

Workshop supports effective policy and planning in education sector



A week-long workshop has recently concluded in Port Vila with technical support from the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) to drive the roll-out of a Ministry of Education and Training initiative aimed at promoting effective evidence-based decision making across Vanuatu's education sector.

The OpenVEMIS initiative, launched in 2013 and aided by the Vanuatu Education Support Program (VESP), is designed to improve the quality and timeliness of data collected from schools across Vanuatu.

The workshop also underpins broader plans in Vanuatu to support policy and planning in the education sector by working to enable schools and communities to share information and school data online utilising the E-Government Infrastructure.

Many schools in Vanuatu stand to benefit from this emerging web-based infrastructure that allows for secure access to information and useful online resources from the Ministry of Education and Training to support their own school policy and planning.

In addressing network security, the workshop also covered a wide range of skills surrounding network communications, internet threats and countermeasures.

In addition, it provided foundation training in Microsoft server software with practical application in a test-lab environment to reinforce skills of the participants from both the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (OGCIO) and the Ministry of Education and Training.

The workshop was made possible through a strategic partnership between the Government of Australia and SPC.

The ministry looks forward to further opportunities to collaborate with SPC and the OGCIO in the development of its human resources and systems to support the education sector.