

# Press Release

## Food security fisheries workshop with Abemama island schools

**22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021:** The Coastal Fisheries Division, in collaboration with CDRC –MoE, had conducted a full day Train of Trainers workshop on the use of fisheries resource kits for teachers on Abemama Island. The workshop took place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at the Island Council's hotel and was attended by two representatives each, consisting of principals and/or teachers, from all Primary and Secondary schools on the island particularly teachers teaching fisheries related topics in the science stream, social science and the Kiribati community studies.

The workshop so called the Train of Trainers envision to build future dialogue towards attaining capacity building for our teachers to support the delivery of fisheries education targeting the formal education system in Kiribati. The work is part of the broader fisheries education program executed jointly by the Coastal Fisheries Division under the MFMRD, CDRC MOE under TW Programme and the Secretariat of the Pacific Commission (SPC) implemented (with NZ funding) with now implementation of such program was supported under the LDCF project for the 3 pilot islands.

The initiative is part of the broader support to Kiribati through SPC working with CFD MFMRD and CDRC MOE to ensure that availability of resources to aid the teaching on fisheries issues in Kiribati is available through the formal education system. It also gear towards providing resource materials relevant to fisheries topics in the school syllabus with teachers are resourceful with relevant teaching aids. Understanding the ultimate importance of coastal fisheries which have continued to sustain the livelihood of I-Kiribati people for centuries and its importance for the young generation to realize such resources as means for food security in the phase of global climate change. Through the LDCF project, it has echoed the imperative avenue of raising fisheries conservation awareness programs through the formal education system, such is useful for the young generation.

Words expressed with gratitude from the trainer, Ms Taati Eria from the Fisheries Division, conveyed that “this workshop is conducted with the aim of achieving full support from schools on Abemama, such resources to aid in teaching with greater hope that the resources are useful and could bring greater change with a message for change to the generation of Abemama that the management of fisheries is everyone's responsibility”. ‘The workshop is quite useful where it provides materials that could aid in teaching of fisheries topics at the schools, posters could visualize the topics taught at schools’, a comment from the Island Education Coordinator (IEC) Ms Atiria Tentoa with greater appreciation to the trainers for such training program to be piloted in Abemama.

An encouraging comment conveyed from Ms Eria, ‘There is greater hope that this is not the end of this work with the teachers' support, this can explore and enhance knowledge for our young generation with the understanding on the importance of sustaining their marine resources and think broader on exciting opportunities for job pathways in the marine field in the future’.

A teacher from \_Barebutanna Primary School, Ms Meere **Ioata** stated that they had seen how the previous Fisheries outreach activities to schools had impacted young students. Some young children are able to influence their parents in a way of sharing messages on why we should respect fisheries measures such minimum size limits on certain fish and banned on fishing during spawning seasons under the fisheries regulations that were introduced during said past school visits. The CDRC

representative, Mr Taonna Tinoa implied that a new curriculum is currently being developed relatively to the contents of this workshop and the topics are all integrated under the new syllabus on Natural Resources in Kiribati. The IEC Ms Atria Tentoa expressed words of gratitude towards the Workshop team and LDCF Project for the opportunity bestowed upon Abemama's teachers to become a big part of the Fisheries food security initiative.

In closing of the program, the team leader for this program Ms Eria extended words of gratitude to participants for making this happen, not forgetting utmost acknowledgement for funding support through the Global Environment Facility under the Least Developed Country Fund project implemented through UNDP and coordinated through the Environment and Conservation Division under the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Agriculture Development for supporting the implementation of the training and piloted in Abemama.

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## **Ana Maroro n Angareirei Te Botaki n Akawa nakoia tia Reirei iaon Abemama.**

**22<sup>n</sup> Maati, 2021:** E kania uangaun taan reirei ake a tia n ira te waaki n angareirei are ea wakinaki iaon te abamwakoro ae Abemama iaon te Train of Trainers iaon kabonganana bwaai n reirei ke fisheries resource kits ake a kona n ibuobuoki iaon reiakinan atu n angareirei iaon te akawa ma kawakinan maarin taari ake inanoa. Aio te waaki n angareirei are ea tia n ikarekebai iai, te Botaki n Akawa ao Mwanan te Botaki n Reirei ae te CDRC ma te boto n iango ae rang kakawaki iaon kakawakin tanaan maari mai taari ao anga n kaunganano rinanon reiakinaia taan reirei ake a reiakin rabakau aikai rinanon te waaki n reirei iaon te abamwakoro ae Abemama. E karaoaki te angareirei n te Kaonobong, 6 n Maati 2021 n ana uteero te kauntira, ao n kaainaki irouia kaka-uoman, tia reirei ma mataniwi man reirei n moanrinan ao kauarinan ni kabane iaon te abamwakoro aio, n taketenaki taan reirei ake a reiakina te rabakau n aonnaba (science ao social science) ao ai te Kiribati Community Studies.

