VANUATU RISPEK

World Vision Vanuatu's RISPEK is part of a global World Vision initiative 'It Takes a World to End Violence Against Children'. **Because Vanuatu has one of the highest rates of sexual and gender-based violence in the world**, the World Vision Vanuatu RISPEK campaign is focused on sexual consent and healthy intimate-partner relationships. It is working to equip youth with the skills and knowledge they need to build healthy relationships at the pivotal time when they are experiencing their first intimate partner relationships.

Vanuatu RISPEK aims to get young people across the country to start thinking about what a good relationship looks like, and talking about important but usually "tabu" subjects like sexual consent. Although sometimes people worry that talking about sex encourages young people to start having sex, research shows that teenagers who have talked with their parents about sex are more likely to wait later to have sex.

International evidence demonstrates that targeting adolescents before they form their first romantic relationship can have significant positive influence to build future healthy relationships and perpetuate non-violent approaches to resolving family conflicts.

– Kato-Wallace et al. 2016

WHAT WE'RE DOING

We're helping to get the conversation about healthy relationships and consent started through a layered series of youth focused approaches.

RISPEKTEM YU WAN, RISPEKTEM NARAFALA MAN workshop series

The workshop is a series of five sessions run for young people in schools, sports clubs and churches and covers cyber safety and online relationships, characteristics of a healthy relationship, warning signs and understanding violence in a relationship, consent and the Vanuatu law and menstrual health and understanding body development.

VANUATU RISPEK at youth events

World Vision takes the Vanuatu RISPEK message to the biggest youth events across Vanuatu, including the inter-school National Games and Fest'Napuan Music Festival to reach young people in a way that is relevant to them, using videos, ambassador artists, online games and interactive activities.

VANUATU RISPEK on Facebook

Our Vanuatu RISPEK Facebook page (www.facebook.com/VanuatuRispek) engages with followers to introduce new ideas about consent and gender quality and keep the conversation going through youth focused, contextually relevant, multimedia content.



THE MESSAGES WE'RE SHARING

World Vision Vanuatu's RISPEK campaign is all about letting young people know that all good relationships are based on respect. Having sex or doing anything sexual without consent is sexual violence. And sexual violence is never ok – it hurts people and destroys relationships.

But what does respect really mean?

- Respect is knowing that both people in a relationship have the right to decide what happens.
- Respect is being confident to say no when you don't want to do something sexual—even if you've done it before.
- Respect is listening when your partner says no—no matter what.
- Respect is understanding that it is never ok to force or trick someone to do something sexual—not ever.



27 I youth in Port Vila and Santo have gone through the healthy relationships curriculum and the campaign has reached more than **3,920** people across Vanuatu.



RISPEK EMI

Taim yumi save se patna blong yumi hemi kat rait blong talem aot wanem we hem i wantem.



RISPEK EMI

Taim we tufala patna i save se nara wan i save talem no taim we nara patna i askem blo mekem ol fasin blong sex lo hem be hem i no wantem.



RISPEK EMI

Lisen mo folem ting ting blong patna blo yu oltaim taim hemi talem no



RISPEK EMI

Taim yu save se i no orait nating blo fosem or trikim wan man blong mekem ol fasin blong sex.

WHAT ELSE WE'RE DOING

Since 2014, World Vision Vanuatu has been working to reduce gender-based violence through a series of programs in churches. The Relationship Education about Choices and Healing (REACH) project currently works with over 30 church congregations across several denominations in Efate, Tanna and Santo to address gender-based violence (GBV) by targeting root causes of gender inequality and promoting messages about positive gender norms.



