



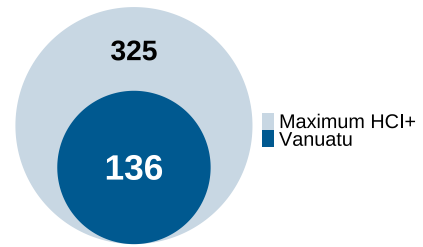
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Region: East Asia & Pacific
Income Category: Lower-middle Income

Human capital - people’s knowledge, skills, and health - drives productivity and growth. The Human Capital Index Plus (HCI+) measures the human capital a child born today can expect to accumulate over their working life, extending the original HCI by incorporating tertiary education and work experience. This brief summarizes **Vanuatu’s** HCI+ score and its performance in building human capital.

What is Vanuatu’s HCI+ and what does it mean?

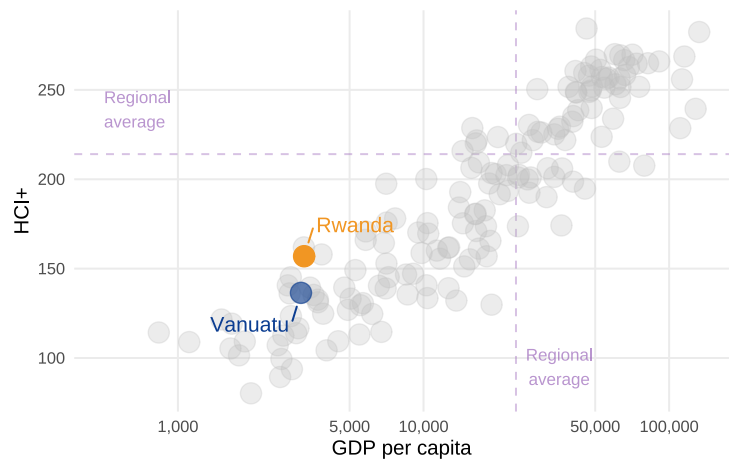
Vanuatu’s HCI+ score is **136** (out of a maximum of **325**), reflecting its investments in **health, education, and employment**. A 10-point increase in the index would translate into approximately 10 percent higher future income. Closing the current gaps in these areas relative to high-performing countries with similar GDP per capita would boost future income by 41%.



How does Vanuatu’s HCI+ compare to other countries?

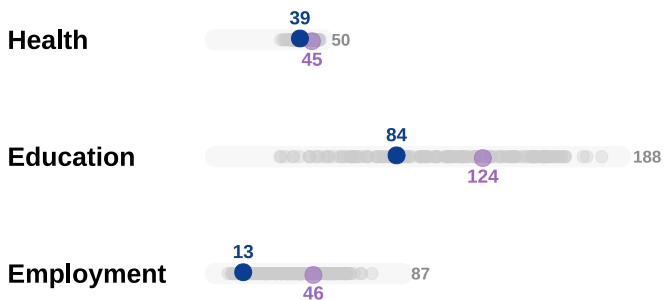
Vanuatu’s HCI+ is lower than the average for the **East Asia & Pacific region (215)** and lower than the average for **lower-middle-income countries (153)**.

Among Vanuatu’s income level peers, **Rwanda is the top performer in HCI+**.



What explains Vanuatu’s HCI+?

The HCI+ has three components corresponding to health, education, and employment.



The HCI+ score for the **Health pillar is 39**, lower than the **regional average of 45**.

