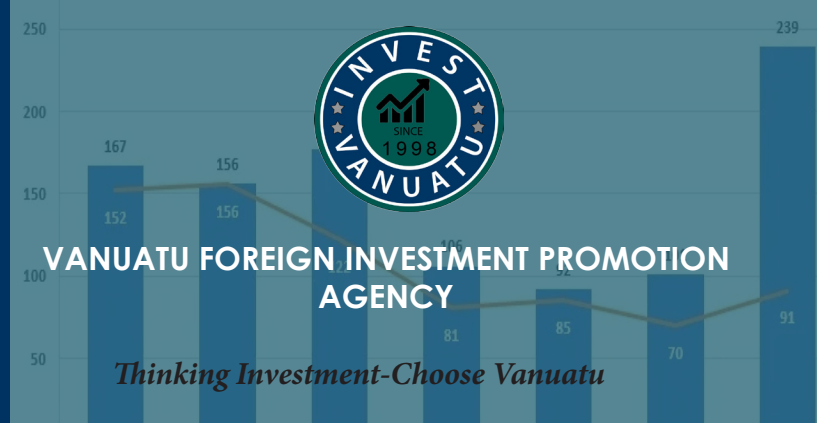


FIRST QUARTERLY 2026 NEWS LETTER

Update on Investment Leads, Case studies, FDI trends



CEO's MESSAGE



Dear distinguished readers, stakeholders, and friends,

Welcome to the VFIPA January–March 2026 Newsletter. It is my pleasure to share the progress, achievements, and ongoing initiatives of the Vanuatu Foreign Investment Promotion Agency (VFIPA) as we continue to foster sustainable and impactful investment across the country.

The first quarter of 2026 has been a period of dynamic engagement and collaboration. We have celebrated milestones such as the launch of a top Japanese brand company in Port Vila, which exemplifies how strategic partnerships and effective facilitation can translate into tangible investment outcomes. At the same time, VFIPA has continued to actively identify and engage new investment leads, coordinate with potential investors, and support projects that align with Vanuatu's national development priorities.

A key factor in our success is the Corporate Division, which operates as part of a unified, agency-wide team effort at VFIPA to ensure the organization functions cohesively, strategically, and effectively. The division plays a central role in aligning all VFIPA units, including Investment Promotion & Facilitation, Aftercare & Advocacy, and Registration & Monitoring with the agency's overall objectives. Through strong collaboration, clear communication, and shared accountability, this coordinated approach enables each division to deliver efficiently, support investors at every stage of the investment lifecycle, and respond proactively to emerging opportunities and challenges. It is this collective commitment and teamwork across VFIPA that drives consistent performance and contributes to achieving

Vanuatu's broader economic development goals.

Looking ahead, VFIPA is fully aligned with the Investment Promotion Strategy (IPS 2026–2030), which provides a clear roadmap for attracting and facilitating investment in priority sectors such as tourism, agro-processing, fisheries, renewable energy, and light manufacturing. The IPS strengthens investor confidence, enhances the ease of doing business, and ensures that all investment activities contribute meaningfully to sustainable economic growth across Vanuatu.

As we progress through 2026, VFIPA remains committed to being a reliable partner for investors, a bridge between government and private enterprise, and a champion for Vanuatu's economic development. By working together with our teams, stakeholders, and investors we are creating an environment where businesses can thrive, new opportunities are realized, and development goals are achieved.

Thank you for your continued support. I look forward to sharing another quarter of growth, innovation, and successful investment stories, and to strengthening our collaboration for the benefit of Vanuatu and its people.

Warm Regards,

Mr. Raymond Vuti
CEO, Vanuatu Foreign Investment Promotion Agency (VFIPA)

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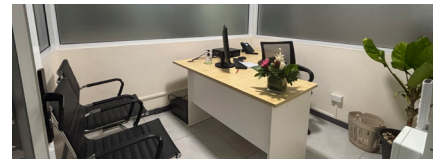
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Launching of the Foreign Investment Strategy 2026-2030

From Strategy to Action: Implementing IPS 2026–2030

As VFIPA commences the rollout of the Investment Promotion Strategy (IPS) 2026–2030, we are adopting a targeted and strategic approach to investment promotion and facilitation. In 2026, VFIPA will prioritise the key sectors identified under the IPS, with tourism leading the way as the flagship sector.

