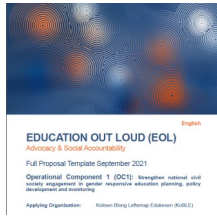




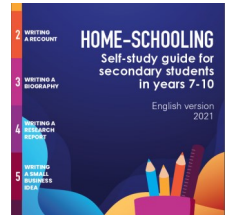
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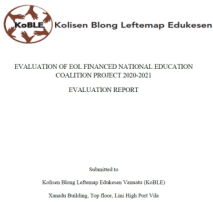


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### KoBLE's 2 Years' Evaluation Report



KoBLE is excited to present its first ever external independent evaluation report of its program. The report was commissioned by a pool of consultants from Nepal which was headed by Dr Indra Mani Rai. The final report was submitted to KoBLE and the Global Partnership for Education.

The evaluation focused on the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, impact, sustainability, cross-cutting areas, and lessons learned and adaptations of KoBLE's 2 year-project. KoBLE's project activities has looked into its membership expansion, representation from the marginalized groups, capacity building for interest groups or members, management capacity and governance of the Secretariat and Board, capacity in policy analysis and dialogue, coordination and collaboration, capacity in participation and strategic education

planning, capacity in research and monitoring, learning collaborative shared lessons, learning collaborative generated lessons, and learning collaborative established.

The Evaluation of EOL Financed National Education Coalition Project 2020-2021 Evaluation Full Report can be viewed via [www.koble.org.vu](http://www.koble.org.vu).

### KoBLE Receives Its Next 2 Years' Funding



KoBLE has been successful in receiving its 2 years' funding extension for the Education Out Loud program, funded by the Global Partnership for Education. The funding period is from 1st January, 2022 to 31st December, 2023. Other regional National Education Coalitions in the Pacific region countries, like the PNG Education Advocacy Network, the Samoa Education Network, and the Coalition of Education Solomon Islands, have also received funding. KoBLE is excited to kick start its project activities in May, 2022, after finalizing the contract's formalities.

On a positive note, KoBLE is happy to announce its new office location! In January 2022, KoBLE moved office from within Save the Children's premises, to its new premises at the Ardmani Building, above Jungle Café, Lini Highway Street.

An yearly calendar planning was also developed by KoBLE staff and has been approved by the Regional Management Unit based in Nepal. Please follow our website, Facebook account and weekly email updates for information of upcoming activities.

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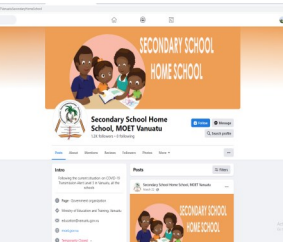


Vanuatu Society for People with Disability (VSPD) has stepped up in its community relief support to assisting the Early Intervention Program students during the COVID-19 lockdown. Vanuatu for the first time, has experienced a COVID-19 community transmission where the country declared a lockdown from March to May 2022. The Early Intervention Program (EIP) is a core educational initiative of VSPD in supporting children with disabilities from ages 1 to 6 years, towards transitioning into the mainstream schools.

Currently, there are 52 children attending the EIP classes from within five municipal wards and five area councils in Port Vila. During the lockdown, the VSPD staff went into the communities to distribute the EIP Home School Packages to support continuous learning for the EIP students. Parents are very positive about having the opportunity to help and support their children at home with the HSP materials during the lockdown. However on the other hand, full-time working mothers are finding it difficult to support their child's learning during homeschooling and this responsibility had to be shared with other family members in the household. The EIP students will continue doing the HSP during the month of May and will be looking forward to resuming classes in June 2022.

Ms. Nancy Swua, VSPD's Community Based Inclusive Development Officer, who is also a board member of KoBLE, expresses gratitude to the Vanuatu Government through its bilateral funding from New Zealand's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, in making sure that the program still continues; and also to a number of charitable trusts, and the VSPD donors, for their support and donations to the EIP students during the COVID-19 lockdown. Butterfly Trust has donated hand sanitizers and masks; Friends Vanuatu gave cash donations of VT3000 to all EIP students; Vanuatu Yumi Wan donated food parcels; and World Vision donated hygiene kits.

### The Ministry Of Education And Training's Home School Package



On 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022, the Ministry of Education and Training (MoET) uploaded the Home School Package (HSP) for students on its website as its response to the COVID-19 lockdown which was declared on 5th March, 2022. MoET clarified that the HSPs were inclusive and were developed as an easy-to-use material that could be used by parents or caregivers, and students at higher levels, to support students in their learning.

The HSPs cater for a 10 week period to maintain the continued learning of the students during times of emergency and to give time for teachers to prepare lessons from their Lesson Plans, for their students. The ministry also provided 3 Facebook pages, ECCE Home School, MoET Vanuatu; Primary Home School, MoET Vanuatu; and Secondary Home School, MoET Vanuatu, where parents or caregivers could interact and share their stories on the HSP activities.

The MoET in its press release 'More than 26, 000 home school booklets to be printed,' which was published in the Daily Post Issue 6453 on 27th January 2022, acknowledged KoBLE's work and considered its Home School Package Report's recommendations.

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