

Development Planning Unit (DPU)

The Development Planning Unit (DPU) exists to provide Community Development Planning advice and support for the socio-economic development of the rural area of Vanuatu.



Community Profiling training workshop with Malampa Area Administrators conducted by DPU.

Decentralization Unit (DCU)

The Decentralization Unit (DCU) exists to advise the recommendations of the Decentralization Review Committee (DRC) and to advise the Minister of Internal Affairs on Decentralization policy and development and strengthen for delivering government services to the provinces



DCU conducting consultation with PTAC and all line departments

DLA Objectives (Goals)

The DLA principle objectives (goals) are:

- ♦ To assist in developing and implementing appropriate Decentralization policies suitable for Vanuatu;
- ♦ To improve the Administrative, Managerial and Financial capabilities of the Provincial Government and Municipalities;
- ♦ To assist the Provinces and Municipalities in undertaking rural/urban development in a suitable manner;
- ♦ To increase awareness of the role physical planning and ensuring the high possible standards of professional competence and conduct;
- ♦ To develop. Implement and monitor appropriate legislation which would facilitate
- ♦ To provide technical expertise to ensure that, as far as possible, decision making physical and Development planning matters is decentralized to local government;
- ♦ To be a competent and professional Department with a reputation for being effective and efficient in the



Induction of Sanma Provincial Councillors led by HQ DLA team



DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES (DLA)

“Department responsible for supporting and improving local governance in the Republic of Vanuatu”



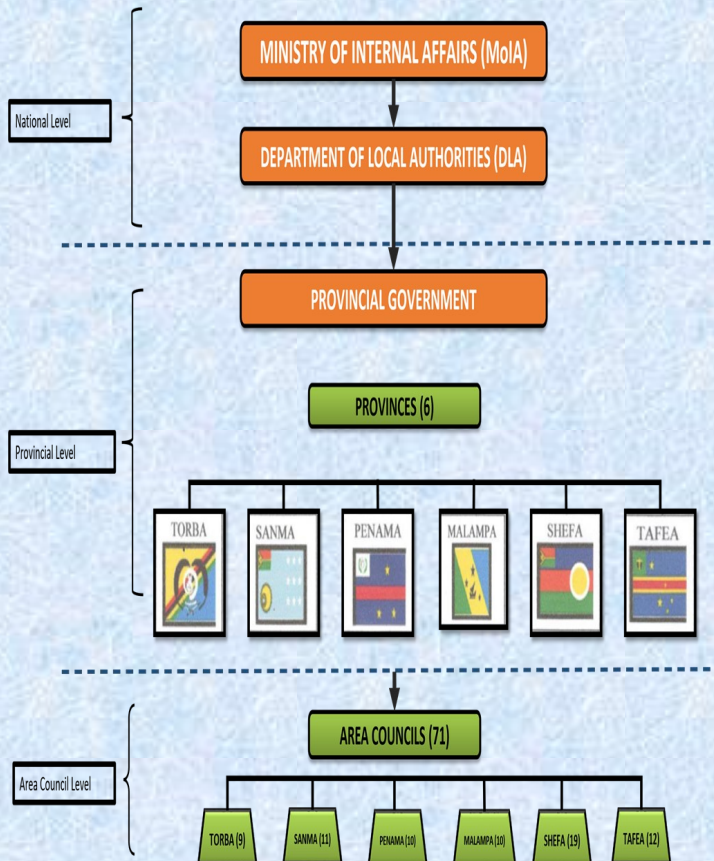
Department of Local Authorities

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Governing Structure



Vision and Mission

Vision:

The Department envisions a vibrant and resilient local authorities' systems and structures in enabling effective and efficient service delivery and development to improve the livelihoods of the communities across Vanuatu.

Mission:

The Department of Local Authorities is committed to supporting, coordinating, and monitoring local authorities by providing technical assistance, legal guidance, and resources for financial management, regional development, planning, and daily operations through an effective decentralized system, procedures, and practices to enable efficient service delivery by the Local Authorities.

Key Responsibilities:

The Department's primary responsibility is to support the Provincial and Municipal Government Councils.

It achieves this by:

- ◆ Providing policy advice to the Local Authorities
- ◆ Providing technical support in Development Planning
- ◆ Managing the decentralization process
- ◆ Providing assistance in managing various Acts of Parliament under the jurisdiction of the Development and the Provincial Councils
- ◆ Litigating for the Provincial Councils
- ◆ Administering grants to six (6) Provincial Government

Administrative Acts

- ◆ Decentralization Act (CAP 230)

Administrative Acts

In order to understand its responsibilities, the Department is arranged into several units each with responsibility for different aspects of the Department's activities and administration. These include the **Office of the Director/Administration, Finance, Development Planning, and Decentralization units.**

The Department also has an additional of eighty seven (87) staffs in the six (6) provinces .

Office of the Director/Administration

The Director supported by the Deputy Director leads the activities of the Department and is responsible for the overall functioning of the Department.

Finance Unit

The Finance Unit is responsible for budgeting, auditing and managing all financial services both within the Department and in the provinces and the Municip-