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Final City Wide Clean Up for Preparation for Pacific Games 2019

Mr. Setoa Apo, Principal Waste Management Officer, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE)



On the June 29 2019, the Greening of the Games Committee organized a final city wide clean up as part of the preparation for Pacific Games 2019. The

Committee consisted of SPREP, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Samoa Tourism Authority, Ministry of Women, Community and Social Development, Pacific Games Office, Samoa Recycling Waste

Management Association (SRWMA) and the technical assistance from JPRISM II project office.

Four main rivers were selected mainly Fuluasou river, Gasegase river, Loimata o Apaula and

and Vaisigano river. Government agencies and private organizations were involved in this campaign and was witnessed a tremendous turn out even some tourists participated as their contribution. In addition to the general clean up activities, students from the National University of Samoa were recruited to assist MNRE and SPREP with waste assessment during the clean up.

The students were divided up into four groups according to the designated rivers. Several waste streams were selected using the Tangaroa Blue data collection sheet. The data collection sheet under the Tangaroa Blue is an assessment form adopted from the Australian marine debris initiative where it was mainly for marine debris assessment. SRPEP and MNRE are working on finalizing the data.

There was also a tremendous support and assistance by SRWMA and Waste Management Company in providing cages for recyclables and collecting of recyclables for their operation as one of recyclers in Samoa.

Le Vaa and Samoa volleyball federation athletes were also participated where Le Vaa athletes were volunteered for the sausage sizzle for participants. It was a fun day for a walk of life especially young children who really enjoyed clean up and fun games and

activities provided.

Leota Kosi Latu the Director General of SPREP and co-chair of the Green of the Games Committee thanked all participants for the tremendous turn up and contribution towards preparation for the Pacific Games. He further stressed that we have to take care of our environment and ensure that we are responsible for our own careless actions. He lastly acknowledge the different agencies who contributed to the event through participation and support.



Changing Our Ways: The 1st Consultation Workshop for Development of National Waste Management Policy in Papua New Guinea (PNG)

Mr. Veari Kula, Manager, IUC Branch of CEPA, J-PRISM II Project Team

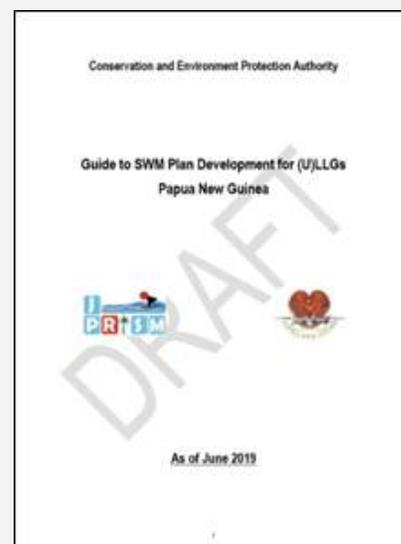


About 40 participants representing the relevant government agencies, private sector, academia and the civil society in PNG with our good partners from JICA/J-PRISM II and SPREP gathered up for the 1st consultation workshop to develop the National Waste Management Policy in PNG at Laguna Hotel, Port Moresby from 20th—21st June 2019.

The main objective of the meeting was; 1) To seek stakeholder feedback on the zero draft National Waste Management Policy (NWMP) and 2) To develop the first draft of the NWMP to be consulted within the four regions in the next four (4) regional consultation meetings. The zero draft of the NWMP was circulated to all stakeholders in Port Moresby prior to the two days workshop to have a better and effective discussion during the

consultation workshop.

The consultation workshop was co-organized by Conservation and Environment Protection Authority (CEPA), JICA J-PRISM II project and UNEP Special Programme in collaboration with SPREP. Mr. John Michael, Director of the Renewable Resources Division within CEPA encouraged the participants by highlighting the current challenges including the absence of a national waste management policy in PNG, and urgent issues immediately to be managed especially for municipals to improve waste management. It was followed by the key note speech on the “*History and Expectation for PNG National Waste Management Policy*” provided by Prof. Frank Griffin, Vice Chancellor of the University of PNG (a former SPREP hazardous waste management advisor). J-PRISM II project coordinator provided the draft “*Guide to SWM Plan Development for (U)LLGs in Papua New Guinea*” (photo: right) for further discussion in the



meeting. The group discussions were categorized using the different waste streams such as Municipal Solid Waste, Medical Waste, Hazardous Waste & Chemicals and Single Use Plastics in which the discussion results were shared with all participants to be incorporated to develop the 1st National Waste Management Policy.

