

VANUATU TENNIS

AUSTRALIAN OPEN PACIFIC PATHWAYS FINAL REPORT 2015 - 2016





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PRIMARY SCHOOL

AOP SESSION IN SANTO – MAY 2016 – LUGANVILLE EAST



AOP PROGRAM PRESENTED AT THE OLYMPIC DAY – JUNE 2016

INTRODUCTION

The following report presents what activities have been implemented under the Australian Open Pacific Pathways from August 2015 to July 2016 in Vanuatu. All the activities planned in our application grant have been successfully implemented and in accordance with the Agreement signed in 2014 between the Vanuatu Tennis Federation and the Ministry of Education.

The Ministry of Youth Development and Sports is also an important partner of this program as the Ministry provides essential funding to run all the activities organized in Luganville, Santo.

Our program has been focusing on three different aspects:

- Tennis activities in Early-Childhood Schools;
- Tennis activities in Primary Schools;
- Training of teachers.

A new component was added in the process of the implementation which consists of the training of our development officers who are implementing tennis session under the AOP Banners.

Awareness sessions on the program were also ran in June 2016 at the Olympic Day organized by the Vanuatu National Olympic Committee (VASANOC).

Through our AOP activities over 600 children aged 4 to 12 have been introduced to tennis in Port-Vila and Luganville (Santo).



KINDY SCHOOLS

5 Pre-schools in Vila and 3 in Luganville, Santo are fully part of the program. The following table states the number of sessions, the number of participants and some specific aspects:

SCHOOLS	NUMBER OF SESSIONS IN SCHOOL	NUMBER OF SESSIONS AT THE TENNIS CENTRE	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	COMPETITION	TEACHERS TRAINED
CENTRAL	2 HOURS	7	45	2	YES
SCHOOL	PER WEEK				
PIKININI	2 HOURS	7	120	2	YES
PLAYTIME	PER WEEK				
SACRE COEUR	2 HOURS PER WEEK	7	45	2	YES
VILA NORTH	1 HOUR PER WEEK	3	45	2	YES
KAMEWA	1 HOUR PER WEEK	3	40	2	YES
KAWENU	NA	5	50	1	NO
LUGANVILLE-	NA	5	45	1	NO
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SANTO-EAST	NA	5	120	1	NO
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In Port-Vila, all the schools teachers have been trained to run activities in school and the school received regular structured training at the National Centre. In Luganville, the sessions are coordinated by the Federation. Training session in Luganville will be planned in 2017.

While our primary goal was to have 13 schools involved, we focused on the schools listed above in order to ensure a better quality and gain more regular players.



Blue band – work in cooperation



All the schools have received their equipment. Stocks are carefully managed and regularly replenished when necessary

PRIMARY SCHOOLS

5 Primary schools in Port-Vila and 5 in Luganville, Santo are associated with our AOP Programs. Some of the best students from Port-Vila were selected to take part to an AOP Camp in May with Coach Aymeric Mara. The table below provides some of the main figures concerning Primary Schools:

SCHOOLS	NUMBER OF SESSIONS ORGANISED IN SCHOOL OVER THE LAST 6 MONTHS SESSIONS OF 2 HOURS	NUMBER OF REGISTERED PLAYERS TO VTF FROM THIS SCHOOL ATTENDING REGULAR TRAINING – 3 TIMES A WEEK, SESSIONS OF 1 HOUR.	NUMBER OF COMPETITION	NATIONAL PLAYER FROM THIS SCHOOL
STE JEANNE D'ARC	3	15	5	
ANABROU	3	10	5	1
EP CENTRE VILLE	3	10	5	
VILA EAST	3	7	5	1
CENTRAL	3	7	5	1
LUGANVILLE EAST	4	NA	1	
KAMEWA	4	NA	1	
STE THERESE (SANTO)	4	NA	1	
SANTO EAST	4	NA	1	
SARAKATA	4	NA	1	

The Primary schools component was a new one in the period 2015/2016. We have now identified the primary schools willing to be involved and to incorporate tennis as a regular sport activity, an element that will be essential in the next period.

