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

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SUCCESS STORY

Fifteen MORDI Community Facilitators from the Tikina of Veinuqa in Namosi, Kubulau in Bua and Wailevu East in Cakaudrove participated in a workshop on our Vunimaqo Deck. They are a group to reckon with as far as presenters from Government and other non-Government organisations are concerned. They did not hesitate to raise issues of concern and used this opportunity of interaction with the policy makers fruitfully. The group, 60% of whom are youths includes two women.

MAIN ARTICLE

PCDF is excited to be part of a development initiative that involves people of different ethnic backgrounds living in rural areas, sitting together at the same table to identify their development needs with the Government and other non-Government stakeholders.

The Ministry of Provincial Development, Multi-Ethnic Affairs and National Disaster Management begun the process of compiling development

roadmaps for the provinces in the Central and Western Division. The Team will move on to the Northern and Eastern divisions next month.

LATEST NEWS

PCDF has a training and meeting venue for hire. The Vunimaqo Deck can accommodate fifty participants. For more information please contact the Office Manager.

Natural Resource Management (NRM)

Fish warden and Marine conservation updates

New fish wardens have been registered with the Fisheries dept and have been issued their licenses. This was a follow-up from the fish wardens refresher workshop conducted earlier in June.

On October 15th the Moturiki Environment Committee (MEC) had discussions with Blue Ventures staff, Fisheries Officers from Levuka, PCDF and the Manager of Caqalai. They begun to formulate an MOU between Blue Ventures and MEC which will be submitted to the Bose ni Vanua Moturiki for endorsement. The MOU will enable Blue Ventures to undertake marine conservation and development projects with Moturiki Waters. The MEC will also be working closely with Caqalai Island Resort who have also begun waste management projects. This initiative is being considered by MEC to be incorporated into their district environmental projects.

Handicraft updates

PCDF held discussions with the Manager of Caqalai Island resort on October 7th in the efforts to secure handicraft markets for the women of Moturiki. Similar discussions were held with Leleuvia Island resort and both are keen to work with the women. The women held an exhibition of their handicrafts on October 8th in Levuka as part of its National Day celebrations, but have also been pursuing small fundraising projects in their villages.

The NRM team was invited to Navutulevu village on October 10th to be part of the women's handicraft competition. The women of Navutulevu have put their training into practice and have been busy making jewelry, baskets and screen printing. PCDF was requested to donate prizes for most outstanding in the above 3 categories. Tuvou Qorovarua, a young woman who participated in the Serua District handicraft workshop has been able to earn about \$300 in the last three months for the sales of her jewelry to villagers and guests at the nearby hotel. Her mother Tavaita Madainavatu, also participated in the workshop basket making session, and has been earning more than \$80 from the sales of her baskets to the women in the villages.



A family affair: Tuvou (left) with her mother, Tavaita (middle) and her daughter.

The Pearl South Pacific is committed to working with the women of Serua in the marketing of their handicrafts. PCDF and the Sales and Marketing Manager of the resort will be visiting the women in December to view their handicraft displays and hold discussions with the women.



Tavaita Madainavatu with grand daughter and a sample of her baskets for sale during the village handicraft display

Community Capacity Enhancement (CCE)

St Giles Open Day and World Mental Health Day
Youth Champs were on the organizing committee for St Giles Open Day on Saturday 10th October. Activities included having our very own YC4MH champ Peter Waqa as MC for the day!; performances by Pacifica Voices and the Convics; opening speech by the Minister of Health, Dr Neil Sharma; stalls, face painting, education stand and tours of the hospital.

FCOSS Multi Stakeholders Meeting (Nadave)
YC4MH participated and ran sessions at the FCOSS Multi Stakeholder meeting in October. Champs facilitated talanoa sessions and brought their characteristic energy and enthusiasm to the workshops. YC4MH will now implement the learnt skills (such as knowledge of HIV/Aids) into training programs to ensure that FCOSS PALM objectives are met.

MORDI

New recruit
The recruitment of a new officer for MORDI program; Ms Tiriseyani Naulivou – Youth Co-Ordinator.

Training update
Community Facilitators training was conducted at PCDF over two weeks, it was specifically targeting our 15 new Community Facilitators (district of Veinuqa in Namosi, Wailevu in Cakaudrove and in Kubulau in Bua province).

Water project update
Rotary Pacific Water for Life Foundation surveyed the water area for Kubulau district as this development was part of the community water project.



MORDI training on the Vunimaqo Deck

The ESP's (external service providers) for the completed Nakorovou water project have written their reports. The communities have also completed their end of project reports.

FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATION NEWS

- This is a beginning of another financial year.
- PCDF accounts books ready for the annual audit by KPMG.
- PCDF has a training and meeting venue for hire. The Vunimaqo Deck can accommodate fifty participants. For more information please contact the Office Manager.
- The MORDI Programme hired the Vunimaqo Deck for two weeks for it's Community Facilitators' Training of Trainers 26 October- 6 November.
- Staff appraisals will start in mid-November.
- Staff are mindful of the Health Promoting Policy, Child Policy, Gender Policy, and Environment Policy in work places.
- Support work for all the programmes continues at a productive and fast pace! Work ranges from finance, admin, graphics, reporting, fundraising, publications, media releases, assisting the programmes in the field and facilitating in meetings.

PCDF COMMUNICATIONS

- One article published in the Fiji Sun:



- Article for the Fiji Sun – ‘Struggling to accept changes’. A page-long article where Kirsty talks about the recent MORDI workshop and how the economic situation is proving hardest for the poor. A case study was included about how one MORDI-funded boat inspired a whole community to initiate four business ventures.
- Work on the new website continued all month, it is now approaching completion.
- The new PCDF leaflet went to press and will be ready for distribution in November.
- The Annual Report has been started.

STAFF NEWS

- Volunteers from AYAD and Two Way Development are still working for PCDF until the first half of 2010.
- A new Social Club Committee has been appointed to look after staff social issues.
- Staff Christmas picnic will be at the end of November.
- PAWA Hour will be revived.

MAJOR DONORS

PCDF could not complete any of its important work without the continuing support of local, national, regional and international donor organisations. Accessing support from some of these donors was only possible through the support and partnership of the Foundation for the Peoples of the South Pacific (FSPI), Counterpart International of USA, the Archdiocese of Suva and the Diocese of Polynesia. PCDF humbly salutes the following:

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- IFAD - International Fund for Agricultural Development via FSPI
- EED - Church Development Service (Evangelischer Entwicklungsdienst) via the Diocese of Polynesia
- Shangri-La's Fijian Resort
- Canada Fund
- Rotary Water for Life

INTERNATIONAL MEDIA COVERAGE

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

UPCOMING EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

- Launch of "Keep on Walking" music video
- 30th Birthday celebration
- Launch of website and newsletter
- Staff reconciliation
- Champs will be selling cakes and jewelry at the next Rock Market. We need to raise \$300 for rent for our new office! Please come and support us! Where? Loftus St, opposite Dolphins Plaza on Sunday 21st November.
- Agricultural training on 11th and 12th November for the Kubulau district which will be held at the Nakorovou village. They will also implement a bee-keeping and sanitation projects for the Nakorokacivi and Nadivakarua villages.

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.**

MEET THE TEAM

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BUSINESS TIP FROM PCDF

When training, think outside of the box... there are other tools which are equally, if not more effective than power point presentations.

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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 it's domains, the mangrove, it serves as a communicator for God's living creatures.