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# The Solar-Powered Boat

*for the Womens Club of Nakalawaca Village*

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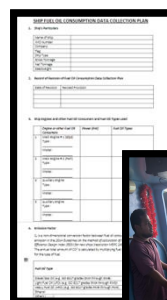
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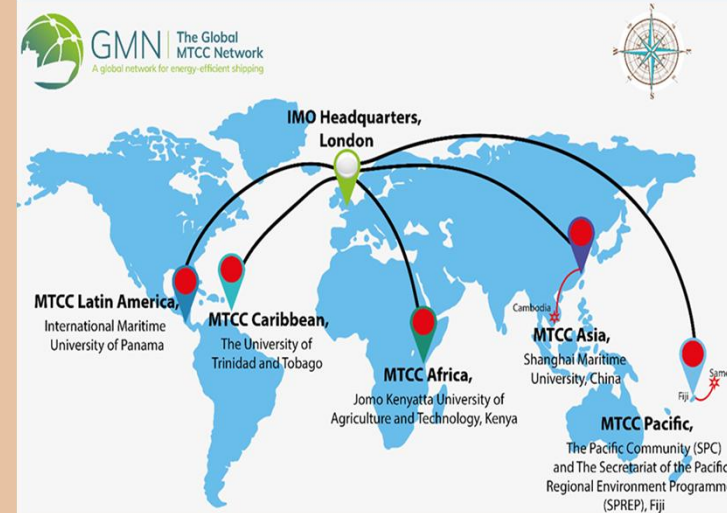
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The Global MTCC Network (GMN)



## Project site - Nakalawaca village, Namara, Tailevu

150

Villagers

66

Females

47

Households:

- 33 corrugated iron
- 3 wooden
- 11 concrete

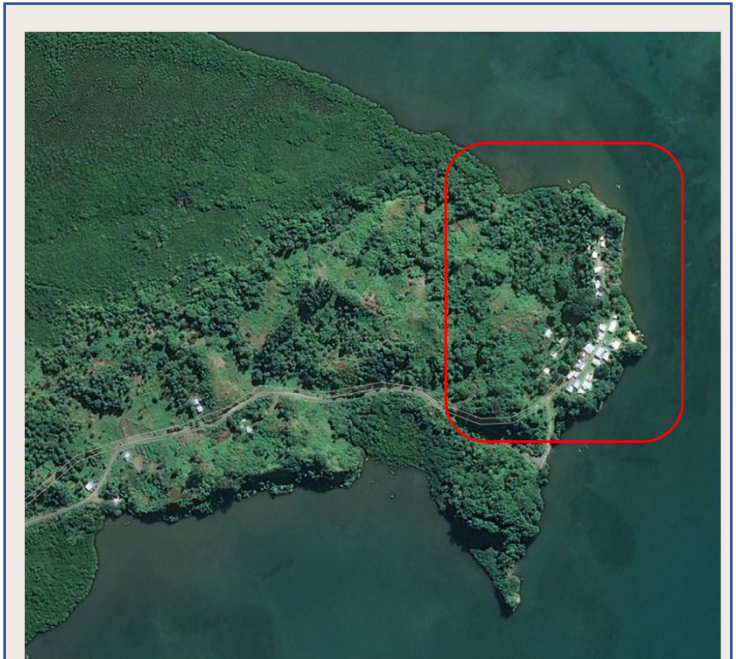
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sub-committees  
that feed into the  
Village Council



### NAKALAWACA WOMENS CLUB

A few members of the  
Womens Club preparing to  
perform a *meke* at the  
Official Launch of the solar-  
powered boat in April



Nakalawaca village, Namara District,  
Province of Tailevu



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# Solar-Powered Boat

- *Vessel Details:*
- 19 ft fibreglass boat fabricated by Silverwater Fibreglass Boats
- Torqeedo 20hp hybrid outboard electric motor
- 24-3500 battery power bank
- 8 x 200 W module solar panels (total charge capacity of 1.6kW) built on stainless steel canopy
- Shore fast charger
- Solar PV charge controllers
- 6 life jackets
- Additional compartments built onboard to store life jackets and other safety equipment
- Max speed - 15knots



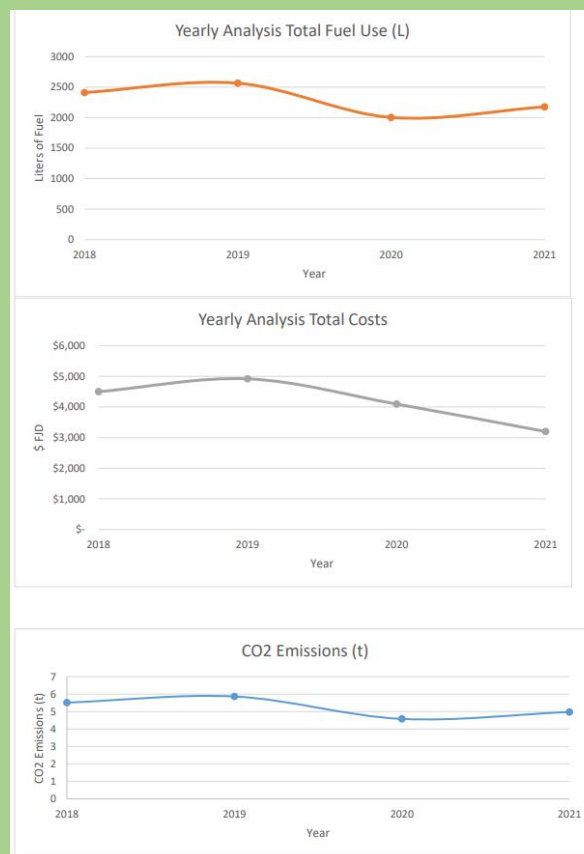
*MV Matanitokalau Princess*

# Savings (projected)

Table 1: Fuel cost for Nakalawaca village (2018–2021)

Yearly analysis		
Year	Total fuel use (L)	Total costs (FJD)
2018	2412.63	\$4,500
2019	2565.71	\$4,920
2020	2003.78	\$4,096
2021	2177.39	\$3,200
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9,159.51</b>	<b>\$16,716</b>
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>2,289.88</b>	<b>\$4,179</b>

Source: (MTCC, 2022)







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## Capacity Building & Training for Womens Club

1. BML Training
2. RME6 Training
3. GREENCO Operations & Maintenance



Women graduates of the BML/RME6 training  
conducted by MSAF, in collaboration with  
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## Lessons Learned – through a gender lens



Shifting local  
social norms



Establish  
responsibilities



Supplementary  
Upskilling

Data and Information



## Synergising maritime and energy access for women

*The missing link between women's economic participation and the maritime transport sector, required to enable sustainable development of the Pacific Islands, should be recognised as part of the energy and gender agenda.*





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