This focused approach allows us to concentrate resources, strengthen investor engagement, enhance facilitation services, and showcase high-potential investment opportunities that align with Vanuatu's national development objectives. As part of this rollout, VFIPA has been identifying priority markets globally and regionally, ensuring our promotion and facilitation efforts are responsive, strategic, and reflective of evolving investment trends.

Tourism has been identified as the primary focus sector for 2026 due to its strong recovery, proven performance, and potential to drive inclusive economic growth, creating jobs and stimulating linkages with other sectors such as hospitality, transport, and local enterprise development.

Equally important, VFIPA will continue to work closely with existing foreign-owned businesses, led by our Aftercare & Advocacy Team, to support business expansion, reinvestment, and long-term investor retention.

The Aftercare Team plays a critical role in this process, providing ongoing guidance, resolving

operational challenges, facilitating government engagement, and helping businesses navigate regulatory and compliance requirements. Their support ensures that investors are confident, well-supported, and positioned for sustainable growth.

In support of these efforts, VFIPA's Registration and Monitoring Team is actively engaging with registered foreign businesses, providing critical data and insights that enable targeted aftercare, enhanced service delivery, and evidence-based decision-making.

Together, these functions ensure that both new and existing investors receive personalized, hands-on support throughout their investment lifecycle.

The successful implementation of the IPS will also rely on strong collaboration with stakeholders at national, regional, and international levels, including government agencies, private sector partners, development organizations, and international investors.

This coordinated approach ensures alignment, consistency, and measurable impact across all investment promotion and facilitation activities.

Through this investor-centric, market-driven, and collaborative strategy, VFIPA reaffirms

sits commitment to attracting quality, sustainable investments that generate long-term economic value, foster inclusive growth, and deliver meaningful outcomes for the people of Vanuatu.

The strategic integration of aftercare and advocacy services demonstrates VFIPA's dedication to creating a supportive, reliable, and investor-friendly environment that encourages reinvestment, strengthens confidence, and contributes to sustainable economic development.

Through these efforts, VFIPA continues to evolve as a modern and effective IPA, committed to delivering end-to-end investor services that support investment attraction, retention, and expansion, in alignment with the IPS 2026–2030.

Vanuatu Foreign Investment Promotion Agency (VFIPA) proudly welcomes Toshiba Corporation, Kyowa Shipping Co., Ltd., and Vanguard Industries to Vanuatu



Official Launching - Radiant Technologies, Melanesian Hotel, 2nd of March 2026

The Vanuatu Foreign Investment Promotion Agency (VFIPA) has welcomed the official launch of Radiant Technologies Ltd., held at The Melanesian Hotel, marking a significant milestone in strengthening Vanuatu's renewable energy sector and expanding international investment partnerships.

The project, initially based in Malampa Province, is expected to expand to other locations across the country, further supporting nationwide development, an expansion VFIPA warmly welcomes. The launch, attended by government officials, private sector representatives, and development partners, highlighted the growing confidence of international investors in Vanuatu's clean energy potential.

Mr. Raymond Vuti, Chief Executive Officer of VFIPA, emphasized the importance of sustained collaboration moving forward, noting that the Agency will continue working closely with strategic partners to ensure the long-term success and sustainability of the initiative.

Mr. Vuti highlighted the participation of three renowned companies, namely, Toshiba Corporation, Vanguard Industries, and Kyowa Shipping Co. Ltd. partnering through Radiant Technologies Ltd. This milestone marks the official entry of Toshiba into the Vanuatu market, operating locally through Radiant Technologies.

"This investment reflects the confidence of internationally recognized companies in Vanuatu's investment environment and renewable energy potential," Mr. Vuti stated. "It demonstrates that Vanuatu remains an attractive and credible destination for quality foreign direct investment."

The project contributes directly to the renewable energy sector and supports the implementation of the Vanuatu National Energy Road Map (NERM) 2016–2030, which aims to expand access to sustainable, affordable, and reliable energy nationwide, particularly in rural and off-grid communities.

