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Local coalitions for economic recovery and food security

Experiences from Vanuatu

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Vanuatu Skills Partnership



Vanuatu Skills Partnership

- The Vanuatu Skills Partnership is a locally led initiative to achieve **improved prosperity and governance** through the vector of reform of the national skills (Post-School Education and Training) system.
- Since 2005, the Partnership has been working to improve **access to skills and markets** that lead to economic and social prosperity for ni-Vanuatu, with a focus on the participation of people disadvantaged by geography, gender, and disability.



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Building an effective national skills system





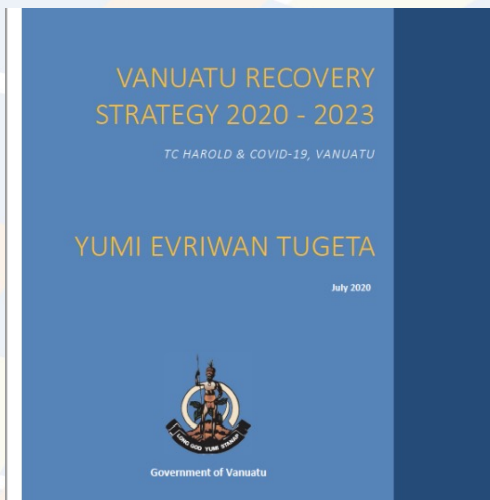
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NATIONAL POLICIES

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VANUATU
POST SCHOOL EDUCATION
AND TRAINING (PSET) POLICY
2016 - 2020
Vanuatu Ministry of Education and Training





A DECENTRALISED SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM

LOCATIONS

- 1 NATIONAL COORDINATION OFFICE
- 2 SANMA SKILLS CENTRE
- 3 MALAMPA SKILLS CENTRE
- 4 TORBA SKILLS CENTRE
- 5 TAFEA SKILLS CENTRE
- 6 AMBAE RECOVERY PROJECT OFFICE

 = Ministry of Education and Training Skills Centres



WORKSTREAMS

-  SKILLS FOR AGRIBUSINESS
-  SKILLS FOR CREATIVE INDUSTRIES
-  SKILLS FOR CONSTRUCTION
-  SKILLS FOR HEALTH
-  SKILLS FOR TOURISM
-  TRAINING PROVIDER SUPPORT



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INDIVIDUAL



Developmental leadership relies on **motivated individuals** with the values, interests and opportunity to influence change.

COLLECTIVE



Motivated people overcome barriers to cooperation and form **coalitions** with power, legitimacy and influence.

SOCIETAL



Coalitions' power and effectiveness partly hinges on their ability to **contest** and de-legitimise one set of ideas and **legitimise** an alternative set.



BUILDING LOCAL RESILIENCE 1 – MALEKULA SEEDS



- High demand for vegetable seeds after TC Harold in 2020
- No local seed bank - imported seeds were delayed due to border closure
- Skills training in vegetable seed production with key farmers



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- In June 2021, *Malekula Seeds* was launched by a group of farmers





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- *Malekula Seeds* is a first for Malampa Province
- Its aim is to improve food security through increased access to organic and resilient seeds
- Seeds packaged and currently sold through Malampa's creative industries market distribution hub – Malampa Handicraft Centre





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BUILDING LOCAL RESILIENCE 2 – MALEKULA PEPPER



- After TC Harold devastated pepper farms in Santo in 2020, Malekula took the opportunity to develop its pepper industry
- Skills training in pepper crop management, processing and marketing



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- By the end of 2020, *Malekula Pepper* was produced and rated by the market as a high quality pepper
- Today, *Malekula Pepper* is sold locally at the Malampa Handicraft Centre as well as in Port Vila



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BUILDING LOCAL RESILIENCE 3 – MALAMPA HANDICRAFT CENTRE



- A small Creative Industries market distribution hub
- Apart from handicraft products, the centre now provides nationwide market access for agri-business products – pepper & vegetable seeds



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BUILDING LOCAL RESILIENCE 3 – MALAMPA HANDICRAFT CENTRE



- Agri-business tools for seed, pepper and cocoa farmers
- A model that provides space/opportunity for skills development and market access in creative industries and agri-business, led and driven locally



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TANKIO TUMAS!