

Vanuatu Women In Sports Commission

Yesterday, Wednesday May 20th we had a visit from the “Vanuatu Women in Sports Commission”. Five ladies came to talk about women in sports. There were : Jill (a journalist), Jessica (an Australian volunteer), Anolyn Lulu (a table tennis player/coach/team manager), Linlin (a beach volleyball player) and Chi Chi (the beach volleyball coach).



Anolyn Lulu is now a coach and she also gives zumba classes for local women. It provides a friendly and safe environment. She said that “Sport isn’t just for athletes” and “Sport is a powerful tool to make social changes”.

There isn’t a lot of discrimination in Table tennis or volleyball but for other sports like football, women aren’t fully accepted. Some persons still consider certain sports like a “men’s domain”. For example in golf, there is a big difference between men’s cash prize and women’s cash prize.

Did you know the two first medals won for Vanuatu at the Paralympics are from women? This happened recently because before, the families of the disabled weren’t supporting enough, they were ashamed of their differences. Back in the days, the handicap wasn’t fully accepted.

The world has recently changed, which is great. Sports women are getting more promoted and sponsored, but still not as much as men. But we are on the right way.