



Jeirok Weto Laura Community Hazard, Vulnerability, Capacity, Mapping Exercise

FINAL REPORT

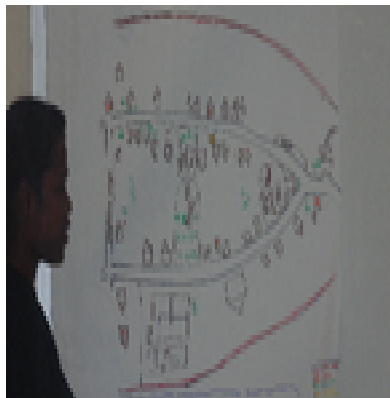
Introduction:

The Hazard, Vulnerability, Capacity, Mapping (HVCM) Exercise is conducted in selected schools and communities across the Marshall Islands, in partnership with Women United Together Marshall Islands (WUTMI). HVCM is a component of the Climate Change Adaptation, Disaster Risk Reduction & Education (CADRE) Program implemented by International Organization for Migration (IOM) with funding available through the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID). CADRE seeks to build resilience of vulnerable communities and schools in the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) and the Republic of Marshall Islands (RMI) to natural hazards, particularly those that are climate induced.

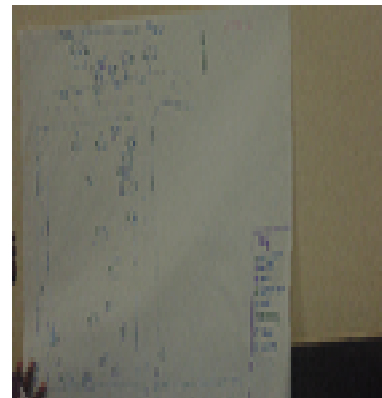
The Jeirok community HVCM exercise was conducted on January 7th 2015 at the Laura High School. Jeirok community is one of the communities on Majuro Atoll. Majuro is situated 7° 6' 0" North, 171° 23' 0" East. There were 44 participants present at the exercise. Participants were inclusion of Traditional Leader/Alap, NGO (s), youths, men and women of the community.



Men listing vulnerabilities



Youths presenting map



Women presenting map

The table below shows a list of the attendees based on gender, organization and other representatives of a few of the offices in RMI.

Note: *The population of the people living in Jeirok community is approximately 1000. The inclusion of Traditional Landowners/ Alaps, Youths, Teachers, men and women of the community ensures the sustainability of the project as, Jeirok community leaders, they will carry the message to other residents of Jeirok Community.*

HVCM Participants breakdown for January 7th 2015

MALE	11
FEMALE	9
Breakdown of Participants	
GOVERNMENT	3
PRIVATE SECTOR	
YOUTHS	6
PEOPLE with Disability	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PARTICIPATION NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION (NGO) members • Community members • Church leader 	<div style="text-align: right;">4</div> <div style="text-align: right;">7</div>
TOTAL	20

Jeirok Community Profile

Background:

Jeirok community is one of the communities on Majuro Atoll and it surrounds Laura High School. There are approximately 1000 people residing in this Community. People live around the school campus and along the coastlines. Employment is the core of dependency besides fishing, running small canteen, mini stores, making copra, farming and selling handicrafts. Some families receive money from families living abroad in USA mainland, Guam, Hawaii and Ebeye.

The school decisions are made by the PTA and school faculty. All community decisions are made by the Traditional leadership, National and Local Governments. Jeirok community is the largest community in Laura and it is where the communities' water catchments and largest well are located. The water catchments and ground well not only supply water to Jeirok community but it also supplies water to other communities in Laura, Woja community and Ajeltake community. It also supplies water to Rairok and Rita communities when the water reservoir in Rairok community is low. ROC Taiwan piggery and farm, National Telecommunication substation (NTA), Majuro Waste Sewage Company substation (MWSC) and Resources & Development Department of agriculture are also located in this community.

The Local Government, Jeirok councilman, Youths and Women and Men groups assist the traditional leadership in all the community affairs such as Health and climate change awareness's and sports tournament that are being held in the community and they also help organize to do the community cleaning. The Women and Men groups are also involve in planting trees for beautification of the community and they also do farming at their homes to feed their families and to sell fruits and vegetables at the Delap Market to earn some income to support their families.

Jeirok community has been affected by typhoon, inundation, dengue fever and measles. Besides being

affected by these natural hazards the community is facing social problems such as teen-pregnancy, substance abuse, domestic violence, youth suicidal, school drop outs and unemployment. The main strengths of the community are the National and Local Governments, Church leaders, traditional leadership, Women and Men groups, Youth groups and the Councilman. They are working together to address the problems that the community is facing. There are community improvements that they have planned to help the community. They do tree planting to protect their shorelines from being eroded and they invite the Government Ministries to do awareness on climate change and health issues. The office of the Mayor has been encouraging families in the community to beautify and plant trees and start their own food security. The community has been participating in many programs to improve and make their community a healthy and productive community.

