

OUR STORY OF RESILIENCE FROM TAVUA DISTRICT

TAVUA District, Ba Province, Fiji



TAVUA DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT PLAN

- Bottom up approach to develop District Integrated Development Plans
 - Three layers of consultation:
 - village level consultations and organizing into thematic areas
 - Second layer consultations – District-level consultations and consulting relevant Government agencies and partners
 - Third layer consultations – Urban dwelling members of the District
 - Thematic areas organized to priorities that was identified during consultations;
 - Tavua District has 16 thematic areas of development including Education, Spiritual Development, Health and Wellbeing, Water, Electrification, Transportation, Energy, Economic Security, Women development, Youth Development, Traditional leadership& Community Governance, Sustainable Resource Management, Climate Change , Shelter and Housing Needs, Development Financing Plan



Vunilagi

Vanua Lotu Vina, Sautu qa me da Naki vina.

Noda itavi

Tikina ko Tavua me vanua sautu yavutaki ena bula ni veilomani, lotu vinaka, vakatorocaketa-ki ni vakatagede ni vuli ka na veiliutaki Vina-ka, ka lewai vakamatau ni nodra iyaubula.

DISASTER RISK REDUCTION PLANS – UNDER THEMATIC AREA CLIMATE CHANGE

- Disaster risk reduction plans were set at the village level to take into considerations the lay out of the village and the associated risks that are faced when disasters strike
- During the consultations for the development of the community DRR plans, the target communities were able to use their own life experiences with the various types of disaster to inform their DRR plans
- One of the biggest lessons learnt was that following natural disaster, food security is a problem.
- The plans take into considerations actions that can be taken pre-disaster preparedness, during disaster and post disaster that would increase the recovery after the disasters
- Lessons learnt;
 - Well managed ecosystems and habitats such as forests, mangroves, and coral reefs provide multiple benefits in terms of food security and livelihoods before and after disaster in terms of the ability of communities to bounce back and recover quickly – linked to our community MPAs, Mangrove restoration and protection, reforestation, sustainable land use, etc
 - Getting the community's by-in and ensuring their inclusive participation and involvement in the design and development of the community sustainable development plans and disaster risk reduction plans. Ensuring equal participation of women, youth and vulnerable groups in decision making processes and also in all intervention activities. Providing necessary capacity building activities to community leaders and champions with a special focus on women and youths.
 - Currently working on parametric insurance project to insure our corals and mangrove ecosystems – critical ecosystems that are key to our adaptation, resilience and well being of our community – a new project that had just started and is ongoing!

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