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'Working in partnership to empower communities to make informed decisions about their own development'

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SUCCESS STORY

MORDI Reservoir completion in Wailevu district, Vanua Levu :

MORDI has just completed the Naviavia Reservoir Project in collaboration with villages from the Wailevu district in Vanua Levu. The project benefits over 200 villagers and a community school – it's only the third of its kind since 1950.

Sixty men and youths from Naviavia village and nearby settlements with help from external service provider, James Vonokula, donned their shovels and picks over eight long, hard weeks to build this much-needed reservoir located just 15 minutes walk from Keka village. Measuring an impressive 11 feet in depth and 12 feet long the reservoir will provide essential water for more than 200 people all year round.

The constant supply of water has been an increasing challenge as the villages in this area of Naviavia village and nearby settlements grow in size. Since 2007 they have grown by 93% and as a direct consequence the water provision issues are very severe.

Talica Anderson, MORDI's Training, Monitoring and Evaluation Officer stated: "This project has been a physical challenge but every minute of hard work has paid off. Its great to see so many people of all ages working hard together for a common goal."

From the over-flow of this new reservoir, the community is now considering making six fish ponds. They are liaising with MORDI to help them supply the fish. MORDI's previous water project in Nakorovou aimed and succeeded in doubling the capacity of their village and school water tank from 400 litres to 800 litres. The village has now increased its farming output as a direct result of the expansion.



Valeria Senegar of Naviavia

One of the 28 MORDI Community Facilitators in the area, Sade Marika based in Naviavia, said: "We welcome the new initiatives simply because they solve ongoing problems which affect not only us but many other villages all over Fiji who know how it is. The reservoir means a great deal to the surrounding villages."

Fellow villager, Valeria Senegar (pictured) shares the same sentiments about the new water project: "Water problems will be a thing of the past – we've endured so much for our water woes thanks to MORDI. We could not have asked for a better start to a new year."

MAIN ARTICLE

April 15: YC4MH launch of Art Installation and Trivia Night:

Fiji's debut exhibition made entirely from waste material was launched on Thursday April 15, 2010 at the Fiji Museum.



Quiz team compete at the refuse Trivia Night

Fiji NGO's and vibrant artists merged together for a fantastic night of celebration and festivities including the formal launch of the installation and a fun trivia night. The art installation will be open for two months, until the 15th June, at the Fiji Museum.

Mary Jane, an independent artist, who created the idea with Irami Buli, states: "The exhibition comments on our consumption and waste, provides information regarding waste and pollution in Fiji and promotes healthy living."

Rosie Catherine, Disabilities Rights and Mental Health Officer, and one of the event organizers



Quiz teams and organizers of the art show Trivia Night

says: "We are really pleased with the success of the evening for both awareness raising and fundraising for the Youth Champs."

She continues: "Participants of this exhibition come from all walks of life, including psychiatric survivors; many psychiatric survivors are isolated in society. This exhibition refuses to allow the separation of people by creating an installation by anyone who is interested. It also shows that creativity is limitless and anyone can create anything, even out of rubbish."

The collaborators for the exhibition include independent artists Mary Jane Connor, Irami Buli, Derek Cleland, Waqa Vuidreketi, and Waqa Tubuka, along with organizations including Youth Champs for Mental Health and St Giles Psychiatric Hospital.

LATEST NEWS

Natural Resource Management (NRM)

April 21: Presentation of Draft Moturiki Management Plan:

The Moturiki Environment Committee (MEC) April meeting was held in Naicabecabe village, Moturiki. The Moturiki district Management Plan 2010-15 was presented to ten village Headmen, Fishwardens and district representatives along with plans for the two community schools. The Management Plans were presented to Prime Minister, Mr. Voreqe Bainimarama, on April 21. The most pressing matter identified was the need to have clean safe drinking water.

Community Capacity Enhancement (CCE)

April 6/7: Participatory Budgeting information sharing and community planning. Rakiraki village, Yale, Kadavu:

The information sharing session for Yale assisted community members of the five villages in the district to understand the roles and responsibilities of government officials at Vunisea. It was also an opportune time for them to share the current administration plans and practices in place on rural and community developments.

