

Programme, Details of Expenses and Reporting to APT Secretariat

**APT Young Professional and Student Programme (APTYPS) 2021
“SheHacks Vanuatu”**

Programme

#SheHacks Vanuatu Schedule

Tuesday
 8:30am: Guest arrival and registration
 9:10am: Welcome
 10:00am: Group formation with **morning tea** to discuss what to build
 11:30am: Call for needs and mentor support
 12pm: **Lunch**
 2:30pm: **Afternoon Tea**
 5:30pm: Doors close

Wednesday
 8:30am: Doors open
 10:00am: **Morning tea**
 12pm: **Lunch**
 2pm: **Afternoon snack attack**
 3:30pm: Dance break
 5:30pm: Doors close

Thursday
 8:30am: Doors open
 10am: **Morning Tea** and Photography session - team photos
 12:30pm: **Lunch**
 1:30pm: Suggested **Tools Down**
 2pm: Presentations
 3:30pm: Play party!
 4pm: End of SheHacks till next year!

Logos: SheHacks, Peace Corps, GIRL GEEK ACADEMY, APT, TRBR, Vanuatu Coat of Arms

1. The tentative programme was shared to APT Secretariat before the event.
2. Mr. Liu Ziping, APT Deputy Secretary General Representative joined the Welcome ceremony and delivered a speech.

Details of Expenses

Activity	Date	Actual (VT)	Actual(USD)	Note: Exc Rate(xe.com)
1. Venue	24/11/2021	60,000	530.79	113.04
2. Catering	9/12/2021	150,000	1,320.57	113.587
3. Photographer	9/12/2021	12,500	110.05	113.587
4. Transport Allowance	9/12/2021	28,510	251.00	113.587
5. Prices for Participants	9/12/2021	138,043	1,215.31	113.587
6. Girl Geek Academy	17/01/2021	500(AUD)	360.44	1.38721
7. Cameras	13/12/2021	73,313	643.57	113.917
8. DHL	18/01/2022	20,240	179.32	112.869
Total			4,611.05	

Reporting to APT Secretariat

Background

In November 2014, a committee comprised of public and private partnerships was formed to create the first annual five-day SMART Sistas ICT Camp for girls to empower girls of ages 11-15 years to pursue educational opportunities in the ICT field. The announcement of the first 10 girls to attend the Girls ICT Camp occurred on the last Thursday of April 2016 during the celebration of Girls in ICT Day. Peace Corps Vanuatu, the Telecommunication, Radio Communications and Broadcasting Regulator (TRBR), the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (OGCIO) provided the initial support in sponsoring the first girls ICT camp hosted in Port Vila during the week of the Pacific ICT Days on May 16-20, 2016 and the event was a success story. The second camp was hosted again in Port Vila during the week of Pacific ICT Days in May, 2017 at the National Convention Center and it was again another success. The third camp was hosted again in Port Vila during the week of the Asia Pacific regional Internet Governance Forum (APrIGF) that was held at Iririki Island Resort while the camp was held across the water at the Grand hotel in August, 2018. In 2019 the ICT camp for girls was held at the Grand Hotel in Port Vila again as part of the ICT Days celebration week. And in 2020 and 2021, despite the Pandemic, the Camp carried on at the Messy Haos venue in Port Vila. So far, there has been about 60 Ni-Vanuatu Girls who have gone through the ICT camp during the last 6 years. SMARTs Sistas girls were always featured during the annual ITU Girls in ICT celebrations in Vanuatu.

Apart from the camp, the girls who went through the camp were also introduced to other programs as well. A successful event they participated in was, the Global Robotic Challenge where they were able to attend and compete in the event during its inauguration at Washington DC in 2017, Mexico City in 2018 and Dubai in 2019.

Objective

The objective was to seek financial support to hold a SMART Sistas alumni event that will bring in all those girls who have attended the SMART Sistas camp during the last 6 years. A three days hackathon event was planned. Most of these girls are now in senior secondary school and this event brought them together to strengthen their passion for ICT and career aspirations.

Theme: “SheHacks Vanuatu – empowering Young Professionals in Advanced Real Technology”

Type of activity

The SMART Sistas Committee and Girls Geek Academy planned a three days hackathon event that have at least 3 to 4 girls in one team for the competition. Each team is divided into three

responsibilities, one is the designer, the second is the coder that writes code, and the third is the presenter to pitch the product.

Target of Participants

Participants of this event are girls who have been through the SMART Sistas ICT Camp. Most of them are still in senior high school. A few are now into University.

Tentative time schedule

This hackathon event took place on 6th to 8th December, 2021.

Venue

The event was held at the Vanuatu National Provident Fund conference room that catered for about 66 students. The venue has all training facilities. All students brought their own laptops.

Number of participants

Students who have now been through the ICT camp would be 66. Only 29 attended on site and 3 connected virtually – 2 from another island and 1 internationally. 32 is the number of the participants.

Describe the event

Over 32 girls divided to a group of eight. Each group divided into three responsibilities, Designers, Programmers, and Presenters. The first day of the Camp were Introductions, dividing the groups and Presentations of the challenges at hand and the technology available. Second day allowed the groups to fully engage in Hackathon and technical support and guidance provided. Then the last day were pitching and presentations to a pool of judges and prizes announced accordingly.

Public Relations

The SMART Sistas organization has a Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/smartsistas> and Girls Geek Academy flickr photos album: [SheHacksVanuatu 2021 | Flickr](#). The event have updates posted on these sites. There was also a Media submission to the local Daily Post Newspaper and had local Television and Radio news reporter presented in Day 3 to capture and provide the News update of the event.

Partnership

SMART Sistas has three main local partners which are Peace Corp Vanuatu, Telecommunications, Radiocommunications and Broadcasting Regulator (TRBR) and the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OGCIO). There are many other partners who supported the SMART Sista program over the last 6 years. 3Link Internet Service Provider sponsored Internet connection for the event.

Outcomes

- 32 participants from 2016-2021 SMART Sistas did three days Hackathon
- 8 Teams. A team consists of Hipster (Designer), Hacker (Programmer) and Hustler (Pitcher)
- Creativity
- Innovative
- Exposure to different technologies
- Logic
- Graphics
- Confidence
- Mobile apps and Websites prototype created at the end of the Hackathon includes;
 - Recycle made Fun App
 - Water Management App
 - SMART Manager App
 - Time Management App
 - Social Media Management App
 - Ituani Centre App
 - Unemployment Website
 - Sistas Safety Website

Conclusion

The SMART Sistas camp program has been a successful annual event that has a lot of the support especially from the Vanuatu government and the private sector in Vanuatu and is globally recognized. As part of its mission to encourage young girls to venture into the ICT arena, this hackathon event boosted the interest of these young and potential future ICT professional in Vanuatu. The program is also supports the ITU Girls in ICT annual event that is being celebrated in Vanuatu every year as well as being in line with the Vanuatu SDGs. Thank you Asia Pacific Telecommunity Young Professional and Students Programme for funding.

The accounting reports attached with the original certification or original receipts

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