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STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATIONS



Consultation meetings commenced with key stakeholders in February following the resumption of gathering by the Ministry of Health and Medical Services, in the aftermath of COVID-19.

Meetings were held with The Commissioner and Divisional Planning Officer Northern, Ministry of Forestry, The Department of Cooperative, iTaukei Land Trust Board (iTLTB), Ministry of Agriculture, Biosecurity Authority of Fiji, Provincial Council Offices and Provincial Administrator's Office.

The stakeholders were briefed on the activities undertaken and plans way forward and their engagement to execute activities inline with their area of expertise for successful outcomes and sustainability.

The continued stakeholders consultation resulted in the signing of an MOU on Cooperation and Collaboration between Live and Learn Environmental Education Fiji and iTaukei Land Trust Board to support Ecosystem based Climate Adaptation initiatives in Fiji.



VILLAGE COOPERATIVE BUSINESS AWARENESS & REGISTRATION

The Village Cooperative Business Awareness & Registration has been an ongoing activity supported by the Manager Department of Cooperative Business North.

The Manager had been accompanying the team to conduct awareness sessions and registration of village cooperatives in the target communities to operate as a business enterprise by producing and sale of rainforest honey and mechanism for Carbon Trading) as a nature-based solution to climate change.

During the session the Department of Cooperative complete and collects necessary documents required to lodge for vetting and issuance of registration certificate by headquarters in Suva. Eight (8) Cooperatives have been registered in 3 provinces (Cakaudrove, Bua and Macuata). There are five in Cakaudrove - Nakasa, Nacodreudreu, Bagata, Vatukuca and Vanuavou village - two in Bua - Navakasali and Kavula/Banikea village - and Nacereyaga in Macuata.

The team is working with the Department of Cooperative to register 12 more communities in the second quarter 2022.



Above: Department of Cooperative & Team conducting Awareness in Nakawaga Village, Cakaudrove Province.

(Top Left): Live and learn team with Divisional Planning Officer Northern after the meeting.

(Bottom Left): ECAP team met with Roko Tui, Provincial Council Office Cakaudrove

CLIMATE CHANGE YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING

March



A one day Climate Change Youth Leadership Training (CCYLT) was conducted in the communities to capacity build around evolving impact of the Climate Change and ways to mitigate. While the training was youth centred, it was open to all members of the community.

The training was conducted in collaboration with The Provincial Council Offices Conservation Officers, Ministry of Forest, iTaukei Land Trust Board (iTLTB), Drawa Block Forest Community Cooperative (DBFCC) Representative, and the Department of Cooperative.

The 12 communities undergone the training included 6 villages from Cakaudrove – Vatukuca, Vanuavou, Bagata, Nakawaga, Nakasa and Nacodreudreu; Bua (3) – Driti, Kavula and Banikea village; and Macuata (3) Rauriko, Buavou and Nacereyaga Village. At the end of the training the participants were awarded with a certificate of participation. A total of 620 participants were trained, with 262 (42%) females and 352 (57%) males, of which 337 (54%) were youths and 3 (0.48%) Persons with Disability (two females and one male).

The two weeks of training resulted in the ability to advocate for climate resilience and to support community development interventions. It was clear that the communities had the ability to adapt to climate change and the resources needed to be resilient. The delivery of this training was impeded by the COVID-19 pandemic restriction at the early stage of the project.



Photos by LLEE.

(Top Left): Participants of Nacereyaga Village, Macuata presenting group work during CCYL Training.

(Top Right): Traditional welcome of EU and LLEE delegation in Nakasa Village
(Middle Right): Mr Pedro Velazquez, EU delegate handovers equipments and PPE's to Nakasa women and youth leaders.

(Bottom Left): Ministry of Forestry Staff Ms. Anaseini Dagaga presenting certificate to youth participant in Kavula/Banikea Village, Bua Province.

(Bottom Right): Beekeepers Trainer Mr. Saimone Tunaqase demonstrating safely removal of a frame from beehive

BASIC BEEKEEPING TRAINING & LAUNCH

March

There was a buzz of people in Nakasa village, Wailevu, Cakaudrove, as the community welcomed Basic Beekeeping Training, facilitated by Mr. Saimone Tunaqase of Paradise Natural Produce, a trainer with the Fiji Beekeepers Association.

The training consisted of theory and hands on practical for the Youths and Women's group. The training was officially launched by the EU Delegation for the Pacific's Head of Section Civil Society, Mr Pedro Velazquez, and Live and Learn Environmental Education Executive Director Mr Christian Nielsen. The event was attended by key government stakeholders, Live and Learn Country Director, management and ECAP staff.



20 participants were trained – 10 females and 10 males. At the end of the training, the participants were awarded with certificate of participation and handovered honey extraction equipments, personal protective equipments, four double hives with colonies to assist communities venture into bee farming.



This initiative is to support communities practice sustainable livelihood activities to mitigate impact from human induced actions in conservation of the forest to enhanced rainforest honey harvest.



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