



## V-lab carries on with its activities and launches new exciting programs!

The ***Yumi Growem Vanuatu*** program was launched on April 7th 2021 with the New Zealand High Commissioner Jonathan Schwass joined with the Australian High Commissioner, Sarah deZoeten ; the Department of Labour Commissioner, Murielle Metsan and the President of V-Lab, Marc-Antoine Morel along with V-Lab's Vice President Serah Tari.

V-Lab is so excited and honored to support these 33 awesome returned seasonal workers (cf. trombinoscope below) to get their business ideas off the ground and to establish and/or develop their business!



Kalo Mande  
Short term rental housing



Kenny Robinson Josaiah  
Video production, livestream



Leiwia Richel Esau  
Sewing



Lilly Sam  
Retail store



Lingkary Kalram  
Sewing + teaching



Merely Ben  
Handicraft shop



Neijep (Jethry) Robi  
Furniture fabrication



Neithan Firiham  
Fish market



Richard Yawiko  
Fisheries



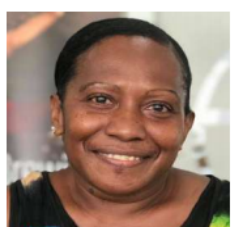
Riggie Carlos Rouvouné  
Fish farming, tilapia



Robson Sampson  
Vanilla



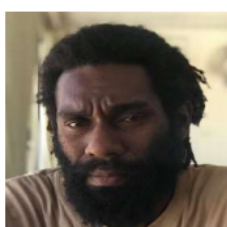
Roger Berg  
Retail shop (barter)



Glenda Lalier  
Spring cleaning  
«house» business



Ham Frexly Lulu  
Screen-printing + painting



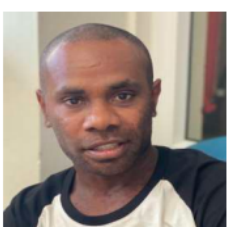
Hougai Tungan  
Construction company



Ida Avok  
Cafes, food industry



John Armstrong  
Poultry



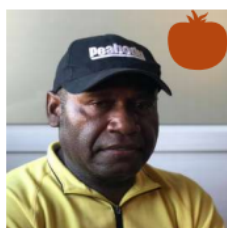
Kalmatack Alick  
Housing and rentals



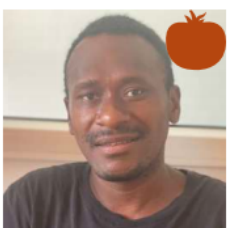
Albertine Nauri  
Sewing



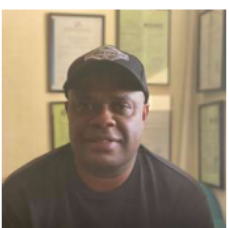
Alex George  
Pig farming



Arnold Shem  
Growing tomatoes, green house



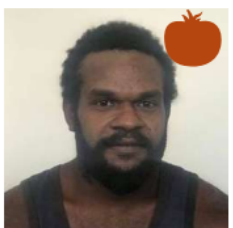
Arsen Kalran  
Breeding local organic chicken



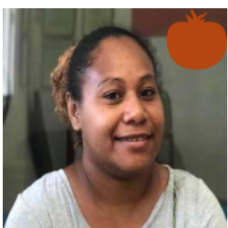
Ben Tathy Sampson  
ID cards



Betina Ramel  
Guest house (for the RSE workers)



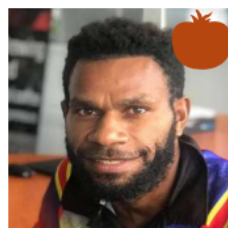
Brill Berg  
Poultry farm



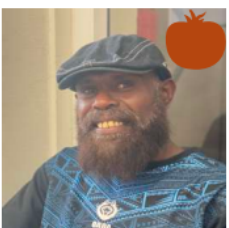
Christelle Crowby  
Farming



Christopher Jerry  
Furniture fabrication



David Nasak  
Farming + selling kakae



Edwin Tarosa  
Commercial farming (production + cooling)



Eriquah Henry  
T-shirt printing, graphics creation



Roy Tining  
Agriculture: Vanilla



Thompson Kaukare  
Piggery farm



Watson Talep  
Repair vehicle shop

## Tugeta, Yumi Growem Vanuatu !



Rural entrepreneurs



It has been recognized that many returning RSE (NZ) and SWP (Aus) workers have skills, ideas, and capital to invest here in Vanuatu. for the good of the economy, their communities and families.



Around 30 percent of the participants in the program are women.

All support including training is also extended to a family member or business partner to ensure continuity if the primary participant returns to seasonal work. The business ideas being supported cover a range of sectors including agriculture and live-stock, sewing, hospitality, cleaning services and video production.

All the participants receive specialized coaching, training on a number of topics (how to set goals, market analysis, operations, financial management, digital marketing etc.) from the team at V-Lab and a wider package of support to help turn their dreams into a sustainable business.



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All this is made possible by the generous contributions of the Governments of Australia and New-Zealand.