In the past 100 years Typhoon and King Tides have occurred in the community. The National and Local Governments have been helping the Jeirok community when these natural hazards occur.

Hazard:

The hazards identified are Drought, Typhoon and King Tide

Capacities:

Traditional Leadership, National and Local Government Leadership, Women and Men groups and Youths groups, Church leaders are the strengths of the community. They are the ones that help the community at times of Disaster and events that take place in the community. They all work together to help the community with their needs especially in keeping the community to be Drug Free and have clean and healthy environment. They believe that the children are the future and they encourage them to stay in school. Youths have been involved in community tournaments sponsored by the Laura Sport club and Local Government Recreation Department to help prevent them from problems they are facing. They have been involved in beautification and cleaning the community so they can take ownership in keeping the community a clean, healthy and Drug free community.

Hazards	Vulnerabilities/ Weakness	Adaptive capacities/ Strength	Short term measure
<i>Drought</i>	<p>(a) <i>Not enough water catchments @ the schools, homes, churches and community center</i></p> <p>(b) <i>Not enough training for the community</i></p> <p>(c) <i>Health center is not equip for drought</i></p> <p>(d) <i>No transportation to locations of water catchments to fetch water.</i></p>	<p>A) <i>Large ground well</i> <i>Water reservoir</i> B) <i>Community water catchments @ schools & community center</i> C) <i>Local & National Government</i> D) <i>Councilman</i> E) <i>Church leaders</i> F) <i>Women groups</i> G) <i>Men groups</i> H) <i>Youths groups</i> I) <i>Community involvement</i></p>	<p>a). <i>Build concrete water catchments for each household, schools, churches & Health center</i></p> <p>b). <i>Have more awareness training for the community</i></p>
<i>King Tide</i>	<p>(a) <i>Not enough water catchments</i></p> <p>(b) <i>No concrete water catchments</i></p> <p>(c) <i>No seawall</i></p> <p>(d) <i>No heavy equipment</i></p> <p>(e) <i>No medical kits at the Health Center</i></p> <p>(f) <i>No communication and Transportation support</i></p> <p>(g) <i>No community shelter</i></p>	<p>(a) <i>Large well</i> (b) <i>Water catchments</i> (c) <i>Councilman</i> (d) <i>Police forces</i> (e) <i>Traditional leaders</i> (f) <i>Church leaders</i> (g) <i>Women groups</i> (h) <i>Men groups</i> (i) <i>Youth groups</i> (j) <i>Community</i> (k) <i>Involvement</i> (l) <i>School buildings</i></p>	<p>a) <i>Get more water catchments</i></p> <p>b) <i>Build concrete water catchments</i></p> <p>c) <i>Build seawall-lagoon and ocean sides</i></p> <p>d) <i>Get First Aid Kits</i></p> <p>e) <i>Communication & transportation</i></p>

Jeirok Weto Laura Community ACTION PLAN

Wednesday January 7th 2015

Start Time: 8:00pm Duration: 3 hours

Venue: Laura High School Building

Kauatata ko rejelet jukjuk im ped eo <i>Identified Hazards/Threat</i>	Buñten ko rekkar <i>Proposed solutions</i>		Won ej lolorjake? <i>Who is responsible?</i>		Naat eo enaj kōjeimooj buñten kein? <i>When are the tasks to be implemented?</i>
	Ta ko emōj kommani? <i>What has been done?</i>	Ta ko jemaroñ kommani? <i>What can be done?</i> ST: SHORT TERM LT: LONG TERM	Ilo jukjuk im ped eo? <i>(Within Community?)</i>	Tu lik in jukjuk im ped eo? <i>(Outside Community?)</i>	
<i>Drought</i>	Not enough awareness training Not enough water catchments & no concrete water catchments	ST: Awareness Training LT: Water catchments	1) Councilman 2) Mr. Abo 3) Mr. Jina David	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IOM Red Cross GoRMI MAL Gov't Federal Grants WUTMI 	ST: June 2015 LT: Jan. 2017
<i>King Tide</i>	No communication system & transportation School buildings are not enough for shelter.	ST: Communication & Transportation- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warning system Vehicle LT: Shelter	1) Councilman 2) Mr. Abo 3) Mr. Jina David	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IOM Red Cross GoRMI MAL Gov't Federal Grants WUTMI 	ST: Jan. 2015 – Jan. 2016 LT: Jan. 2015 - Jan. 2021

Summary: *The Jeirok community is the 12th community in the RMI to have completed the Hazard Vulnerabilities Community Mapping exercise (HVCN). The Jeirok Community have worked hard and produced a community action plan. It is now within their hands to start implementing the activities written on their action plan. The challenges now for them are to seek appropriate funding to implement some of the activities, and acquire some of the necessary skills and initiatives. The Majuro*

Chapter will continue to support the action plan for Jero community and WUTMI will continue to render support as required.

