



Abaiang Whole-of-Island Climate Change / Disaster Management Programme

Partners Planning Workshop, 2-4 December 2013

Suva, Fiji

WORKSHOP SUMMARY RECORD



*Abaiang Whole of Island Planning Team
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INTRODUCTION

A Partners' Planning Workshop was convened at the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC), Suva from 2-4 December 2013. The workshop was attended by representatives from Office of the President (OB), Ministry Health Medical Services (MHMS), Kiribati Meteorological Services (KMS), Ministry of Public Works and Utilities (MPWU), Ministry of Environment Lands and Agriculture Department (MELAD), Ministry of Fisheries Mineral Resource Department (MFMRD), Ministry of Education (MOE), Kiribati Local Government Association (KiLGA) and the Abaiang Island Council. Regional and international agencies (Secretariat of the Pacific Community [SPC], Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme [SPREP] and the University of the South Pacific [USP] and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit [GIZ]) were also in attendance. The workshop was facilitated by SPC, GIZ and SPREP. A participants list is attached as Annex 1.

WORKSHOP PROCEEDINGS

The meeting commenced with opening remarks from the national and island representatives; the Office of the President and the Mayor. The opening remarks highlighted the importance of an integrated, coordinated climate change and disaster management programme which was supported by the national and local governments. The Mayor expressed his gratitude to the national government and partners in selecting Abaiang as the implementation site and reaffirmed the council and his people's support of the Whole of Island (WoI) programme.

The Chair noted that the purpose of the workshop was to build on the findings of the integrated vulnerability assessment that was undertaken in Abaiang in September and the outcomes of the Abaiang Planning Workshop which was undertaken from 11-15 November 2013. The agenda (attached as Annex 2) was presented and endorsed by the workshop.

Key objectives of the workshop were as follows:

- (i) Incorporate the Abaiang Programme of Action (APA) into the 2014-2017 Abaiang Strategic Development Plan.
- (ii) Finalize the Mission, Vision, Objectives, Issues, Strategies, Action matrix under the Abaiang Strategic Development Plan.
- (iii) Finalise the TOR for the Island Development Committee (reporting structures) & discuss the formalisation of a "WOI sub working group" under the Kiribati National Expert Group (KNEG).
- (iv) Update partners on projects to strengthen coordination and opportunities for collaboration

WHOLE OF ISLAND (WOI) TEAM UPDATE

The regional and national partners presented a status report on their programmes to date.

USP-GCCA reported that a rapid assessment had been completed for three sites on Abaiang. The assessment report has been completed and is available. The representative added that the team is in the process of finalizing its adaptation implementation plan.

SPC reported that it is implementing five climate change related projects in Kiribati in a number of sectors. This includes; SPC/USAID (agriculture and livestock), SPC/GIZ CCCPIR (fisheries, education, and food security), SPC GCCA: PSIS (health), SPC/UNICEF KIRIWATSAN (water) and SPC/ POETCom/IFAD (organic farming and certification). In terms of progress, at the national level, SPC/GIZ CCCPIR and SPC/USAID have completed a climate change adaptation livestock national strategy, successfully completed a Cost & Benefit National workshop, purchased FADs to be deployed at selected sites in Abaiang and on Tab North, have brought in climate ready crops from CePACT (Centre of Pacific Crops & Trees) to transferred once community nurseries have been established in Abaiang. The SPC/USAID project will be supporting a Food Security Coordinator position in the Department of Agriculture to support the implementation of SPC agriculture/livestock related activities in Kiribati. The SPC/GIZ CCCPIR together with SPC SOPAC, SPREP, UNDP and UNICEF supported the development of the Kiribati Joint Implementation Plan, that is in its final stage awaiting endorsement through the GoK. SPC/GIZ CCCPIR further supported MoE in strengthening climate change in its syllabus development (classes 3 & 4) and translated & provided the children story book Children Take Action (SPREP/Ausaid) to primary schools.

SPREP stated that it is implementing a USAID funded project focused on water security and is working closely with the MPWU to implement its activities. Also noted that a MoU had been signed to strengthen this partnership. A National Project Coordinator position which will be based in MPWU is being advertised and will support project implementation. Reported that Water Quality equipment had been procured and that discussion between SPREP and SPC is currently underway for a research proposal on the impacts of Bwaibwai on groundwater source.

The POETCom/IFAD project has established a participatory guarantee system for organic certification, provided training on production of organic virgin coconut oil and coco-sap sugar and supported development of the “Organic Abaiang” by-law to ensure the organic status of the whole island. The project has also undertaken awareness raising on organic agriculture and supported 10 youth to be trained and work with the agriculture officer on preparing farms and documentation for certification.

