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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

#### Welcome to our new staff



The Disability Desk would like to introduce to you all and by welcoming Mr. Lele Valua Vijinaia on board to join the MJCS family teams. Mr. Lele is our new appointed Provincial Desk Office at Malampa Province.

He attended Primary School at Lehilehina Primary school in 1995. He then moved to

Tata Primary School from 1995 to 1999. He continued his education at Matevulu College from 2000 to 2003.

From 2004 – 2005 he had continued his education at VIT with opportunity under training courses with the TVET Sector Program now call VSP and working as the Ambassador of the Program in phase 1 – 2 on a contract bases.

Furthermore, his working experiences had worked with Vanwods Microfinance for the last 5 years in Malekula as Senior Field Accounts Officer. In addition, he worked at the Business Managing Malampa Handicraft Centre Early 2018 (2months)

Finally, he was appointed by PSC as Provincial Officer Community Services for Malampa on the 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

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## Department of Correctional news

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With the final assessment of phase 1, both of them have been successfully selected to undertake phase 2, beginning 16<sup>th</sup> May – 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Upon their return to PNG, both officers will be posted to do on-the-job training at Bomana Major Correctional Institution (PNG). During the maximum period of eight (8) months they are required to provide evidence of work on Units of Competences they undertook during Phase 1 of their training program.

Presenting their final report of Phase 1 to the Director of the Correctional Services on the 2<sup>th</sup> May 2018, both officers were very happy about their training, they said that they enjoyed their training and Papua New Guinea Correction Services (PNGS) looks after them very well. The Director of the Correctional Services, in receiving their report acknowledged both officers and congratulated them of their achievements. This is another mile stone for DBKS since this is a first training for Vanuatu Correctional Staff to attend such training in PNG. Funding's for this program was fully sponsored by the PNGCS inclusive of tuition fee, airfare accommodation and small stipends. Initially the Director of Correction made this arrangement with his PNG

counterpart during his last visit there years ago. Both Officers will return to PNGCS on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018 to undertake Phase2 that will run till 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018.



*Director of Correctional Services pose with two senior staff at the DBKS office. Both officers wearing PNGCS cadet uniforms*

### Double Celebration for Department of Correctional Services



A small ceremony marked a double celebration for the Department of Correctional Services.

Eleven officers who were recently appointed into permanent positions completed their Core Skills training and a graduation ceremony was held to mark their achievement. The eleven officers will be deployed at Port Vila Correctional Centres.

'I am very proud to see the growth of my Department's training unit,' said Director, Johnny Marango. 'We now deliver our own training using trainers drawn from our own ranks. This is a more cost-effective way of delivering training, and the training is more targeted. I congratulate not only the graduates but also our trainers – Manager Richard Bani, Principal Corrections Officers Alistair Kelly and Jesse Obed, Senior Corrections Officer George Edson, and Corrections Officer Seule Siri – because the training they delivered was rated 'Very Good' by every one of the trainees.'

The ceremony was also an opportunity for handing over of two new buses to the Department.

'My Department is still young and has been very fortunate to have had assistance from the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs for many years. New Zealand's recent assistance to purchase two new buses is greatly appreciated as it will significantly improve operations within our Correctional Centres,' said Mr Marango.



The buses will be deployed in Santo and Port Vila Correctional Centres.

'The role of Correctional Services is to keep the community safe and to reduce crime by rehabilitating offenders. Since the Department was established in 2006 we have made great progress in reducing escapes and reducing re-offending. I am pleased to celebrate these two milestones as we continue with our mission for Vanuatu to be the safest country in the Pacific, and a safe place to invest and do business,' concluded Mr. Marango.



## Stretem Rod blong Jastis mo Sefti news

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On the 14<sup>th</sup> of March 2018, the Isangel Police Station organised a "Handover Ceremony" for the 5 new PIMS computers and 1 scanner. The ceremony participants;

- Acting Commander, Senior Sergeant, Alfred Konmawi and his 12 police officers including 1 civilian staff;
- Pako Noah and Veloheja Tamaute, VPF (Vanuatu Police Force) PIMS (Police Information Management System) Super Users;
- Emma Scadeng, Systems Officer, SRBJS (Stretem Rod Blong Jastis mo Sefti).



*Handing over of the new PIMS computers and " scanner between SRBJS rep and Acting Commander Tafea Patrol, Senior Sergeant Alfred Konmawi*



*PIMS Refresher Training: Learning how to use the new scanner to scan statements and uploading them on PIMS*

## Capacity Development corner

### Graduation Day for Seventeen Law and Justice Sector Managers

12 April 2018 was a day of immense celebration for 17 law and justice sector leaders and managers representing Ministry of Justice and Community Services, Department of Corrections, Customary Lands Management Office, Vanuatu Cultural Centre, Office of the Ombudsman, Public Solicitor's Office, State Law Office, Vanuatu Law Reform Commission and the Judiciary. These officers were formally awarded a Certificate IV in Leadership and Management delivered through Australia-Pacific Technical College (APTC).

Acting Director General of Vanuatu's Ministry of Justice and Community Services, Mr Pacco Siri, gave the keynote speech, congratulating the graduands on their achievements and hard work in attaining an Australian qualification. A/g DG made special mention of the 52 women graduates, as well as the 17 graduating managers from the justice and community services sector.