Mr. Masato Koinuma, Deputy Chief Representative of JICA PNG Office and Mr. Veari Kula, Manager of Infrastructure, Utilities and Conventions Branch within the

Renewable Resources Division of CEPA in which the J-PRISM II project falls under closed up the meeting with remarks of gratitude for vital participation and fruitful inputs from the participants, and expectation for upcoming future consultation meetings to finalize

The NWMP by 2021. The proposed four (4) regional and a final national consultation workshops were planned to organize to reflect the locality and more stakeholder involvement in PNG into the National Waste Management Policy.



Clean-up Campaign held on the 8th June 2019

Mr. Tomoyuki Kogawa, Project Coordinator, 3R+Return (Melanesian Region) J-PRISM II



Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology (MECDM) and Honiara City Council (HCC) in collaboration with J-PRISM II Solomon Project Office led the cleanup campaign on 8th June 2019.

Every year, 8th June is marked as the World Oceans Day (WOD) as it provides a unique opportunity to honor, help protect and conserve our World's shared ocean. This year, the theme is "Gender and Ocean". The focus this year's encouraged people and stakeholders to demonstrate leadership in preventing pollution and to share solutions that inspire and activate the global



community.

Then volunteers, armed with garbage bag and gloves, grappled with rubbish for hours. The work of the volunteers has made Kukum playing field, Children's Park at Rove and White River Secondary School Field respectively a better place. The initiative saw that several hundred of garbage bag filled up at the three sites. After volunteers collected the rubbish, it was transported to Ranadi landfill by HCC.

The active participation of everyone present made the day's events participatory and successful for all those who turned up.

J-PRISM II Joint Coordination Committee (JCC) Meeting

Mr. Shinnosuke Oda, Short term expert



J-PRISM II JCC (Joint Coordination Committee) was held in Tonga on July 2019. The JCC was mainly participated by the representatives from Ministry of Meteorology, Energy, Information, Disaster Management, Environment, Climate Change and Communications

(MEIDECC), Ministry of Health (MOH) and Waste authorities (WAL). From Japanese side, representatives from Japanese embassy and JICA Tonga office, and J-PRISM II project office were in the meeting. After keynote remarks by Mr. Shinji Yoshiura, Resident Representative of JICA Tonga office, Mr. Malakai L Sika, CEO of WAL presented the outline of the progress and the presentation by Mr. Tevita Toli, WAL Vava'u branch manager followed to give the

participants detail of operation of waste management service in Vava'u. Toli spoke that the situation of Vava'u has been significantly improved after WAL commenced the waste management service. According to Tevita, people are well satisfied with the service to pay the waste collection fee (about 5US\$ /month/household) though the WAL team struggled with convincing the people and organized a lot of community meeting in the beginning period. Tevita added the good practice as follows; "Now we are accepting the rubbish from outer islands from Vava'u main island. People carry on rubbish by boat from their islands and unload them at shore then loaded to WAL truck. We do not charge them if they bring their waste to main island by themselves. I hope this attempt could help to clean the outer islands as well as main islands".

All participants agreed on the progress and slight modification on Project Design Matrix and the meeting was closed by Mafile'o Masi, chief environmentalist of MEIDECC.

Calendar of Events



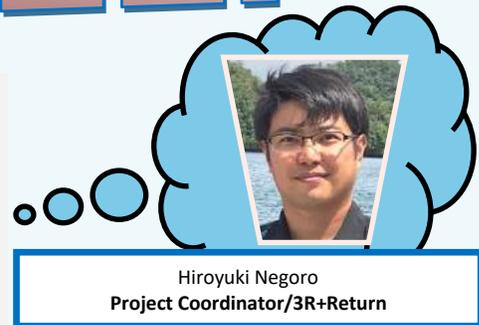
3rd Steering Committee Meeting, 6th September 2019, SPREP Training Centre, Apia, Samoa

FAREWELL!

Dear all,
This is Hiroyuki Negoro, coordinator for J-PRISM II stationed in Palau. My contracts ends on the 19th July and will be travelling to Japan on the same day. I appreciate all the support you did for J-PRISM II.

I feel very comfortable to stay in the pacific island countries. So I hope I could come back to anywhere in the pacific and meet you again.

Thank you for everything and hope your healthy life and cleaner pacific.



It has been a pleasure working with all of you and I would like to say “thank you” to everyone for your support and guidance during my time with J-PRISM II project.

The experience that I've obtained from this project will serve me in the years to come. I am grateful for the opportunity and look forward to cross path with all of you again in the near future.



WELCOME!



Evangeline Potifara
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I am very grateful for the opportunity to be involved in J-PRISM II, a joint project with JICA AND SPREP, two well known organizations in the Pacific, the former a very generous donor and the latter very committed to keeping our environment sustainable and helping the Pacific cope with the effects of Climate Change.

I look forward to working with J-PRISM II team achieve their objectives and help our Pacific community.

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