



Pacific R2R Programme Workshop

Most Significant Change

The GEF Pacific IW R2R Project - TUVALU



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Anticipated benefits of the Saugavaka Project to the community



I work as one of the committee members for the Proposed Saugavaka Piggery Project since 2017, which is an initiative formulated to accord with the Island Strategic Plan of the Funafuti Island community. For the past years, I observed that managing animal waste was not highly stressed on the agendas of the Town council but the problem is seriously an alarm to the residing community on the capital.

I sense that minimal efforts were carried out by the Kaupule to address this situation.

Also I sense that the limited knowledge around the issues and the concerns, together

Maryanne Vunisarati with the limited knowledge on the options to mitigate the problem may be the contributed facts to the problem. However, the intervention of the IW R2R project from 2017 paved a way forward for the Funafuti town council. The proclaimed innovative solution proposed by the IW Ridge to Reef Project is totally a catalyst in the planning of the Kaupule.

The recommendations from recent researches on waste water on the capital were also facts to acknowledge where they highlighted this problem. But the realization of the benefits expected from the proposed piggery project prompts the Kaupule to engage with the community on the capital to share the good news. Actually the planned undertaking by IW project and the Funafuti Community will focus on ways to use pig waste to produce bio-gas and organic composting from dry litter waste.

When we conducted consultations with the communities on this proposed project, many people did not like the concept at first as they see it is very unattractive since people has to work with the pig waste and mostly is a new way that is totally opposite to the current wash down system. But when they were given a chance to see the demonstration, they were able to see that the concept is not as what they thought it would be. The proposed project helps families in many ways in particular the missed out benefit of families consuming vegetables to fight the deadly NCDS and the emerging problem of food security for people living on Funafuti.



IW steering committee



Consultation with government agencies

As a Funafuti resident and an employee of the Kaupule I am so thankful for the assistance provided by the IW R2R project through guidance and mostly the supporting roles in delivering the Saugavaka Piggery Project right from the community up to the cabinet level. Personally the Saugavaka Piggery Project is a game changer in my working experience in which I am proud to share this story.