



STRENGTHENING MIDWIFERY

The Vanuatu Journey

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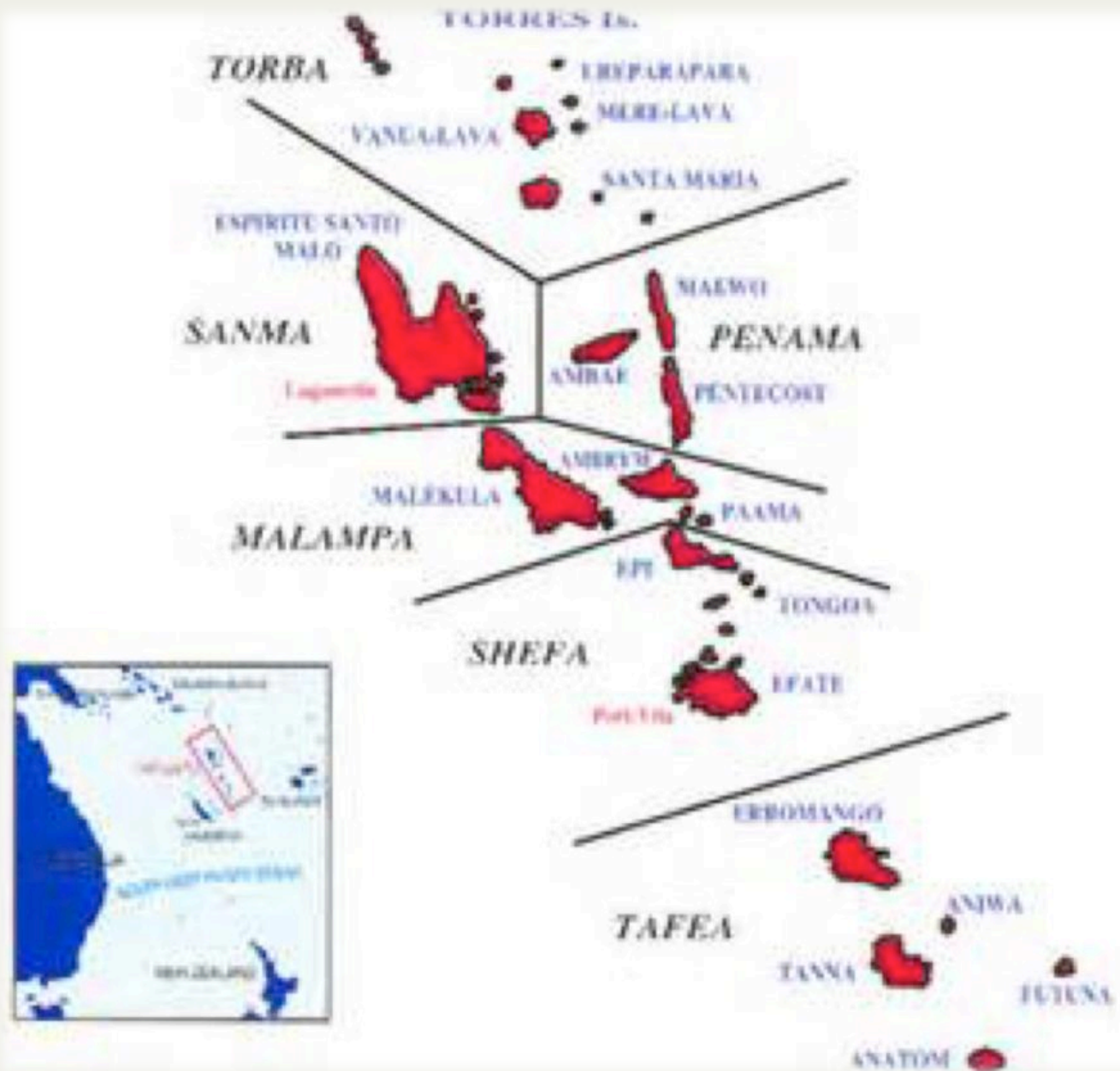
History

Vanuatu is an
archipelago

83 islands.

