Local coalitions for economic recovery and food security

Experiences from Vanuatu

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- 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.
Building an effective national skills system

- Quality Systems and Delivery
- Leadership and Governance
- Inclusive Access
- Sustainable prosperity
A DECENTRALISED SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM

LOCATIONS

- NATIONAL COORDINATION OFFICE
- SANMA SKILLS CENTRE
- MALAMPA SKILLS CENTRE
- TORBA SKILLS CENTRE
- TAFEA SKILLS CENTRE
- AMBAE RECOVERY PROJECT OFFICE

= Ministry of Education and Training Skills Centres

WORKSTREAMS

- SKILLS FOR AGROBUSINESS
- 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.

SOCIOETAL

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

Reference: The Developmental Leadership Program
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
In June 2021, Malekula Seeds was launched by a group of farmers.
• **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
After TC Harold devasted pepper farms in Santo in 2020, Malekula took the opportunity to develop its pepper industry.

Skills training in pepper crop management, processing and marketing.
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.
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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- 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
TANKIO TUMAS!