



Mangaia Disability Inclusive Development Action Plan 2015 Progress Report & Livelihood Project for Persons with disabilities 8 – 10 June 2016



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&
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Outcomes

Introduction

1. The Divisions for Disability and Welfare of the Ministry of Internal Affairs in partnership with the Research Division of the Ministry of Agriculture travelled to the island of Mangaia to conduct two projects relating to the inclusion of persons with disabilities and the level of recognition in the development of the island. This was held from the 8-10 June 2016.
2. The projects were:
 - a) Follow up on progresses made by the island community in implementing their Disability Inclusive Development Action Plan developed in 2015
 - b) To conduct practical livelihood training for persons with disabilities in growing vegetables for themselves

Participants

3. In attendance to the two days events were the Island administrators including the Mayor, Executive officer, School principal and staff, Mangaia Disability committee, Elderbility (senior citizens Manager), Disability Centre staff, Health nurses, Internal Affairs officer and persons with disabilities. A list of participants is attached as **Annex 1**.

Meeting



Mr Tutira replying to the welcome remarks by Mayor Ataariki (seated)

4. On arrival to Mangaia, the two facilitators were taken to the Mangaia Disability Centre where they met with the Island officials, School principal, Disability committee and staff, care givers of persons with disabilities, nurses, persons with disabilities and family supporters. The meeting opened with an opening prayer followed by formal welcome speeches by the Mayor of the island. In his speech, the Mayor expressed his appreciation for being invited to the morning's occasion. "I am grateful to be here not only to hear but witness the progresses made by the Organization of persons with disabilities on Mangaia in promoting the rights of persons with disabilities and their inclusion in various area in the community. I am also encouraged with the progress of inclusiveness in our school on the island". In reply, the two facilitators from Rarotonga, Ms Takingaiva Tau Eitiare and Mr Moe Tutira expressed their appreciation to those present and briefed every one of their mission. The facilitators also acknowledged the support by the Cook Islands Government and the Australian Government in making the trip possible.

Session 1

Progress in implementing the Mangaia Disability Inclusive Development Plan 2015¹

¹ Annex 3 of Outcome report



Ms Tau Eitiare & Mangaia participants responding to the questionnaire on progress in implementing the Island DID Action Plan

5. Ms Tau Eitiare commenced her session by discussing the purposes of the Mangaia Disability Inclusive Development Action Plan 2015² and benefits for the island in the overall development of the country. She also guided the participants through 10 questions based on actions required of the community to do according to the six objectives of the Disability Inclusive Development Action Plan. It was an informative discussion done in recognizing and promoting the rights of persons with disabilities on Mangaia. Questions and responses are attached as **Annex 2**.

Session 2

Livelihood training for persons with disabilities at growing vegetables

6. This session was held at the Disability Centre at Oneroa and it began with the Agriculture technical expert Mr Moe Tutira introducing the participants with the basic theories and demonstration of methods for planting. This includes the types of soil, organic nutrients necessary for healthy growth of plants or vegetables, methods of planting different vegetables and how to care for them.



Ms Tau Eitiare, Tuteretere and her sons with Poroa and their vegetable shoots ready for planting in Tamarua

7. At the end of his presentation Mr Tutira asked each participant with disabilities to plant cabbage shoots in two bags of soil and take them home and look after. From the Centre the team departed for the homes of some of the selected clients with disabilities beginning in Ivirua on the eastern side of the island.

8. In Ivirua the team called at Aumetua Rennie's residence where she was given a tray of tomato shoots ready to transplant in her garden. A photo of her planting plot was not available as it was too far from her home. Her father however, assured the team that he will be assisting Aumetua

with her vegetable garden.

9. From Ivirua the team proceeded to Tamarua on the southern side of the island which is about 10 kilometres away from Ivirua. On arrival at Tamarua the team called at Kaiteti Metuataopu's residence where this woman with disabilities and her daughter who is also disabled were waiting. The same demonstration given to participants at the Disability Centre was also shown to the two ladies as they did not attend the Centre that morning.

10. From Kaiteti Metuataopu's residence the team went to Tuteretere Metuataopu's planting plot. This is another woman with some form of impairment who has a 10 year old son. On arrival, she and her son and the Climate Change team were waiting for the team. The Climate Change team were involved through



Kaiteti receiving her tray of vegetable shoots

² Annex 3 of Report

our working partnership by providing the vegetable shoot, a project initiated through the (Strengthening and Resilient of our Island Communities to Climate Change) SRIC project.