It is conducted by V-Lab in collaboration with the Department of Labour.



The New Zealand High Commissioner congratulated the returned workers who had been selected to take part in the program for their "entrepreneurial drive and spirit" and wished them all the best with their "innovative ideas for building a future for their families and your communities."



**V-Lab has launched the Bisnis Nakamal on June 30th 2021!**



The Bisnis Nakamal is a program that offers tailored trainings and learning opportunities accessible to all. It represents a new and innovative way for V- Lab to reach out to even more talented young entrepreneurs and to offer them high quality learning opportunities to establish or develop their businesses, on a "pay for service" basis. The Bisnis Nakamal provides these benefits to all individuals, businesses and the Government departments, no specific target group. The BN is established in partnership with Breadfruit Consulting and Wanfuteng bank, which will be subsidizing the costs allowing the trainings to be at affordable prices to all who are interested.

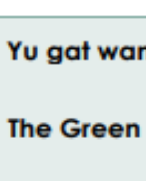


**Presently three cycles have been developed to help young entrepreneurs. The Seed Haos, The Green Haos and The Market house. These all deal with different stages of an idea and a business.**

## The Bisnis Nakamal - Learning Cycles

Name of the learning cycle	 <b>The Seed Haos</b>
Duration of cycle	8 weeks
Objective of cycle	<b>Yu wantem statem wan bisnis be yu no gat wan gudfala tingting?</b> <b>The Seed Haos bae hemi sapotem yu blong finem wan!</b>
Format of cycle	4 workshops and 1 individual coaching session
Price of cycle (subsidized)	15,000Vt

The **Seed haos** is designed to support potential entrepreneurs to identify a business idea. Through workshops and individual coaching session, our team will test your entrepreneurship potential and help you to find a good business idea!

Name of the learning cycle	 <b>The Green Haos</b>
Duration of cycle	8 weeks
Objective of cycle	<b>Yu gat wan bisnis tingting be yu no sua se hemi wan gudfala wan?</b> <b>The Green Haos bae hemi sapot yu blong explore tingting blong yu!</b>
Format of cycle	4 workshops and 2 group coaching sessions
Price of cycle (subsidized)	20,000Vt

The **Green Haos** is designed to support anyone with a business idea to assess its viability before starting it. Through trainings and group coaching sessions, our team will support you to explore further your idea and assess its business potential!

Name of the learning cycle	 <b>The Market Haos</b>
Duration of cycle	12 weeks
Objective of cycle	<b>Yu Gat wan bisnis finis be yu wantem growem hem?</b> <b>The Market Haos bae hem sapot yu blong kasem evri skills blong developem bisnis blong yu!</b>
Format of cycle	8 workshops and 6 group coaching sessions
Price of cycle (subsidized)	35,000Vt

The **Market Haos** is designed to support young entrepreneurs to develop their business. Through a series of trainings and group coaching sessions, you will acquire all the necessary skills to become a successful entrepreneur!

The Bisnis Nakamal also offers tailored trainings and learning opportunities to individuals, private companies, Government departments, etc., in the area of business and personal development.

For any question or enquiry, contact us @:  
bisnisnakamal@v-lab.org

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On behalf of V-lab and Yumi Growem Vanuatu , We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the generous support of our sponsors - Pacific Private Bank, Vanuatu Brewing Limited, Titan FX and Vanuatu Daily Post - V-Lab's second incubation program was launched on June 22nd 2021!

**Meet our 4 dynamic and talented incubees**

**DALIDA BORLASA**



Hailing from the volcanic island of Ambae, Dalida is a talented young mother interested in sewing, fashion design, handicraft and recycled waste. She is very creative and is the brains behind the 300 coconut bag designs. Since then she has decided to branch out on her own and her business idea is to create, design and produce products from recycled and waste materials.

**HARRIET SAM**



Harriet is a registered nurse by background and her idea is to expand on her vision on home gardening. Intertwined with health education as a healthcare model, this project will be about practical demonstration of organic vegetables, fruits and local crops with relevant health education. This is to address non-communicable diseases and in turn revive our culture and traditional foods. This project will target women and children in schools; build resilience and enhance the quality of life for individuals, families and communities involved.

**MAX ALBERT**



Max is a musician performing for hotels around Port Vila. When faced with the situation of his mother being diagnosed with cervical cancer, he saw the importance and need for awareness on the topic and need for women in remote communities to get tested to protect themselves. He founded the Ikkana Cancer Society to raise awareness (education) against cervical and breast cancer, screen tests for cervical cancer and breast examination and treatments. From the beginning, the association was funded by his own fundraising activities, public donations and external donor partners. He is looking to expand the scope of his activities to include prostate cancer.

**JESTER & STEPHANIE TITUS**



Fresh Foods Vanuatu has been in operation for about 6 months. It is run by Jester and his partner Stephanie, with family members being employed. They produce packaged frozen root crops such as cassava, taro and sweet potatoes. They pay for root crops from local farmers all around Vanuatu and sell locally with a vision to someday export their products overseas.

**LUKIM YU NEXT TIME**