Population 280,000

Six provinces



Current status

- 2016 – 52 registered midwives
 - approx. 42 were delivering midwifery service delivery

- Average age - (retirement age 55yrs)

- The distribution is uneven

Tafea - Shefa - Malampa - Panama - Samna - and
Torba -

“Midwifery has been identified as the single most influential cadre to improve maternal health and reduce maternal and neonatal mortality. "as mentioned in (Lancet,2014).

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Midwifery Training

- 1983 - 2007: first midwifery training

The training was adhoc as the need was identified

- 2008 – 2009 &

- 2011 - 2012: an Advanced Nurse Practitioner Training



- 2010 VCNE - Registered Training Provider

- 2014 – Ministry of Health identifies a midwifery crisis

 - Diminished quality

 - Diminished numbers and

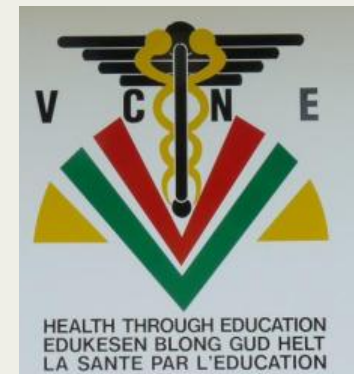
 - Poor access for women

2016: Graduate Diploma of Midwifery (Level 7)

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The journey begins

- Reviewing
- Drafting
- Strengthening existing programmes
- Understanding requirements
- Meeting VQA criteria
- Establishing 12 units of competency



