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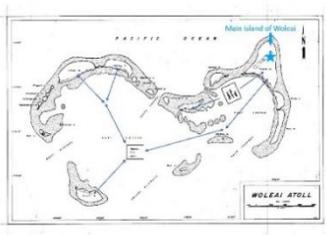
AF PMU Meets Lekinioch

Kolonia, Pohnpei – On August 6, 2019, the AF Project Management Unit (PMU) took the opportunity of meeting with the newly elected Mayor of Lekinioch and some of his council members and traditional leaders for preliminary awareness about the AF project as Lekinioch is a target community of the project. The Lekinioch delegation were on Pohnpei for the August 2019 Presidential Inauguration.



The newly elected Mayor and his delegation were happy to learn-in-detail about the AF project and look forward to the Lekinioch Inception Workshop.

AF- Woleai Atoll Inception Workshops



Woleai, Yap – From June 27 to July 3, 2019, the Adaptation Fund (AF) team visited Woleai Atoll to conduct the Woleai Community AF Inception Workshops. The purpose of the mission is to officially launch the AF project on Woleai atoll, which is a target site for the project. Approximately 240 locals participated in the inception workshops, of which over 55 percent were women.

The AF team, under the leadership of the Honorable Secretary of Department of Environment, Climate Change and Emergency Management (DECEM) Andrew R. Yatilman, consisted of AF staffs, SPC's RENI Project Coordinator, Officer from Yap Disaster Coordinating Office, EPA's

Water Quality Lab Technician, PW&T-C&EM's Technicians, Yap CAP's Officer and representatives from Yap Woman Interest Office.

The inception workshops took place on each of the five inhabited islands of Woleai. With respect to the local culture, the workshops were in groups of male and female separately. During each inception workshop, the project's proposed activities were shared, participants were engaged in group discussion, feedback from both groups were gathered and plans for implementation at each respective site was identified. In conjunction with the workshops at each visited site, the AF assessment team members conducted survey assessment on all existing water tanks and wells.

The Woleai mission was a success as all of the five communities of Woleai were visited, the community members understood the AF Project activities and benefits to them and what is expected from the community for the project to be successful for Woleai Atoll.

AF PMU attends UNICEF-Funded PDOE WinS Orientation Workshop

AF PMU and Department of Environment, Climate Change and Emergency Management (DECEM) Climate Change Adaptation Program Manager participated in Pohnpei Department of Education's (PDOE's) WASH in School (WinS) Orientation Workshop, which received technical support from UNICEF and Pohnpei EPA. Participants of the workshop were PDOE's Central Office staff and Early Childhood Education Staff, UNICEF, DECEM, Pohnpei Department of Health and Social Affairs and Schools Heads from WASH pilot schools of Awak Elementary School, Rohi Elementary School, Nett Elementary School, Saladak Elementary School, Sokehs Powe Elementary School and Ohmine Elementary School.



At the end of the workshop, each of the Pohnpei WASH target pilot elementary schools of Awak, Rohi, Nett, Saladak, Sokehs Powe and Ohmine were given WASH tools that would be implemented in each of their schools.

AF – Inception Workshops in Yap, Pohnpei, Kosrae and Chuuk



In March, April and July, 2019, the Adaptation Fund (AF) project entitled "Enhancing the Climate Change Resilience of Vulnerable Island Communities in the Federated State of Micronesia," under the leadership of DECEM Secretary Andrew Yatilman, the AF Project team, carried out AF Project State Inception workshops in Yap, then Pohnpei, Kosrae and Chuuk. The participants included State Governors, State Legislatures, State Environmental Agencies, Project Partners, Key Stakeholders, and Target Community Members. The AF Project funded by the Adaptation Fund Board at USD 9 million over a period of four years from 2019 to 2023, and implemented by the FSM DECEM.

The project's overall goal is to build social, ecological and economic resilience of the target island communities of FSM and reduce

their vulnerabilities to extreme drought, sea level rise and other climate risks through water resource management, coastal resource and development planning, and by promoting gender perspectives and ecologically sound climate resilient livelihoods. The activities of the project will be implemented in Pohnpei (Kapingamarangi and Nukuoro), Yap (Woleai and Eauripik), Chuuk (Satawan and Lukunor) and Kosrae (Malem and Utwe).



The Inception Workshops provided the opportunity for the States to be oriented on the AF project, its objectives and benefits. The Inception Workshop activities included group work activities where participants were divided into groups and tasked with discussing and answering questions pertaining to specific components and activities of the projects. The group work allowed the participants to express their understanding of the project's activities and get them to indicate any issues that might surface during the implementation and how those issues could be engaged. These different discussion sessions allowed the project to learn of what is being undertaken on the ground in the outer islands and state and some social issues that were not captured during the development of the project. Most importantly, the workshops allowed the project to get feedback from the participants on how realistic some activities are and how other can be achieved. The feedback and inputs the project received from the participants ranges from project implementation arrangement, monitoring and evaluation, environmental and social safeguards and project communication strategy.



At the end of each workshop, the project team was able to create a list of priorities for the way forward for each of the States based on the feedback provided by the group discussions.



The list of ways forward from the States ranges from preparatory activities to immediately carry out the project to the project target outer islands, review existing policies to identify the gaps where climate change components need to be integrated, and encourage the Department of Education to integrate Climate Change into their learning curriculum.

AF Kosrae will continue work on the road easement. The project re-visited community members of Malem and Utwe to convey updated information of the project in May 2019. An initial clearing for the Topography Survey Team was conducted in May 2019. The project team will continue work closely with DTI to complete the design for the coastal project. Potential quarry(s) will be continue being identified. The project worked with Survey Team to complete the design for the road project in July 2019.



The Inception workshops were all successful with positive comments and strong recommendations given being incorporated into the Project to ensure the best coordination and implementation of project activities. Many of the participants agreed that they had been waiting too long for this step and would like to keep the project moving forward without hesitation.

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