

Ministry of Environment, Lands and Agricultural Development Bikenibeu, Tarawa Republic of Kiribati



## On Nonouti, LDCF continues to support environmental sustainability and food security

ECD program implementation is aided by LDCF funding to increase food security and environment resilience.

**Nonouti, 8/OCTOBER/2022** – From September 28 to October 5, 2022, six officers from the Environment and Conservation Division carried out activities in Kiribati to improve food security, preserve the environment, and lessen the effects of climate change

The activities carried out on Nonouti for 7 days included building coastal beach brush, planting coastal areas, tagging turtles, delineating seagrass beds, selecting and planting mangroves on Nounouti with the cooperation of communities, and lastly monitoring mangroves planted by communities taking part in the mangrove competition which was started in April 2021.

In Nonouti, the nine eager communities and five eager schools that participated in the competition have successfully planted 74,293 mangroves. Most people's perception of the importance of mangrove have changed as a result of this competition. 'Three months after establishing these mangroves there are so many shellfish found here, such as sea-worm, te koikoi, and the nikatona, 'said Kabure Bwaketi, the community's leader. Additionally, Mr. Bwaketi said that they had not anticipated that mangroves would be able to sustain and increase the amount of shellfish.

After conducting these activities, Nonouti residents are eager to create their own environmental protection strategies and enhance already-existing laws that protect mangroves and coastal beach brush. According to the councilor from Autukia, Tiikai Tawaia, if I-Kiribati don't try to safeguard and sustain the environment, it will endanger their own lives and ecology. However, if they do, they will make the Earth and their island more environmentally sustainable.

These initiatives would increase bravery and enable Nonouti residents to concentrate more on ensuring that their communities have simple access to a healthy food supply and a robust healthy environment resistant to the negative effects of climate change.

The Global Environment Facility (GEF), through the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF) and UNDP, and the Environment and Conservation Division (ECD) under the MELAD, administered the Food Security Project, also known as the LDCF-1, which provided funding for the expedition.

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## Kateimatoan mwakuri ibukin kamanoan amwarake ao mwarurungin te enwaromenta iaon Nonouti!

Ana buoka LDFC e teimatoa n anga ana ibuobuoki ibukin kawakan ana mwakuri ECD iaon kamanoan kain amwarake ao tararuan te otabwanin

**Nonouti, 8 Okitobwa/2022** – Man ana buoka te karikirake ae te LDCF, ao a tia n mwananga onoman aobitia man Aobitin te Otabwanin n kawaaki mwakuri aika ana buoka kamanoan te otabwanin ao mwakuri naba aika a kona n kauarerekea ana urubwai bibitakin kanoan boong.

7 te bong ae a tiku kaain ana tiim tea ECD n mwakuria kaungakin te katei buibui, te uniki aroka imatanwiin te aba, kanimwakin tabian taian on, mwakenakin uteuten taari, te kinikitongo ao te unikitongo irouia kain te tiim ma koumiuniti, ao ai warekakin aia tongo kain te botaki man kaawa ake a ira te kaboo iaon te unikitongo are e moanaki man Eberi 2021.

Ruaiwa te komouniti n reitaki ma nimaua reirei ake a iira te kaboo n te uniki tongo iaon Nonouti, a tia n unika te mwaiti ae 74,293 te tongo. E reitia n taekinna temanna kain te komiuniti ae Tewakirake iaon te kaawa ae Matang, ten Kabure Bwaketi bwa man te kaboo nte uniki tongo aio ao ea a noora ibitakin aon riburibu bwa ea rikirake n mari ngkai iai te naan tongo irarikiia *"Teniua te namwakaina imwin unikakin te naan tongo aikai ao ea rangin bati te ibo, te koikoi ao te nikatona"* e taku Mr. Bwaketi.

Imwin waakin mwakuri ake ana buoka kamanoan te Otabwanin, ao iai te unga n nano irouia kain te abamwakoro ae Nonouti n kan kamanoa aia otabwanin ao ni kaungai ao n mwakurii aia kainibaire are ena buoka kamanoan taian tongo, ao buibui ake a tia n kateaki. Te Kauntira man te kaawa ae Autukia ae Tiikai Tawaia e taekinna bwa ngkana arona bwa Kiribati e waaki n kamanoa ana otabwanin, ana kona ni buoka teimatoan marin ao maeuraoin ara otabwanin, man aki irakin aikai e kona n rootaki oin maeuia ae marin abaia.

A kakawenakoaki kain Nonouti man mwakuri ake a karaoaki bwa ana taraia bwa aia komiuniti ena bebete irouia aron karekean amwarake n kamarurung ao te otabwanin ae maeuraoi man matoa ni kaitarai ana urubwai bibitakin kanoan boong ao rikiraken kabuebuen te aonnaba.

Te mwananga aio e boutokaaki man te Botaki n karikirake ae te Tania ni Maiu (LDCF) n mwanenaki man te Global Environment Facility (GEF) rinanon te UNDP n kakoroaki nanona iroun Aobitin te Otabwanin iaan te Botaki n Mwakuri ibukin te Enwaromenta, Aaba ao Karikirakean te Ununiki.

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## **Images**

Picking and planting mangrove



## Coastal beach brush protection



