

PSRH Webinar Presentation: Harriet Obed, June 2025

MIDWIFERY DAY, 2025

MIDWIVES : CRITICAL IN EVRERY CRISIS,CELEBRATED IN PORT VILA,
VANUATU



EVENT OVERVIEW

- Hosted by **Vanuatu Midwifery Society**
- Location: **Freswota Community**
- Focus: **Adolescent Girls & Reproductive Health**
- Key Topics: **Menstrual Hygiene, GBV, Teenage Pregnancy, Family Planning, Reproductive health rights**



Partner Organizations & Support

- **UNFPA** – Provided **400+ menstrual kits and dignity kits**
- **Vanuatu Centre for Women** – GBV and health awareness
- **Ikkana Cancer Foundation** – Breast and cervical cancer education
- **Vanuatu Red Cross Society** – Community support
- **Vanuatu National Bank Blo Vanuatu** – Official **T-shirt sponsor**
- **MOH RMNCAH Unit** – Event **funder**



Panel discussions

Key Success Stories

- **Adolescent Education** – Girls learned about **menstrual hygiene & reproductive health rights**
- **GBV Awareness** – Provided young girls with referral pathways and support
- **Health awareness on Cervical & breast cancer** – Increased interest in self breast examination, & hpv vaccines
- **Community Engagement** – Strengthened partnerships for adolescent health
- Menstrual hygiene – education to young girls

Community Impact

- **Empowered adolescent girls** with education & Menstrual and dignity kits
- **Raised awareness** on GBV, reproductive health & family planning
- **Encouraged vaccination & screening** for women's health issues(HPV)
- **Fostered collaboration** among healthcare & financial organizations

Freswota School adolescent girls posing with their menstrual hygiene kit after being in the awareness and listen to panel discussions



Midwifery development updates in Vanuatu.

- Vanuatu Midwifery Society
- Vanuatu Centre for Nursing Education, recruit intake for Nursing and Midwifery.
- Shefa Midwifery (sub association) has consultation with one of the NGO (Ikkana cancer Foundation) to signed an agreement to provide awareness on breast and cervical cancer in Shefa province.
- Midwife attending regional trainings.
- Midwives taking leadership roles both at the National and Provincial levels.
- ECCWP collaboration with National RMNCAH Program to establish cervical cancer working group and to develop policies and implementation strategies.
- RMNCAH Program to continue support to annual midwifery day event.
- Midwife Trainers on PEMnet or VEMnet (EmnoNC)
- Midwife Family Planning Trainers and Supervisors.
- Midwife EENC/KMC Trainers
- Midwives attending refresher trainings on IMCI.
- Establishment of SRH Working Group.
- National RMNCAH Committee
- National MDSR Committee.
- Partnership with VFHA to support SRH interventions in the communities.
- Partner assistance (UNFPA) for regional Midwives to provide support in responding to disasters and recovery.

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