



Weekly Wrap-Up Newsletter

The weekly wrap-up newsletter is a platform to link and update staff and project stakeholders on the happenings in all Project Implementation Units (PIUs) and Project Management Unit (PMU) on the progress of projects CAUSE implemented in various communities of Honiara, Guadalcanal (areas outside of town boundary), Auki, Gizo, Noro and Munda.

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Major CAUSE- MID road rehabilitation completed.

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Before



After

People living in Kombivatu, Feraladoa, Ferakusia, and Matariu will no longer face hiccups when planning to go down to town to access services like markets, schools and clinics through the completion of their road upgrade by CAUSE Project. It took Island Kori, the local contractor, 14 months to complete the rehabilitation work. The total length of the road is 820 meters, of which 294 meters are sealed with concrete, and 526 meters are unsealed. It is estimated that more than 400plus households will benefit from the road upgrade. The road upgrade cost SBD 2.238 million. Funding for the road project comes from World Bank. A statement from the Ministry of Infrastructure Development Permanent Secretary Stephen Maesiola said now the road is completed, and beneficiaries need to look after it well for the years to come. He emphasized the involvement of the woman contractor who undertakes this contract and the equivalent SBD 400 thousand dollars labors given to the community. PS Maesiola also stated that MID is on its plan to implement the same road rehabilitation in urban towns of Western Province and Malaita Province.

Impact Story - Gordon Pitakere



Gordon Pitakere is in his early 50's and is originally from Choiseul Province and now lives in Banana Valley, Gizo, Western Province. He joined ISDT under Batch 15 and later took up short term work in waste cleaning and collection. His greatest joy was when he was offered a job as security guard for the CAUSE Project Storage Shed at Banana Valley. Before ISDT, Gordon used to work as a cook in one of the fishing boats of the Solomon Taiyo Company in Noro but left the company for family reasons. Gordon life changing story is that he can now speak confidently in public after the ISDT training that has equipped him with knowledge and skills.

Freda Waki - Intern



Meet our new intern Ms. Freda Waki. Freda has assume duties with the works department of the project. She will be assisting in the project design for footpaths, footbridge etc. Freda is fascinated and glad to join CAUSE team where she will use the knowledge and skills she has gained in her studies.

Freda is a final year student of Fiji National University doing her BA in civil engineering.

Ziata kindy school Fencing and Footpath



Work on the fencing and footpath of Ziata kindy school in Noro is progressing well. Currently workers are working on fencing the area. Over the coming days they will work on the form work for the footpath.

Barana water source improvement



Work is currently underway in Barana of Guadalcanal Province on the improvement of their water source. Currently, workers are moving materials on site. In the coming days they will work on concreting the basement of the water source.

Review - vulnerability screen assessment meeting



Honiara PMU is currently undergoing 2 days review meeting on the screening of vulnerable communities. The meeting is to assess the general development from 2018 to 2021. The meeting is attended by PMU community liaison officers and safe guard officer and facilitated by Project Manager Sam Belamide.

West Kolaridge railings



Railing of West Kolaridge Jacob's ladder is almost reaching the last section. Already people living down the valley are enjoying walking on a comfortable footpath compared to last 20 years.

News/ Announcements.

1. Following launch of the Chinese made Sinopharm COVID-19 vaccine roll out program, last Friday, the People's Republic of China (PRC) has again provided further assistance of 150,000 USD (Approx. 1.2m in SBD) towards the vaccination roll out and COVID-19 operations and logistics.
2. Twenty (20) rural farmers and entrepreneurs in Makira/Ulawa Province are now equipped with the relevant knowledge to produce good and quality Copra and Cocoa to meet requirement needed in exporting their products. This was following a Cocoa and Copra Processing Quality Assurance and Marketing training conducted in the provincial capital Kirakira from 10th – 13 May 2021. The training was funded by the Pacific Horticultural and Agricultural Market Access Program (PHAMA)
3. Sammy Galo has been elected as the new Member of Parliament for the South Choisuel Constituency.
4. Elsie Polosovai an emerging star is currently an actress for Massive Theatre Company based in Auckland and a student at Otago University studying a Bachelors of Science, majoring in Chemistry