Contribution of lifelong learning to employability

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Piula Theological College

• Established in 1844: Satupaitea
• Moved to Lufilufi: 1868
• Last year (2018) 150th Anniversary
• Piula – transliteration of the Hebrew term *BEULAH in Isaiah 62:4-5 (married)*
• Theological implication – all the students have an intimate spiritual relationship with God
Programs

• Diploma in Theology - Level VI (4yrs)

• Bachelor of Divinity - Level VII (2yrs)

• Bachelor of Divinity with Honours - Level VIII (2yrs)
PIULA and its STAKEHOLDER

• Close relation and collaboration between Piula and its Stakeholder (Methodist Church of Samoa: MCS)
• All graduates of Piula are employed by the MCS
• Placements are based on
  - achievements
  - skills, competencies
  - prior learning
• Administration, Finance, Teachers, Bookshop, Printing Press, Christian Education Dept., Continuing Theological Education Dept., etc.
1. TRANSITION FROM PIULA TO MCS

• 4 to 6 years of training in Piula (Graduate)
• 5 or more years of PROBATION
• 9 years or more: ordained as a pastor in the MCS
• PROBATION
  - upgrade skills (further training & studies)
  eg. Teachers, accountants, etc
  - spiritual development
  - stakeholder productivity
  - individual capacity building
2. STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIP WITH OTHER STAKEHOLDERS

• Methodist Church in Great Britain
• United Methodist Church in USA
• United Church Australia
• Methodist Church in New Zealand
Strengthening Collaborations and Partnerships with other providers (local & International)

• Samoa Qualification Authority
• Local Theological Colleges
• South Pacific Associations of Theological Schools (SPATS)
• Pacific Theological College
• Otago University
  - 10th Year Anniversary (Otago University and Piula)
• Hamburg University
3. PUBLICATIONS

- Promoting Research and Publications in Samoan Language
- FA’ASOA

Challenges

- Discipline
- Comfort Zone
PIULA CAVE POOL

• COME AND SWIM
• SOIFUA MA IA MANUIA