The current population of 311 in Yale live or survive on farming 12 hectares of land - whereas the Ministry of Agriculture recommends it should be more than 24 hectares. The participants were given notes of the Lutu Cooperative Model, this model was adopted by the majority of the participants. The communities now realize the importance of using their land productively to become self sufficient.

FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATION NEWS

The Annual General Meeting was held on March 27. The main outcomes were:

The appointment of new Board of Directors; Mr Sashi Singh, Mr Lionel Gibson, Dr Graham Roberts and Ms Monica Raghwan.

Adi Laufitu Malani was elected Trustee to replace the late Mr Paula Kunabuli

- PCDF Annual Report approved and circulated in April 2010.
- KPMG is currently undertaking the 2009 audit for MORDI project. Audit for EED project was completed and sent to EED for next phase of programme work.
- Staff Employment Contract review completed.
- Admin and Finance support is on-going for all programmes and PCDF work.
- Staffs at PCDF are mindful of the Health Promoting Policy, Child Policy, Gender Policy, and Environment Policy in work places.
- PCDF has a Training and Meeting Venue for Hire. The Vunimaqo Deck can accommodate fifty participants. For more information please contact the Office Manager.
- 30th Year Legacy Book *"An NGO Journey in the Pacific"* published in honor of PCDF's 30th Anniversary. A book not to be missed – copies are on sale at the office.

PCDF COMMUNICATIONS

- Annual Report finalized and available on the website.
- PCDF Facebook Group set up.
- Website optimization continues.
- Case studies and project stories continue to be compiled.
- Communications strategy continues to be developed.

STAFF NEWS

- Thankful to 2 Way Development and AYAD Volunteers, Kirsty Barnby, Communication Officer and Jane Henty, Advocacy Officer for their immense work all this time whilst at PCDF.

INTERNATIONAL MEDIA COVERAGE

- 2003 BBC Television – Coral Gardens
- 2004 BBC Radio – Coral Gardens
- 2008 BBC Television – The Coral Gardner
- 2008 ABC – Sustainable Tourism

MAJOR DONORS

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- Shangri-La's Fijian Resort
- Canada Fund
- Rotary Water for Life

UPCOMING EVENTS

MORDI

- Disaster Management and First Aid training in Namosi.
- Fish warden and Fish Handling training in Kubulau.
- Few projects will be implemented.

YC4MH

YC4MH Training

- Seeds to Success and Safe Talk- a suicide prevention initiative of Lifeline.

Forums

- YC4MH representatives will be attending the CCF Youth Forum in to learn about human rights and multiculturalism.

AWARDS

- **Gold for International Green Apple Award (Environmental Best Practice) 2004.**
- Cuvu Site, Nadroga, awarded status of 'Model Site for Coral Reef Conservation' by the United Nations Environment Program (ICRAN Program). 2002.
- **Cuvu Site, one of 3 (along with WWF's Ono and USP's Verata) in Fiji's award by the UN Sustainable Development programme, Johannesburg 2003.**
- Best Annual report, South Pacific Stock Exchange – Not-for-profit section. 2003.
- **International Green Apple Award (Soil Conservation) Winner 2006.**
- First Runner Up for Annual Report 2006, by the South Pacific Stock Exchange.
- **First Runner Up for Annual Report 2007, by the South Pacific Stock Exchange.**
- First Runner Up for Annual Report 2008, by the South Pacific Stock Exchange.

MEET THE TEAM

Patron: Archbishop Petero Mataka

Trustees: Verona Lucas, Adi Laufitu Malani, Susana Tuisawau

Board of Directors: Sashi Singh (Chairperson), Lionel Gibson, Dr Graham Roberts, Monica Raghwan and Tevita Ravumaidama (Executive Director).

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RA KAKA

Kaka is Kadavu for parrot. Kadavu is the home of the beautiful shining parrot, '*prosopeia splendens*', an endemic species for Kadavu Province.

The Kaka is a messenger not only on land but also on sea. When sitting in one of its domains, the mangrove, it serves as a communicator for God's living creatures.

Abbreviations:

ED	Executive Director, Tevita Ravumaidama
YC4MH	Youth Champs 4 Mental Health
MORDI	Mainstreaming of Rural Development Innovation
CATD	Centre for Appropriate Technology and development