

# GEF 5 STAR (Nauru R2R Project) NEWSLETTER

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## Barge Handover Ceremony

The FADs barge handover ceremony took place at the Nauru Fisheries and Marine Resources Authority building on the 29th of August.

Acting Chief Executive Officer Mr Murin Jeremiah was present to receive the new barge from Mrs Marissa Cook on behalf of Secretary of Commerce, Industry and Environment.

This Barge will play an important role in assisting with the deployment of FADs (Fish Aggregation Devices) which are also provided for Nauru Fisheries and Marine



Mr Murin Jeremiah & Mrs Marissa Cook

Resource Authority to lure bigger fish into Nauru reefs.

We had the pleasure of having our UNDP project manager Mrs Loraini Sivo present for this event and to witness this wonderful occasion.

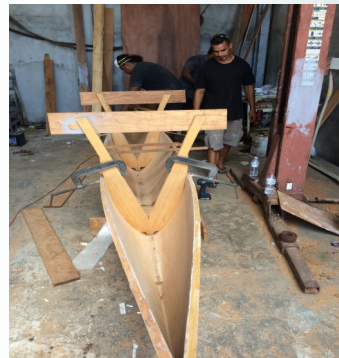
Light refreshments were provided by Nauru Ridge to Reef, and after the official handover ceremony, a visit to the FADs sites took place.



Mr Murin Jeremiah, Mrs Marissa Cook and Ms Loraini Sivo

## Canoe Building Activity

Nauru R2R's end of project target is to build 5 canoes for each of the coastal pilot districts and 2 for Buada. This is part of the alternative livelihood activities for communities to ease pressure off the reef flats and for fisherman to fish in waters just beyond the reef. So far the project has only built one for each of the communities. All materials required for this activity recently arrived on Island and the project is working with the communities to come up with the next recipients list.



Mr Giovanni Gioura NFMRA's canoe builder

It must be made aware to the communities that the ownership of the canoe belongs to the community and not individuals. The project is to develop an

agreement between the project and the carer of the canoe. The agreement will state that that the community owns the canoe, and the builders are the carers. The carer thus has the responsibility of scheduling times for fisherfolks to utilize and safeguard the canoe(s).

The project aims to start building the remaining 4 canoes before the end of this year. Training sessions will be held in each respective community to enable all members to participate by observing and/or taking part, thus working effectively together.

## Integrated Land Use Management Plan Consultation

Consultations were held with pilot district community members for the draft Integrated Agricultural Land Use Management Plan (IALUMP), held at DCIE, conference room, in the week of 12th September 2019.

Surveys were carried out by the LUMP consultant with households discussing the use of their plot of land around their house. The purpose of this IALUMP is to promote agricultural use of land in their communities and their backyard. Through proper land use planning, communities have the opportunity to work together to utilize their land more effectively to address food security as a community.

R2R Project coordinator Ms Phaedora Harris along with the Project's partners NFMRA and Department of Agriculture, carried out the consultation sessions throughout the week with the pilot districts of Anabar, Ijuw, Anibare, Buada and Meneng. The IALUMP has 7 components: ???

Comments and changes from the 5 pilot districts were compiled and sent back to the LUMP consultant to amend for the final draft version.

The final version of the Integrated Land Use Management Plan will be re-distributed to the communities for their approval, before it is presented to Cabinet for approval.

“ All 5 pilot communities have been consulted”



R2R meets with Anabar community

## Establishment of Kitchen Gardens in pilot communities

Nauru Ridge to Reef Project has established 28 kitchen gardens in the 5 pilot districts. The R2R Project's target is to establish and develop a total of 75 kitchen gardens with 15 gardens per district.

R2R has distributed/planted a total of 732 plants consisting of fruit trees (coconut, breadfruit, panda-



Jonathan's kitchen Garden

nus, soursop and marcotted tahitian lime) and food crops (banana suckers, sweet potatoes, pineapples, papaya, eggplant, etc).

Nauru R2R is providing the planting materials to the different households and assisting them on how to establish their kitchen garden, how to propagate,

plants and maintaining them

The main objective of kitchen garden is to address food and nutritional security of Nauru. We also encourage members of households to take ownership and maintenance of their own kitchen gardens.



Dr Phillip's kitchen Garden



Deborah's kitchen Garden

## Nauru R2R Board Meeting

On August 28th and 29th, the 6th R2R Project Board meeting was held at the DCIE conference room. Project partners NFMRA, Department of Agriculture, Department of Environment, UNDP, and community leaders from the 5 pilot districts of Anabar, Ijuw, Anibare, Meneng and Buada attended this meeting. Project management unit and the district Technical Support Officers (TSOs) were observers. The agenda included updates for the 4 components from the Locally Managed Marina Area Officer, Land Use Officer, Communications officer, TSOs and the Chief Technical Advi-

sor. The Project partners NFMRA and DoA also provided updates regarding the Project's assistance in their ongoing activities.

Topics included budget, project grievances, issues/challenges, audit findings and gaps, project implementation report and the Pro-



ject's annual workplan.

The Project Board meetings usually happens twice a year to ensure budget is being spent on a timely manner or whether a budget revision is required; approve any major changes that are not in the project document; table any urgent matters that needs to be approved by the Board.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for December 15th.

