



Ministry of Education and Training



PRESS RELEASE

The Ministry of Education and Training launches a radio learning program to support home schooling

Port-Vila, Vanuatu – 17 April 2020: The Ministry of Education and Training (MoET) has launched a radio learning program called **Homskul Givhan** on Radio Vanuatu to support parents with home schooling students from kindergarten up to primary school following the closure of the schools over the COVID-19 and the Tropical Cyclone (TC) Harold.

The first radio program aired on Friday 10 April 2020 at 5pm covered setting up a working environment and capturing children's attention. The Homskul Givhan program is aired every Monday from 5pm to 5:30pm for parents of kindergarten age children, every Wednesday from 5pm to 5:30pm for parents of students in Years 1 to 3 and every Friday from 5pm to 5:30pm for parents of students in Years 4 to 6.

The MoET Director General, Bergmans Iati, said "the program helps parents and students to proceed with learning while staying at home".

The program is delivered by educational experts in Bislama and lessons are conducted slowly to ensure smooth home-based learning. Each lesson lasts 20 to 30 minutes.

The Principal Education Officer, Dick Hopkins, added "it is essential to provide support to parents and communities across Vanuatu to ensure the delivery of the home schooling packages to the children. Children must keep learning no matter of the situation with COVID-19 and the TC Harold. The Ministry of Education and Training would like to thank the Government of Australia who made this initiative possible".

All parents are highly encouraged to listen to Radio Vanuatu every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 5pm to 5:30pm. The recordings are also available on the MoET website moet.gov.vu and the MoET Facebook page www.facebook.com/moetvanuatu.

The initiative was led by the MoET, with the support of the Vanuatu Education Support Program, funded by the Australian Government.

