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Dear Secretary General,

TVET PROGRAM MALAMPA UPDATE – July 2011

Please find below a brief report on key activities undertaken by the TVET Sector Strengthening Program to improve the quality of, and access to, training delivery in MALAMPA Province in support of provincial development for the month of July.

Thank you for the collaborative efforts we have all put together to make these development activities happen.

Sincerely,

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### 1. Employment and Training Fund (ETF) Training

This month a total of six (6) ETF activities happened in Malampa Province. Five of these activities took place at Ambrym and one on Malekula. These training activities were in the area of Tourism & Hospitality and Business Management. The School of Hospitality Tourism and Leisure Training Centre (HTLC, VIT) delivered the Tourism and Hospitality training and VCCI, Business Management.

### **a. Tourism and Hospitality Training**

This month the Malampa TVET Centre in collaboration with VIT successfully completed five training activities. These include two (2) House Keeping, two (2) Food & Beverage and one (1) Tour Guide. These were all delivered at Penabo Village, South East Ambrym from 11 to 22 July 2011.



***Participants putting into practice skills and knowledge gained from Food & Beverage Training, SE Ambrym***

### **House Keeping & Food and Beverage**

A total of 30 participants attended the Food and Beverage and House Keeping training. From this figure, 21 are female. Participants represent communities around SE Ambrym. Given the remoteness and the high potential of tourism development in this area, and also taking into consideration committed individuals and groups in this sector (eg: Volcano tours), these trainings were organised in such a way that same participants who attended the Food and Beverage course in the first week, undertook the House Keeping Course the following week and vice versa. Participants were so appreciative to have acquired specific skills in both of these trainings. These trainings were in line with the Tour Guide Training also delivered during the same period.



*Participants carefully observing, while VIT trainer demonstrates Housing-Keeping techniques in bed preparations*

#### **Tour Guide Training & Health and Hygiene**

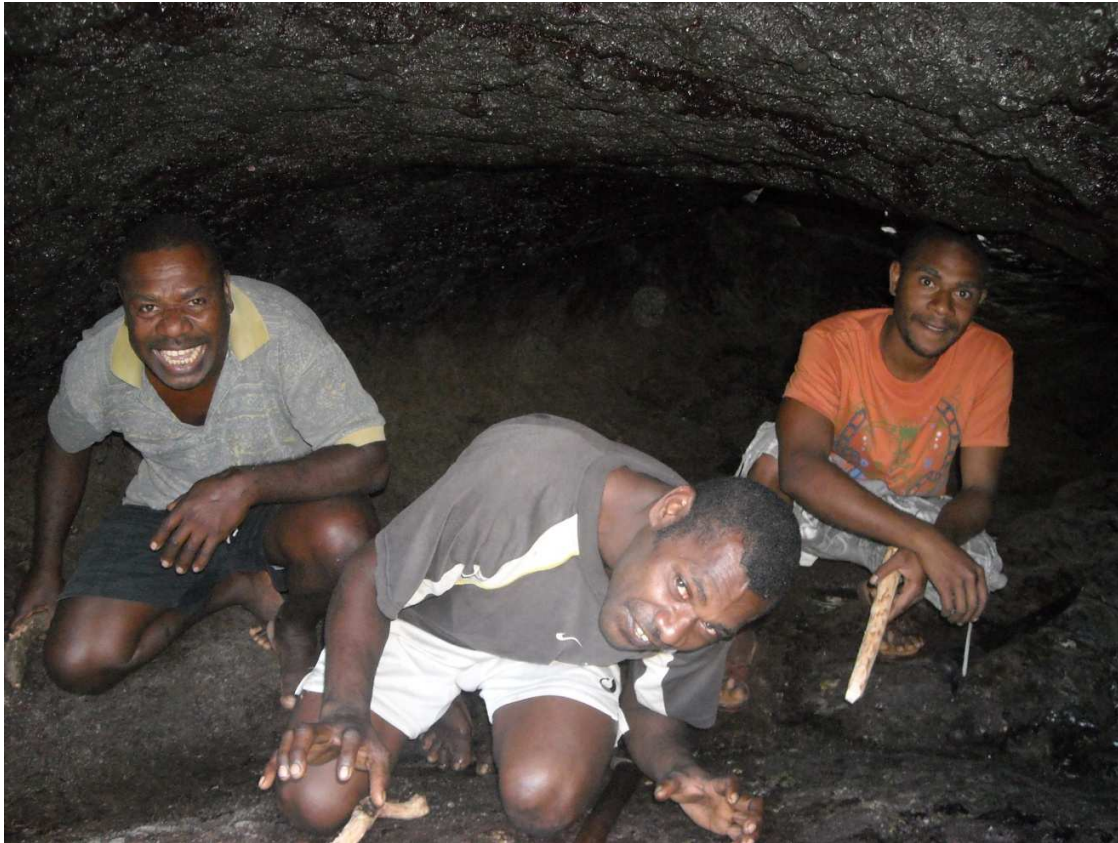


*Tour guide participants undertaking tour around the community locating sites preparing for setting up of a new village tour*



**Tour Guide Participants working in groups presenting identified tour activities in the community**

The total number of participants who attended the Tour Guide & Health and Hygiene Training was 21. Kevin Tabi, who has been a long time Tour Guide trainer of VIT spoke highly of the training in terms of participants showing great interest and commitment. Highlights of this training include: 1) establishment of a new village tour and 2) a hiking trip was undertaken to the Volcano to address overnight trekking. As the trainer stressed, 'the training was received very well and everyone was extremely pleased and thanked the TVET Program for funding the training'. Indeed, these trainings are in line with the South East Ambrym First Five Year Development Plan (2011-2015).