Tuteretere with her son in the background helping to put the fence up for their plantation

11. Tuteretere and her son had a big plot of land ready for planting. The team helped by digging the poles for fencing the vegetable garden. The fencing materials were provided by the DID project. The technical officer, some persons with disabilities and supporters helped planting different vegetables in this garden. Prior to planting, the ground was fertilized in along the rows where the vegetables are to be planted.

Monitoring

12. Persons with disabilities are responsible for the monitoring of their crops ensuring they are watered and cared for with support given them by family members, Disability Centre staff and Welfare officer. “Since this is the first project of this kind for persons with disabilities, we expect some challenges, however we will learn through it,” said Welfare officer, Mr Poroa Arokapiti. “This is the beginning for them in the area of planting for their own consumption as well as for selling in order to get some extra earnings,” said Mr Arokapiti. Progress report on the project will be send by the Welfare officer to the head office in Rarotonga.

Acknowledgment

13. The Mayor, Executive officer, Welfare officer, Committee for persons with disabilities and clients expressed their appreciation to the Government of Australia for the support given their island people through this project. They also extend their gratitude to the technical officer Mr Moe Tutira for his patient and support to them. The same gesture is also extended to Ms Iva Eitiare for her part in following on the progresses made by the Island in the implementation of the Mangaia Disability Inclusive Development plan.

14. The Disability Division of the Ministry of Internal Affairs extends its appreciation to the Director of the Research Division of the Ministry of Agriculture for releasing his staff Mr Moe Tutira to conduct the livelihood training project for persons with disabilities on Mangaia.

15. Lastly, the facilitators would like to thank the Secretary of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Disability Division for the opportunity to carry out this mission to support persons with disabilities on Mangaia.

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Annex 1

Responders to the Questionnaire

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| 1. Teremoana Ataariki | Island Mayor |
| 2. Antony Whyte | Island Executive officer |
| 3. Gill Vaiimene | President Elderly/Disability organizations |
| 4. Inangaro Papatua | Secretary, Disability Council |
| 5. Ne Tara | Manager Elderbility (Senior citizens) |
| 6. Ruru Tangatakino | Disability Centre Coordinator |
| 7. Tangi Metuakore | Disability Centre staff |
| 8. Michael Papatua | Mangaia School Principal |
| 9. Kaiteti Metuataopu | Intellectually impaired |
| 10. Mariuake Kaiteti | Intellectually impaired |
| 11. Aumetua Rennie | Physically impaired |
| 12. Poroa Arokapiti | Internal Affairs officer |
| 13. Papa Moe | Facilitator |
| 14. Iva Eitiare | Facilitator |

Annex 2

INTERVIEW Questions

Disability Coordinators/Island Administration/Island Council/Internal Affairs officer/School principal/Care givers/

We are undertaking an evaluation of actions undertaken in implementing the Mangaia Disability Inclusive Development Action Plan inaugurated in 2015.

1. How many awareness programs have you conducted on the rights of persons with disabilities?
Answer: 6, and these are all annual events;
 - i) During the celebration of the International day for persons with disabilities 3rd December
 - ii) During school events or activities including reading in the library
 - iii) During church activities, Sunday school, hymn singings, church group exchange events around the island
 - iv) During the 1st of October while celebrating the Senior citizens Day
 - v) During community workshops
 - vi) Disability Centre programs

2. How many places or buildings (government/community halls or residential homes) have been built/adjusted with free access to persons with disabilities on the island? Eg ramps, hand rails etc
Answer: 6 and this is continuing
 - i) Mangaia School new ramps
 - ii) Government administration Building have installed 2 hand rails
 - iii) Paraekanui Market have wheel chair access ramps and hand rails installed
 - iv) Church entries have wheelchair access ramps
 - v) Only hospital has access ramps
 - vi) New buildings have access ramps

3. Is there a provision and budget to support persons with disabilities or their activities in the island government plan? If yes, how much?
Answer: No and not in funding form.
 - i) The Disability Centre receive operational support from the Island Government through building maintenances and transport maintenance to the Centre vehicle
 - ii) Indirectly through national Sports activities when requested

4. Are there island programs or events that include persons with disabilities on an annual basis? Please list them.
Answer:
 - i) Yes, Island sports, Manea games, School events, Church activities, Market Days, community workshops

5. Is there a disaggregated (male/female) data of persons with disabilities on Mangaia? If yes, where is this held? How many males/females to date?
Answer:

