

FINPAC PROJECT COOK ISLANDS EXPERIENCE

3rd Meeting of the Durban Forum on
Capacity Building
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Cook Islands Meteorological Service (CIMS)

Value of FINPAC Media and
Communications Training to us:

- ▶ CIMS has completed its Media Guide/Plan including plans and suggestions from national media on how the two can work together to raise CIMS's visibility and raise awareness and understanding of Met Terms and weather and climate systems.
- ▶ CIMS staff are better equipped with knowledge and tips on Social Media and Media Engagement process
- ▶ CIMS staff have a better understanding of how to develop, implement, monitor and evaluate a Communications Strategy.



Tautu Village, Aitutaki

Value of FINPAC Climate & Disaster Resilient Planning Workshop to us:

- ▶ First time for the community to participate in a village workshop to discuss climate and disaster resilience
- ▶ First time for the community to meet with the CIMS and discuss how to improve their services
- ▶ Great opportunity to come together as a community to learn and plan on how to build their resilience to climate and disaster events



Lessons Learnt

- ▶ Importance for the Met Service to simplify information for communities
- ▶ Information must be available in the local dialects, be specific to locations and easy to understand
- ▶ Regular contact between the Met Service and communities are recommended
- ▶ Understanding the vulnerabilities and capacities is key to preparedness
- ▶ More community workshops like these are needed
- ▶ Everyone in the community has a role to play in preparing for climate and disasters

Lessons Learnt

- Better coordination amongst relevant stakeholders
- Utilise local experts to deliver presentations
- Prepare a follow up monitoring plan with timeline and nominate relevant agency to execute
- Logistics arrangements (local protocols)
- Brief presenters on local context and expectations

- Participants offered to assist other villages start up their own committee
- Recommend for all essential services in each village to collaborate planning with community
- THANK YOU

Going Forward

- Participants have formed a committee to continue working within the village
- Participants offered to assist other villages start up their own committee
- Recommend for all essential services in each village/island to collaborate with community drive

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