It also aligns with VFIPA's Investment Promotion Strategy (IPS) 2026–2030, advancing priority sectors especially renewable energy while strengthening international partnerships, promoting technology transfer, encouraging sustainable private sector growth, and supporting long-term economic resilience. The initiative reflects VFIPA's proactive, relationship-driven approach to facilitating strategic investments that deliver measurable national impact.

Beyond its economic contribution, the project is expected to create employment opportunities, enhance local technical capacity through skills development and knowledge transfer, increase investor confidence in Vanuatu's clean energy market, and support the country's transition toward greener, climate-resilient infrastructure.

Mr. Vuti acknowledged the dedicated efforts of Mr. Alick Robsen Joe, Manager of the Investment Promotion & Facilitation Division (IPFD), whose sustained engagement with international partners over the past six years culminated in their commercial presence in Vanuatu. This achievement reflects VFIPA's patient, strategic, and partnership-focused investment facilitation model.

Through the "Delighting Everyone Project,"

Radiant Technologies will commence operations on the island of Malekula, focusing on supporting small vendors and local communities. The initiative will enhance grassroots access to renewable energy, promote inclusive economic participation, empower small enterprises, and improve livelihoods. As the project expands beyond Malampa Province, VFIPA will work closely with the Ministry of Trade and Commerce to ensure continued alignment with national economic priorities and equitable development across Vanuatu.

VFIPA acknowledges the valuable support of the Pacific Islands Centre (PIC), which played a key role in connecting Toshiba Corporation with the Agency and laying the foundation for this successful partnership.

Honourable Ralph Regenvanu, Minister for Climate Change, Adaptation, Meteorology and Geo-Hazards, Energy and Environment, addressed the event, reaffirming the Government's commitment to advancing renewable energy, climate resilience, environmental sustainability, and inclusive economic growth through strong public-private partnerships.

VFIPA further extends its sincere appreciation to the Ministry of the Environment, Government of Japan, the Japanese Embassy in Vanuatu, JICA, the Department of Energy (DOE), the Ministry of Climate Change, the Malampa Provincial Headquarters, and other key public and private sector stakeholders whose collaboration contributed to the successful commencement of this initiative. Their continued partnership will be essential to ensuring long-term sustainability and impact.

The launch significantly strengthens economic cooperation between Vanuatu and Japan, reinforcing longstanding bilateral relations while advancing shared objectives in clean energy development, infrastructure modernization, technology exchange, climate-resilient growth, and sustainable private sector expansion.

The initiative also supports the implementation of Vanuatu's National Sustainable Development Plan 2030 (NSDP 2030), contributing to the country's long-term vision of a stable, sustainable, and prosperous nation. By expanding renewable energy access, building human capital, encouraging responsible foreign investment, and strengthening community-level participation, the project enhances national resilience and promotes economic diversification.

The Vanuatu Foreign Investment Promotion Agency proudly welcomes Toshiba Corporation, Vanguard Industries, and Kyowa Shipping Co. Ltd. to Vanuatu's business community and looks forward to a long-term partnership that contributes to national development, innovation, shared prosperity, and a more sustainable energy future.

Investment STORIAN - Journeys Behind the Investments



Mr. Olivier - Gaston Chocolat Vanuatu

Gaston Chocolat was founded by Olivier Fernandez, whose deep appreciation for Vanuatu's natural beauty, cultural heritage, and world-class cacao inspired him to build a chocolate enterprise deeply rooted in the islands. Naming the company after his grandfather, Gaston, Olivier paid tribute to family legacy, craftsmanship, and entrepreneurial spirit.

Operating as a genuine "tree-to-bar" producer, the company oversees every step of production, from selecting single-origin Vanuatu cacao beans, through fermentation, drying, refining, and tempering, to hand-wrapping the final chocolate bar. Olivier's commitment goes beyond business "he seeks to empower farmers, strengthen rural communities, and build a sustainable chocolate industry that benefits Vanuatu economically, socially, and culturally".

Entrepreneurship has always been the motivation, and chocolate making became a path to unite passion for craft, skill, and community. At the beginning of the tree-to-bar journey in Vanuatu, a name was chosen that reflects honesty, passion, tradition, and adventure. Carrying Olivier's grandfather's name reinforces that family is at the heart of everything, and no dream stands alone.

