

The case of Vanuatu: strategic Role of government libraries in Providing evidence to support the Preparation of VNRs - 10th APFSD Side Event Concept Note (IFLA)

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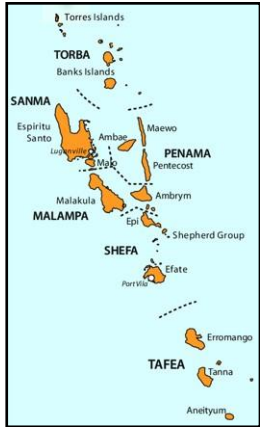


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The case of Vanuatu



Vanuatu is divided into **6** Provinces. Each provinces represented a grouped of islands. The provincial structure include a President, a Secretary General (SG) and Area Councils that administered the provincial affairs for each provinces.

“ Library work is more essential than ever if we want to continue to broaden the impact of our network in line with the SDG’s and National Goals ”

By Betty Eni Williams - Librarian at Reserve Bank of Vanuatu.



There are mainly **9** Government ministries in total for the Vanuatu government working together to advance the fair distribution and development on the Vanuatu 2030, the Peoples Plan focusing on the 3 main pillars for growth and development



Vanuatu recent Population is

334,506

A growth rate of

2.39%



Representing around

32%

of Ni-Vanuatu adult unbanked population



89.10%

Literacy rate with a rate of 1.59 % Annual growth change bases



Vanuatu Library Association (VLA) is a non-political, non-profit organization, owned, governed and sustained by members through annual membership fees and fundraisings VLA goal is to support members to develop and implement successful strategic plans and policy framework to address country specific Library challenges to the overall National Government Development Strategic Plans

Dimensions of Pacific Libraries Network



Before being a member of the Pacific Libraries Network;

Vanuatu Library professionals and managers in VLA have very little knowledge and most were not aware of the SDG's and the important role that Libraries plays a part until they were invited to be part of developing the statement of intent and convening on development of the Pacific Strategic Action plans back in 2018 and 2019 in Suva, Fiji and in Brisbane, Australia.

The Vanuatu Library Association representatives came away with a strong will to inspire, engage, enable and connect. We decided to revisit our traditional way of doing things in a Library to running a wider library programs and services to link with the SDG's in a more inspired, aspirational and innovative Libraries and SDS's initiatives.



**Direct
outcome**

RBV KERE LIBRARY AS A GOVERNMENT STATUDORY BODY: INVOLMENTS;

RBV Librarian represented VLA to participated in the Pacific Libraries Network convention in Brisbane, Australia resulted in funding and hosting a successful one day VLA workshop

The Power of partnership and collaboration was highlighted in the launching of a Friends of Vanuatu Libraries (FVL) involving the current Hon. Minister for Climate Change as the Patron

A resolution discussion was pointed out during this workshop especially due to the ongoing insufficient Library budget/funds for Vanuatu libraries; it is suggested a need to have a proper legislation in place

National Library in partnership with RBV Library embarked on a journey to develop a legal framework and conducted a wider consultation to guide a proposed Library Services Act in Vanuatu back in 2018 and now in its second draft to be passed in the Parliament this year

The Library continues to develop and run its programs and activities to promote some of SDG's/NSDG's



Our Vision

Building a strong Library Association and Library Networks in Vanuatu and around the World.



VLA Core Objective

To provide all VLA Members with the right tools and resources to develop capacity building and technical support through networking, sharing and implementation of Libraries SDG's/NSDG's initiatives.



Our Mission

Empower Libraries as important institutions to increase the access and usage of quality library services for the unserved and underserved guided by proper legislations, establishment and global advocacy of sustainable, inclusive Library services for all in Vanuatu.

Vanuatu 2030: The People's Plan National Sustainable Development Plan 2016 - 2030



This was developed by the Department of Strategic Policy, Planning and Aid Coordination (DSPPAC), office of the Prime Minister

✓ *This Peoples plan was further developed into 3 main pillars of the National Sustainable Development Goals (NSDGs)*

✓ *With a National vision statement: “A stable, sustainable and prosperous Vanuatu”*

✓ *The 3 main pillars are Society Pillar, Environment Pillar and Economic Pillar*

The National Sustainable Development Goals

SOCIETY PILLAR		ENVIRONMENT PILLAR		ECONOMY PILLAR	
SOC 1	Vibrant cultural identity	ENV 1	Food and Nutrition Security	ECO 1	Stable and Equitable Growth
SOC 2	Quality Education	ENV 2	Blue-Green Economic Growth	ECO 2	Improve Infrastructure
SOC 3	Quality Health Care	ENV 3	Climate and Disaster Resilience	ECO 3	Strengthen Rural Communities
SOC 4	Social Inclusion	ENV 4	Natural Resource Management	ECO 4	Create jobs and business opportunities
SOC 5	Peace and Justice	ENV 5	Ecosystems and Biodiversity		
SOC 6	Strong and Effective Institutions				

Focus: alignment to people's plan ECO 1.8 & ECO 1.9

ECO 1.8 – Ensure financial sector stability and make financial services affordable and accessible for all through pursuing financial inclusion strategies

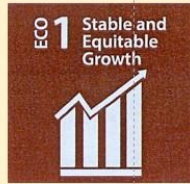
ECO 1.9 – Promoting financial literacy and consumer empowerment



BOARD GAME

Learning Tip: Manage personal saving

ECONOMY PILLAR



Women in Emae taking the lead on setting up Women's Cooperative

Impact of RBV KERE LIBRARY



STUDENTS of NAWORAONE & KATUNDAWLA French and English Primary school assembled outside their school compound for school presentations.



