

SPC EQAP Workshop for supporting Vanuatu Ministry of Education staff in data analysis and report writing.

Preface:

A three-day workshop facilitated by SPC consultants was held from 17 - 19 October 2017 at the Secretariat Building of the Melanesian Spearhead Group in Port Vila. Nineteen participants from the Vanuatu Ministry of Education (MoE) Policy and Planning Division and as well as MoE officers from Finance, Budget, Human Resources, Teachers Services and three Provincial Education Officers worked on developing skills, knowledge and confidence in a number of areas to improve their utilisation and understanding of statistical data.



Objectives of the workshop:

Information stored in the Open VEIMS database system is collected from every school in Vanuatu providing a rich database of information to support the annual planning and review of the education sector as well as used to monitor and track National education policies and international targets. The importance of MoE producing better quality statistics, analysis and reporting is central to developing a culture of evidence based decision making to support the education sector and national development.

Workshop participants were presented with a number of sessions related to statistical literacy, data interpretation and narrative writing, education indicator calculations as well as online mapping. These skills and techniques aim to assist MoE staff in their daily work as well as to support policy makers and donors with more accessible insights into the trends of the Vanuatu education sector.

As any country grows in population, there is a need to plan and provide more schools, teachers and education resources in order to improve learning outcomes and contribute to national social and economic development.

One of the MoE participants noted in their end-of workshop evaluation:

"Thanks a lot for the workshop and the wide range of information shared over the last days. It was great to see counterparts from various areas of the Ministry reflecting about data and its importance. The workshop was a great contribution to gain momentum in the Open VEMIS implementation".

The Education Quality and Assessment Programme (EQAP) Division of the Pacific Community (SPC) is committed to supporting countries with improving education statistics data collection, analysis and reporting. The importance of good quality data and analysis underpins better policy, planning and development of Vanuatu's education sector.

Workshop facilitators:

The three SPC facilitators were Ms Alison Culpin, Mr Gregory Keeble and Mr Frank Siciliano.