhibition in Auckland, New Zealand.

Market Readiness surveys in Sanma, Malekula and Tanna conducted with owners of 61 provincial tourism businesses in partnership with the VTO.

The Vanuatu Travel Information Centre - Malekula branch, constructed by Malampa Skills Centre clients, was officially opened in May 2025.

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construction companies owned and operated by Skills Centre clients on Tanna, Malekula and Santo have successfully won high value contracts totalling VUV 12.9million.

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new fish markets have been established in the remote islands of Ureparapara and Merelava in Torba Province through support from the Torba Skills Centre to provide safe market access for fishermen and their communities.



SOC 2 **Quality Education**

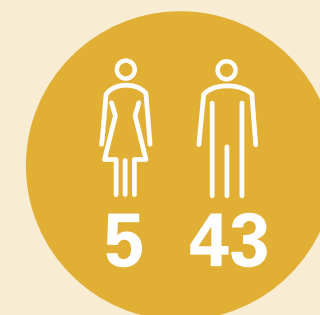
6 training providers

supported to **meet quality requirements** for registration and delivery by the Vanuatu Qualifications Authority.

2 PSET Sector Steering Committee meetings held by the Tertiary Education Department with support of the Partnership.

48

construction and plumbing trainees



including one man with disabilities in Port Vila and Melsisi, Pentecost have graduated with **nationally recognised trades qualifications.**

5 skills sector leaders supported to attend the **WorldSkills and Vocational Skills Spotlight Conference in Brisbane, Australia.**

31 skills development activities, including **1 accredited training, delivered on 12 islands across 6 provinces**

through the **MoET provincial Skills Centres** including remote locations like Futuna and Mota island.

Support to the Director TED in first round of consultations of the new national Skills Development Policy implementation framework held in North Efate.

SOC 6

Strong and Effective Institutions

Chiefs' Nakamal reconstructed and officially reopened on Chiefs' Day 2025 through a collaboration between the Vanuatu Skills Partnership, the Malvatumauri Council of Chiefs, Vanuatu Institute of Technology and the Australia Pacific Training Coalition.

10 staff

graduated in **Certificate IV in Leadership and Management** from APTC, including from 3 of the provincial MoET Skills Centres.



Certificate II in Plumbing qualification achieved by 47 trainees at Loukatai, Tanna through the Tafea Skills Centre in partnership with the Department of Water Resources, Pacific Vocational Training Centre and local Area Administrators.

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SOC 4 Social Inclusion

267



women participated in skills training through the provincial MoET Skills Centres

representing 58% of all trainees. Of these, 7% completed skills training in non-traditional trade areas.

38



people with disabilities

participated in skills activities through the provincial Skills Centres, representing 8% of all participants.

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accessible buildings launched in Malekula, Merelava, Ureparpara and Gaua.

3 Disability Desk Officers

from Torba, Malampa and Tafea supported to operationalise their work plans including outer island advocacy.



Ministry of Justice and Community Services, Disability and Child Desks in Malekula now have their own office space for the first time ever.

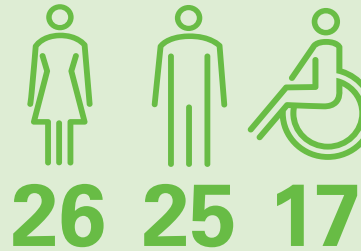
An Inclusive Resource Room officially handed over to Vanuatu Agriculture College to further promote participation of trainees with disabilities.

ENV 1 Food and Nutrition Security

ENV 3 Climate and Disaster Resilience

51 farmers

including 17 with disabilities, from Vanualava, Mota and Santo are increasing local food security through the use of climate resilient farming techniques.



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pandanus nurseries now established with communities on Malo and Paama in partnership with the Department of Forestry to support sustainable resource management.

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new pandanus solar dryers in Malo and Luganville are assisting weavers to produce high quality pandanus headwear using climate-sensitive technology.

A Certificate II in Plumbing delivered through the Tafea Skills Centre by Pacific Vocational Training Centre has equipped trainees with the skills to build resilient water supply infrastructure.