

# Transforming Rural Vocational Training

**Lessons from Pimaga Vocational Education and Training Centre**





# Pimaga Vocational Education and Training Centre

**Pimaga, Lake Kutubu, Nipa Kutubu District, Southern Highlands Province**



## **established in 2018**

recognised as a government institution in  
Nov 2019

2022

**100 students** (7 female)

2022

**6 teachers** (2 paid 4 volunteer)

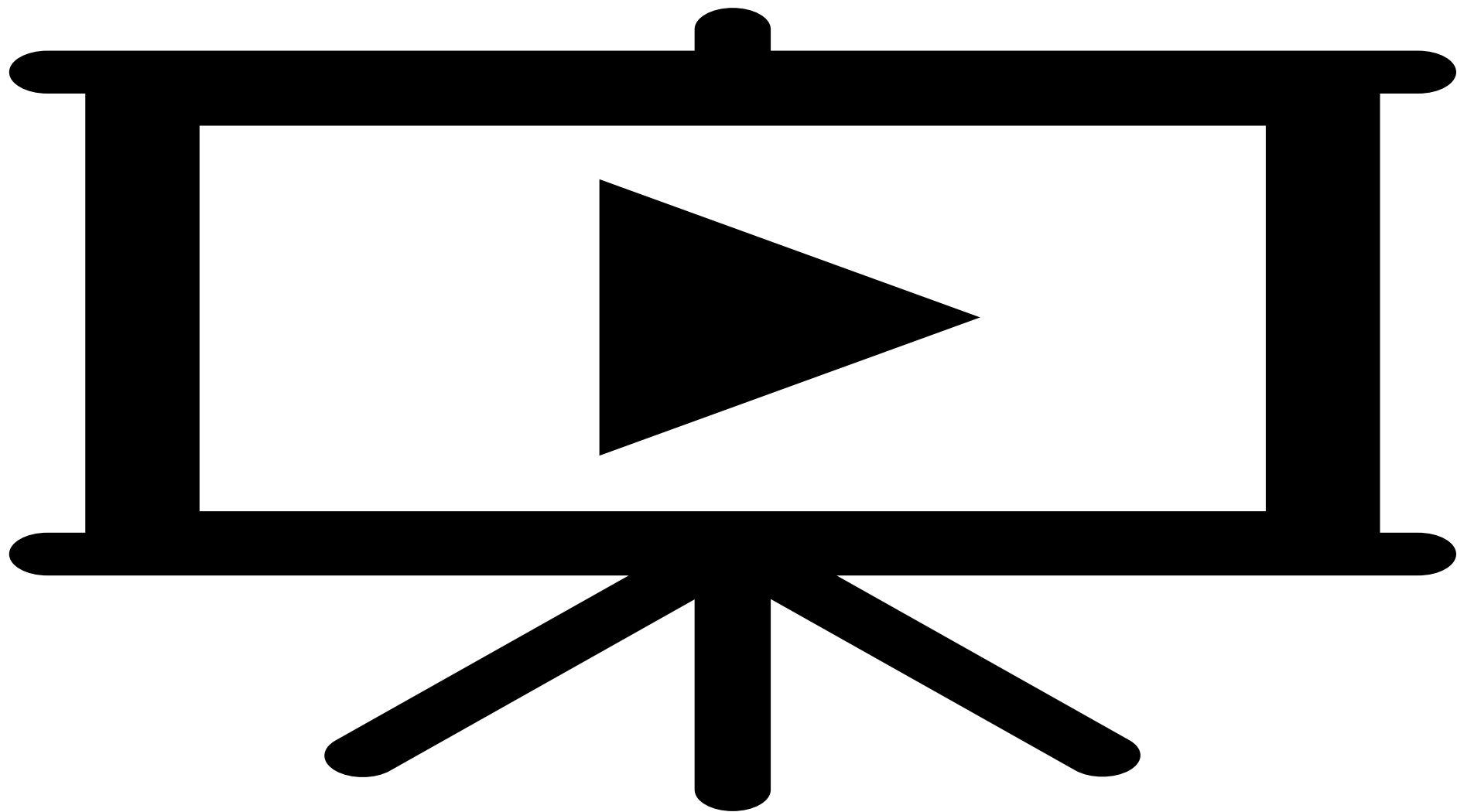
## **graduate interview learnings** (2022)

- four years of theory / no practical training
- training not nationally recognised
- no prospects of employment
- low morale

## **immediate priorities**

- lift student morale
- align training to national standards

photo taken **2023**





# Pimaga Vocational Education and Training Centre

**Currently under construction**



**2 x 46 person dormitories – female / male**



**200-person kitchen / mess facility**





# Achievements: 2022 - 2025



**infrastructure  
expansion**  
10 buildings



**established FODE**  
flexible open & distance  
education - 66 / 200 students



**increased no. of  
teachers on payroll**  
2 to 9 teachers



**99KW solar 149KW  
BESS**



**increased  
enrolments**  
100 to 300 students / 200%



**230 laptops**  
digital learning lab &  
FODE



**secured tools &  
equipment**  
4 x 20ft containers



**increased female  
enrolments**  
7 to 83 students / 1,000%



**4 national  
certificate courses**



# Capacity Building program

commenced Jan 2025



Bula Biwa

core program  
components



Winston Savalin

good  
governance

1



Aaron Haro

strengthening  
centre operations

2



Lena Buri

course delivery &  
quality assurance

3



Kingsley Ezra

teaching &  
learning  
resources

4



Hessa Benard

teacher  
development &  
retention

5



Joe Danabe

pathways to  
employment or  
further studies

6



Amos Bura'a

sustainability

7



# Vocational Program Outcomes



**Expanded course offerings reaching more young people in rural communities**

**Established pathways into employment or further education and training**

**Increased youth employment**

**Increased participation of women in trades**

**A stronger local workforce pipeline aligned with Santos' operational needs**

**Established a model vocational training centre that can be adapted and scaled across Papua New Guinea**



# Thank you

