

SPECIAL POINT OF INTEREST

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- The GEF IWRM project is executed by the UNDP and SOPAC and implemented by the Ministry of Mines, Energy and Rural Electrification (MME&RE) through a Water Resources Steering Committee.

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Message from the IWRM Project Coordinator



It gives me great pleasure to welcome readers to the First Issue of our Quarterly Newsletter for the IWRM Project. This first issue has been timed to coincide with the first meeting of the IWRM Inception meeting and workshop in the first quarter but did not released as planned.

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namely "Managing Honiara City water supply and reducing pollution through IWRM approaches". The project will last for 5 years (2009-2013).

Rapid growth in consumer demand, coupled with the combined effects of natural and human interventions, means that the demand for water is outstripping the planet's ability to supply it.



Public participation is essential in grappling with these important water management issues. We must not continue to believe that

water management is the responsibility of others. The management of water is everybody's responsibility.

After much effort, the IWCAM Project is underway and financial support is flowing to the region and individual countries to address wide-ranging issues related to integrated watershed management, combined with coastal zone planning and land management issues in a number of Caribbean countries.

It is our hope that the IWRM project, particularly as it focuses on managing Honiara City water supply and reducing pollution, will help to solve the water problem and keep awareness high on the importance of water to our daily lives and to ensure that all our communities continue to support our efforts in water resources management.

How IWRM can make a difference in Honiara

Honiara with the rapidly increasing urban population, industrial developments and other land use changes within the adjacent watersheds, Honiara water resource is facing threats for both quality and quantity.

Administrative responsibility tends to be fragmented and jurisdiction over the management of resource use is unclear. This approach fails to take account of the high level of interaction between the resources and processes at work in water management. Lack of an integrated ap-

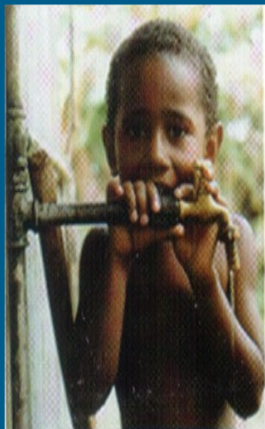
proach has resulted over - exploitation of natural resources, competing resource uses and conflicts between users.

Integrated water resources management is when all the different uses of water resources are considered together. The IWRM Project has the overall objective of strengthening the commitment and capacity of the participating stakeholders to implement an integrated approach to improve and manage Honiara water supply. The overall objectives of the project is to have best manage-

ment strategies and protection measures for Honiara city water resources to ensure there is sustainable water supply and wastewater services in the Honiara City.

The envisioned benefit from such an approach would be; improve quality and quantity of water supply. Strengthening capacity, infrastructure and understanding between stakeholders. Providing an effective model for replication of activities and for the transfer of best lessons and practices.

IWRM Project Office Setup



“Securing tomorrow’s water today”

“Water is Everybody’s Business”.

You can’t manage what you don’t measure.

“Water is Life”

“Every drop counts”



The Project Management Unit (PMU) was currently set up within the existing Water Resources Division under the Ministry of Mines, Energy and Rural Electrification in late November 2009 when funds from SOPAC released through UNDP.

The PMU consist of a Project Manager and Project Assistant which is yet to be recruited. The PMU will be guided by a Steering Committee responsible for Honiara city water and water-related issues only.

The slow establishment of the PMU was due to the slow proceeding of formalities regarding administrative

arrangement between SOPAC, UNDP and MMERE.

Procurement of office materials and equipments, field equipments needed for future activities including surveys and awareness.

Since the IWRM Project Office is located in the Water Resource Division, MMERE, efforts will be made to work closely with staff and assistances that needed to fulfill the project’s object will be supported. The project office will report to the focal point and the

Permanent Secretary on a quality basis.

Two of the requirements of the project is to acquire office space and a vehicle, this is a co-funding aspect of the project. This means MMERE, under its budget commitment, will allocate the resources to meet this obligation. Arrangements will be made this year regarding these items.

Currently the project office is implementing various tasks under the project yearly and quarterly Workplans.

Honiara City Council of Women Workshop

A workshop for Honiara City Council of Women was held on the 23rd December 2009 at YWCA Hall, Honiara. A total of 42 women attended. The composition of the women invited included those from Government (Women Dev. Division), National Council of Women, NGOs and most were from representatives of women groups from communities, churches and youth.

During the workshop partici-

pants were introduced to the IWRM Demonstration Project by introducing the IWRM concept.

Views and issues from women representatives in and around Honiara City about water was also obtained and through the Honiara City Council of Women’s Coordinator, the project office has identify women representatives to implement relevant components of the project.