VFIPA Commends Gaston Chocolat's Continued Impact in Vanuatu. In the last quarter of 2025, the VFIPA Investment Promotion and Facilitation Team visited Gaston Chocolat as part of highlighting investment success stories in Vanuatu. VFIPA expresses its deep appreciation for the outstanding contribution of Mr. Olivier Fernandez, whose commitment to quality, sustainability, and community empowerment continues to support Vanuatu's economic, social, and agricultural development. His work has positioned Gaston Chocolat as a model agribusiness and a true Vanuatu success story.

VFIPA has actively supported the growth of Gaston Chocolat by connecting Mr. Olivier with key stakeholders in Japan, helping strengthen international partnerships and expand market visibility for premium Vanuatu cacao. These connections support new export opportunities and promote Vanuatu's value-added products in foreign markets.

During the first quarter of this year, the Investment Promotion & Facilitation Team, led by the CEO, conducted a visit to Gaston Chocolat as part of a follow-up to the meeting held last year between Mr. Olivier and the Manager of Investment Promotion & Facilitation. This engagement aimed to further strengthen collaboration and document successful investment stories that highlight the impact of VFIPA's support.

The visit also provided an opportunity for the team to gain a clearer understanding of Gaston Chocolat's planned expansion later this year, including potential areas for growth, investment needs, and

operational developments. In addition, discussions focused on identifying ways VFIPA can continue to support the company's expansion strategy, facilitate any required approvals, and enhance the overall investment environment for similar businesses.

Gaston Chocolat's commitment to quality has earned international Gaston Chocolat has established a strong reputation for quality and ethical sourcing. Through its partnership with the Pacific Horticultural and Agricultural Market Access Plus (PHAMA Plus) Program, supported by Australia and New Zealand, the company has achieved important certifications, including HACCP for international food safety standards and B-Corp Certification, reflecting its commitment to social, environmental, and economic responsibility.

PHAMA Plus continues to support Gaston Chocolat in improving processing, storage, and marketing of specialty cacao, helping farmers achieve higher incomes. Specialty cacao from Vanuatu can earn a 20-30% premium compared to bulk cacao due to its unique flavour and quality.

The program is also assisting the company to expand its fermentation station in Central East Malekula by installing additional solar dryers and developing improved storage and packaging facilities. These improvements aim to increase specialty cacao production, enhance quality, and strengthen the global branding of Gaston Chocolat products.

Today, Gaston Chocolat exports to Australia, New Zealand, the United States, Japan, and Europe. By sourcing at least 70% of ingredients locally and collaborating with other Vanuatu enterprises, the company continues to strengthen national value chains while promoting Vanuatu's artisanal agricultural products to global markets.

The company currently employs two full-time staff in Port Vila and four in Malekula, while working with 367 contracted farmers. Expansion plans include additional roles in the café, chocolate factory, and farm operations, which are expected to increase employment opportunities and further support local farmers.

VFIPA IPFD Team will continue to engage with Gaston Chocolat in the coming months to follow up on the company's expansion plans, including potential collaboration with another French company. This engagement reflects VFIPA's ongoing commitment to supporting existing investors and facilitating further growth in Vanuatu's agribusiness sector.



VFIPA IPFD Team visiting Gaston Chocolat Plant 2026

Investment **STORIAN**-Aftercare & Advocacy : Guiding Investors on the Road to Success

The Aftercare & Advocacy Team at VFIPA plays a critical role in ensuring that investors receive ongoing support throughout their investment journey in Vanuatu. The team's responsibilities extend beyond initial approvals to include:

- **Investor Engagement & Support:** Acting as the primary point of contact for existing investors, addressing operational challenges, and providing guidance for business growth.
- **Stakeholder Coordination:** Bridging connections between government departments, regulatory authorities, and private sector partners to facilitate smooth project implementation.
- **Regulatory Assistance:** Helping investors navigate compliance, permits, certifications, and other administrative requirements.
- **Aftercare Monitoring & Feedback:** Regularly assessing investor needs, collecting feedback, and ensuring issues are resolved promptly to encourage reinvestment and long-term commitment.

Through these efforts, the Aftercare & Advocacy Team ensures that Vanuatu remains a supportive, investor-friendly environment, reinforcing confidence and fostering sustainable economic growth.

