

DLA, VCAP & ANIWA AC

RESULTS & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENTS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Recommendations for DLA: Aniwa AC

- Continue regular communications exercises with Site Coordinator at Aniwa VCAP site.
- Consider strengthening of Area Council Office - there is no improved toilet, window shutters, solar power system or water storage tanks at the AC Office, may also function as a cyclone shelter
- Provide technical training for AC members regarding the roles and responsibilities of the AC and expected outputs.



(Above: Aniwa AC members with Village Development Committee representatives at VCAP meeting)

Aniwa Area Council (AC) Members

Aniwa AC members met three times in 2015, largely focusing on the adverse effects of Tropical Cyclone Pam and the distribution of relief items such as food and WASH supplies. Seven AC members attended the VCAP consultation in October, 2015, including representation for chiefs, women, Community Disaster Committee, youth, and churches.

The Area Council's Secretary, reported chronic budget shortages as inhibiting the AC's ability to organize activities and have regular meetings. AC members identified their priority needs as "climate proofing" their AC office, technical training from the Department of Local Authorities (DLA) on AC roles and responsibilities, and technical assistance in creating marine and upland resource management plans. Some AC members voices concerns that they felt unprepared to properly fulfill their mandate as they were unfamiliar with their expected duties and outputs.

AC members request training in financial reporting & general capacity building so that they feel comfortable deciding how to plan, spend the allocation from the national government and report back.

Area Secretary

The Provincial Area Secretary for Aniwa is Mr. Lenon Luka and he was hired by Tafea Provincial Government Council as of 2012. Mr. Luka previously assisted UNDP's VCR Project on Aniwa, supporting the development of a community cooperative. Utilized by province to undertake many tasks varying greatly in nature including registering voters, issuing birth certificates, collecting local taxes and supporting development initiatives.



(Area Secretary Lenon Luka with children)

VCAP Site Coordinator

The Aniwa Island sub-site has a residing Site Coordinator, Hamish Ture who has some previous experience in coordinating a climate change adaptation project on Aniwa with food and water security components as part of VCR Project.

Area Council Office / Resources

Functional Area Council office constructed with permanent materials in-between the communities of Imatu and Ikaukau is in good condition. Suggested improvements to the facilities by AC members included installing rain catchment tank, reinforcing the roof, and installing proper cyclone shutters. Area Council members unsure whether the AC Office is adequate for use by community as a cyclone shelter as it can only hold a few dozen people. No boats or other means of transport provided to Area Secretary or AC. AC members expressed feeling under-supported financially, inhibiting their ability to meet regularly or organize programs for the community.

Technical Advisory Group

No established Technical Advisory Group for the Aniwa AC has been formed.

Village Development Committees (VDC's)

Three VDC's have been established on Aniwa (see Vulnerability Assessment Report for listing of community committees, NGO's and FBO's that are included among VDC's:

1. Isavai VDC
2. Imatu VDC
3. Ikaukau VDC

Community Profile / Vulnerability Assessment

Community profiling initiative conducted by VCAP in October of 2015 and results shared with DLA in February of 2016. Another profiling initiative conducted by INGO Live and Learn as part of PRRP implementation in 2014.

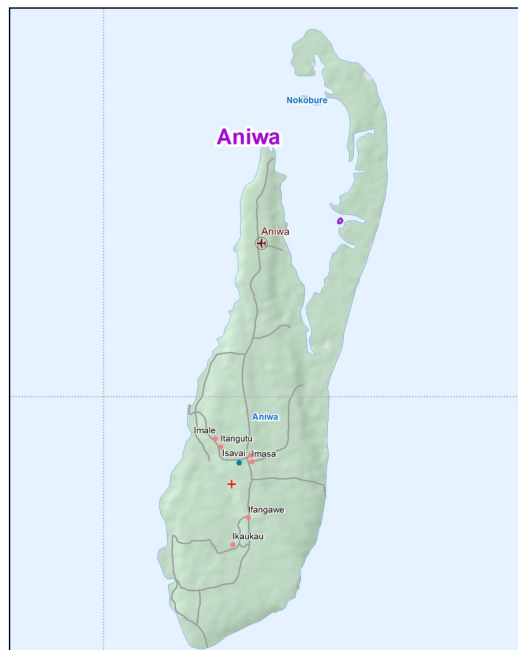
Area Council Plans

Draft AC 5-Year Development Plan was created with assistance of INGO Live & Learn through regional UNDP project called PRRP in 2014, however AC members have yet to implement this plan (as of 25/10/15). A community based Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) plan for VCAP was created by the VDC's (Isavai, Imatu, and Ikaukau) on the island in October of 2015 for reference during VCAP implementation.

AC members report that they participate in few planning or reporting activities and that there is direct provincial influence over AC expenditures / actions, such as requiring the AC to pay for certain travel costs for the provincial Area Secretary to attend workshops.

Banking / Finance

Area Council has no access to banking services on Aniwa Island, requiring travel to either Tanna Island or Efate Island.



(Above: Map of Aniwa AC)

Sign-In Sheet for VDC / Area Council VCAP Meeting (26.10.15)

ANIWA AC + CDC MTG		
NAME	COMMUNITY	ROLE
RAYMOND. TOMU	ISAVAI	COMMUNICATION LEADER
DICK. TASERU	"	member.
EDDY Sam	Imatu	member.
ESLYN. Willy	IKAIKAI	member.
Martha Balkan	"	CDC. Coordinator
Allan NIKI	Imatu.	Area Council
Christine. M	IMAZA	AC. CDC. G.
Krana. P	ISAVAI	V. Chairman (A.C.)
Heverenne	IKAIKAI	Member (C.D.C)
Lela. Largie	ISAVAI	Aniwa Intern.
Berry	IKAIKAI	member
Amis TORE	ISAVAI	C.D.C
Levon Iwan	ISAVAI	Site Coordinator
		Area Council

(Above: Sign-in Sheet from Aniwa AC & VDC meeting regarding VCAP on October 26, 2015)