

Kava Quality Training – Lamap, South East Malekula

A Kava Quality training was conducted in November 2025 in Lamap South East Malekula. The training team comprises of the Malampa Principal Agriculture Development Officer - Mr Andrew Butu, the DARD Kava Specialist – Mr Michael Langa, a Senior Malampa Agriculture Development Officer – Mr Amsen Willie and the VBS Malampa Administration Officer – Mr Basil Etienne.

The working partnership between VBS and DARD aims at promoting the competitiveness of the Vanuatu Kava products in the domestic, regional and international markets.

Key topics raised by the productive sector team:

- Nursery Production and Management
- Plantation Management
- Pest and Diseases management
- Noble Varieties
- Kava Act Awareness



VBS Malampa Administration Officer – Mr Basil Etienne, presenting the Kava Quality Control Chain topic.

A Kava Act awareness was also conducted to remind kava producers about kava regulation, particularly the minimum prize set by the Government.

The Kava Quality Control Chain covers the following topics:

- Post Harvest Handling
- Cutting & Washing
- Drying process
- Sorting & Packing
- Packing & Labelling for export

- Kavalactone testing
- Business Opportunity tips



Kava Quality Training participants posing with facilitators during the closing ceremony.

Intersectoral Collaboration Between VBS and DARD in Malampa

The collaboration between VBS and DARD in Malampa province has significantly strengthened the compliance mechanisms for Quality Assurance of commodities. This joint effort ensures that export requirements are strictly adhered to in order to protect and maintain the integrity of the Vanuatu market abroad. In the process, several bags of *Two-Day* kava were seized and destroyed, in full compliance with Vanuatu kava legislation, which prohibits both the sale and exportation of *Two-Day* kava.

