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CUSOM LAND MANAGEMENT OFFICE NEWSLETTER.



Waterfall on Maewo



The Purpose of this Newsletter is to share information, News among our stakeholders. In addition, shares information of activities carried out by custom Land Management office. You can be updated daily on Custom Land Management office Facebook page or by visiting the office of National Coordinator or Custom Land Management provincial office nearest to you.

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AWARENESS ON MALEKULA



The awareness has been scheduled for February-March 2021 has successfully facilitated by the custom Land Management office. This implementation is part of the Custom Land Management Business plan (2021) and has been incorporated into the Custom Land officer (Malampa) & Training officer individual work plan. Awareness was facilitated by the designated team members into different villages in different parts of Malekula. The awareness covers the topic such as: the constitutional rights of each individual, their duties and responsibilities, the basis of independence, land dispute resolution dispute, the constitution articles that deals with land matters and the power of the customary institution that deals with determination of ownership.

Areas covered in Malekula

- North west A
- North west B (part)
- South Inland
- South
- Central
- North East
- South East
- Off shore islands.

Career Talk at Amelvet Secondary school

The customary land management office has managed to facilitate the career talk at Amelvet secondary school. The awareness does not only cover the career talk but also educated the student of their own rights into a tribe, clan or



Amelvet Students(awareness)

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family and into a customary land. Most importantly, educate the young generation and the future leaders that customary land is always owned by their tribe, clan and not individual person. The principle of Almevet Secondary school has appreciated the team in conducting the awareness with his student as this will set some light to some of his student to decide on their career in the future.



Hatbol Participant.



Unua 5 (Malekula) Awareness

The Custom Land Management office does not only focus on educating the chiefs and people knowledgeable in custom how to preside over land cases, their constitutional rights but also aims to educate the young generation on how to manage their customary land in a sustainable and respectful manner which will meet their current needs but not affecting his future in respect to land. The young generation need to understand that customary land in Vanuatu does not belong to individual person and also to ensure there is stability and not instability in customary land so that there will be no land less child or people in Vanuatu in future because land is commonly owned by Tribe or clan or family.



On 27th April 2021, the Custom Land Management office through Sanma office with collaboration with the probation office (Linda Vutilolo) in Santo has successfully implemented part of the project program initiated by Linda Vutilolo to educate detainees released on parole on different topics as part of their rehabilitation to provide them information. The Custom Land Management office was part of this to provide information in relation to the constitution Article relating to land, rational behind Vanuatu, Court dispute resolution history, the current customary institution that determine ownership and the rights of individual to land. The purpose of the Awareness to support the probation office project Rehabilitation program to educate parolees and to educate parolees on the information of their custom land

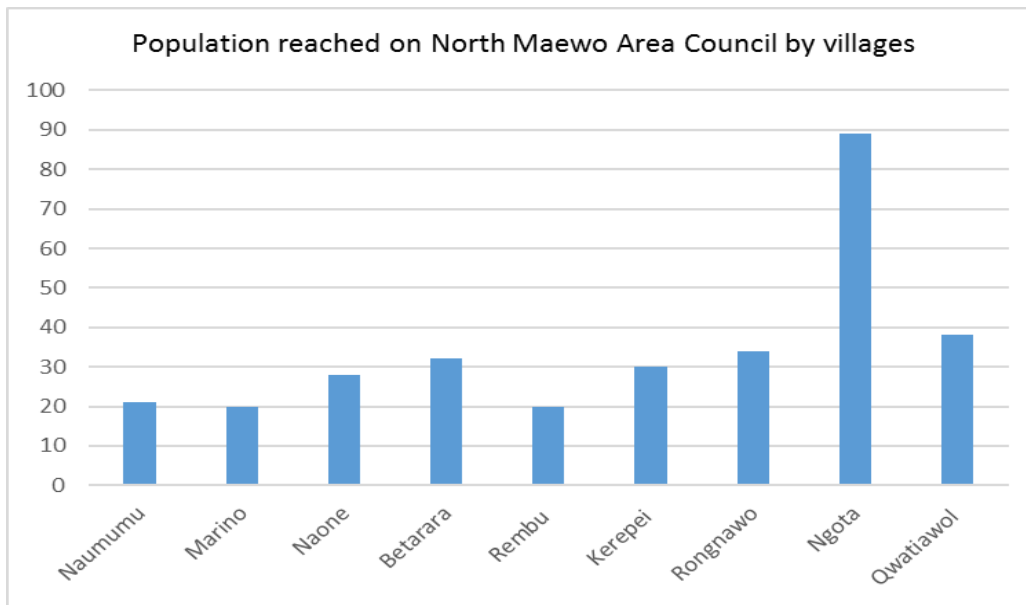
and their rights to and the procedures outline whenever there is an issue arising in the future in respect to their customary land. Parolees as (pikinini blong nasara, Tribe or clan) has acquired much information relating to land and appreciated the information received and went back home with grateful heart & with another helpful information been deeply inserted into their minds.



