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The newsletter from the Justice and Community Services Sector



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The purpose of this Newsletter is to share information, news and data among our Sector. You can keep up with more news at the Ministry of Justice & Community Services (MJCS) website and other Sector agencies websites.

SECTOR UPDATES

Juvenile Justice and Victim Support sector strategies

The Justice and Community Services Sector Strategy 2014-2017 (JCSSS) contains 8 strategies that the justice and community services sector has agreed to progress to address the cross-cutting issues faced by the sector. Two of the strategies are Juvenile justice (strategy 2) and Victim support (strategy 3).

In September 2015, the Heads of Agency Group (HOAG) agreed on an Approved Way Forward for the JCSSS that summarised the status of each strategy and the approved next steps for how each sector strategy might be progressed. For both the Juvenile justice and Victim support strategies, it was agreed that support be provided to develop an agreed plan which could then be driven at the institutional level. Last year, the *Stretem Rod Blong Jastis* program supported the development of recommendations for both strategies, for the relevant sector agencies to implement. These are practical, realistic and each agency can

achieve within its own mandate and resourcing.

On 6 October 2016, HOAG approved the Victim Support recommendations (pictured). On 13 March 2017, the Justice Sector Leadership Forum (JSLF, which formed out of HOAG) approved the Juvenile justice report titled 'Where to from here? A report into the institutional status of juvenile justice in Vanuatu' (pictured). Implementation of the recommendations will progress both the sector strategies as well as contribute to achievement of the National Sustainable Development Plan (NSDP) goals.

The responsibility to implement the recommendations rests with all of us – look up the recommendations on the MJCS website https://mjcs.gov.vu/images/research_data_base/VICTIM_SUPPORT_RECOMMENDATIONS_FINAL.pdf and get involved in your agency to implement the recommendations. Reach out to Jocelyn Loughman ljocelyn@vanuatu.gov.vu or Louise Nasak lnasak@vanuatu.gov.vu for more information.



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Welcome to our new staff

Amy Green, Training and Learning Advisor



Amy is excited to be joining the *Stretem Rod Blong Jastis mo Sefti* program as a Training and Learning Adviser. She will be working alongside the MJCS Capacity Development Coordinator Louise Nasak and other SRBJS advisers including Capacity Development and Leadership Adviser Vicki Vaartjes to support implementation of the Capacity Development Strategy and contribute to resulting improved service delivery for the people of Vanuatu (particularly women, children and youth). She will also provide support to the Vanuatu disability sector to deliver their activities in a way that enhances inclusiveness and participation for people with disabilities.

Amy comes to this role with a double Bachelor's degree in Law (Honors) and Arts from the University of Western Australia and a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment. Since May 2016 she has worked with the Vanuatu Society for People with Disability (VSPD) alongside VSPD's female Program Manager to strengthen organizational capacity across a range of areas, including stakeholder engagement (particularly donor liaison), program development and monitoring and evaluation and strategic planning.

This followed employment at the Australian Attorney-General's Department (AGD) where she worked closely with AGD officers delivering international legal assistance across the Pacific and South and South East Asia, including in relation to program design and monitoring and evaluation

. Amy is looking forward to the opportunity to work with partners across the Vanuatu Justice and Community Services sector.

Edward John, Child Protection officer - Sanma



The Ministry of Justice through the Child Desk Office would like to welcome two of its new staff who has joined the Ministry this year, Child Protection officer SANMA Edward John and Child Protection Officer South James Anga.

Our newest member in the team is Edward

John who has joined the Ministry on the 17th of July 2017 as the Child Protection Officer-Sanma. Edward is a young man of age 35 who lives with his family in Santo East Area. He was a student at the Aore Adventist Academy from 1995 to 2001 studying Arts. Later in 2002 went to the University of the South Pacific to continue his studies.

Edward who is now commonly known as Edou took up more interest in Social work short training which has let him to develop his interest in the field of child protection. His special trainings and other qualifications includes:

- Child Protection in Emergency training
- Gender Based Violence
- Camp Glow and Build Trainings
- Child Rights Programming
- Child Rights situation analysis work – shop

And others that include youth work and community oriented programs.

He used to work with Save the Children before he joined the Ministry in 2017. The Ministry is proud to have him on board in continuing to implement the rights of children in our communities. He has just started and looking forward to many more years to come.

James Anga, Child Protection officer – Shefa

On 1st August 2017 James Anga was appointed as Child Protection Officer – Shefa based at Port Vila, he was a teacher by profession for 11 years with the Teaching services commission and continued with Save the Children



Australia based in Port Vila from May 2013 – October 2014 and Community Engagement Officer Save the Children Australia based in Ambae from November 2014 – December 2016. His special skills are:

- Training & workshop planning delivery and evaluation in rural community setting
- Delivery of training in a specific cultural context
- Community Liaising – information gathering, collating, dissemination
- Survey and Awareness Logistics
- Team work
- Counseling – Youth and Kids

And other skills that provide services to communities.

The Ministry would like to congratulate both Child Protection Officers.