RBV Promotional items given as gifts for quiz.



BOARD GAME shown to Class 1 to 6 students of Hiwelo English Primary School in Tongoa

Impact of RBV Kere Library

- ✓ *RBV has maintained strong partnership in second steering the commitment on the Vanuatu proposed Library Services Act*
- ✓ *As Vice-Treasurer of the Vanuatu Library Association*
- ✓ *Represent Vanuatu in Regional and International Library seminars, workshops, conferences and meetings*
- ✓ *Run Library basic training for school intends during school holidays*
- ✓ *Always reaching out to partner with Vanuatu Cultural Centre to stage exhibitions and promote Vanuatu Tradition and cultures*
- ✓ *Hosting school field trips to Reserve Bank of Vanuatu*
- ✓ *Putting on grand exhibition to mark important event organised by the Bank*
- ✓ *Staging Library talks*
- ✓ *Coordinating the Central Banking Awareness through Vanuatu*
- ✓ *Running Financial Literacy awareness*



RBV Exhibition of Traditional Weaving and Baskets Launched



Sand-drawing during the 40 years of Central Banking in Vanuatu

How We would like to Achieve Our Impact

✓ *Develop Working Group/ Technical Committee /Strengthen our Library Association*

✓ **IMPLEMENTATION**

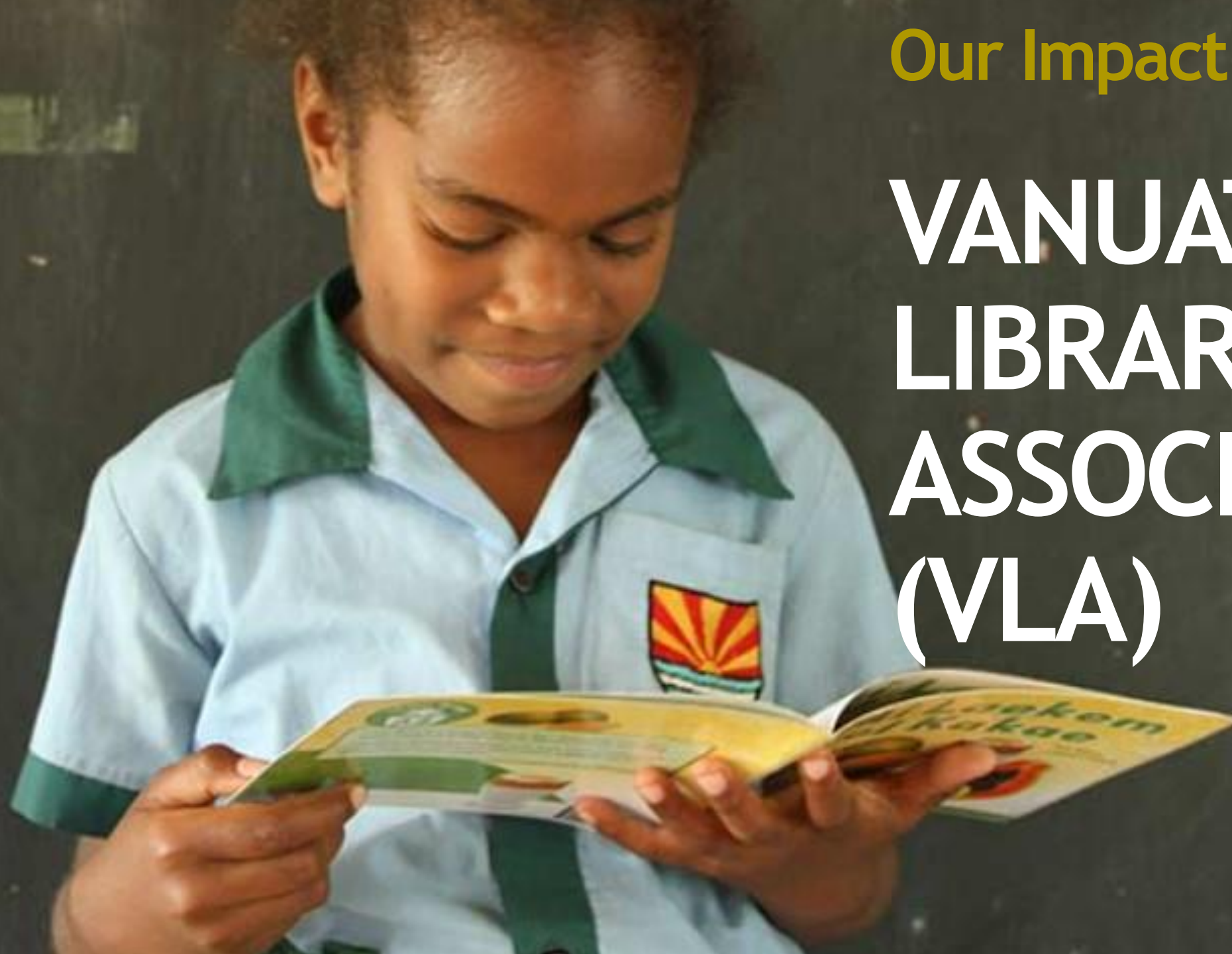
1. **IN-COUNTRY SUPPORT**
2. **CAPACITY BUILDING**
3. **REGIONAL INITIATIVES PARTNERSHIPS**