Principle North (Freddington Aru) conducting awareness

In Vanuatu, pursuant to the customary Rules, all people belong to a tribe, clan or family. This tribe, clan has its own customary land with customary boundary where their spirit ties with the customary land. Despite what ever circumstances you faced, you still belong to a tribe who has the right of ownership or user right over the customary land. It is the intention of the customary land to educate people whether in prison, school, church and every organization of

the rights, the constitution and the land law related matters. For these reasons, in collaboration with the probation officer in Santo, the office has successfully conducted this awareness with the parolees of Sanma province. Even, though those people have been faced with penalty for different committed offence, yet they still belong to the society and still part of the tribe and has the full right to their customary land. Therefore, those people always need justice and fairness with respect to their customary land.

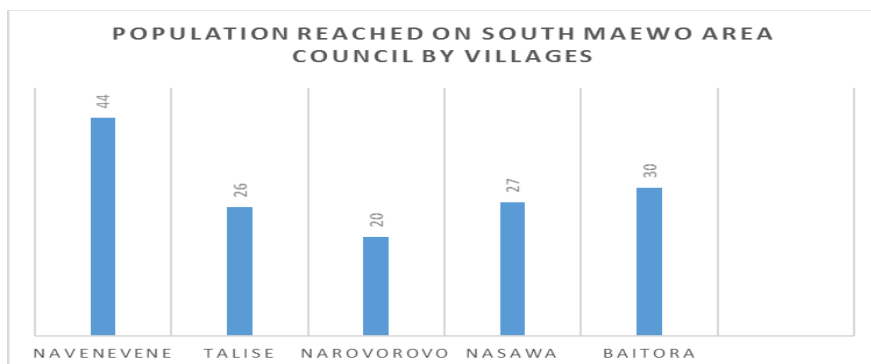
AWARENESS ON MAEWO & WEST AMBAE

From 28th April -8th May 2021, the office responsible for land ownership determination has conducted the awareness on Maewo & West Ambae. The purpose of the awareness to different areas around Maewo & West Ambae on the information in relation or with respect to the customary land. The message on the rational of independence, the court dispute resolution history, the customary institution that has the current

Source: Fredington Aru.

jurisdiction in ownership determination & use of land in the Republic of Vanuatu, the fundamental rights in the constitution and the principle in the constitution that deals with matters in respect to customary land. The Targeted areas in which each groups member has designated to conduct the awareness namely are North and south Maewo and West Ambae, the Eastern, Northern part and southern part the office has visited last year 2020 and completed the awareness on parts of Ambae.

The people of Maewo & West Ambae has acknowledge the team on the efforts been traveling from each community to the other in sharing the principles of the constitution, their rights and the necessary information with respect to land which contributed to make them think and help them continue to use their land in a commonly customary system as the customary rules requires. These message of love in respect to land has contributed to educate people that customary rules existed and there is no land less people in Vanuatu, every citizen born into a tribe has a place to live and plant and has the right to land neither ownership or user rights both has the rights as the customary rules has respectfully given them and it's the fundamental duties of custom owner grouping and user rights grouping to respect each other to continue maintain and promote peace since customary Law has already given them land peacefully.