TEACHERS TRAINING

As part of the AOPP, teachers from early-childhood schools received specific training on the following aspects:

- Sessions organization;
- Physical Activities;
- Tennis activities and games.

Regular refreshing mini-courses (2 hours) are organized in order to keep the teachers involved and to increase their skills. When schools request it, more formal sessions are organized at the school.



Mini-course organized for new teachers from Pikinini Pleitime Kindy. The session involved only one class and was followed the next week by a 3 hours session on Blue and Red Band.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS TRAINING

In May 2016, we organize with the assistance of Aymeric Mara from Tennis World four sessions for our Development officers who are delivering AOP Course for Primary schools students at the Centre. This was possible with the financial assistance from Tennis Australia.

The sessions were in line with the Play and Stay Program and the Hot Shots Curriculum. We focused on lesson plan and on implementation of the lesson plan. The course was timely as Aymeric's advices followed a visit from Darran Wrighton where the basic principles were explained to our DO.

During the course, new activities were demonstrated by Aymeric and this has allowed to introduce far better approaches to our kids.

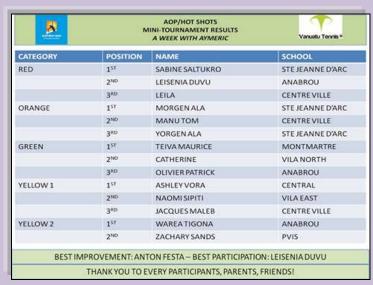


Session with Development Officers – with Aymeric: Kassie Tigona, on the right: wheelchair tennis DO Tom Kalmet and Pierre Takataveti.

COMPETITION

Over the period, three competitions were implemented under the AOP Flag:

- July 2015: InterPrimary/Intersecondary schools championships. Team event involving all kindy too. 16 Teams took part to the 2015 edition.
- May 2016: AOP Camp Competition. 42 kids took part to this competition.
- July 2016: Interprimary/intersecondary finish on the 30th July 2016



AOP Camp Competition results - May 2016



The 2016 Posters for Children Day and the

Interprimary /intersecondary schools competition



The 2016 Winners of the Interprimary/intersecondary schools championships

OTHER ACTIVITIES

A small part of the grant we received went into the development and editing of new flyers, posters and banners presenting the program.

Flyers have been distributed to schools and during events and posters have been distributed to schools. A banner on AOP has been set at the Tennis Centre.





MEDIA



Regular updates on our AOPP are published on our Facebook page (1114 members). The table below gives a fair figure on the AOP publication and their reception:

DATE OF PUBLICATION	CONTENT	NUMBER OF PERSONS REACHED
2015		
16/09	SANTO	108

30/10	SANTO	170
30/10	SANTO	186
30/10	SANTO	199
2/11	SANTO	108
6/11	CENTRAL	675
2016		
17/03	SACRE COEUR	234
19/03	DONATION OF EQUIPMENT	455
28/04	SANTO	692
30/04	SANTO	232
10/05	AOP CAMP	1499
10/05	AOP CAMP	197
15/05	AOP CAMP	1115
23/05	SANTO	513
25/05	SANTO	154
26/05	SANTO	426
22/06	CENTRAL	486
06/07	INTERPRIMARY	25
11/07	SANTO	356
14/07	CHILDREN DAY	499
22/07	INTERPRIMARY	168
TOTAL		8497

CONCLUSION

Our Kindy program under the AOPP remains very successful and stable with schools administration and teachers well involved. For most of these schools, tennis became a regular activity with coherent connection with the National Curriculum.

The program with the primary schools looks promising and it will become one of our main focuses in 2016/2017.

We would like to thank the Australian Open Pacific Pathways for their support and all the other partners in this program, the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Youth and Sports.

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