The phrase "road to success" beautifully captures the journey, resilience, and relentless effort required to reach a goal. As with any meaningful achievement, the path is often "under construction," highlighting that success is rarely straightforward.

Natural Treasures Vanuatu Limited is now going through registration process and identifying location for its commercial presence. VFIPA's Aftercare & Advocacy Team, who guided the company through each stage of the process, from initial planning to operational readiness.



VFIPA Aftercare Team

Under the leadership of CEO Raymond Vuti and a highly capable management team, VFIPA provided guidance that went far beyond the issuance of industrial permits and business licenses. Their support included:

- Coordinating meetings with all relevant stakeholders
- Bridging connections between government agencies and private enterprises
- Facilitating one-on-one discussions with critical departments such as Customs and Biosecurity

- Ensuring smooth logistics, certifications, and operational compliance

The hands-on assistance from Manager and Aftercare Officer has been crucial in helping Natural Treasures Vanuatu Limited proactively address challenges, seize opportunities, and prepare for a successful establishment. At this stage, VFIPA's team continues to provide guidance, ensuring that the business foundation is strong and sustainable, and that the company is fully equipped for growth in the coming months.

With VFIPA's continuous support, Natural Treasures Vanuatu Limited has made significant strides toward operational success and long-term sustainability. This story highlights how VFIPA's Aftercare & Advocacy role transforms investment journeys into mutually beneficial partnerships, enabling investors to thrive while contributing meaningfully to Vanuatu's economic development.



VFIPA Aftercare Team meeting with Natural Treasures Vanuatu Limited

VFIPA's commitment to investors from facilitation and advocacy to hands-on aftercare, demonstrates the agency's dedication to creating a supportive, investor-friendly environment in Vanuatu. The ongoing partnership with Natural Treasures Vanuatu Limited exemplifies how strategic guidance and personalized support can turn complex investment plans into reality. With the business set to officially open in the coming months, VFIPA's assistance has ensured that all regulatory, logistical, and operational aspects are in place, giving the company a strong foundation for success.

This proactive support not only helps investors navigate challenges efficiently but also encourages confidence, reinvestment, and long-term commitment. Natural Treasures Vanuatu Limited's journey highlights VFIPA's pivotal role in fostering sustainable economic growth, promoting best practices in investment management, and creating a model for future investors seeking to establish and expand their operations in Vanuatu not only in the manufacturing sectors, but also other sectors as well in the IPS 2026-2030.

VFIPA Presence in Santo and Northern Region Key Investment Highlights – Q1 2026



VFIPA Northern Office - Officer Mr. Lee Tabi

VFIPA's presence in Santo remains critically important in strengthening investor engagement at the provincial level. Our on-the-ground representation enables more effective coordination, timely support services, and the development of strong relationships with both existing and prospective investors. This localized presence enhances our ability to understand regional priorities, streamline investment processes, and promote opportunities aligned with Sanma Province's development goals.

Through our Santo office, VFIPA continues to play a key role in facilitating investments, supporting project implementation, and ensuring that investment outcomes deliver sustainable and long-term benefits for local communities and the broader economy.

Senior Investment Officer, Mr. Lee, is based in Santo with duties including investment promotion and facilitation, investor registration, as well as monitoring and aftercare services. His role ensures a consistent VFIPA presence in the northern region, providing hands-on support throughout the entire investment lifecycle, from initial inquiry and approvals to operational support, expansion, and retention.

VFIPA's proactive engagement on the ground reflects its commitment to decentralized service delivery. This approach enables more responsive and efficient investor support while fostering confidence and strengthening collaboration with provincial authorities, local communities, and key stakeholders.

Registration & Monitoring -Help DESK

During the reporting period, VFIPA continued to strengthen its registration support services across the northern region:

- Over 100 investors were supported through advisory services, permit facilitation, and coordination with relevant government agencies.
- The VFIPA Management Information System (MIS) portal has significantly improved efficiency in processing and managing business-related services.
- A total of 90 investor surveys were conducted to better understand investor needs, challenges, and opportunities for improvement.
- VFIPA recorded 2 new investment registrations and 3 variations, reflecting ongoing investor activity and business expansion within the region.