The population covered in South Maewo by villages. Few villages in Maewo also covered but the data was not made available when this newsletter edition was produced and finalized. Gaiowo (North Maewo)

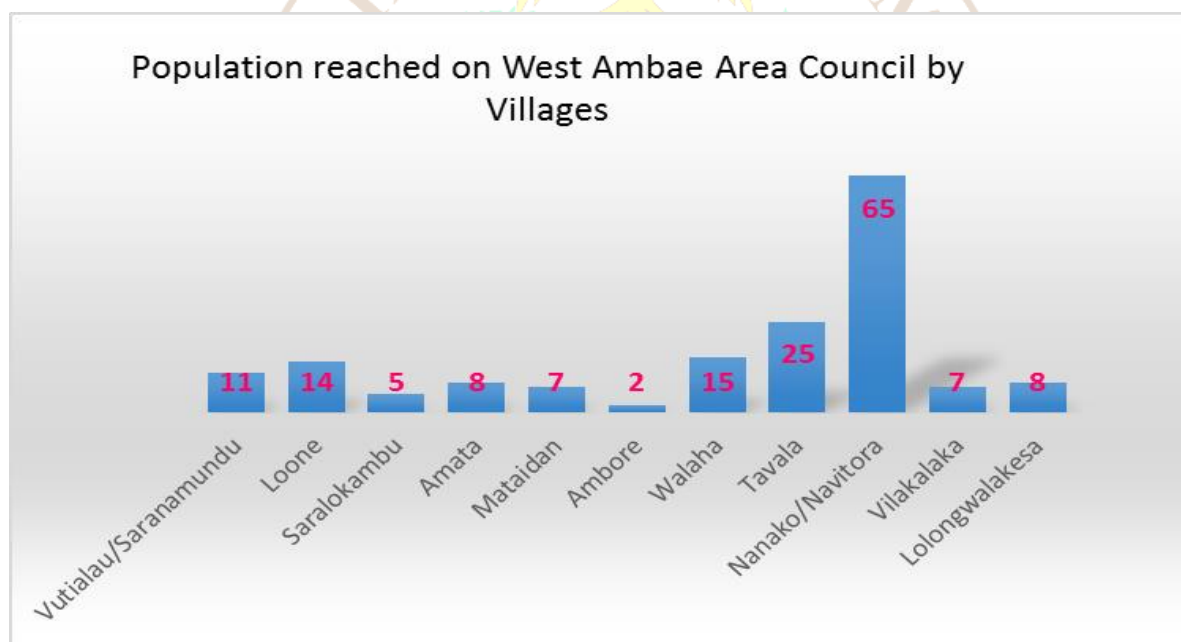
- Lalavaru (North Maewo)
- Naviso (East Maewo)
- Asanvari (south Maewo)

Career Talk at Gambule Secondary school (Maewo)

As part of the Custom Land Management Office Business plan to conduct awareness on secondary schools in Vanuatu. After successful discussion with the principal of Gambule secondary school and the School Improvement officer (SIO) of Maewo, resulted in CLMO conducting the career talk with the secondary student range from year 7-10 at Gambule secondary school.



Student of Gambule (Maewo) during the career talk



20 villages, data was not available when this edition was produced and therefore has not been shown on the graph.

Summary for Maewo & West Ambae.

