

Update

Latest news from VANWODS

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VANWODS is your friendly community financial services provider. We work to be the respected leader in the provision of accessible financial and business development services, and to support our clients to live with dignity and security.



Microfinance Training in China

VANWODS would like to thank the Chinese Government for their great support, through a partnership with the Republic of Vanuatu, which has provided the opportunity for Ni-Vanuatu to travel all the way to China to attend seminars, courses and training. VANWODS staff member Mrs. Koanapo Anita travelled to China to attend a seminar on Small Micro Entrepreneurship from 25 May to 15 June 2016. Representative of 13 countries attended this seminar. This training builds on Mrs. Koanapo's knowledge and experience and will support VANWODS in our goal - to help develop Micro businesses into Small Micro Enterprise.



NAMATAN Short Film Training

VANWODS staffs have attended video production training as part of the annual Nataman Short Film Festival. Established by the Australian High Commission, Nataman provides training to interested people in the community. VANWODS IT – Mr. Yano Metan, Operations

Manager – Mrs. Elizabeth B Iauko and JICA Volunteer – Mr. Teruaki Tagashira, attended the training from 27-29 April at Wan Smol Bag. Training participants learned story making, shooting and editing. VANWODS will use these skills to develop a new video for clients.

Asian Development Bank Assistance

VANWODS would like to thank the Asian Development Bank for their generous support and funding for the reconstruction of VANWODS office, fencing and office equipment. VANWODS management would like to thank all VANWODS clients for their continued commitment towards the organization, following the damage Cyclone PAM caused to the Port Vila office. Our new office is expected to open before end of this year.

Branch Report-VILA Branch

Mrs. Anita Bebe is one of the first members to join VANWODS. Mrs. Bebe joined in Simbolo's Women's Association, in 1996, when VANWODS started as a project for the Department of Women's Affairs. Mrs. Bebe is 58 years of age and has raised five children; two sons and three daughters. Since she started her journey with VANWODS, Mrs. Bebe has never resigned and she strongly believes in herself and her abilities. Mrs. Bebe started with VANWODS in 1996, with a business loan of 5000vt, and now manages two businesses of her own; cooking peanut and selling ice cream. Mrs. Bebe is thankful for VANWODS and said: "This organization is like a blessing to me and my family, as back in the days, all banks do not recognize us disadvantaged women, but VANWODS empowered women with its services". (+678-26829 vila@vanwods.org.vu)

- SANTO Branch

VANWODS Santo Branch will be celebrating its Open Day in Lugainville in October 2016. The President for the Open Day committee, Mrs. Jack Adlyn, confirms that its committee members are working together to organize this celebration. The Open Day's strong theme is: "VANWODS PROMOTE WOMEN EMPOWERMENT TRU SMALL BUSINESS". There will be lots of activities, including fashion show competitions. Over 1600 VANWODS clients are invited to parade from Unity store to Unity Park, where the celebration will occur. VANWODS members look forward to this event, confirms Senior Field Account Officer, Ms. Valerie Langon.

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- MALEKULA Branch

VANWODS Malekula Branch is planning an exciting new event. The event is a clean-up day and the theme is: "Getting rid of Malaria in Malampa province". The purpose of this event is to provide a service to Malampa province, by cleaning-up the area around the compound for Norsup Hospital on 24 August 2016. The President of the Organizing Committee, Ms. Veremaito, and her team are working hard to prepare for the clean-up day. Senior Account officer in Malekula, Ms. Astina Singo, confirms that Norsup Hospital management congratulates VANWODS for organizing this event.

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- TANNA Branch

Mrs. Naosian Christine from Lenakel Tanna, is a successful business woman and is happy to share her success story. Before joining VANWODS, Mrs. Christine sold food at the road market. Mrs. Christine joined VANWODS LTC center in 2011 and started her Lodge business, "Lenakel Lodge". She has continued to manage this business and has graduated from Micro-credit product to Small Micro-Entrepreneur. Mrs. Christine is happy that VANWODS empowered her through financial assistance.

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Planning to reach your Goal

A dream written down with a date becomes a **GOAL**.
A goal broken down into steps becomes a **PLAN**.
A plan put into **ACTION** can make your dreams come true.