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STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT JANUARY 2023

The ECAP team is constantly networking with stakeholders. The team began its stakeholder meetings in January with the goal of fostering collaboration, providing an update on the project's status, and officially announcing that the ECAP project will phase out in June 2023. The meeting was held in Macuata House's Commissioner's Northern Conference Room. The meeting was attended by The Divisional Planning Officer (DPO) Northern, the 3 provinces (Cakaudrove, Bua, Macuata) Roko Tui, Provincial Administrators (PA), District Officers (DOs) and Assistant District Officers (ADOs).

BASIC BEEKEEPING REFRESHER TRAINING FEBRUARY 2023

The Basic Beekeeping Refresher Training, conducted from January 23 to February 14, was designed exclusively for the bee committee to improve their knowledge and skills in the beekeeping farming. The ongoing capacity building training with the assistance of beekeeping equipment is now seeing communities start harvesting their rainforest honey. The refresher training was facilitated by Mr Josefo Mainakavika of Honey Joe Farms (Fiji Beekeepers Association member) for the 10 Cakaudrove Cooperatives; Mrs. Karen Mills of Mudrenicagi Estate (Fiji Beekeepers Association member) for the 4 Wainunu Cooperatives in Bua; and the remaining 2 Bua Cooperatives and 2 in Macuata was conducted by the Ministry of Agriculture. An average of 120 people (71 males and 49 females) trained from the 18 communities. The intervention was brought to registered cooperatives with the idea that the youth and women's group assume a leading role in the management and supervision of the apiculture.



1. Project Manager, Mr Subesh Prasad presenting to government Commissioner Northern Division (CND) Office.

2. CND representatives from 3 provinces.

3. Vanuavou Cooperative Honey, Labelled and ready for sale

4. Vanuavou participants extracting honey



COMMUNITIES	NO. OF TIMES HARVESTED	QUANTITY PRODUCED
Nakasa village, Wailevu West, Cakaudrove	3	20kg
Saolo village, Wainunu, Bua	2	18kg
Navakasali village, Wainunu, Bua	2	14kg
Nabalebale village, Wailevu East, Cakaudrove	1	5.6kg
Nacodreudreu settlement, Wailevu East, Cakaudrove	1	43kg
Wailevu Village, Wailevu East Cakaudrove,	1	35kg
Nawaisomo Settlement, Wainunu, Bua	1	30Kg
TOTAL		165.6 Kg

COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT TRAINING FEBRUARY & MARCH 2023

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR FORESTS 21st March 2023

The Co-operative Management Training was conducted with the support of Ministry of Trade, Cooperatives, Small and medium Enterprise and Communication to the 17 Cooperatives in the Northern Division. The 3 days training was conducted in six clusters. The training objective were developing the trainees' own leadership abilities as well as providing them with a fundamental grasp of cooperatives, understanding the governing structure and creating a mechanism for record-keeping, and ensuring participants are well aware of the cooperative's operations, furthering the development of member relations.



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The training was attended by Cooperatives Board of Directors (President/Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and active members. A total of 137 participants attended the training from the six cluster's which included men, women and youth.



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Live and Learn presented the Drawa project model of communal forest as opposed to a heavily industrialized region serves as an illustration of the idea. It aimed to demonstrate how a community and its ecology are linked by using the model and the Drawa community as a local example.

The IDF has given an opportunity for Live & Learn to liaise with the Minister of Forestry to discuss carbon component of the project. Meetings have been planned by the project and manager to meet Minister and present Drawa model and ECAP achievement.

Plan Vivo Fiji trip

The NAKAU, Plan Vivo and Live and Learn teams met with stakeholders on 8 March for an information sharing session on Drawa and ECAP to government stakeholders, non government organisations, and project developers to discuss Standard and Voluntary Carbon Markets. This information session workshop was held at in the Ministry of Finance Conference room, Ro Lalabalavu House, Suva. The 3 Provincial Administrators from the northern division also attended the session.



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PHOTO CAPTION

5. Participants from Rauriko Village after receiving their cooperative Management Training Certificate
6. Participants from..... presenting their group activity
7. PA from Cakaudrove presenting a Cooperative certificate to participant from Wailevu village
8. Nacereyaga cooperative president and the members during a group discussion in the cooperative training
9. Live learn Model representing Carbon trading in Drawa community
10. Ms Veniana with Minister of Forest explaining challenges encountered with ECAP communities
11. Vivo Team with Live learn staff and key stakeholders

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