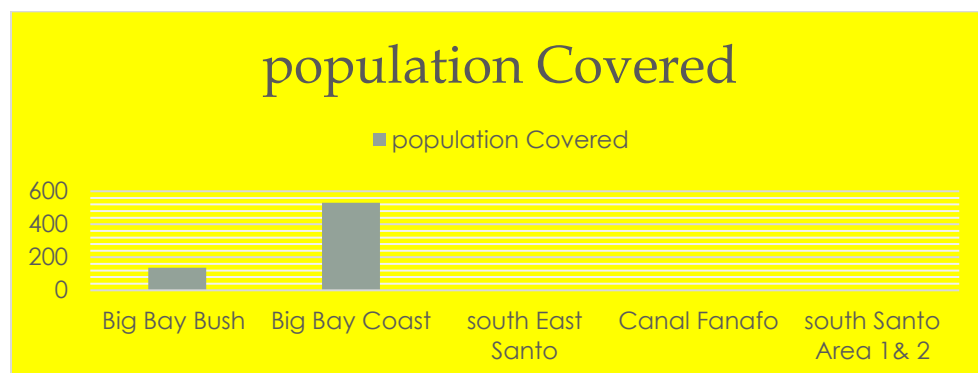
Island/Area Council	No of Villages visited	Number of people reached	No of Schools visited
North + South Maewo Area Council	18	432	1 (Gambule Junior Secondary School)
West Ambae	31	164	-

SANTO AWARENESS PLAN IMPLEMENTED

The Custom Land Management office on 26th March to 7th April 2021 has implemented the awareness program as part to the fulfillment of the Business plan for CLM office which incorporated into Sanma provincial individual work plan and the Training officer work plan.

There was a composition of awareness team which deployed to different parts of Santo to facilitate and implement this awareness program.

Population covered during the Awareness in Santo



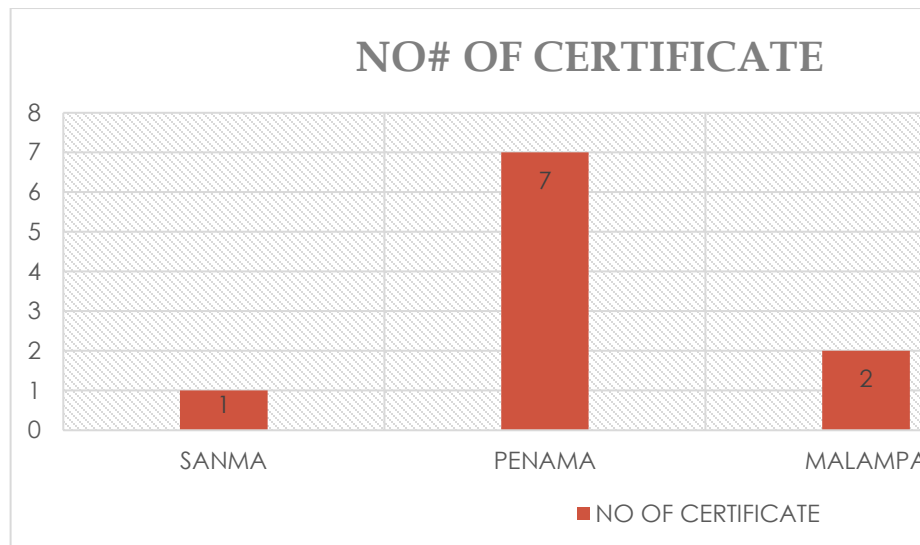
Summary for Santo Mass awareness

Area council (s) covered	Detail of villages	Population covered
Big Bay Bush	• Winsau, Nawelala, whitegrass, vuriroro, vunaman	55
	• Angoru	20
	• Mataloi	42
	• Lape	20
Big Bay Coast	• Malovuko	23
	• Pesena	55
	Pematisina	53
	Lolomatalo	52
	Puelvus	37
	Pialulup	21
	Vunarei	17
	Vasi, jureviu/tuturu	51 adults, 32 students
	Tolomako	44
	Malao	46
South East Santo	No data Available	Population not collected
South santo Area 1 & 2	Vimala, Narako, nJingo and surrounding, wailapa, Tanovusvus, Tasiriki, Nerang, Araki	Population not registered
Canal Fanafo		
West Coast & North West		

The table shows the summary of villages covered and population covered, some data are not registered.

Certificate of Recorded Interest in Land (Green certificate)

The Customary Land has issued 13 certificates of Recorded interest in Land (Green Certificate) from February -May 2021. The basis of the Certificate is the judgement of ownership over customary Land that was ruled by the customary institution.



