

## **Press release**

### ***Culture and Museum mission on Abemama Island.***

On 4 March, 2018, a team of three from the Culture and Museum Division paid a visit to Abemama Island, one of the Southern islands of the Gilbert Group in Kiribati for the purpose of undertaking activities that are aligned with the promotion of food security in the face of Climate Change.

The trip was supported by the Food Security (LDCF) project which is funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF), administered through UNDP and implemented by MELAD.

Wednesday 7 March 2018, saw the commencement of a workshop on both theory and practical training on planting long term native trees that are considered valuable in sustaining food security, promoting economic activities and preserving traditional cultural values and practices.

The training was attended by household representatives such as elders, middle aged men and women and youth, that totaled up to 182 participants, of which 108 are men and the rest are women. These participants came from Baretoa to Tabiang villages and Abatiku islet. The same exercise had already been undertaken in October to November of 2017 involving villagers from Kabangaki to Reina.

The objective of this consultation and training was to support the island people to prosper through a thriving environment and strong cultural values. The number of food crops planted are: 9 coconut trees, 13 fig trees; 9 breadfruit trees; 13 pandanus trees and 14 babai crops.

Simultaneously, one team member carried out a cultural mapping exercise which involved the identification and preservation of both cultural heritage and historical sites for the purpose of generating and increasing the island's or individual's cash income through tour programme that could contribute in alleviating poverty and hunger.

The team returned 16 March, 2018 and they will be going to Maiana and Nonouti later this year to carry out the same activities.

### ***Ana mwakuri te tiim man te Uwanibong ao Aobitin katein Kiribati iaon Abemama.***

E kawaraki te abamakoro ae Abemama iroun ana tiim te Aobiti ae te Uwanibong ao Aobitin Katein Abara n 4 n Maati, 2018 ibukin mwakurian te karikirake ae te Tania n Maiu (LDCF) n kaitarai kangangan bibitakin kanoan boong. E mwanenaki te karikirake aio man te Rabwata n te Aonnaba are e tabe ibukin Mwane n buoka nakon karikirake ake a irekereke ma te Otabwanin

(Global Environment Facility) rinanon te rabwata are e tabe ma boutokaan waaki n karikirake n te Betebeke) UNDP ao n barongaaki man te Botaki n Mwakuri ibukin Enwarometa, Aba ao Karikirakean te Ununiki.

N kawaran te abamakoro ao e reke tibwauaan rabakau ake a kakawakinaki n te Aobiti aio ma rabakau riki ake a reke man te Botaki n Mwakuri ibukin Enwarometa, Aba ao Karikirakean te Ununiki i aon unikakin arokan Kiribati ake a teimaan mauia man bongana ibukin taniai maiura ao ibukin karao bwai n Kiribati ake a kona naba n ibubobuoki ibukin te kareke tianti ao ibukin naba boutokaan kateimatoan te katei ao te rabakau n Kiribati ake a moanna n bua rinanon kakamanenakin kai n aroka aikai.

E moa te tibwatibwa man te Katenibong ike e kaainaki irouia tabeman unimane, unaine, rorobuaka, aine ao ai te roronrikirake man kawa aika Baretoa nako Tabiang, ao Abatiku. Aio te kauoua n tai n okiraki Abemama ma imwiin waakinan aio ma kain Kabangaki nako Reina n 2017 i nanon namwakaina aika Okitobwa ao Nobemba.

Ana kanoa n mii te karikirake aio bwa a na boutokaaki kain te abamakoro ba ana maeuraoi ma aia otabwanin ao aia katei e na matoatoa man aki kona bua ibukin te rorona ma te rorona.

E kania onongaun ma wanikai (68) arokaia ae a karuoi ba ruakai (9) te nii, tengaun ma tenikai (13) te beero, tengauan ma tenikai (13) te kaina, ruakai (9) te mai ao tengaun ma akai (14) te babai are a kabobongaki aroia ni kateboaki i aontano irouia kain te reirei aika tebubua waningaun ma uoman maitia ba tebubua waniman (108) mwane ao itingaun ma aman (74) aine

Irarikin kaungan te ununiki i aon kain abara, ao e bon reke naba katebenakoan ao kawakinan ma rawean rongorongon taabo aika iai mwaeran mwain karaki n kawai i aona. Oin te kantainga ibukin te mwakuri aio bwa a na kawakinaki taabo aikai ba taabo ni kaneweaba ike a na kona naba n ibubuoki ibukin ana anga n karikirake te abamakoro ae Abemama.

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