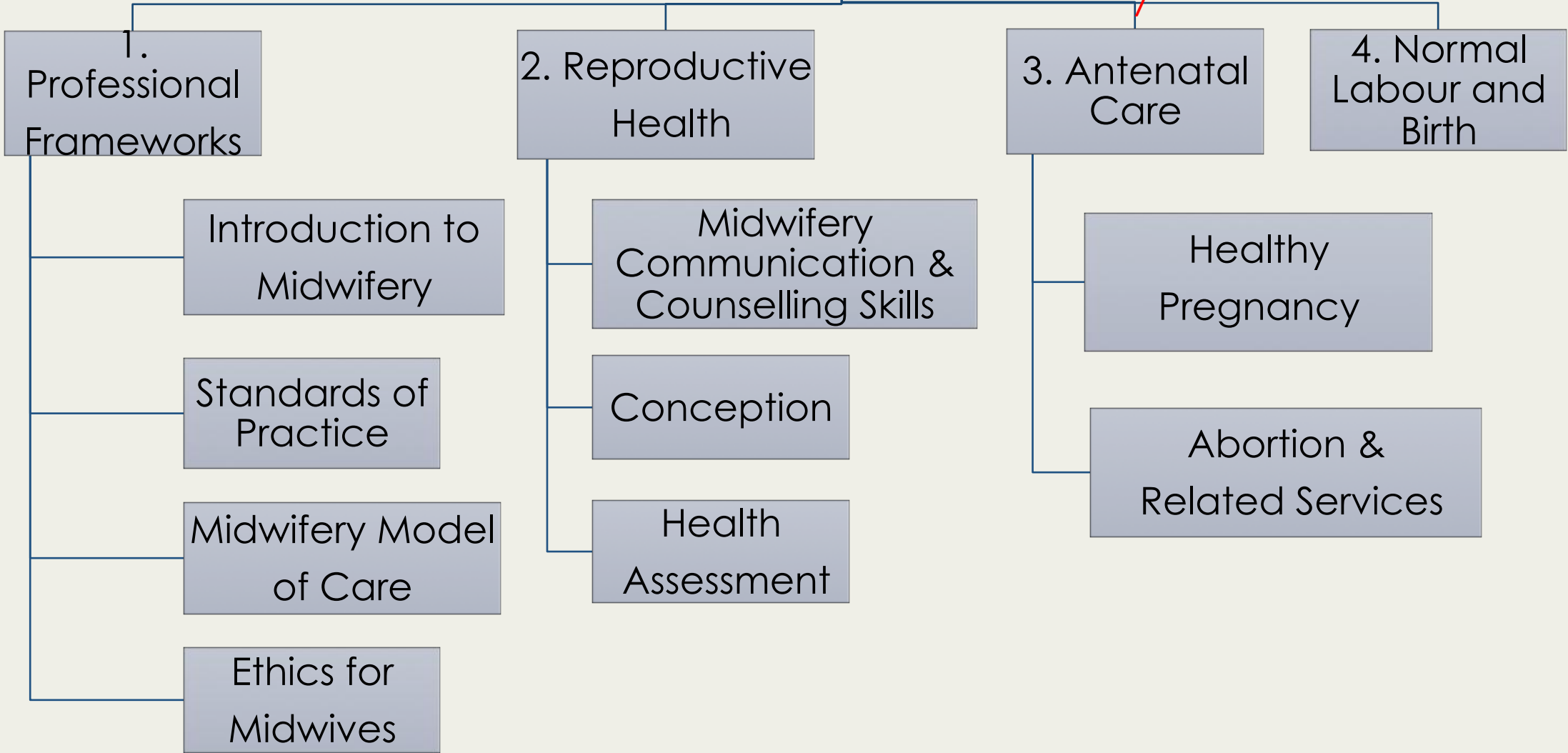


Framework & Structure

- Determining the required components
- Length of the programme
 - 18 months
 - 22 weeks
 - 240 credits
 - 40% theory & 60% clinical

Semester One

Domain 1& 2
ICM Competency 1, 2,3 &



Semester Three

Domain 3 & 4
ICM Competencies 1-7

9. Evidence-based Midwifery Practice

Basic Research Designs

10. Advanced Midwifery

Management tasks & activities

Leadership Role in Practice

Policy Development

Maternal Death Audits

11. Autonomous Midwifery Care

Competent Practitioner

12. Transition to Practice

Semester Two

Domain 2
ICM Competency 4,5 & 6

5. Postnatal Care

Lactation and Infant Feeding

Mother Baby Friendly hospital Initiative (MBFHI)

6. Abnormal Obstetrics

EMNOC/PMNeT

7. Newborn Care

Essential Newborn Care

8. Primary Health Care for Midwives

Maternal and Child Health

Disaster Preparedness

Challenges

- Bench marking
- Sharing knowledge
- Accessing other Pacific programmes
- Communication
- Lack of expertise in the VQA

Development of Resources

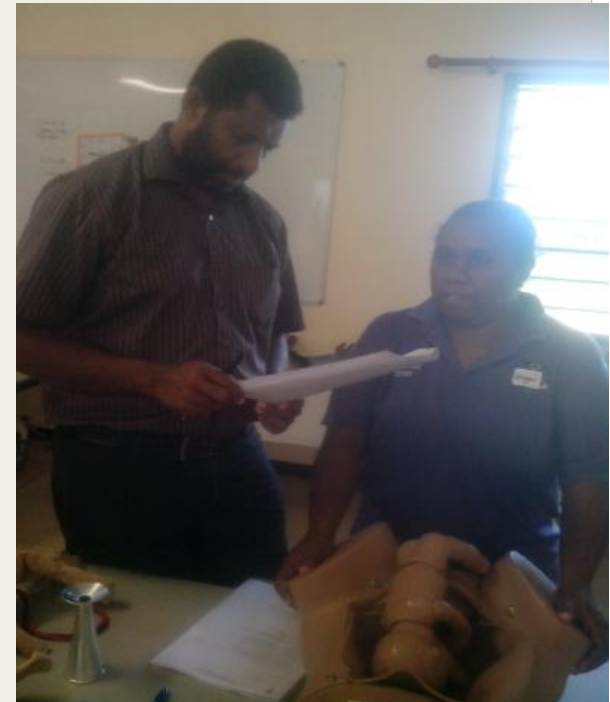
- Developing the training packages
 - Powerpoint presentations
 - Facilitators guide
 - Assessment plans
 - Delivery plans



