

PRESS RELEASE

ENGLISH VERSION

A team of 10 from the KNEG (Kiribati National Expert Group on Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management) of the Office of the Beretitenti visited the island of Abemama from the 21st to the 30th of March 2018 to collect information on climate change Vulnerability and Adaptation issues. The trip was jointly coordinated by the Office of the Beretitenti and the Environment and Conservation Division of MELAD and it is part of the government ongoing effort and programme to understand each island's key vulnerability issues from the adverse impacts of climate change and help with planning and decide what action should be taken.

The team started it's village consultations from Kabangaki, in keeping with the island protocol, followed by the other remaining 13 villages, wards and the islet Abatiku, which lasted 8 days to cover them all.

The information on vulnerability issues was collected through the combination of field works and village maneaba consultations where an interactive group work and question and answer sessions with local communities of different age groups and gender were held. A pre-designed questionnaire from an electronic device (Tablet) was used. The main focus of the questionnaire is to collect information on how exposed or vulnerable the village communities are to the oncoming effects of climate change and how well communities react and adapt to worsening climate change impacts. The Vulnerability and Adaptation assessment was not only focused on environmental factors but also looking at Vulnerability in terms of Health, Marine resources, Energy, Income, Water, Food and Housing/Properties security. It was estimated to be around 300 local community members from different 14 villages or Wards participated in the consultation and climate change vulnerability information collection process.

The preliminary result showed that the main common vulnerability issues on the island in order of severity are water security, the decline in food crops health due to prolonged drought, followed by coastal erosion and the decline in marine resources. However these issues would need further analysis for confirmation.

Key information derived from this vulnerability and adaptation assessment exercise will help the Kiribati government assist communities in the future in dealing with the effects of a worsening climate including the implementation of effective community adaptation measures to increase climate change resilience.

This vulnerability assessment of Abemama exercise, knwo as the Whole of Island approach (WOI) was the second to be financially supported by the Food Security project (LDCF) whose funding came from GEF

through UNDP and executed by ECD-MELAD. Nonouti island was the first to be consulted in 2017 and Maiana will be assessed this May.

KIRIBATI VERSION

Karaoan te kakae i aon te kai rotaki man Bibitakin kanoan bong n te abamakoro ae Abemama

A kabanea te maan ae teuana tabun te wiiki n moa man 21 nakon 30 n Maati i aon Abemama, kaain ana tiim te tautaeka man ana tabo n mwakuri aika a kakaokoro ibukin karaoan te kakae rongorongo i aon te kai rotaki (vulnerability assessment) irouia te botanaomata man Bibitakin kanoan boong. Ana botaki n mwakuri te tautaeka aikai ake a kaaina te rabwata are e onimakinaki ibukin bibitakin kanoan boong ke te Kiribati National Expert Group (KNEG) are e tararuaki man ana Aobiti te Beretitenti are ngaia ae e baaronga te mwananga aio n ikarekebai ma Aobitin tararuuan te Otabwanin.

Te waaki ni kakae aio bon teuana ma ibuakon kanoan ana kakamwakuri te tautaeka i aon rikorikoan rongorongo n kaineti ma ana kanganga te botanaomata n te abamakoro teuana ma teuana n irekereke ma Bibitakin Kanoan boong bwa e na kona n karaoi babaire i aon kauarerekean ao totokoan kanganga akanne.

E moanaki rikoan rongorongo ao karaoakin te kakaei rinanon kaawan Abemama aika tebwi ma aua (14) n moa ma i Kabangaki ao n ikotaki naba ma atimwakoron Abemama ae Abatiku ike a kabanea iai waniu (8) te bong.

Karekean ma rikorikoan rongorongo e bon karaoaki rinanon kawaran maneaban kaawa aika a kakaokoro ibukin karaoan te maroro ao kaongora n reitaki naba ma titiraki ake a katauraoaki rinanon te kaombiuta (tablet) ao ai bon karaoakin tutuo nakon taabo ake ngaai aika a tia n katebenakoaki irouia kaain te kaawa bwa a rang n korakora rootakiia man Bibitakin Kanon Boong.

Ake a ira buakon te maroro man kaawa ake a kawaraki ao n anga aia kaekaeka nakoia kaain te tiim bon mwane, aine, unaine, unimwane, te roronirikirake ao ataei ike e katautauaki mwaitia n kabane bwa e nakon tenibubua (300). E boboto te titiraki nakoia kaain kaawa i aon itera n kanganga ake a namakini bwa a rotaki iai man Bibitakin Kanoan Boong ao anga ma kawai ake a tia n karaoaki n kataia n kaitarai aia kanganga aikai n aron; rotakin te ran, rotakin kai n amarake, kamanoan aia auti ma aia kateitei, mwaitin marin taari ao n reitaki naba ma aia waaki n kareke tianti.

Man ana ware te tiim aio are e tuai n kamatoaki ma te kanganga are e rang n tieuataake i aon Abemama mai mwiin te kakae aio bon aki taun te ran, kerikakin maiuraoin kai n amarake, ao n taorimwiaki ma

kanakinakoan mataniwin te aba ao ai kerikakin marin taari. Man kukune aikai ao e na kona ni buoka te tautaeka ni karaoi ana babaire i aon buokakin kanganga aikai man Bibitakin Kanoan Boong.

E mwanenaki te mwananga ao te kakae aio man te karikirake ae te Tania ni Maeu ni Kaitara Bibitakin Kanoan Bong ke te LDCF Project are e mena iaan ana tararua Aobitin Tararuan te Otabwanin n te MELAD. Te tia boutoka te karikirake aei bon the GEF rinanon UNDP. Aio ai bon te kauoua ni mwananga ke n kakaei i aon Abamakoro ae e mwanenna te LDCF Project. Te moan bon te abamakoro ae Nonouti are e karaoaki n 2017 ao e na kawaraki Maiana i nanon banen Meei ke Tuun n te ririki aei

PHOTOS



(Rotakin mwanibwa n ran man te tarika, Kabangaki, Abemama 2018)



(Kerikakin maeuraoin kai n amarake, Abemama, 2018)



(Anai rongorongo, Kabangaki, Abemama 2018)

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