Press Release

Fisheries and Internal Trade outreach on Abemama Island,

Outreach to the various communities at Abemama on fisheries postharvest for value adding, and training on financial literacy began on Abemama, in the central Gilbert Group of Kiribati from 20 February to 4 March, 2018 when Government officials visited the island. The participating Government departments are Fisheries (MFMRD) and Commerce (MCIC).

These activities are components of the Food Security in light of climate change project, better known as the LDCF project, managed by Ministry of Environment, Lands and Agricultural Development (MELAD), with fund support from the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and administered by UNDP.

The post harvest training workshop attracted 100 participants from Kabangaki to Tokamauea, with a gender breakdown of 55 men and 45 women. A similar workshop was conducted at Abatiku that had 49 participants, of which 32 men and 17 women attended. This training aimed to support community livelihood and enhance food security through initiatives of canning and bottling (value adding) techniques, smoke fish and tuna jerky. The training provided hands-on training to diversify income generating opportunities.

Complementing the fisheries workshop, officials from Commerce (MCIC) conducted an entrepreneurial training to enhance the capacity of communities, after assessing the communities’ potential in agricultural and marine resources, established businesses networking/counterparts to promote intra-trade and undertook an awareness training on the importance of compliance to business regulatory measures. Also covered in the training is the Government freight levy subsidy scheme and logistics associated with it.

The training emphasized the importance of consistent supply side capacity and its spillover effects for the grassroot level. Around 119 participants attended the training from the mainland while at Abatiku, approximately 39% females and 61% males made up the participation list.

Apart from working out-door in the field there was also consultations undertaken with the Local Council to upgrade its business registry and licensing regime. This exercise will ensure availability of quality business data and information for the council, government and other relevant stakeholders in their decision making process.

These workshops had been undertaken at both Nonouti and Abemama and have yet to be conducted at Maiana, which is the third pilot island of this LDCF project.

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 Vernacular Version

Kaongora ma reirei iaon tararuan marin taari ao bitiniti ibukin te iokinibai i nanoa n te aba ae Abemama

Iai reirei aike a wakinaki iaon Abemama man 20 n Beberuare nakon 4 ni Maati n te ririki aei ae boboto iaon kateimatoan raoiroin irikon te ika ao marin taari ao kaungan te bitiniti ibukin te iokinibai inanoa, n rokoia kain ana tiim te Tautaeka man te Botaki n Akawa ao Karaobai ma bitiniti.

waaki aikai bon tabeua kakamakuri iaan te karikirake ae Tanian te Maiu ni kaitara bibitakin kanoan boong ae e atakin n arana ae LDCF, ae wakinaki iroun te Botaki ni makuri ibukin Enwaeromanta, Aaba ao Karikirakean te Ununiki (MELAD) man manenaki iroun te rabata n te aonaba ae tabe ma tararuan te enwaeromanta ae aranaki ba GEF ao man boutokaki man te rabata ae UNDP.

Temanna riki man te Botaki n Akawa are e karaoa te anga reirei iaon kateimatoan raoiroin irikon te ika ao marin taari. N aron te were, te bun, te nouo, te kika ao a maiti riki ike e na kona ni kawakinaki inanon taian batoro ibukin tanian te maiu ao ai bon buokan aia kareke tianti kain te abamakoro ngkana a iango aia bitineti. Tiaki ti ngaia ma a bon reirei naba iaon tarinakin te ika ni marawa (tuna turkey) ao te ika are e kamaaki man te bubu (smoke fish).

A bati aika roko ngke e wakinaki te kataneiai aei ba 100 mai Kabangaki nako Tokamaiauea ba 55 mwane ao 45 aine ao 49 i Abatiku ba 32 mwane ao 17 aine

Te tiim man Aobitin Bitineti, Karaobwai ao Boboti a karaoa aia kaongora iaon taben te botaki ni mwakuri ni kaungaun te waaki ni bitiniti/karikirake ni ikotaki ma kakawakin naba irakin nanon taian tua ake a irekereke ma te waaki ni bitineti. Irian te kaongora iai naba te angareirei are karaaaki aie boboto iaon te kareke iango iaon aekakin nako ni bitineti, are a kona ni karekea man marin aia abamwakoro (mai taari/marawa ao te aba) ibukin tanian mauia. E reke naba tain te takakaro ipeon te waaki ni bitineti.

Inanon waakinan te angareirei ao e kaungaaki ma kakawakin te iokinibwai inanoaa iaon taian amwarake ni Kiribati ao karaobwai bwa e na kateimatoa aron aia waaki ni karekemwane ao ni bitineti ibukin maiuraoia kain aia abamwakoro. E kateretereaki naba kakawakin kateimatoaan te iokinibwai inanoa
bwa e na reitinako ni ikotaki ma kabonganakin raoi ana buoka te Tautaeka iaon kantokan karaobwai ma amwarake ni Kiribati ma aron karokoana n taian mwakete ni bwai ni Kiribati iaon Tarawa.

N te tai aio ao e reke rokoia tebubua tengaun ma ruaman naake a ira te kaongora ao te angareirei man kaawa nako iaon Abemama mai kabangaki nako Tokamaiuea. Aike a kaea te reirei i Abatiku bon tenibwi ma ruaiwa te katebubua (39%) mwaitia aine ao onobwi ma teuana te katebubua (61%) mwane ake a kaaina te angareirei.

E reke naba aia tai kain te tiim ni karaoa aia kakae ma ni kareke rongorongo rinanon kaawa iaon kabonakoan amwarake ma bwaai ni Kiribati. Irarikin anne ao e reke naba te tai ni maroro ma te Kauntira iaon kanakoraoan riki aron tawan mwin araia bitineti ni ikotaki ma tawan mwin te raitienti.

A tia ni karaoaki angareirei aikai iaon Nonouti ma Abemama ma iaon kawaina n roko iaon Maiana, are teuana naba te aaba ae na karoko iai te karikirake ae LDCF iaon Kiribati.

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