The Graph explains the Number of Certificate issued in each province from February -May 2021. The certificate has the detail of land, the detail of custom owner, the information of the court and also the representative to the custom owner. In addition, this means there is no longer any cases registered instead has the declaration of ownership from the competent court and now been finalized and certify by the custom land management office.

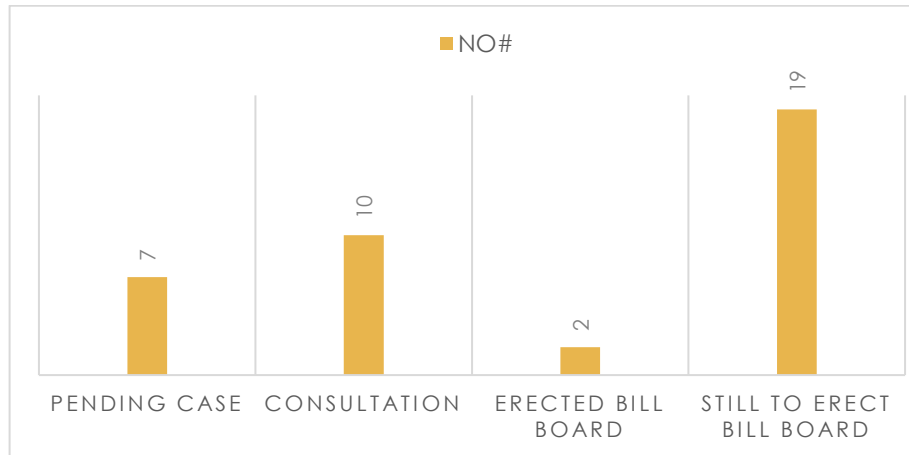
LEASE APPLICATION RECEIVED

The Custom Land Management office through the Land Reform Officer has recorded 38 Lease Application approved by Land Management planning committee (LMPC), and forwarded to Custom Land Management office for ownership determination.

This process of obtaining the Negotiator certificate was outline in the Land Reform Act (CAP 123). The purpose of forwarding those lease applications to the Custom Land Management to ensure the office responsible for ownership determination continue to consult with the

Nakamal to determine the custom owner and in cases where there is declare custom owner, the officer need to consult with the custom owner in order to get their consent on the application for a Negotiators certificate. In cases, where there is still land dispute registered before the court, the office does consultation with all the disputing parties.

The 38 Application for Negotiator certificate forwarded to Custom Land Management office differ all in their status with respect to the status of Custom Land. The graph below explains to you different status of Land.



The office has recorded 7 Application for Negotiator certificate which are pending before the court, 10 of which need consultation and officer responsible are has conducted the consultation Report, two of the application has commenced the process of Erecting the Bill board for Nakamal meeting to be convene after 30 days period notice and 19 of which are still need to erect bill board.

The office responsible for dispute Resolution process are also working hard to also continue to work for the interest of the custom owner over their respective Customary Land in different parts or islands in the Republic of Vanuatu. Further to this, the custom Land Management office are working more with the customary institution to ensure Justice and fairness are always prevail with respect to land when determining the ownership of Custom Land.

Awareness On Paama

The Provincial Custom Land officer in Malampa has facilitated the Awareness program in Paama with the chiefs and person knowledgeable in Custom before conducting the Nakamal Meeting. The purpose of the Aware is to educate the chiefs and refresh their knowledge on the process of conducting the Nakamal meeting.



NAKAMAL & AREA MEETING

The office continues with one of its function in facilitating the process of Dispute Resolution. From the month of February _May, the provincial officer has conducted Nakamal meeting & Custom Area Land Tribunal in their respective provinces and islands. The office has recorded over 10 Nakamal meeting conducted and few Custom Area Land Tribunal Proceeding. The Custom Land Management office has travelled to Paama to complete all Nakamal meeting, consultation before moving to complete the full Nakamal for South east, North and West Ambrym.





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We Love working with Land and help protected your Right with respect to Land and to ensure Justice & Fairness in always prevail in court when dealing with land dispute. Not only this, but continue to protect and assist indigenous custom owner to practice custom land management.

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