The Ministry of Public Works and Utilities (MPWU) advised the meeting that under the KIRIWATSAN (SPC/UNICEF) project rainwater harvesting activities on Abaiang had commenced.

The Ministry of Environment, Lands and Agriculture Development (MELAD - Environment) reported that the ICCAI project has identified its pilot site (North Tarawa). In partnership with SPREP and the University of Tasmania, the project aims to work with communities in implementing coastline protection activities. Implementation of activities commenced in October. For Abaiang, the NBSAB has been reviewed and the KAP (Kiribati Adaptation Project) 3 also has mangrove replanting programmes on Abaiang. Advised that data collection and a workshop had been conducted. MELAD (Agriculture) further noted that a work plan was developed within ALD based on the outcomes of the first mission to Abaiang. Further explained that it was important to discuss the livestock activities supported by SPC

and GIZ as another Japanese project is also considering renovate piggeries. He proposed to have Abaiang as piggery bank to improve the livestock breeds such as pigs and suggested to have Abaiang and that **Marekei** being the designated food reserve island. He also mentioned that tissue culture provided by SPC now in Tarawa trialling resistant varieties such as sweet potatoes and taro.

The Ministry of Education (MoE) stated that the outcomes of the second mission to Abaiang were shared with Secretary and was fully supported. Emphasized the importance of capturing community views in developing the education sector. Added that the installation of rain-gauges in schools on Abaiang was also been discussed by Met officer and JSS principal during the last WoI mission. It envisaged that installation will commence in the next visit proposed for February 2014. Findings indicated that to improve weather and climate forecasting on island, discussion with SPREP has to take place to install a Stevenson Screen to enhance data collection for the provision of climate outlooks especially, drought.

The Ministry of Health explained that based on health statistics, Abaiang atoll reportedly has a high incidence of diseases such as diarrhoea. The MoH committed their support to work closely with the WoI team to addressing key health issues on the island which could be exacerbated with climate variability and climate change.

The Ministry of Fisheries, Minerals and Rural Development (MFMRD - Fisheries) explained that a number of activities will be implemented in Abaiang this month. This includes the deployment of FADs which will start this month and he is supportive of the WoI approach.

The Office of the President (OB) reported that they met with several development partners at COP and presented the Kiribati Whole of Island approach. This included the Head of Delegation of the US government, UNDP and the Australian Government. Development partners expressed their support of the approach. In particular, the US Government was interested in investing in other sectors and the Australian Government requested that a proposal for Tab North be submitted for possible funding. The OB also explained that Cabinet are updated on the mission reports.

ABAIANG PLANNING WORKSHOP: SUCCESSES AND CHALLENGES

The OB and SPREP gave a presentation on successes and challenges of the second joint mission to Abaiang in November. The presentation is attached as Annex 3. The purpose of the mission was to undertake a participatory planning workshop with the communities of Abaiang to present the results of the vulnerability assessments and identify appropriate actions.

The participants highlighted other issues such as the need for having a team on the ground prior to the scheduled community workshops with more 100 participants; the need to include the “*unimwane*” (village elders) in consultations/workshops given their standing in communities; the need to create a space for community groups to contribute openly; to discourage payment of allowances for participation in consultations/workshops. The participants also agreed that island hospitality and the ability to participate in cultural activities is also a key element in hosting a successful workshop.

FINALISATION OF THE ABAIANG ISLAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN, ACTION MATRIX AND TOR FOR THE ISLAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

On day 2 and 3, the participants were divided into working groups to finalise the outcomes of the Abaiang Planning Workshop. Attached as Annex 4 are the; the Abaiang Island Development Plan (vision, mission, objectives and strategies) and the Abaiang Action Programme (or Action Matrix).

The workshop also discussed the linkages and reporting structure of the island steering committee (Island Development Committee or IDC) to the national steering committee (Kiribati National Expert Group or KNEG) to ensure that the programme outputs on Abaiang are reported at the national level. Figure 1 outlines the reporting structure. The workshop agreed that a technical working group (WoI Working Group) was essential to providing technical advice to the IDC. The membership of the working group would include representatives of the KNEG (technical officers), an island representative (Council Clerk or IPO?) and the regional support team (regional and international agencies/projects). It was further agreed that in the interim, the Secretariat of the WoI Working Group would be the Office of the President (Choi Yeeting) and SPREP (Azarel Mariner). The meeting endorsed the inclusion of the reporting structure in the TOR for the Island Development Committee (refer to Annex 5 attached).

