

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- * Two representatives from SI attended a JICA Training on Solid Waste Management by Local Government (F) Pacific Region from 10th June–6th July 2013
- * Launching of Waste Characterization Report 2011 is yet to be held

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Train-the Trainers Training in Fiji

Another regional Waste Management targeting train-the trainers was conducted in Suva, Fiji. This is the second of the first two-week course will convene in March 2013. The 2 week course convenes from 15 to 26 April 2013, with an emphasis on addressing landfill and dumpsite management, and will include topics such as leachate treatment and management, and environmental monitoring.

Two representatives from the Solomon Islands who attended this training are Mr. Edward Danitofea (Ministry of Environment) and Mr.Derald Michael (Gizo Town Clerk). This two week course module was held in Suva, Fiji at the Fiji National University. It is expected that this training will be for successful participants from 14 SPREP Member Countries: the Cook Is-

FSM, , Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Marshall Islands, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu.

These courses are part of a Regional Solid Waste Management Initiative funded by the Agence Française de Development (AFD) and carried out by SPREP. Griffith University, based in Queensland, Australia, has been contracted to develop and deliver this vital training programme for the Pacific Island Countries.

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Dengue Awareness Campaign and SWM

During the Dengue Fever outbreak in Honiara; Honiara City Council under the Environmental Health Division were actively involved in awareness raising on Dengue and Solid Waste Management was conducted within Honiara City and Communities outside of Honiara. These awareness raising activities includes miking along the roads and other public awareness programs.

The proactive action that can be taken to fight dengue at the early stage was proper waste management and cleaning up of surrounding environment.



Caption: Dengue Awareness raising within Honiara City and communities outside of Honiara

Stakeholders Meeting with Plastic Design, Manufacturing, Recycling Project

A stakeholders consultative meeting between some of the J-PRISM Project counterparts in Honiara and the Managing Director of the first ever proposed Plastic Recycling Project was held on June 19th and 20th 2013. Other previous consultative meetings are also held with other relevant Government Line ministries and Private sector organization.

This consultative meeting discussions focus on how relevant stakeholders could collaborate in conducting awareness raisings to the general public on the proposed Plastic Recycling Program in Solomon Islands.

According to Mr. Lindsay Teobasi, launching of this program will be introduced to all residents in Honiara through mass media to target every sector within the City. If project goes according to the time-frame, Solomon Islands will have its first plastic recycling company which will assist the council to pave the way for addressing waste management amongst other issues such as climate change and other environmental issues.

The outcomes from the meeting discussions held on June 19th and 20th was that through the current awareness programs under the Honiara City Council and Ministry of Environment Climate Change Disaster Management & Meteorology as well as through the J-PRISM Project under its existing awareness materials will also provide awareness on the proposed plastic recycling project to the general public.

Other mass media will be utilized for awareness raisings and education on the proposed plastic recycling project in Honiara and elsewhere.

This initiative was welcomed by most J-PRISM Stakeholder organizations in Honiara as it will assist the team in addressing other types of waste within the city.

Gizo Medical Staff 3R Solid Waste Management Program, Western Province

On 8th of May 2013, a 3R activity was designed for Medical Staff of Gizo Hospital. This was endorsed by the Provincial Director of Health and Medical Services, Dr. Gregory Jilini for the implementation.

The 3R program was designed by the Provincial Chief Environmental Health Inspectorate officer, Mr. Fred Naphtalai in collaboration with a JICA Environment Volunteer, Mr. Kohei Yamato, coordinated by the Environmental Health Division, funded by Provincial Health Services as pilot model program on Solid Waste Management for medical staff in Gizo to practice.

The main objectives of the program includes:

- Provision of refuse bins in all Medical staff house for proper waste disposal through a timely collection system twice a week
- Conducting awareness trainings on waste separation

- Reuse and recycling of wastes to reduce waste generations
- Manage a practical waste management program for all Health staff in Gizo as a role model on SWM in Gizo

There have been positive outcomes as a result of this program been conducted in Gizo and surrounding areas. The second group of medical staff have already undergone home composting trainings and involve in bins distribution.



Caption: First and Second group of Gizo Medical Staff involved in the waste collection program in Gizo

HCC Assist Religious Youth Groups in major Clean Up Campaign

The Honiara City Council under the Health Promotion and Environmental Health Division assisted a religious Youth group in conducting a major Clean Up Campaign within Honiara City on Saturday 29th June 2013.

The religious group is from the South Seas Evangelical Church who were having their Youth Conference involving youth groups from across the country and Vanuatu.

The youths are being encouraged to practice living in clean environment and healthy life. "Another health issue is the management of waste inside the communities and this included the proper dumping site, sanitation and the maintenance of cleanliness in the community."

These groups of Youth Group conducted this major Clean up in various location in residential areas.



Caption: SSEC youths who are part of the Clean up campaign as part of their Youth Conference

Shop Inspection Operation

The Honiara City Council Environment Health Inspectors during the month of May were heavily involved in a major shop inspection operation targeting expired goods in all Shops within Honiara City from King George to White River.

During the operation, there were a lot of imported goods that were expired. This indicates that most of the imported goods destroyed at Ranadi contributes to a waste of resource.



Caption: Imported goods destroyed at Ranadi Dumpsite which are confiscated from Shops because of the expiry date.

Informal Discussions between HCC and Private Contractors

A meeting and discussions was held between the Honiara City Council and Private Waste Collection Contractors to come up with a separate recyclable waste collection system schedule.

Under the J-PRISM Project work-plan under out-put 1-5, this is an important activity that needs to be conducted to be able to update and review the current waste collection system for Honiara and Gizo.

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