Weaving to the next generation: pandanus restoration, weaving skills and leadership in Penama Province

VANUATU · Penama · South Ambae and North Pentecost

CATEGORY AGRI-FOOD SYSTEMS | CROP PRODUCTION

RICD RISK TIER
High

PRIMARY HAZARDS
Storm damage · Changes to marine conditions

MOBILITY DIMENSION
Avoided displacement

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GRANT RECIPIENT
Further Arts

PARTNERS
National Council of Chiefs · Penama Provincial Government

TOTAL PROJECT VALUE
48,612 USD — 24 months

50%	CCF GRANT	24,306 USD
50%	MATCHING FUNDS	24,306 USD
	Matching partner being sought	

Context and approach

Ashfall from the Ambae volcano, soil erosion and changing weather have damaged pandanus stands across Penama, cutting the supply and quality of weaving material. Traditional weaving underpins women's livelihoods and cultural identity, and the knowledge is thinning between generations.

Further Arts, working through councils of chiefs and the provincial government, will pair master weavers with young people, replant pandanus along eroding coasts, build solar dryer houses to improve product quality, and host a provincial learning forum.



Approximate project location.

Project outputs

- Run weaving workshops pairing master weavers with youth
- Establish pandanus nurseries and replant coastal areas
- Construct solar dryer houses for pandanus preservation
- Deliver leadership and livelihood training for women and youth
- Weaving knowledge is passed to a new generation and documented
- Replanted pandanus protects eroding coasts and restores material supply
- Women and youth lead community management and earn from higher-quality products

Reach & deliverables

2,700	1	2
ESTIMATED POPULATION IMPACTED	INTERGENERATIONAL SKILLS PROGRAMME	COMMUNITY RESTORATION SITES
South Ambae and North Pentecost	traditional weaving knowledge transferred	pandanus nurseries and solar drying facilities

Milestones

24 MONTHS TOTAL

M.01	M.02	M.03	M.04	M.05
3 months	3 months	6 months	6 months	6 months
Project inception and community mobilisation	Weaving training and pandanus nursery establishment	Environmental restoration and leadership training	Solar dryer house construction and skills strengthening	Provincial learning forum, evaluation and closure

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