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From FSM PACC PMU

Welcome to our third quarter newsletter for this year. Information provided herein entails activities performed by FSM PACC Project Management Unit.

Pilot project for Climate Resilience PPCR Consultants

A team of consultants came to Kosrae during the second week of April to work on the development of SPC's Pilot Project for Climate Resilience (PPCR). The objective of this project is to improve the use of local, national and regional knowledge and information on climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction. This will strengthen the capacity to manage climate change risks to food security and the critical infrastructure. The consultants met with the Governor and the project's Steering Committee members on Monday. The rest of the week, the consultants met with the different stakeholders from Fisheries, Agriculture, Water and Coastal Zone Management to gather information of current status of work and their needs. Kosrae and Christmas Island were selected among the different countries in the Pacific to carry on this project. The consultants team was composed by Bruce Chapman (leader), Arthur Webb (coastal processes), Ian White (water), Mary Taylor (agriculture) and Ursula Kaly (fisheries).



Climate Change and Mangrove's Video from PCEP

FSM PACC Project Assistant, Mr. Carlos Cianchini took part in the development, recording and editing of the "Climate Change and Mangroves" Video. This video was a collaboration between the Pacific Islands Climate Education and Partnership (PCEP), the Kosrae Dept. of Education and the environmental educators from the Kosrae Island Resource Management Authority and FSM PACC. This video is part of a class lesson which includes the importance of mangroves and the changes they have suffered thru time as told by Senior Citizens. The students draw what they knew about mangroves and answered questions related to the video. We presented the video and the class lesson to Lelu Elementary School 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade during the 3rd week of June. After the lessons, we met with the teachers to gather their comments.



5th Public Health & Hospital Emergency Preparedness Summit

Participants from the four States and the National Government (Office of Environment and Emergency Management), participated on the 5th Annual Public Health and Hospital Emergency Preparedness Summit which was held in Kosrae from April 14 - 17. FSM PACC Coordinator, Mr. Simpson Abraham, made a presentation about climate change and how could affect the health of the people of the FSM. He talked about how changes in the future climate as more rainfall, will cause more floods and mosquitoes breeding, leading to more mosquito borne diseases as Dengue fever.. He also mentioned the saltwater intrusion that is affecting taro patches in the FSM's atolls, as a result of the sea level rise, which can endanger the food security of the islanders.



IOM's Disaster Red Book Workshop

During the 4th week of July, the International Organization for Migration (IOM), Conducted a workshop on disaster management. During this workshop, Mr. Richard Herman instructed the participants about what to do after a disaster. The first topic was about the minimum standards for water, food, shelter, sanitation and hygiene items to be delivered to the families affected by a disaster. The participants also learned how to fill the different assessments required by the donor organizations. Assessments include information on water and food supply, access to the impacted communities, communication, health, fuel, electrical power casualties and others. All the information and the assessment forms were provided to the workshop attendants.



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Preparation



Meeting to organize the activities.

Installing the banners.



Ribbon Cutting and Benediction Ceremony

On May 29, 2014; the FSM PACC project had the Ribbon Cutting and Benediction Ceremonies for the completed Pilot Road. The road from Lacl to Lacs in the Tafunsak Municipality, was climate proofed to make it more resilient to the expected increase in rainfall and sea level rise in the future.

The activities began at 9:00 AM with an opening prayer by Rev. Soloman Mongkeya. The Opening remark was done by the Hon. Governor of Kosrae state, Mr. Lyndon Jackson. The guest speakers for the activity were the FSM Vice President, Hon. Alik Alik,

SPREP's Deputy Director General, Mr. Kosi Latu. The second prize winners of the Climate Change Song competition, the Rabbit Island Youth Choir, sang to the delight of the people present. Two more remarks were done by Mrs. Sian Nivinson, as Personal Representative for the Australian Ambassador and the Mayor of Tafunsak , Mr. Jacob George.



The Lelu Gospel Choir sang to the public prior to the Blessing of the project by Rev. Takeo Likiaksa. Then the Ribbon Cutting proceeded and afterwards the Benediction was done by Rev. Livinson Taulung. Also present at the Ceremonies were Mr. Miguel Ordonez, from the USA Embassy; Mr. John Palmer from SPC North REP; Mrs. Louise Dutertre from SPC and the FSM Ambassador to Fiji, H.E. Gerson Jackson.



Ribbon Cutting, from left to right: Mr. Nena William, Master of Ceremonies, Mrs. Louise Dutertre, Mr. Kosi Latu, Hon. VP Alik Alik, Hon. Lyndon Jackson, Mr. Jacob George and DT&I's Director Mr. Weston Luckymis.

Photos from the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



Government Officials, and general public arriving at the venue.



Governor of Kosrae,
Hon. Lyndon Jackson



Vice President Of the FSM,
Hon. Alik Alik



SPREP's Deputy Director General,
Mr. Kosi Latu

Tafunsak Mayor.
Mr. Jacob George



FSM PACC Project Coordinator,
Mr. Simpson Abraham



1st Disaster Risk Management Conference

The First Disaster Risk Management Conference was held on the Pohnpei's Governor's Conference Room, from June 16-20. Subjects discussed during the conference included: Damage Assessment for households and for communities, Response & Recovery Planning, Early Warning System by the National Weather Service. There were other presentations by the National Government's Office of Environment and Emergency Management, the NGO's International Organization for Migration and the Micronesia Red Cross Society. Mr. Simpson Abraham made a presentation about the FSM PACC Project and its achievements. With the rest of the Kosrae's Delegation, we updated Kosrae State information for the disaster management checklist. The few checklists we prepare will guide the emergency responders to orderly approach the disaster.



The FSM PACC Newsletter is a quarterly publication to share the project achievements and news with our stakeholders and colleagues. It is written, revised and edited by the FSM PACC Coordinator and assistant. The photos were taken by Carlos Jose Cianchini unless credited to another person. Waves painting from Microsoft Clip Art.

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