

## February Issue # 13

### Climate Change Cook Islands

#### Office of the Prime Minister

#### **Update from the SRIC CC Adaptation Fund**

The SRIC Adaptation Fund reported that the Climate Change Adaptation & Disaster Risk Management education resources kit is currently being developed by a technical advisor who has previously worked on similar projects. She will be in country for a few weeks and will be available to advise and train users on the program.

The Climate L Early Warning Systems project has been signed over to the Cook Islands Meteorological Services who will be implementing this project in the Pa Enua (outer islands).



**Signing of the CLEWS and CLEWIS projects 6 Feb 2014 (Photo by Rob Matapo)**

The Climate Early Warning Information Systems project has been signed over to Emergency Management Cook Islands (OPM) as the implementing agency. They are in the process of sourcing for a TA to populate the site that will host information received from the Climate Early Warning Systems in the Pa Enua.

Training has commenced in the southern Cook Islands with the Rauti Para tablet training project. Thus far the islands of Mangaia and Mitiaro has proved the popularity of the training amongst seniors and the young people of Mitiaro. The other three islands will be completed by April including Rarotonga.



**Participants at the Mangaia workshop 27-31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2014 (Photo by Celine Dyer)**

Mangaia “home garden” project is ready to kick off once funds are received from donors. This will be followed by the Rakahanga outboard motor project and the Manihiki hydroponics project.



**Drying tuna in Rakahanga (Photo by Otheniel Tangianau)**

The Rakahanga outboard motor project is to purchase outboard motors for the villages on Rakahanga in order to capitalise on the tuna season and catch. The fish will be dried and packaged for the Rarotonga market. Rakahanga island makes and produces a variety of dried fish products which is acclaimed as the best in the Cook Islands. This project will assist to develop and expand the dry fish industry of Rakahanga.

Priority projects currently under implementation includes the Palmerston, Atiu and Aitutaki household water tanks. At this stage it is waiting upon the tender committee to award the tender, so work on this project can commence. Tender box was officially opened on Monday 17 Jan in

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the presence of Audit, MFEM and Pa Enea Director Mr Odi Tangianau with Project Manager Mr Daryll Rairi.



**Opening of the tender box for the Palmerston, Aitutaki, Atiu household water tank project 17 Feb 2014 (Photo by Rob Matapo)**

The Tamarua water network project is being re-designed as there were some concerns from another village regarding the diversion of water from their system.



**Mangaia lake Jan 2014 (Photo by Celine Dyer)**

Infrastructure Cook Islands is assisting with the designing of the Pukapuka water system.

The vector-borne illness control project is currently under implementation by the Ministry of Health in the Pa Enea. Equipment has been procured, itemised, and labelled with the Ministry of Health and SRIC logos before shipment to the Pa Enea.



**Project equipment being labelled and sorted ready for shipment to the Pa Enea 6 Feb 2014 (Photo by Rob Matapo)**

Agriculture projects for Mauke and Mangaia are in the procurement stage. The Mauke project is for the purchase of a chiller to be stationed at the Mauke airport to store agriculture produce for shipment to the Rarotonga market.

### **Platform meeting**

First Platform meeting for this year was held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb. Project updates were reported back to the meeting and amidst this the value and importance of this gathering was upheld. It was seen as a means to share information, collaborate on projects and resources and give feedback on other projects. The usefulness of the platform in the like of current climate change and disaster risk related work was reconfirmed.



**Platform meeting 27 Feb 2014 (Photo by Michelle Foster)**

### **Kura Kuriri**

The Climate Change team will be in Atiu from the 10-14 March for the Rauti Para tablet training project  
**TILL NEXT TIME KA KITE**