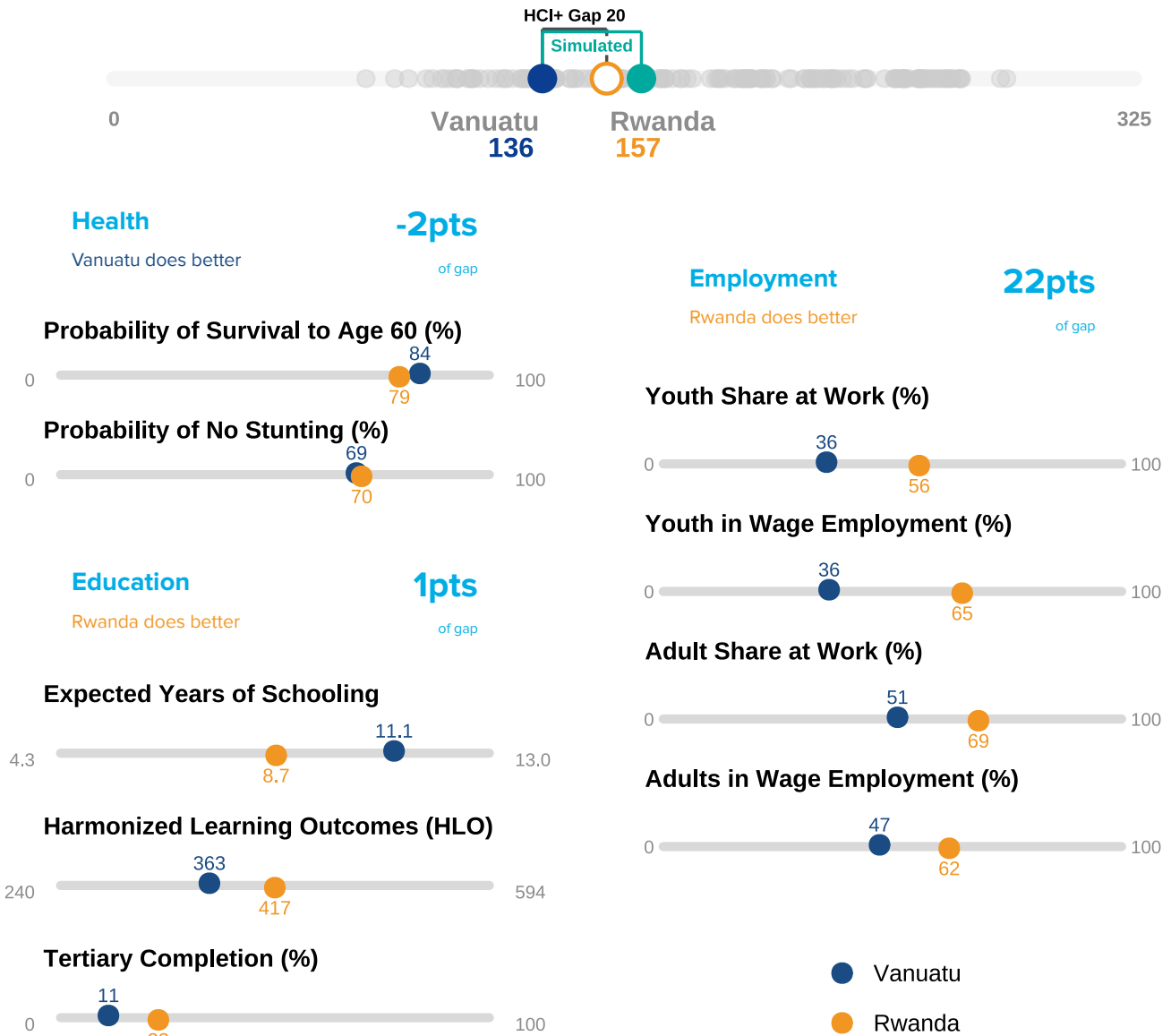
The HCI+ score for the **Education pillar is 84**, lower than the **regional average of 124**.

The HCI+ score for the **Employment pillar is 13**, lower than the **regional average of 46**.



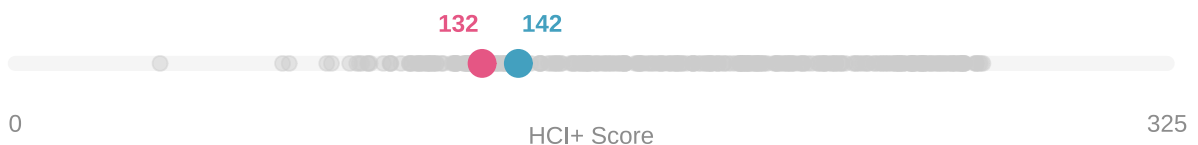
What indicators are responsible for Vanuatu’s HCI+ gap with Rwanda?

Vanuatu’s HCI+ score (136) is lower than Rwanda’s (157). The indicators that account for the largest share of the HCI+ gap between Vanuatu and Rwanda are **adult share at work, Harmonized Learning Outcomes (HLO), and tertiary completion**. Raising these indicators to Rwanda’s levels would increase Vanuatu’s score to **168**, boosting future income by approximately 31.7%.



What is Vanuatu’s HCI+ gender gap?

The HCI+ score for **women in Vanuatu is 132** compared to **142 for men**. The 10-point gap indicates that women’s earning potential will be 10% lower than men’s due to differences in the human capital acquired by men and women in Vanuatu.



Note: All values are derived from internationally comparable public datasets.

