

DLA, VCAP & ANEITYUM AC

RESULTS & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENTS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Recommendations for DLA: Aneityum AC

- Include Provincial Area Secretary in regular communications checks along with VCAP Site Coordinators as there is no Site Coordinator stationed here.
- Provide a small amount of phone credit, perhaps every two weeks, so Site Coordinator is able to communicate with PIU and report about progress with project.
- If any travel is required by Area Secretary relating to a project output to remote locations at site such as Anawamet or Umej villages, provide transport expense for Provincial Area Secretary to travel by boat.
- Review selection process for Area Council members and propose changes if necessary for the next formation of Area Council members in 3 years.
- Review standing orders to allow for replacement of AC members should they move, become deceased or otherwise unavailable to meet.
- Support strengthening of Area Council Office- the structural integrity of one of the walls in the office was damaged in Cyclone Pam. There is no improved toilet, solar power system or water storage tanks at the AC Office.
- Follow-up with Area Secretary regarding VDC's in early 2016 to check their functionality.



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

Aneityum Area Council (AC) Members

The Aneityum AC operates on irregular basis. AC members officially met twice in 2015, to discuss emergency agenda items relating to Cyclone Pam & the distribution of disaster relief items. There were no standard (non-emergency) meetings in 2015. Some AC members attended the VCAP consultation in 2015, but not enough for a quorum. One of the five AC members has moved off the island & the Area Secretary reports that this member cannot be replaced following current protocols and standing orders from national government until AC term closes.

There are five AC members include representation for chiefs, women / disabled persons, youth, business houses and churches. Annual budget is around 200,000 VT. Some community members voiced concern that the process to select AC members was not transparent and sometimes the representation of AC members did not include certain villages. It could be important to review the selection process and try to establish criteria or guidelines to assist for the formation of the next Aneityum AC that reflect the unique context of the island.

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 Aneityum is Reuben Neriam and he was hired by Tafea Provincial Government Council as of early 2015. He has a background in marine conservation having worked closely with Fisheries Dept and the NGO, Wan Smol Bag, on several projects. 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 Council Office / Resources

Functional AC office constructed with permanent materials in Anelcauhat Village is in good condition. Suggested improvements to the facilities by AC members included providing improved toilets, shower, strengthening a cement wall that may have been damaged by strong winds in TC Pam and providing solar power for the AC office. Area Council members unsure whether the AC Office is appropriate for use by community as a cyclone shelter, as its location is adjacent to the coastline and is considered highly exposed to winds and storm surge. No boats or other means of transport provided to Area Secretary. One laptop computer is available with basic supplies for Area Secretary that a UNFPA / IHRM project provided.

Technical Advisory Group

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

Village Development Committees (VDC's)

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

1. Anelcauhat VDC (Uje to Aniplatei)
 - Anelcauhat Sub-VDC 1
 - Anelcauhat Sub-VDC 2
2. Umej VDC (Umej to border of Aniplatei)
3. North Aneityum VDC
 - Anaowanse Sub-VDC
 - Anawamet / Anaowanje Sub-VDC

Community Profile / Vulnerability Assessment

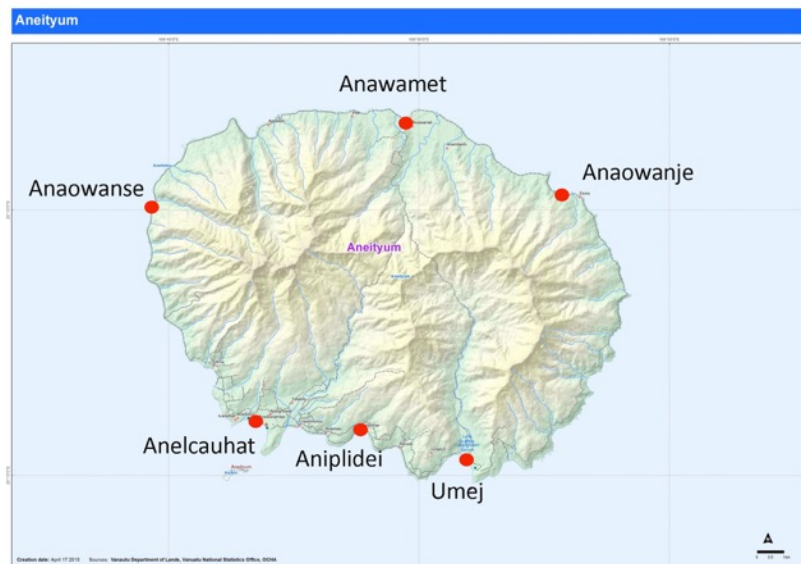
Community profiling initiative conducted by VCAP in November of 2015 and results shared with DLA in February of 2016. Another profiling initiative conducted by Live & Learn as part of PRRP implementation in 2014.

Area Council Plans

Draft AC Development Plan was created with assistance of Live & Learn NGO through regional UNDP project called PRRP but AC members have yet to review this plan (as of 25/11/15). A community based Climate Change

Adaptation (CCA) plan for VCAP was created by the VDC's (Anelcauhat, Umej & Anaowanse / Anawamet / Anaowanje) on the island in November 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.



(Above: Map of Aneityum AC)

Banking / Finance

Area Council has very good access to banking services in Anelcauhat Village and its bank account has been established.

Sign-In Sheet for VDC / Area Council VCAP Meeting (25.11.15)

<u>Aneityum AC & VDC Chair Meeting</u>			
<u>Name</u>	<u>Village / Station</u>	<u>Committee / Group</u>	<u>Signature</u>
Matthew Herbyuk	For Vila	UNDP - VCAP	
Ruben - Nertum	Aneityum	A.S.	
Simona Paddy	Umey	V.D.C. Umey	
Simon - Nertum	Aneityum	die Rep Aneityum	
Jack Ketele Nertum	Mauroise	dy Rep Mauroise	
Mike Jimmy	Pat Patrick	Assistance Agri. Officer	
Dik Maritaka	Aneityum	YOUTH / ITRM	
Eliza Nertum	Aneityum	YOUTH / ITRM	
Shirley Kuan	Aneityum	YOUTH / ITRM	
Opelott Green	Aneityum	YOUTH / ITRM	
Louise Tolima	Aneityum	YOUTH / ITRM	
Gabriello Jago	Aneityum	YOUTH / ITRM	
Ellen Henry	Aneityum	YOUTH / ITRM	
Melanie Henry	Aneityum	YOUTH / ITRM	
Martha Rapan	Aneityum	YOUTH / ITRM	

(Above: Sign-in Sheet from Aneityum AC & VDC meeting regarding VCAP on November 25, 2015)