



**FRIENDS of
VANUATU**

2024 Activities Report

Friends of Vanuatu conducted a number of virtual events in 2024 to support our organization's mission and vision efforts.

In **February 2024**, FOV2 held annual elections for open board seats. Four new members were elected to the board, filling the Treasurer, President, and two At-Large seats. 2024 also saw three long serving board members stepping down.

FOV2 Annual Meeting - In **May 2024**, FOV2 hosted our annual meeting where we shared updates on our activities in 2023, election results, and plans for 2024. We also hosted a presentation by a Vanuatu RPCV who launched his own nonprofit, called the SHT project - focused on expanding access to improved pit latrines in Vanuatu.

The popular annual FOV2 Holiday Event was held online on Thursday, **December 12, 2024**. The event was a chance for RPCVs, FOV2 members and Peace Corps Vanuatu staff to reconnect, share stories and celebrate the holidays.

Collaboration with regional RPCV groups - throughout the year, FOV2 board members held multiple meetings with representatives from regional RPCV groups as well as other NGOs focused on supporting development in the Pacific. Pacific Island Collective, Friends of Fiji, Friends of Tonga.

On **December 17, 2024**, a 7.3 magnitude earthquake struck off the coast of Port Vila, the capital of Vanuatu. This earthquake led to multiple deaths, hundreds of injuries and caused widespread damage throughout the capital city. FOV2 launched a fundraising campaign within days of the disaster to raise funds in support of future recovery efforts. At the same time, FOV2 board members held multiple discussions with regional groups to gather information, learn from each other and to identify ways in which we could support the recovery.

In addition to our external facing events, Friends of Vanuatu board members held seven regular board meetings and conducted board elections.

Mission:

To facilitate networking, knowledge exchange, projects and activities, and promotion of cultural understanding amongst all persons with a common interest in the country of Vanuatu, and to promote holistic support of U.S. Peace Corps Vanuatu volunteers.

Goals (in brief):

- **Facilitate** a platform for networking and exchange.
- **Promote** and support community-driven projects.
- **Support** U.S. Peace Corps Vanuatu volunteers.

FOV2 Board Members (2024)

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