These efforts were further strengthened through close coordination with the Registration and Monitoring Team based in Port Vila, who play a critical role in processing all investment applications, approvals, and compliance requirements in a timely and efficient manner. Their support ensures consistency, transparency, and adherence to regulatory frameworks, while enabling seamless service delivery between the head office and the Santo office.

The integrated approach between the Santo Help Desk and the Port Vila team enhances VFIPA's overall operational effectiveness, ensuring that investors receive end-to-end support throughout the registration, monitoring, and aftercare process.

Collectively, these efforts demonstrate VFIPA's continued commitment to enhancing investor experience, improving service delivery, and supporting sustainable investment growth in Vanuatu.

Aftercare & Investor Support

Aftercare services in Santo remain a key priority, ensuring that existing investors continue to receive ongoing support throughout their operations. Since last year, VFIPA has been actively implementing targeted aftercare initiatives with a selected group of existing investors to better understand their operational needs, challenges, and growth plans.



VFIPA Northern Office - Officer Mr. Lee Tabi

The officer based in Santo works closely with the Aftercare Team in Port Vila to ensure a coordinated and consistent approach to investor support. This collaboration enables timely follow-up on investor concerns, efficient resolution of issues, and streamlined communication between provincial and head office levels.

This approach includes addressing business constraints, facilitating engagement with relevant government agencies, supporting expansion opportunities, and maintaining regular communication to strengthen investor confidence and retention. The targeted aftercare program has also provided valuable insights that inform policy recommendations and service improvements.

A strong aftercare function not only enables timely resolution of issues but also fosters reinvestment, business expansion, and long-term commitment to the region, reinforcing Santo's position as a key investment destination in Vanuatu.

Continued

Investment Promotion & Facilitation efforts

Investment promotion and facilitation remain a core priority for VFIPA, particularly in identifying new investment leads and developing investment-ready opportunities across key sectors. These efforts are essential in positioning Vanuatu as a competitive and attractive destination for foreign direct investment.

In line with **VFIPA's Investment Promotion Strategy (IPS) 2026–2030**, there is a strong focus on proactively targeting high-quality investors, strengthening sector-specific value propositions, and promoting bankable projects that align with national development priorities. This includes advancing opportunities in tourism, renewable energy, agriculture, and infrastructure development.

Special emphasis is placed on Santo as a key economic hub in the northern region of Vanuatu. Its strategic location, resource base, and growing infrastructure position it as a prime destination for investment. VFIPA continues to actively promote Santo by identifying viable projects and facilitating investor engagement in sectors with high growth potential.

VFIPA enhances its promotion efforts through strategic engagement with international partners, participation in investment missions, and targeted outreach to potential investors. At the same time, facilitation services are strengthened to ensure a seamless investor journey, from initial inquiry and project identification to establishment and operational support.

A key component of this approach is the development of investment-ready projects, supported by relevant data, feasibility insights, and coordinated stakeholder engagement. This ensures that potential investors are presented with well-structured and viable opportunities, reducing entry barriers and accelerating investment decisions.

"VFIPA aims not only to attract new investments but also to ensure they are sustainable, impactful, and aligned with the long-term economic vision outlined in the IPS 2026–2030, while reinforcing Santo's role as a growing economic hub for the country.

"Santo continues to emerge as a key economic hub for Vanuatu, offering strong potential across priority sectors. Through VFIPA's targeted investment promotion and facilitation efforts under the IPS 2026–2030, we are committed to unlocking this potential by attracting quality investments that drive sustainable growth and deliver long-term benefits for our communities. Our presence in Santo allows us to provide hands-on support to investors, ensure streamlined processes, and foster strong partnerships with local authorities and communities. By developing investment-ready projects and supporting ongoing aftercare, VFIPA is helping Santo realize its full potential as a vibrant center for economic development, innovation, and regional prosperity."

