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Dear Sir,

Subject: Torba TVET Centre Monthly report: February – April 2014

I am hereby submitting this monthly report for the months of February to April that highlights the main activities carried out through the Torba TVET Centre.

Many of the activities are preparation for the implementation of the TVET Centre activities that will be happening within our communities once the new TVET Centre is formally launched.

Yours Sincerely,

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Torba TVET Centre establishment.

The Torba TVET Centre started operations in February 2014 after Torba province qualified to host the next Australian Government Funded TVET Centre. Three officers were recruited to join the TVET Program to manage, facilitate and coordinate all training activities through the new Torba TVET Centre.

The TVET Centre staff are currently located within the Torba Education office. The office is currently being renovated by the TVET Program to increase office space to accommodate the staff. The office has access to electricity and Internet through the Vanuatu Government I – Gov network (intranet).



To facilitate the Centre’s activities, a truck was provided to the Centre in February by the TVET Program.



Training Provider Support Services (TPSS)

With the establishment of the TVET Centre in Torba, assistance has already been provided to two trainers from the Anglican Church of Melanesia (ACOM). The two trainers are Godwin Armstrong who is the carpentry trainer and Arthur Kete who is the Manager at Fisher Young Rural Training Centre. Both trainers have attended the TAE40110 - Certificate IV in Training and Assessment conducted by the Australia – Pacific Training College (APTC) and financed by the TVET Program.



APTC Certificate IV in Training and Assessment participants

TVET Program staff Capacity Building

As well staff capacity building workshops organized by the TVET Program at the beginning of this year, the TVET Program also supported the participation of the new Torba TVET Centre Manger and Business Development Services Coordinator/ Provincial Training Coordinator to attend the TAE40110 - Certificate IV in Training and Assessment. This is part of the continuous support to build the capacity of staff to coordinate the delivery of demand driven trainings in rural areas.

TVET Program Awareness.

The first activity organized by the Torba TVET Centre was the community awareness which focused on building understanding of the objectives of the TVET Centre and the approach of working with communities and productive sectors. The awareness happened on 7th – 16th March. Many communities could not be reached during the awareness due to a tropical cyclone. However, the table below provides details of population covered in the awareness.

Island/Community	Total	Female
Loh	62	32
Toga	103	52
Hiu	71	32
Merelava	36	17
Sola	96	43
Mosina	59	17
Mota	62	41
Motalava	386	171
Total	875	405

The awareness gathered together members of the productive sectors that are established in Sola, and was conducted by the TVET Program Deputy Team Leader, some senior Sanma TVET Centre staff and the Torba TVET Centre staff.



Partnership meeting with community stake holders

During the awareness we identified various projects that are implemented by other government and non-government organizations. Community members are involved in these projects but do not have the proper skills in implementing and managing the projects so that they result in improved livelihoods of the communities. Meetings were organized between the organizations concerned and the TVET Centre to gather information on the projects and if possible for the TVET Centre to work together to help facilitate the projects through skills training.

The Department of Agriculture also met with the TVET Centre staff mainly to discuss a project funded through the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) with possibility for both organizations to partner in implementing the project. The meeting resolved that TVET Centre may come in to facilitate training of lead farmers who will be involved in the project.



Agriculture Dep/SPC, Torba Provincial Government, TVET Centre, meeting of understanding



Save The Children, Red Cross and TVET Centre, meeting of understanding

Business Development Services (BDS) – TVET for Tourism Program Gaua Island

The first activity took place on the island of Gaua from 14th – 17th April by Tourism Industry Coach, Pascal Guillet. It was a Tourism workshop on Tour Guiding followed by coaching of the first selected Tourism clients. Participants to the workshop includes five(5) bungalow owners, 12 youth who are working as Tour Guides, three popular tour owners from Siri Falls, Water Music and Caving site and other small tour products. Out of the 35 tourism clients, fourteen were female. This clearly shows that there is potential to support women to become more empowered and encourage them to actively participate in the economy.





Caving Site



Siri Falls

Vanualava Island

The official launching of the TVET for Tourism program in Torba started with a meeting with the Torba Tourism Council and was organized by the Torba TVET Centre in Sola on the 28th of May. During the Tourism Council meeting, the TVET for Tourism industry coach met with the Torba Tourism Council members and Provincial Government to explain the objectives of the TVET for Tourism program and the responsibilities of both the program's industry coaches and trainers and the clients. The launch of the TVET for Tourism program was witnessed by Mr. George Borugu(Director of Tourism) and was officially launched by President of the Provincial Government – Erick Shedrack.



Motalava Island

Industry Coach, Pascal Gavotto, provided coaching for nine bungalows on Motalava. It was positive to see the involvement of women in business with the participation of 9 female bungalow managers. Other products that were part of the coaching program include Sleeping Mountain, Mud Fishing and Snake Dance.



Sleeping Mountain

These are some activities that the Torba TVET Centre engaged in during the last three months. We would like to thank everyone involved and look forward to continuous partnership in providing coordinated demand driven trainings and business support for the improvement of our communities.