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Tuesday, April 30 2002

BEEN THERE, DONE THAT

High Level Advocacy Team

The DMU High Level Advocacy Team which consists of Dr. Langi Kavaliku, the former Deputy Prime Minister Tonga and internationally known Pacific voice to many scientific disaster management forums and Mr. Roger Jones, a former Director of the Australian Emergency Management Institute held separate consultation meetings in Suva with key Ministers of the Fiji Government and representative of the Pacific Forum Secretariat. The purpose of the meetings was to provide a detailed briefing of the development of the CHARM program and to advocate for the adoption of a broader approach to risk management by Pacific Island governments. An outcome of the meeting with the Ministers was agreement to conduct a full briefing to the Prime Minister and Cabinet after due process.



High Level Advocacy Team Dr Langi Kavaliku (Tonga) and Mr. Roger Jones (Australia).



Advocacy Team in discussions with Fiji Government Ministers.

Further advocacy visits are planned for Tonga, Vanuatu, Palau, Tuvalu, Samoa and the Cook Islands over the next 12 months. The work of the Advocacy Team is an important part of the use of CHARM to integrate risk management processes into all national development planning processes.

Disaster Management Coordinator Alan Mearns attended an ISDR Taskforce Meeting in Geneva 25-26 April 2002. A report from the meeting will be distributed to the NDMOs shortly. During his visit to Geneva, the DMU coordinator took the opportunity to discuss the development of CHARM in the Pacific and the proposal to conduct the Public Safety and Risk Management Conference in Fiji, May 2003. A number of International organizations have indicated their support to the conference including ISDR, ADPC and ADRC.

Profession Development Program Manager Dawn Tuiloma was in Melbourne to finalise planning arrangements for Swinburne University of Technology to develop the Public Safety Risk

Management course which will be piloted in September. A meeting was also held in Brisbane, with the Queensland Department of Emergency Services to discuss the possibility of the utilisation of their Introduction to Disaster Risk Management training package for the CHARM module of the PSRM course. The Samoa visit involved discussions with relevant personnel concerning the regional workshop to be held in Samoa 19-23 August 2002. Representation to this workshop will be from Samoa (Savaii and Upolu), Tokelau Islands, and American Samoa.

TAF/OFDA in association with Emergency Management Australia ran the *SPDTP Regional Exercise Management Course* at the Skylodge Hotel in Nadi from April 22 to 25. Twenty-four participants from Cook Islands, Fiji Islands, Niue, Palau, Samoa, Tonga and Tuvalu attended and successfully completed the Course. Subject matter expert, Colin Fiford was the lead instructor on the course. Other Instructors included Tukatara Tangi from the Cook Islands, TAF/OFDA Training and Development Officer, Lesu Waqaniburotu and SPDTP Program Manager Kathryn Hawley.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Project Monitoring and Evaluation Group was in Tonga later arriving at SOPAC 1st May. They held consultations at the SOPAC Secretariat 1st - 2nd May 2002.

IN THE PIPELINE

First Call for Papers for the *Public Safety and Risk Management Conference* in 2003 has been distributed. Please note the deadline for submissions 30 September 2002. For more information, please contact SOPAC DMU or <http://www.sopac.org.fj/Secretariat/Units/Dmu/Conference.html>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Country visits:

Niue 13 –17 May

Tonga 20 - 24 May

National Introduction to Disaster Management Course – Tuvalu
14 – 16 May

Palau CHARM 2 Workshop
20 – 24 May

CHARM Seminar for QDES, Brisbane. 28 &29th May.

NEWS FROM PARTNERS

The Vice-Minister for Internal Administration opened the first formal training course conducted in East Timor for the NDMO. The course ran from 26 March to 5 April. The UNDP is funding a disaster management project for the NDMO to implement as well as to benefit from activities. The training was contracted out to the Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre, Bangkok. ADPC had assistance from UNHCR Jakarta. The first course is the Disaster Management Orientation (3 days), a shorter version of the IDM that we are familiar with in the Pacific, followed by a training of trainers course (5 days).

The theme of the 2002 World Disaster Reduction Campaign, organised by the Secretariat for the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction, is "Disaster Reduction for Sustainable Mountain Development".

MEDICINE FOR THE SOUL

A good scare is worth more than good advice. Proverb.

YOUR FEEDBACK COMMENTS

Good advice from Clement Capelle to share this link with those running McAfee AntiVirus. Get updates from <http://download.mcafee.com/updates/4xa.asp?as=false&ref=5> or http://www.mcafeeb2b.com/naicommon/download/dats/mcafee_4x.asp. Norton AntiVirus users goto <http://www.symantec.com/avcenter/download.html>. If you have your virus definitions updated automatically there is no need to concern yourself with downloading from the Internet.

Please note it is vital that you update your virus definitions regularly to ensure you do not infect and corrupt your own work and unknowingly corrupt someone else's. For those of you who aren't sure where to go, get in touch with your IT department or drop me a line and I'll see what I can I do.

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