✓ **AGENDA-SETTING**

1. **PACIFIC LIBRARIES NETWORK**
2. **ASIA OCEANIA REGIONAL DIVISION (IFLA)**
3. **PIALA**
4. **LEADERS ROUNDTALBE**
5. **GLOBAL VOICE**

Our Impact as

**VANUATU
LIBRARY
ASSOCIATION
(VLA)**





**Vanuatu Library Association has managed to established new sub-association
In Luganville/Santo and Lakatoro/ Malekula branch and they are called;**

- **Santo Library Association; and**
- **Malekula Library Association**

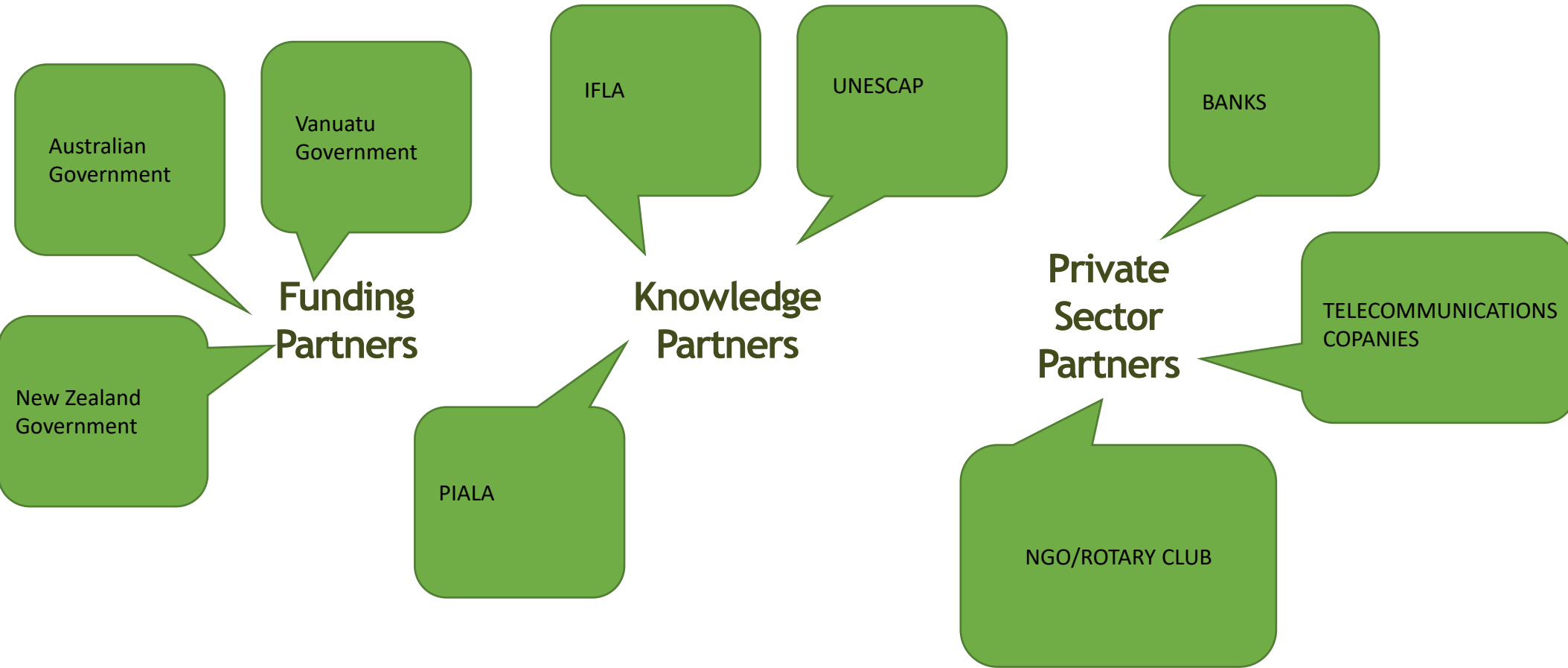
But there is much work to be done so to cover the 6 Provinces



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Our hope for the future



Thank You



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