*Tour Guide Participants proudly showing caves and historical sites*

## **B. Business Management**

From 4 to 8 July, a Business Management training was undertaken at Lamap, South Malekula. Participants of these training are Clients from the National Bank of Vanuatu. A total of 23 participants altogether attended this training. These participants have existing business activities in areas of tourism industry, small retail shops, fishing projects and transport. The Vanuatu TVET Program in collaboration with VCCI and National Bank of Vanuatu (NBV) initiated this training to help NBV clients improve their existing skills and knowledge in managing their business activities. Similar training of this nature is planned for Ambrym in the month of August.

## 2. BDS Activities

This month three main BDS activities were undertaken in Malampa Province. These include Chain Saw Mini Milling, Vanilla survey and the Tourism Coaching activity.

### A. Chain Saw Mini Mill & Health and Safety & Basic Maintenance



**Participants putting into practice their skills in chainsaw mini-mill maintenance, Unua 2 SE Malekula**

From 11 to 26 July a Chain Saw Mini-Mill workshop was undertaken at Unua 2 Village SE Malekula. The collaborative work between TVET Program and the Department of Forestry has again resulted in the successful delivery of this activity. This is the third workshop in Chain Saw Mini-Milling, conducted in Malampa province. The 24 participants who attended this workshop were mostly secondary school leavers who were very enthusiastic. As the local expert, Mr Ali Avock, stated, "compared to the two previous workshops held, most participants in this one are young, have had very limited knowledge and skills in operating the chainsaw, but, their willingness to learn and their individual efforts and commitment exerted during this 2 ½ weeks has been extraordinary and has resulted in a very positive outcome.



**Participants putting into practice skills and knowledge gained in Chalk line Chain Saw Mini-Mill, Unua 2, SE Malekula**

While the workshop targeted mainly aspects of chalk line and chain saw Mini-Milling plus Health and Safety & maintenance, it also educated this group of people on the importance of reforestation. Hence, participants were engaged in tree planting after felling of each tree.





**Participants proudly showing the timber products after the 2 ½ week’s workshop.**

These timber products are from two wood species (Red Seed & White wood species-canoe tree) only. The total value of this product is **VT 103, 535**.

While the community benefited directly from this training in the form of completing their three community halls using the timber products, they have also expressed their deepest appreciation for the financial contribution made by TVET Program to the community to cover catering, accommodation and training venue costs. Through this indirect contribution, the community has been able to meet one of their long time needs of accessing clean and adequate water supply as they will now be able to complete their water supply project which has been on hold for several years due to shortage of funds.

**B. Vanilla Survey**

The Vanilla Assessment workshop held in the month of June this year has assisted the 5 Agriculture Field Assistant Officers in Malampa province and 2 Vanilla lead farmers better plan and prepare for the upcoming workshops and coaching in this area. . A Survey of identified Vanilla farms is currently being conducted in 7 area councils of Malekula. Further information on the findings of the survey will be presented in the next update report. The good working relationship that TVET Program has established with the Farmers Support Association, the Buye,

Pierro B and the Agriculture Department has contributed to the successful implementation of this activity.

### **C. Tourism Coaching**

Coaching activity this month for the Centre's BDS tourism clients by the TVET Program tourism consultant, Pascal Gavotto, was targeted towards the preparation of 'Toktok Vanuatu 2011' scheduled for August 2011. Furthermore, a major activity contributing towards this preparation was the engagement of the professional Photographer, Mr Valery Leblong to produce high quality promotional material for the local tourism operators. Visits were made to all relevant sites to ensure tourism products are well captured ready for the Tokok event. An update of the outcomes for Centre clients of 'Toktok Vanuatu 2011' will be provided in the next report.

### **Other Activities**

#### **Information workshop- Paama & Ambrym**



**Malampa Province Planner, Mr Palen Ata giving a presentation at South East Ambrym, 12 July, 2011**

From 11 to 15<sup>th</sup> July, the TVET Centre Malampa Advisory and Management Team undertook a one week information workshop on the island of Paama and Ambrym. The team consisted of 2 TVET Program staff, the Centre Manager and the Deputy Team Leader, and Malampa Provincial Council Planner, Mr Palen Ata. The purpose of this workshop was mainly to inform key stakeholders of achievements to date, challenges that are currently being faced, especially during training deliveries, and strengthening of networking relationships at the Area Council level.

The outcome of this information workshop has resulted in strengthening of the seven (7) established development committees of both Ambrym (6) and Paama (1). Some major roles identified during the workshop for these committees include: i) identify training needs ii) approve list of participants and training requests iii) send approved training request and participant list to the TVET Centre IV) work with Area Secretary and TVET Centre Malampa to ensure final organization and preparation of participants, training venue, catering and accommodation prior to training delivery date. Similar workshops of this nature will be facilitated on the island of Malekula in September, 2011.

The Malampa TVET Centre team, stakeholders, community leaders and committed individuals have been working very hard to achieve these results and we look forward to seeing continued positive outcomes for the benefit of the people of MALAMPA province.