

Community-led Nbs

Success Story

On Galoa Island, in Bua, Fiji the soil holds more than root crops - it holds the memory of a decision farmers made years ago, which is now quietly reshaping climate resilience across Vanua Levu.

Live & Learn Fiji worked closely with Galoa Island for 3 years through Phase 2 Climate Resilient Islands (CRI) Project where the farmers chose to revive a traditional resilient crop - yams. Through a \$6, 000 support from the CRI Project, yam cultivation took place on the island. That decision has paid forward in ways the CRI Project team as well as Live & Learn Fiji had not foreseen.

Today, under the Kiwa EMPOWER Project, communities across Cakaudrove chose to plant Yams as a resilient crop. As Galoa Island had an established yam stock, the Kiwa EMPOWER's team invested \$17, 000 to procure yams and assist the chosen sites in Cakaudrove, Bua and Macuata.

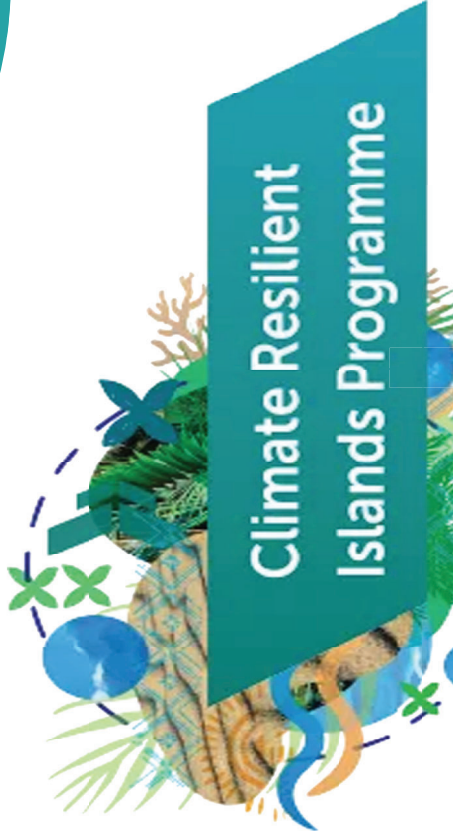
Working with the Ministry of Agriculture and Waterways in Fiji, these communities received hands-on demonstrations on organic farming methods, biochar production, compost-making and resilient crops planting.

For Live & Learn Fiji, this is a case study in how locally-led adaptation Nature-based solutions work best especially when they are community-led, because it is communities themselves who understand their land.

The link between CRI Project and Kiwa EMPOWER wasn't planned; it emerged because the groundwork done years earlier was rooted in community ownership.

It's a reminder that resilience isn't only built through new interventions, it's built through the decisions communities make and sustain long after a project's closure.

The Kiwa EMPOWER Project is being implemented in 20 sites in Vanualevu (Fiji's 2 largest island) through Live & Learn Fiji



Climate Resilient
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CRI Programme Yam cultivation



Yams harvested under CRI Programme



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Galoa farmers handing over yam cuttings to Kiwa EMPOWER team



Distribution & planting with farmers in Cakaudrove



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