- i) Yes, at the Mangaia Disability centre, Mangaia School, Mangaia Hospital, Internal Affairs office
 - ii) 6 male and 11 female
6. Who is responsible for collecting information on persons with disabilities on Mangaia? Who are the providers of those information?
 Answer:
- i) Ministry of Health, Mangaia School, Mangaia Disability Centre, Internal Affairs officer, Parents
7. Is there a coordinating body responsible for gathering all programs and activities relating to persons with disabilities on Mangaia? Please name the body.
 Answer: Yes
- i) Mangaia Disability Centre
 - ii) Mangaia School
8. How often does the committee meet and what is the scope of sharing of information to other groups for support? Eg to the Island Council, community groups, schools etc
 Answer: the Committee for Disability meet once a month and when on certain occasions that they need help for lack of resources, then they will call for help from appropriate bodies on the island.
9. Have there been successful stories gathered on good practices by persons with disabilities or groups supporting them? Are these available to the public?
 Answer: Yes
- i) Ms Aumetua Rennie is one known example for making brooms, shell eis and sewing tops and trousers for sale. She sells her products every Friday mornings at the market.
 - ii) Mama Kaiteti and daughter make brooms and coconut oil for sale.
 - iii) Mr Autokotoru Mino sells drinking coconuts every Friday morning.
10. Are the different disability service providers coordinated or is there some duplications?
 Answer: Coordination is not a problem as services are well organized and everyone works and supports each other. There is no duplication of services so far.

Please complete the questionnaire and return to me on email nooroa.numanga@cookislands.gov.ck

Meitaki maata.

Annex 3

Vision: Mangaia to be the leading barrier free & inclusive island for ALL including Persons with Disabilities

Goal: To ensure that environmental & attitudinal barriers are reduced for ALL including Persons with Disabilities to enable their full & effective participation on the island.

Objective 1	Activities	Responsible Officer
An island plan is in place for priority activities to implement CRPD obligation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increase promotions & awareness programs on the rights of Persons with Disabilities 2. Build access ramps/ rails in public places/ buildings e.g. market/ church buildings/ school buildings/ govt. offices/ tourist accommodation/ clinics/ Disability centre/ homes-residents 3. Local govt. plans - annual plans in budget to support disability activities. 	Island govt., MoH, MoE, Disability Committee/ Centre/ Churches/ Private sectors/ Village (Puna) leaders/ Families/ Women's group (CSO, NGOs, NSAs).
Objective 2	Activities	Responsible Officer
An M&E reporting framework in place (the Mangaia Island Plan)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of promotions & awareness programs in a year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NCD workshops, World Aids Day/ Tobacco Day - DRM workshops/ Mental Health workshops/ Red Cross Days - Olympic Fun Runs/ Sub regional games - International Days/ Aids Women, Disability, Older Persons, etc. 2. Collaboration with various stakeholders e.g. govt./ NGOs, Disability/ Infrastructure 3. All island policies are Disability Inclusive & budget (\$) 	Island govt., MoH, MoE, Disability Committee/ Centre/ Churches/ Private sectors/ Village (Puna) leaders/ Families/ Women's group (CSO, NGOs, NSAs).

Objective 3	Activities	Responsible Officer
A reliable (updated) Island Disability Database	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Data on persons with disabilities are collected on the island 2. Data sources are identified 3. Information sharing maintaining confidentiality 4. Responsible person to collect & compile data 	1. Intaff/ Disability Centre/ Elderbility/ MoH/ MoE/ Child Welfare/ Faith base organisation, sports organisation
Objective 4	Activities	Responsible Officer
Legislation, Policies & Programs are reviewed to align with the CRPD through participatory processes	1. Review Pukuru/ Puna/ Govt. Island Plan/ Sports/ DRM Plan/ Takurua Mataiti and other island plans to include disability	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Island govt./ Councils/ Leaders - Kavana (6) 2. Disability Committee/ Centre Personnels/ Stakeholders
Objective 5	Activities	Responsible Officer
Better reporting systems are in place to gather information and coordinate disability initiatives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish island coordinating committee 2. Adopt CBR Model & collaborate with CINDC to a plan for Mangaia 3. Monthly meeting & reporting of Island coordinating committee to island govt./ CINDC & national govt. (Intaff) 	Stakeholders (Intaff, MoH, MoE, Disability Committee/ Centre, Faith- based organisations, sports, Red Cross, etc.)
Objective 6	Activities	Responsible Officer
Report of govt. on CRPD, share examples of good practises on island.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Share examples during coordination committee meetings (monthly) 2. Recorded stories by Centre personnels on persons with disabilities. 3. Stories are documented & sent to CINDC 	Disability Coordinating Committee/ Disability Centre