— Mr. Raymond Vuti, CEO, VFIPA

Spotlight on Santo:

Driving Investment Growth

Espiritu Santo (Santo)

- Largest island in Vanuatu
- Northern economic hub
- Key centre for commerce, tourism, and investment

Economic Development Zone (EDZ)

- Streamlined approvals & investor incentives
- Infrastructure support for business growth
- Priority sectors: Agriculture, Agro-processing, Fisheries, Tourism, ICT, Manufacturing and

Tourism Industry

- World-class resorts and cruise ports
- Adventure attractions: Champagne Beach, Million Dollar Point, Blue Holes
- Gateway for eco-tourism in northern Vanuatu

Infrastructure & Connectivity

- Santo-Pekoa International Airport (SON): Direct flights from Brisbane (BNE) twice weekly (~2h50m)
- Luganville Wharf: Longest wharf in the South Pacific – cargo, cruise ships, and potential yacht hub
- Well-connected road networks for trade and logistics

Natural Resources & Opportunities

- Rich in agriculture (coconut, cocoa, kava, vanilla) and marine resources
- Renewable energy potential (solar, hydropower)
- Investment opportunities: Tourism, Yacht Marinas, Agro-processing, Fisheries, Light Manufacturing

Strategic Role

- Complements Port Vila as the northern economic hub
- VFIPA presence ensures hands-on investor support, aftercare, and facilitation
- High-potential destination for sustainable, high-impact investment.

VFIPA Returns to Its Main Office in the CBD



VFIPA Head Office- Reception

Following the recent earthquake and a period of temporary relocation, the Vanuatu Foreign Investment Promotion Agency (VFIPA) is pleased to announce its return to its main office, now fully operational in the Central Business District (CBD) of Port Vila.

This return marks an important step in restoring normal operations and reinforcing VFIPA's commitment to serving investors and stakeholders with efficiency and reliability. Being located in the heart of the CBD places VFIPA in close proximity to key government institutions, private sector partners, and essential business services, enabling improved coordination and faster service delivery.

The move also enhances accessibility for both existing and prospective investors, providing a central and convenient location for consultations, investment facilitation, and ongoing support. It reflects VFIPA's resilience and readiness to continue driving investment activities despite recent challenges.

As part of the transition, several improvements and renovations have been undertaken to enhance the functionality and inclusivity of the office.



VFIPA-Wheelchair platform

These include the development of a newly cemented car park, improving accessibility and convenience, as well as the extension of additional office space, allowing for better accommodation of staff and meeting facilities to support VFIPA's growing operations. Importantly, a new accessible pathway for persons with disabilities has also been constructed, ensuring safe and inclusive access to the office for all visitors and stakeholders.

The CEO of VFIPA extends his sincere appreciation to the Corporate Team, and in particular HR Officer, Ms Anna Taritambe, for her outstanding role in facilitating all preparations, renovations, and logistics required for the transition. Her dedication, coordination, and attention to detail ensured a smooth and timely return to the main office. The collective efforts of the team have been instrumental in maintaining continuity of services during this period.

As VFIPA resumes full operations from its main office, the agency remains focused on delivering high-quality services, strengthening investor confidence, and supporting the continued growth of Vanuatu's economy.

Moving into the newly renovated highlights a huge achievement for the agency especially having as a promotional location for clients to visit the office and have a chat with the investment team.



VFIPA Head Office- Lobby and reception




VFIPA Head Office- Car Park Area

Vanuatu FDI Snapshot – VFIPA

Q1 2026- Strong Growth & Investor Confidence


Q1 2026 AT A GLANCE

 **70 FDI Approvals**
+12.9% vs Q4 2025
+45.8% vs Q1 2025

 A strong start to 2026, reflecting continued investor confidence

INVESTOR COMPOSITION

 **70%** – New Investors
18.6% – Joint Ventures
11.4% – Existing Investors

 Growing collaboration and strong inflow of new capital

KEY SECTORS (Q1 2026)


 **Wholesale & Retail Trade** – 24 approvals (Leading sector)

 **Professional Services** – 12 approvals

 **Tourism** (Accommodation & Food) – 8 approvals


 **Construction** – 6 approvals

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

 **Shefa Province** – 90%
Sanma Province – 9%
Penama Province – 1%

 Investment remains concentrated in Shefa

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

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OVERALL MESSAGE:

Vanuatu continues to demonstrate a resilient and growing investment environment in **Q1 2026**, driven by strong investor confidence, service-sector expansion, and increasing collaboration.

KEY INSIGHTS

-  **Services sector drives 78.6%** of total FDI
-  **Tourism shows strong rebound**
-  **Construction** supports recovery & development
-  Increasing **joint ventures** support partnerships
-  Emerging sectors support diversification

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