The APTC Certificate IV forms one part of the Management Development Program (MDP). The MDP, designed and funded by *Stretem Rod Blong Jastis mo Sefti* (SRBJS) in partnership with the MJCS, aims to engage managers in development that *strengthens their practical capabilities so that they are better equipped to confidently and skillfully undertake management responsibilities, and contribute to improved agency performance*. Learning will continue throughout 2018 with technical intensive workshops, led by ni-Vanuatu experts, and be complemented by ongoing Action Learning group meetings.

The graduation was also a landmark occasion for the disability sector. The Ministry and SRBJS celebrated the achievements of M



### Building Strong Policy Leaders

On the 24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of April, the Ministry of Justice and Community Services with support from the Attorney General's Department of Australia, conducted a Policy Development training with a focus on combatting cybercrime. The training was attended by participants from the Ministry of Justice and Community Services, Telecommunications and Radiocommunications Regulator, Office of the Government Chief Information Officer, Foreign Affairs, VANGO, State Law, Police, Right to Information Unit, Vanuatu Law Reform Commission, Office of the Public Prosecutor, and Vanuatu Christian Council.

Learning outcomes included:

- Define 'policy' and explain a policy development process
- Explain the role of the public servant in developing policy
- Implement a policy development process
- Explain the role of stakeholders in the policy development process
- Use appropriate tools to assist with developing policy
- Explain the importance of implementing policy
- Explain the importance monitoring and evaluating policy
- Keep proper and accurate records of the policy development process



The 2 day training Policy Development training was well received and there is interests in running similar training with Police and NGOs. The Ministry will be running another Policy Development training in August this year. Contact the Capacity Development Coordinator ([mjcs@vanuatu.gov.vu](mailto:mjcs@vanuatu.gov.vu) or 33615) should you wish to get more information about this training opportunity.

We take this opportunity to thank the Attorney General's Department of Australia for supporting this training and *Stretem Rod Blong Justis mo Sefti* for its immense funding support which made this training possible.



## Induction Program – April

The disability team, have welcomed a new member on board. Mr Vijinaia Lele is the new Provincial Officer – Community Services for Malampa. The Ministry HR unit successfully conducted a two weeks intensive induction for Mr Lele. He flew from Malekula to Port Vila on the 13<sup>th</sup> of April and left on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April. The induction program involves all units within the Corporate Service Unit, the Community Services agencies and other stakeholders such as Vanuatu Society for People with Disability, TVET and Stretem Rod blong Jastis mo Sefti (SRBJMS). Not only was Lele part of this induction, but the whole disability team engaged in this program, the Disability Coordinator – Ginette Morris and Provincial Officer Community Services – Shefa – Knox Lanny Morris. The Ministry trusts that Mr Lele has left Port Vila with a more broad knowledge of what is required of him from the Ministry and from the Public Service Commission.

The corporation and efforts put in by each unit of the Ministry and each community services agency is very much appreciated by the MJCS – HR unit and the Disability Team. This continues to show the strong team work in the Ministry and the commitments each officer has in achieving common goals.



## Reconciliation between Ambae Community and SANMA Council of Chiefs



A reconciliation ceremony staged at the Chief's nakamal in Luganville on Thursday 19 April restored relationships between Ambae communities and Sanma, in particular the island of Santo. Comments on social media following the evacuation to and repatriation from Santo back to Ambae in last year's volcanic eruption have incensed communities from Santo thus calling for a formal apology from Ambae leaders.

Malvatumauri President, Chief Tirsupe Senimao echoed the sentiments of the President of Sanma Council of Chiefs, Chief Levus Tamata and Sanma Provincial Council President Mr. Thomas Vora, calling for 'Respect' from guests in Sanma Province and elsewhere around the country. Speakers representing Ambae communities including Chief Andrew Mera, Honorable MP Alickson Vira, Chief John Tarilama and Chief Alicita Vuti acknowledged the immense

support continuously given by Sanma Province to the people of Ambae and begged for forgiveness from Sanma leaders.

Speaking on behalf of the Sanma Council of Chiefs, Chief Levus Tamata acknowledged and expressed gratitude for the reconciliation process which he stressed would restore mutual respect and pave the way for more dialogue on the issue of land for Ambae evacuees. Honourable Antoine Pikioune, Minister of Finance who also participated in the reconciliation process reiterated the Government of Vanuatu's support to finding adequate and appropriate space for Ambae evacuees. Other dignitaries who took part in this reconciliation process included CEO of Malvatumauri, Mr Tom Jean Pierre, Ms Cherol Ala, Director General of Ministry of Internal Affairs, Deputy Director of DLA, Mr Onen Gavika, Chiefs of Sanma council of Chiefs and Luganville town Council of Chiefs, church leaders, Ambae Councillor, Mr James Tarito and leaders of Ambae Disaster Committees in both Santo and Port Vila.

## Collaboration work with Partners, Motivational Australia and VSPD

Disability Desk is very delighted to have effective working partners such as Motivational Australia and VSPD who had conducted two weeks intensive care training on Wheel Chairs on Clinical and Technical to participants coming from Fiji, Kiribati and Vanuatu.

The purpose of the training is to train trainers to upskilled their knowledge on how to maintain the devices especially on wheel chairs for the disabilities within our respected communities. However, the Facilitator was coming from USA and Kiribati just to train the participants. All participants had received a certificate at the end of the two weeks training.



Marksuel Nausien, first Vanuatu graduate in Certificate IV in Disability



Thank you for reading the April edition of Loa mo Sotel Jastis Toktok.

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