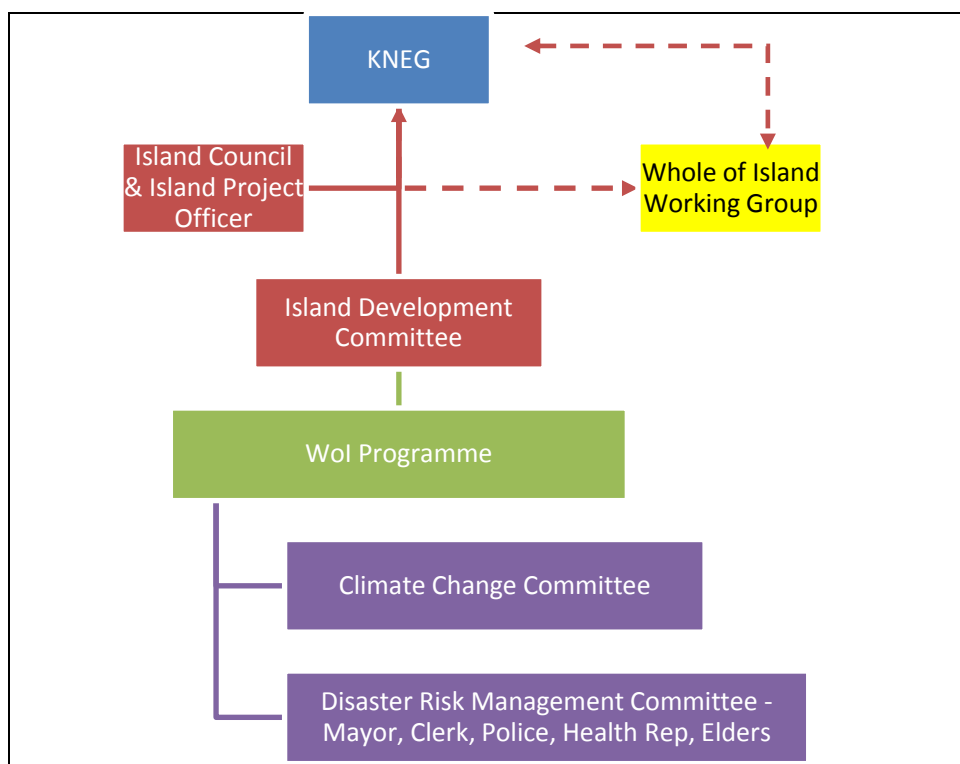


Figure 1: Draft reporting structure for the Island Development Committee

NEW PARTNERS

Invitations were sent to other partners (C-CAP, KIRIWATSAN and UNDP) implementing CC/DRM projects on Abaiang to strengthen coordination and collaboration on the island.

Unfortunately only the C-CAP representatives were able to attend but the workshop agreed to share the outcomes with the other partners. The Coastal Community Adaptation Project (C-CAP) is a five year project which is being implemented in 12 PICs including Kiribati. The USD 24.9million project is comprised of three components; rehabilitating or constructing small-scale community infrastructure, building capacity for community engagement for disaster prevention and preparedness and integrating climate resilient policies and practices into long terms land use plans and building standards. More information can be found on www.pacificisland.usaid.gov. The C-CAP representatives commended the planning efforts of the WoI team and looked forward to collaborating on Abaiang.

CONCLUSION

The workshop concluded with discussions on the Whole of Island concept note. Given that partners are working with the national governments and island councils to implement CC/DRM projects through the WoI approach, the workshop recognised the need to develop a concept note to support programme implementation. It was therefore agreed that the Office of the President will work with the Regional Support team (SPC, GIZ and SPREP) in 2014 to develop a Whole of Island Concept Note.

The workshop agreed that the next steps forward would entail a mission to Abaiang in February 2014 to present the 2014-2017 Abaiang Development Plan, the Action Matrix and revised Terms of Reference for the Island Development Committee to the Island Committee and the KNEG.