E boboto te waaki n angareirei iaon kamataia iaon rinanin atu n rabakau ake a bon tia n mena inanon te tiribwati (syllabus) n taian koraki aika kakaokoro n moanrinan ao kauarinan. E kakawaki te itera aio ike a kona n manga reiakinaki taan reirei rinanin maari i taari ma kakawakin te reita n maiu n te otabwanin i taari. A tibwaki naba rongorongon iaon tibwangan te tabo n akawa, ao ai kaunganano nakoia taan ira te angareirei ibukin karekean aia boutoka n irekereke ma kawakinan ao kateimatoan te mari mai taari. Man aia nonori taan reirei ao a tabekia bwa te kakaitau nakoia kain te tiim noran kainanoan te itera aio ngkai a kona n karako bwaai n angareirei nakoia ataei ao te waaki aio ena rang ibuobuoki nakoia.

E mwaneweia Nei Taati Eria, te tia mwakuri n Botaki n Akawa n kairan te reirei aio, “te angareirei n te tai aio ena noraki uana ae tamaroa ma mwakuriana ena bon tiku inanon baim ngkoe te tia reirei man am boutoka n te aro are aonga n kona n karika te bitaki ni kaungai nanaoia roron Abemama n noran tibwangaia ibukin kawakinan kaubwai mai taari. Aio are e na kona n ibuobuoki n karekea te atatai irouia ataein te reirei ao n kona n nora kakawakin tianan maiuia ao ae kakawaki n kaungaia roron Abemama n nori mwakuri n irekereke ma te Botaki n akawa, ake a na kona n karekei nakon taai ake a na roko’.

N ana maroro te tia reirei temanna man te reirei ae Barebutanna Primary School , ae Nei Meere **Ioata** bwa a bon tia n noori ao n kakoaua mwiin waaki n angareirei nakoia ataei bwa a manena. N aron ana katotoo neiei are ea taekinna ike a tabeka tabeaiangaia ataei n kauringia aia karo n kaineti ma kainibaire iaon aki anakin ika n te abwaki ae katauaki ma taai ake a kainaki iai te akawa iaan te tua n kaetieti ibukin kamanoan maari mai taari ake a mena inanao. Aio are bon kanoan kaongora nakon reirei man ana itera te Botaki n Akawa n taai aika a nako rinanon kawaran reirei iaon te abamwakoro aio.

E tabeka naba ana boutoka kain te tiim are e tei man te Botaki n Reirei, ae Taonna Tinoa bwa ea wakinaki ngkai katabwaninan te tiribwati (syllabus) ibukin te waaki n reirei ao ae e tabe ngkai n rinanoaki ibukin karinakin kanoan nako te maroro n angareirei are e bon rang irekereke man taian atu n reirei n te angareirei aio iaon marii i Kiribati iaonteaba ao I taari (Natural resource). E tabeka bwanaana n kakaitau te IEC ae Nei Atiria Tentoa nakon te tiim ao te karikirake ae te LDCF ibukin wakinan te angareirei ae kakawaki are a manga karekea mai iai tibwangaia taan reirei iaon Abemama ibukin boutokaan ana waaki te Botaki n Akawa ibukin te tania ni maiu.

E boutokaki wakinakin te angareirei iaon Abemama man te karikirake ae te Tania ni Maiu are e mwanenaki man te Global Environment Facility-Least Developed Countries Fund iaan ana boutoka te United Nation Development Programme. Te karikirake aio are e a kairaki karaoana man te Botaki n Mwakuri Ibukin te Enwaromenta, Aaba, ao Karikirakean te Ununiki i aan mwangana are Aobitin Tararuan te Otabwanin.

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