New Executive Secretary



The Ministry also recruited a new Executive Secretary, who joins the team on the 22nd June 2017, MS Thelma Kalulu was recruited to the position to assist the Director General with organizing daily appointments, logistics and other administration matters. MS Kalulu has obtained certificates in computing and financial management and provides good customer service skills, ability to see through tasks diligently, passionate and hardworking staff.

The Ministry would like to welcome Ms Kalulu.

Opening of Mauria Correctional Centre



The Mauria Correctional Centre in Luganville was officially opened on 27 July.

This was a landmark day for the justice sector, as it is the first Correctional Centre built since colonial days. A large turnout of Ministers, community leaders, Government representatives and members of the public indicated the importance of the event.

'Mauria' means 'new life' in local language, recognizing the rehabilitation focus of the Department of Correctional Services.

The Centre provides capacity for 85 detainees. It includes a new Operational Centre for Department officers, plus a visiting room which includes non-contact facilities. A building platform for another cell wing has also been constructed, allowing expansion of the

Centre if required. The old Correctional Centre will continue to operate for low risk and female detainees and will become a base for delivery of rehabilitation activities.

All work on the Centre was undertaken by Vanuatu companies, from design to earthworks to construction and supervision. All tenders were awarded based on the outcome of competitive tenders.

This Centre was proudly built as a joint project between the Government of Vanuatu and the Government of New Zealand.

Justice sector officials wanting to inspect the new Centre can apply to Centre Manager North, Richard Bani ribani@vanuatu.gov.vu.



VIPs enter the Centre after cutting of the ribbon



Acting Prime Minister inspecting DBKS guard at Official Opening



Official Opening of Mauria Correctional Centre

A newly born Nakamal

On 25th August a newly born 'Nakamal or farea blong ol chiefs' was officially opened at the newly Prime Minister's office compound. It was purposely constructed for custom ceremonies performed at the Prime Ministers Offices.

The Nakamal was a decision done by the Malvatumauri Chief Executive Officer Mr Jean Pierre Tom, in his speech to the Prime Minister he mentioned "Prime Minister yu buildim everi haos blong ol government insaed lo yard blo you weh e includum state law, PSC and ol narawan be wem blo mi? " With no further delay and question the "Nakamal or Farea blong ol chiefs" was approved by the Honorable Prime Minister.

The day ends with a kava ceremony which marks the establishment of the new "Nakamal or farea blong ol Chiefs"



Nakamal under construction



Malvatumauri & Customary officers giving cheers with kava

Review of Sector Strategy

Strategy for the Justice and Community Services Sector

2014 -2017



The current Justice and Community Services Sector Strategy (JCSSS) 2014 – 2017 was developed through a comprehensive process of consultation and workshop over a period of time in 2013, supported by the *Stretem Rod Blong Jastis (SRBJ)* Program. The Strategy was developed with the recognition that individual agencies alone are not capable of solving critical challenges that face them. Whilst also recognising that there are many shared common interests and that by working together we can resolve cross sector issues. The Sector set its Vision to work towards, "*Jastis, Sefti, Digniti, Rispek mo gud fasin blong everiwan*", which has steered the implementation of the Sector Strategy this last 3 years.

This vision has been supported by eight (8) strategic themes with an overarching goal of "Access to Justice" for everyone. Below are the eight (8) key cross-cutting themes and their brief descriptions;

1. Customary Disputes - for communities to have confidence in a fair and consistent system where people know their rights and have a clear understanding of the distinction between the formal and informal systems of justice.
2. Juvenile Justice - to provide a system where the community is confident that juveniles are managed appropriately within the formal justice system and that their needs are met.
3. Victim Support - to ensure that victims are restored physically and mentally so they can assume their lives as full citizens in their communities.
4. Infrastructure Needs - aimed at ensuring that future infrastructure meets international requirements and support service delivery of agencies into at least 2050. Infrastructure development is an essential factor in Vanuatu's public sector development and critical to enabling the citizens to access justice.
5. Human Rights - Greater respect and protection for citizens through legislation, greater awareness by individuals about their rights and improvement to Vanuatu's international standing.
6. Crime and Impacts of Crime - To improve safety (and perceptions of safety) in communities, increased business confidence and enhance the country's standing.
7. Delays in progress of Cases – A major strategy designed to address these problems so there are no unnecessary delays and the community has confidence in the timely, effective resolution of their cases.

8. Access to Justice - This became a reference point for assessing the contribution of all above seven (7) strategies to access to justice.

The 3 years implementation period of the JCSSS 2014-2017 lapses end of this year. It is good organisational Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) practise that we now do a review to take stock of our progresses, the challenges we have had, and the positive lessons we learnt that we want to continue working on and the challenging lessons we want to address in the next phase. All Sector Agencies will be informed through their Heads about the review plan with timeframes to engage every agencies participation and contribution in this critical M&E process – The Review of the JCSSS. The Strategy for Justice and Community Services Sector 2-14-2017 can be found on the MJCS website: mjcs.gov.vu. For information on the JCSSS review plan and process reach out to Pacco Siri, Acting Director General, psiri@vanuatu.gov.vu or Jocelyn Loughman, Monitoring and Evaluation Officer, ljocelyn@vanuatu.gov.vu



Thank you for reading the July edition of Loa mo SoseL Jastis Toktok.

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