Annex 1: Participants List

#	NAME	SEX	AGENCY/MINISTRY
1	Terieta Mwememkai	Male	Office of the President
2	Choi Yeeting	Male	Office of the President
3	Tokintekai Bakineti	Male	MELAD - Agriculture
4	Tuake Teema	Male	MFMRD - Fisheries
5	Rikiaua Takeke	Male	KiLGA
6	Tebikau Tibwe	Male	MHMS - Health
7	Bibiana Bureimoa	Female	MoE - Education
8	Makweta Iotebwa	Female	MPWU - Water
9	Ueneta Toorua	Male	KMS - OB
10	Tekimau Otiawa	Female	MELAD - Environment
11	Mayor Kanoua Ngaluenga	Male	Mayor of Abaiang
12	Tupe Samani	Female	USP: GCCA:PSIS
13	Azarel Mariner	Female	SPREP (USAID)
14	Hanna Sabass	Female	SPC/GIZ CCCPIR (BMZ)
15	Vuki Buadromo	Female	SPC (USAID)
16	Siosiu Halavatu	Male	SPC (USAID)
17	Juliana Urgaro	Female	SPC (EU GCCA:PSIS)
18	Stephen Hazelman	Male	SPC (POETCOM/IFAD)
19	Teddy Fong	Male	Coastal Climate Change Adaptation Project (C-CAP/USAID)
20	Isoa Korovulavula	Male	Coastal Climate Change Adaptation Project (C-CAP/USAID)

Annex 2: Workshop Agenda

ABAIANG PARTNERS PLANNING WORKSHOP

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Secretariat of the Pacific Community, Suva

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TENTATIVE AGENDA			
Monday 2 December 2013 Day 1 Facilitator – OB & SPC			
Time	Agenda Item	Presenter	Comments
9am-9.05am	Welcome	Ngaluenga/Mayor, Terieta or Choi/ OB	NA
9.05am-9.10 am	Introductions & meeting overview (objectives, structure & expectations)	Vuki Buadromo, SPC	NA
9.10am-9.50am	Brief updates on WOI	KNEG, SPREP, SPC, GIZ	1 to 5 Minutes each
9.50am-10:30am	Update on November mission (successes and challenges) & Feedback	Choi Yeeting, OB -National Team Azarel/SPREP – Regional Support Team	NA
10:30am – 11.00 am	Morning Tea break		

11:00am-11.20am	Present the 2014-2017 Abaiang Strategic Development Plan & Feedback	Ngaluenga, Mayor & KILGA	Vision, Mission, Objectives, Strategies & Feedback
	Presentation of Action Matrix based on November visit (Abaiang Program of Action)	Vuki Buadromo, SPC	Agreement on matrix format
11.20am – 1.00pm	Review of Strategies (formulated as outputs)	Hanna, SPC/ GIZ Presentation Discussion & Agreement - All	Based on Abaiang Program of Action & Abaiang Council Dev Plan)
1.00pm-2.00pm	Lunch break		
2.00pm-4.00pm	Merge actions to strategies to become one plan (both APA & Island Council Development Plan)	All	
4.00pm-5.00pm	Finalise and present the Abaiang Programme of Action (APA)	All	
Tuesday 3 December 2013 Day 2 Facilitator – Mayor & KILGA & SPC/GIZ			
9.00am-9.10am	Recap Day 1	SPC/GIZ	NA
9.10am-10.30am	Complete Action Matrix for each strategy – (relating to agriculture, water, fisheries, education, health, etc. and Island Development Plan)	Working Groups	Actions, Timelines, partners, etc.
10.30am-11.00am	Morning Tea Break		
11.00am-1.00pm	Action Matrix session continued	All	
1.00pm-2.00pm	Lunch Break		
1.00pm-4.00pm	Action Matrix session continued	All	
4.00pm-5.00pm	Present final Abaiang Action Matrix	All	NA
Wednesday 3 December 2013 Day 3 Facilitator – MET & SPREP			
9.00am-9.10am	Recap of Day 2	SPREP	NA
9.10am-10.00am	Review IVA & Abaiang Council Development Plan Issues	Hanna, SPC/GIZ	NA
10.00am-10.30am	Morning Tea Break		
10.30am -12.00pm	Present TOR for the Island Development Committee (IDC) & Feedback	Health (Tebikau)	Incorporate reporting Structure

	Discuss formation of a “WOI_Sub-working Group” or alike under KNEG – Finalize TOR	OB/GIZ	Sub-Working group for in depth technical work on Woi that includes island representation and how this relates back to KNEG & IDC
12.00pm-1.00pm	Whole of Island Approach & Feedback and Development of a concept note	OB (Choi)All,	Protocol on data sharing, partner, ownership, steering
1.00pm-2.00pm	LUNCH BREAK		
2.00pm-4.00pm	Open Space for exchange with existing/new partners	WOI C-CAP, KIRIWATSAN, UNDP with 10 Min Presentations each, tbc)	Presentation of Woi, Abaiang Council Plan (new version based on IVA, Planning etc.)
4.00pm-5.00pm	Wrap up and next steps	SPREP	NA
END OF WORKSHOP			