## Resilience & Sustainable Development (RSD) GEF Project Meeting- Suva Fiji

The Nauru PMU team consisting of the Project Coordinator, Director of Environment, Communications officer and the Finance/Admin officer attended the Resilient and sustainable development GEF project meeting in Suva Fiji on Sept 30th-Oct 3rd.

The Resilience and Sustainable Development (RSD) team at the UNDP Pacific Office in Fiji manages the implementation of projects funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) through national governments. The RSD team had organized a four-day training in Suva, Fiji, on project management and technical aspects of projects with the objectives of improving the overall management

(including financial resources) of national implementation modality projects;

Guided by the Project Results Framework and the Logframe, implementing to achieve results with a robust monitoring and evaluation process, and gender priorities.

Topics discussed included project imple-

mentation management looking at delivery, identification of bottlenecks and their solutions, best practices and lessons learnt.

Group work to discuss such topics allowed other countries to compare notes on issues/achievements in their respective projects.

Nauru also shared it's Eben Omo campaign showcasing the Roadshow that took place in six districts over a period of 2 weeks.

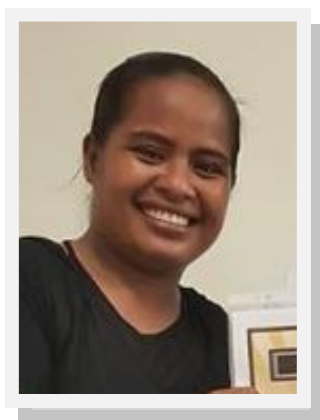
Countries that attended this meeting also included Fiji, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, Samoa, Federated States of Micronesia, Palau, Republic of Marshall Islands, Kiribati, Tuvalu.



UNDP Pacific Office in Fiji - Resilience & Sustainable Development (RSD) GEF Projects Meeting  
30 September - 3 October, 2019  
Suva, Fiji



## Nauru R2R Staff Profile



**Yvela Adam**

**Technical Support Officer- Buada**

**Nauru Ridge to Reef Project**

Q.1 Tell me how you first got involved with Nauru R2R Project?

Ans: I got involved with R2R because my cousin Ralph Peter was the Technical Support Officer for Buada when it first started in 2016..

Q.2 What was your first impression of Nauru R2R Project?

Ans: I thought it was an easy task working for R2R, the workers then made it look easy.

Q.3 What do you find most challenging about your work?

Ans: The most challenging work as a TSO is getting all Buada community members to partake in the R2R activities as people are at work or doing other things and show no interest in our R2R activities especially kitchen garden.

Q.4 What's the best thing that's happened to you since you started working here?

Ans: Gaining knowledge and skills in composting, mulching, transplanting and other kitchen garden skills.

Q.5 What would you tell someone who is thinking about applying for your job?

Ans: I would suggest that only the hard working people can manage to keep this job as it requires a lot of hard physical labor and team work.

## Home Remedy for Ring Worm (*Using Senna Alata*)

### What Is Senna Alata?

Senna Alata is also known as Candle bush or ringworm bush. It is a herb used to make medicine from its leaves. The leaves fold over in the dark giving it its nickname. It is the fastest growing plant but is short-lived. It is widely used in medicine for its fungicidal properties to treat fungal infections and ringworm.



Senna Alata plant

### The History of Senna Alata

Candle bush is a native to Mexico and grows up to 4 meters high

with horizontal branches. This plant can be found in a few places in Nauru, mainly at private residences. Locals plant this bush specifically to use as medicine for ringworm.

Step 1: Pick 10 single leaves

Step 2: Rinse and pound

Step 3: Put in bowl and squeeze 1 lime into bowl

Step 4: Apply on affected area on the skin.

Step 5: Rub it on affected area constantly, the patient should feel the sting.

This can be done twice a day, preferably after each shower, make sure to scrub affected area with soap and water.

**“ Senna Alata**

**Leaves has been**

**used to treat**

**ringworm for many**

**years “**



Senna Alata leaves





## R2R Activity pictures 3rd Quarter 2019



Nauru R2R team at RSD Meeting Fiji



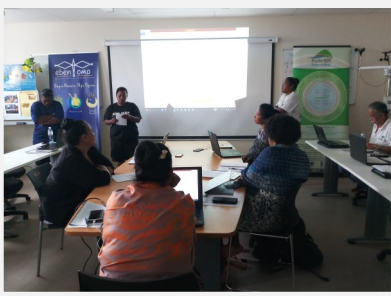
Radio talk with R2R Advisor Cenon



Yvelda's & family photo shoot



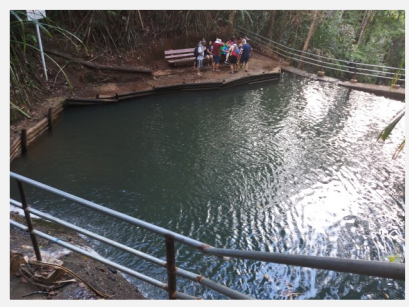
Rejoice's kitchen garden (Buada)



R2R TSO presenting at Board Meeting



Dir. Environment Planting seed in Fiji



R2R team visit Coloi Suva Waterfall



Nauru R2R @ RSD Meeting Fiji



Dr Wini & Phae Planting seeds

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