All new in a new programme and delivery style



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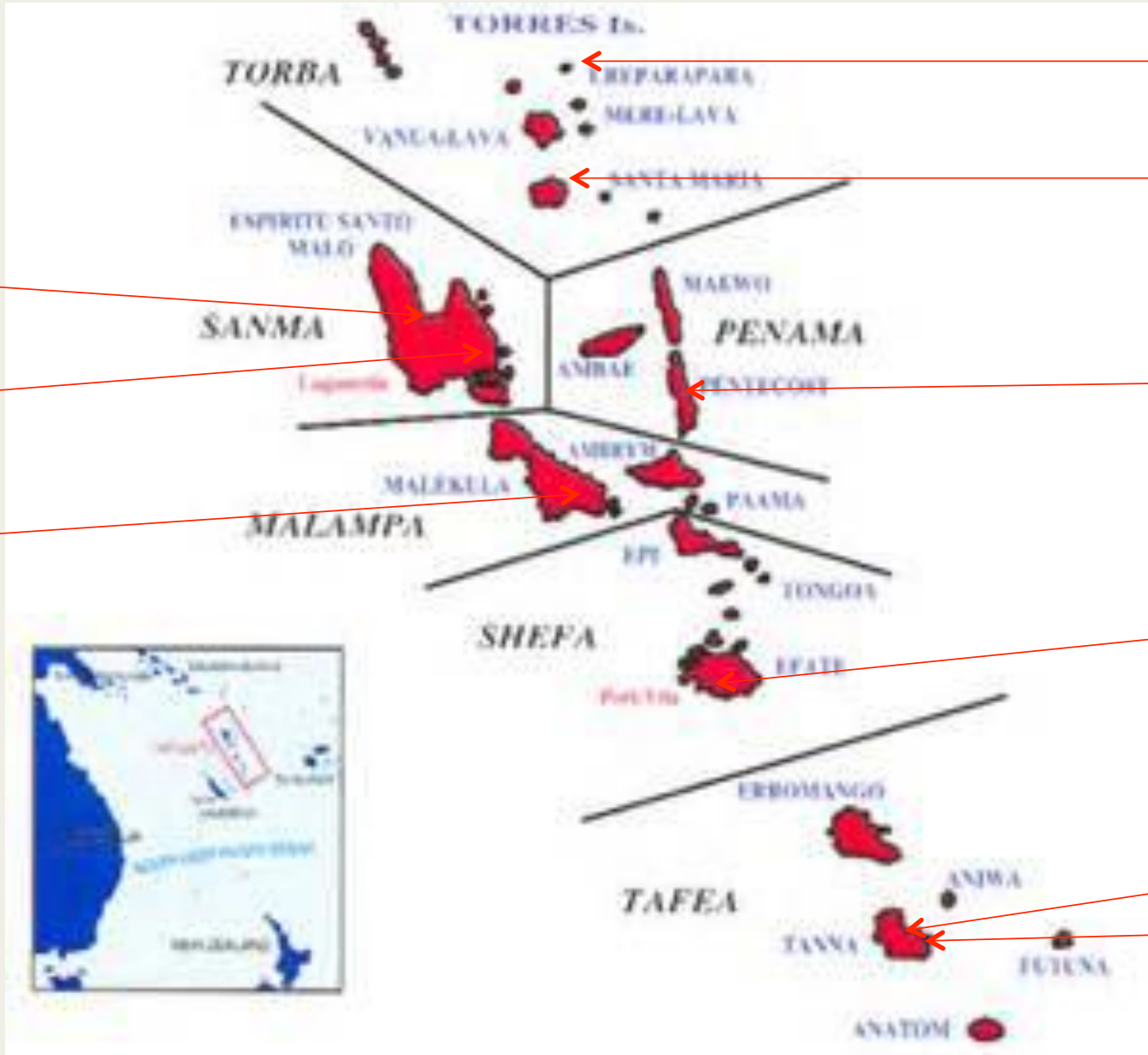
Students

- All provinces of Vanuatu were represented
- Criteria
- Accommodation provided
- DSA for provincial students
- Text books were donated (ACU)
- Equipment donated (personal donations)
- 16 students commenced

The graduating midwife

- Competent
- Confident
- Committed
- Passionate
- Humble
- Change agent





One midwife

One midwife

One midwife

One midwives

One midwife

2 midwives

4 midwives

One midwife

2 midwives

Success

- **How do you measure success?**
 - **QMS**
 - **The industry**
 - **Improved measurable outcomes**
 - **Decrease in morbidity and mortality**

