

The Project for Community-Based Sustainable Natural Resource Management

This issue introduces the following works carried out in the target villages from October 2011 to March 2012.

- 1) Selection of Micro Programs;
- 2) Preparation of Implementation Plans; and
- 3) Implementation of the Micro Programs in the Target Villages.

Selection of Micro Programs

Four target villages (i.e., Suco Faturasa, and Suco Fadabloco in Remexio Sub-district and Suco Madabeno and Suco Talitu in Laulara Sub-district) went through the following process to identify and select the priority micro programs with the assistance of the NGOs.

Process of Selection

Workshop	Selected Micro Programs
First Workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review of potential micro programs long-listed based on the site conditions of the villages - Selection of micro programs by different groups in the village (e.g., male and female)
Second Workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Evaluation of the selected micro programs in terms of technical viability, impact, and relevance to the future land use plan, etc. - Selection of two prioritized micro programs
Third Workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion of the scopes of the prioritized micro programs and responsibilities of the stakeholders - Agreement on the scopes of the micro programs with roles of the stakeholders among the villages, NDF, and JICA Project Team

As a result of the discussions, the following micro programs were selected by the target villages as priority ones.

Micro Programs selected in the Target Villages

Suco	Selected Micro Programs
Faturasa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sustainable Upland Farming Promotion with Community-Based Seed Extension Micro Program (SUFP with CBSE-MP)
Fadabloco	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sustainable Upland Farming Promotion with Community-Based Seed Extension Micro Program (SUFP with CBSE-MP) - Income Generating / Livelihood Development Micro Program (IG/LD-MP)
Madabeno	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sustainable Upland Farming Promotion Micro Program (SUFP-MP) - Seedling Production and Tree Planting Promotion Micro Program (SPTPP-MP)
Talitu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sustainable Upland Farming Promotion Micro Program (SUFP-MP) - Seedling Production and Tree Planting Promotion Micro Program (SPTPP-MP)

Source: JICA Project Team (2011)



Group Discussions for Selection

Preparation of Implementation Plans

In December 2011, the JICA Project Team drafted the three-year's implementation plans of the respective micro programs based on the scopes agreed on by the villages in the selection of micro programs. The drafted plans were finalized after the review of NDF/MAF in January 2012.

Implementation of the Micro Programs in the Target Villages

In February and March 2012, two NGOs, USC-CTL and Halarae Foundation, hired by the JICA Project Team for assistance in the implementation of the micro programs, carried out the following activities in the four villages.

- 1) Selection of community members who participate in the micro program and organization of beneficiaries' groups;
- 2) Determination of visions and missions of the beneficiaries' groups and selection of the key members (i.e., leader, vice leader, and core members);
- 3) Conduct of exposure visits/study tours to the villages where similar activities have been implemented successfully; and
- 4) Development of work plans of the micro programs in a participatory manner.

Some highlights of the results of the activities are outlined below.

Group Organization and Determination of Visions and Missions of the Groups

A total of 21 beneficiaries' groups were formed by 931 communities members in the target

villages as of the end of March 2012. The beneficiaries' groups were formed on a sub-village (aldeia) level for each micro program.

Beneficiaries' Groups organized

Sucos	Micro program	Beneficiaries' groups	No. of members
Faturasa	SUFP with CBSE-MP	4	160
Fadabloco	SUFP with CBSE-MP	4	160
	IG/LD-MP	4	160
Madabeno	SUFP-MP & SPTPP-MP	6	302
Talitu <1	SUFP-MP & SPTPP-MP	3	149

Note: <1 One sub-village have not determined the members of the beneficiaries' group as of the middle of March 2012.

Each beneficiaries' group discussed the visions/missions of the group and selected key members of the group clarifying their roles and responsibilities.



Meeting for Group Formation at Madabeno

Exposure Visits/Study Tours

In February 2012, the NGOs took a total of 247 members of the beneficiaries' groups to four (4) villages where similar activities to the micro programs have been successfully introduced in February 2012.

Summary of the Exposure Visits

Micro program	Place of visit	Date of visit	Participants
SUFP with CBSE-MP in Faturasa & Fadabloco	Suco Umakaduak, Lacleo	Feb.28, 2012	78 persons
IG/LD-MP in Fadabloco	Suco Edi, Ainaro	Feb.21 and 22, 2012	13 persons
SPTPP-MP in Talitu & Madabeno	Suco Quintal Portugal, Aileu	Feb. 23, 2012	78 persons

Micro program	Place of visit	Date of visit	Participants
SUFP-MP in Talitu & Madabeno	Suco Behau, Manatutu	Feb. 24, 2012	78 persons

The exposure visits were good opportunities for the members of the groups to have a general idea on the micro programs prior to the implementation.



Exposure Visit/Study Tour to Suco Umakaduak

Participatory Work Planning

The NGOs held a two-day workshop for each micro program in each target village in March 2012. The beneficiaries' groups for each micro program developed an annual work plan of the respective programs determining the schedule of the works and their responsibilities as well as others. Participatory planning was effective in getting a clear picture of the micro programs and enhancing their responsibilities for implementation.

Next Steps

In April/May 2012, the beneficiaries' groups in the target villages will start the implementation of the micro programs according to the work plans prepared with the assistance of the NGO. The JICA and MAF Project Teams will supervise their activities to keep the micro programs on the right track. We will keep sharing the results of the micro programs as the programs progress.

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