The workshop also highlight the project components that women will play especially at household and policy level. Workshop activities for women groups to answer and later present focus on questions related to water issues affecting women in Honiara, the level women and youths play to address the issues and their influences on decision-making and the benefits of IWRM if implemented throughout the project duration framework.

SIWA IWRM Introductory Meeting

The IWRM Project Office convened a introductory workshop with SIWA early January 2010 about the project and how it will assist SIWA for the next 5 years. The workshop involves the General Manager and the Divisional Managers. SIWA indicate its support for the project activities by assisting the project office. The assistance from SIWA under this project becomes more im-

portant given the current financial and water reliability situations both SIWA and the city population are facing respec-



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First IWRM Inception Workshop & Meeting

The first Inception Workshop and Meeting of the National Demonstration Project Coordination Committee (NDPCC) was held at SIBC Conference room from 24-25th March 2010. A total of 18 participants from different stakeholders which includes those from the government line ministries, NGOs, Statutory bodies, Honiara City Council, educational institutions and Women organization.

The Inception Workshop was opened by the Minister responsible for Water Resources, Honourable David Day Pacha.

During the workshop participants were introduced to the IWRM project by introducing the concept of IWRM through power point presentations and discussions.

Discussion about the project coordination committee membership composition was an important task during the meeting. The Terms of Reference was drafted and presented to participants. The participants then adopted the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the committee and members were appointed to coordinate the project. The committee was named the "Honiara Demon-

stration Project Coordination Committee"(HDPCC).

The HDPCC comprise of about 15 members from line ministries from government, NGOs, Women group and organisations and resource owners (Landowners). Confirmation of memberships is effective as from the adoption of the TOR.

The project's log frame, Workplan and activities were also approved during the first meeting. It was also approved and adapted that the HDPCC will hold its meetings at the end of each quarter.



IWRM Radio Program

Awareness is one of the project's component and radio program is one of the wide range of awareness activities and avenue that the project used to aware the Honiara City populace about the IWRM 5 years project.

The IWRM 15 minutes radio program runs for 13 weeks. The aim of the program is to aware and inform the Honiara City populace about the 5 year IWRM projects. The first radio program commences on the 9th of April 2010. Two staff from the

Water Resources Division conducted the first and second radio program by introducing the project office, the project purpose, objectives, components, how the project will achieve its aims and what are the benefits of the project.

The 13 weeks IWRM radio program covers the major aspects of the project and there are different presentations from the different stakeholders within the HDPCC. During SIWA's turn, they talk on water leakages.

It is through the radio programs that important announcements concerning upcoming events, tasks and activities are conveyed to the public.



Preparatory Workshop & Meeting

On the 14th May a preparatory workshop and meeting was held at Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Conference Room at China Town for the IWRM Honiara Demonstration Project Coordination Committee (HDPCC).

This was the second meeting since the formation of the HDPCC. A total of 14 HDPCC members attended the meeting. Tom Nanau and Jacob Houtarau are nominated as Chair

and Vice Chair for the preparatory meeting and workshop. The Chairperson then lead the deliberation throughout the course of the meeting.

The purpose of this second meeting is to adopt agenda of the first HDPCC meeting. Also to present the project's quarterly report. The work plan and activities for second quarter of this year were also deliberated.

During the meeting, the TOR for local consultancies and modes for advertising was approve as well. The final session of the meeting looks at awareness programs and confirmation of stakeholder participation in the IWRM radio program. It was also discussed and highlighted that the project can use other media or special days campaigns such as world water day and other international days for IWRM message delivery.



Water a Shared Responsibility

Honiara City Women Workshop

On 3rd June 2010 a workshop for Honiara Women was held at the Women Development Division Center at Lawson Tama, next to University of the South Pacific Solomon Islands campus. A total of 21 women attended. The composition of the women invited included those from Government (Women Dev. Division), Honiara City Council of Women, NGOs and most were from representatives of women groups from communities, churches and youth.

The workshop was purposely organised to inform and aware women on Water Use Efficiency and Demand Management with the context for Honiara City. From the workshop women are aware of the current situation of the water problem that Honiara City is facing and how best women can help in minimizing the problem with the use of the Water Use Efficiency concept. Water is every body's business and women plays an important role in water resource management.



Women need practical skills to help them fix leak tapes and community awareness are some of the concerns highlighted during the workshop.

Upcoming Events

1. **IWRM Radio Program to be continued**
2. **IWRM TV Program**
3. **Landowners Consultation**
4. **Catchment Surveys**



SIBC Radio Program and TV Programs



Landowner Consultation



Catchment Survey

Meet the IWRM Project Team

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