

# 2<sup>nd</sup> September – 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Activity 3.4: Implement training programs to assist women to acquire knowledge and technical skills related to the selected alternative livelihood options in Activity 3.3.-62.1

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- :- Elimi Kurusiga
- : January 2024 (Planned)
- DURATION OF THE PROJECT : January 2024-December 31st 2024

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#### 1. <u>Summary</u>

The six days training on Jewellery making and Fabric Art and Screen printing was conducted at Naivakacau village by the Pacific Women Empowerment programme for the six ITTO villages mangrove vulnerable areas. This training was officially opened by the assistant Director Central Eastern and closed by the Director Central Eastern Division. The training was conducted in collaboration with the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation (MoWCPEC). The purpose of the training is to improve life quality, reduce poverty and to enhance adaptation and recovery from natural disasters. The training consists of 60 participants whereas ten women from the six villages for Tailevu and Rewa ITTO sites.

This training is one of the component of the specific objective aims of the ITTO project on Phase two is to promote community-based restoration of cyclone-affected vulnerable mangrove forests through empowerment of coastal communities and women. This specific objective includes the need:

(i) to improve the livelihoods of local communities living inside and in the surrounding area of the Rewa Delta through participation in avoiding deforestation, degradation and biodiversity loss (ii) to promote communitybased mangrove restoration to compensate for the degraded and lost resource and secure the future of ecosystem services they provide and (iii) to adopt integrated approaches to coastal adaptation that contribute t o t h e protection of coastal populations from natural hazards, increase climate change resilience and reduce vulnerability to natural disasters.

#### 2. INTRODUCTION

This report expounds all the training activities conducted by the trainers and the outcome results being captured at the end of the training during the five days.

The training mainly focused on following trade through on hand practice:

- Screen Printing and Fabric Art
- Jewellery Making
- Tailoring
- Weaving Art-Mainly focus on Pandanus Leave(VoiVoi in Itaukei Language)

The Pacific Women Economic Empowerment Programme (PACWEEP) is a newly registered NGO which was founded and established in 2021 by Mrs Angie Rakai-Niumataiwalu during the hype of COVID19 Lockdown in Savusavu. Daku Resort owner, Delia Rothnie requested if Angie could conduct a Fabric Art workshop for a group of 15 women at the resort. The Fiji Times published an article of the workshop. Social Media exposures and the requests from women all over the country witnessed the demand for Angie's workshop. As a form of encouragement from friends, Sydney based Angie Niumataiwalu began conducting skills and business training programs for those who suffered job losses, unemployment and redundancies.

Three years on, Angie registered PACWEEP with over 6000 participants from around Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Tuvalu, Nauru, four workshops in Tonga and the recent workshop in New Caledonia. PACWEEP's Flexible Learning Program is a very successful 5-Day program which consists of Fabric Art, Jewellery Making, Contemporary Weaving and Tailoring with the inclusion of Business SYB and Marketing Strategies. As a result of our programs, we have witnessed 85% of our participants running their own SME's and we have registered a Mama's Markets Fiji platform for our participants to market all their handmade/local made products, showcasing at the Fiji Women's Expos and participating at the Fiji Fashion Week.

At the end of the training, participants were informed to display their practical work during our closing ceremony before handing over certificates to the participants.

#### 3. TRAINING METHODOLOGY

The five days training consists of sixty womens which ten are selected from each six villages under the ITTO project are Naivakacau, Natila, Narocake, Muanaira, Nasilai and Waicoka.

The first day, Womens were divided in to six groups with table to practice different methods of Screen printing.

The day begins with participants to learn different types of colors for screen printing and available shop that supplies in Fiji. Also the different types of cloth Materials used with appropriate colour materials required.

The participants also learn the using of other detergent chemical like Janola with the appropriate mixing formula with water to create discolouration on cloth and give colouring substance that beautifies and change the cloth material to more expensive coloured design materials.

The following techniques were learned on the first day of training:

- Blotching
- Starburst
- Bleaching
- Reverse dying
- Ice Dyeing
- Shibori Dyeing
- etc

The second day of the training focused on the completion of Ice dyeing and Shibori dyeing with other methods of screen painting using screen and other designing on plain cloth materials. Late in the afternoon, the ladies were divided in groups based on their interest trade they interested to learn either Jewellery making, weaving or Sewing. All materials was provided by the trainers.

On the third day of training the Womens have moved to their learning groups which leaded by representative trainers on the special trade like Jewellery maiking, Tailoring and Weaving. The first practice training was for the ladies to pay more attention on the first demonstration by the trainers. The rest of the day participants were given task for each product to design and create according to what they have learned so far.

The fourth day of the training was more interesting as the participants were assigned to design their special product for display purposes on Friday afternoon. Participants gave their full efforts and compete to test their accuracy for the best quality product they can create.

The training was closed by Director Central Eastern very early 12.00pm on Friday afternoon with a presentation of certificate on the following trade:

- 1. Screen Printing
- 2. Fabric Art
- 3. Jewellery Maiking
- 4. Weaving
- 5.Tailoring

#### 4. TRAINING RESULTS:

After the training the participants have earned the following knowledge with a certificate that can able to open doors for Business loan through the Fiji Development bank. The Pacific women economic empowerment program certificate is recognised by FDB and most women in Fiji have received their loan from FDB after receiving the Screen Printing, Fabric art, Jewellery

Maiking, Weaving and Sewing certificate.

The following photos describe the display of their hand products by the participants to prove their knowledge they earned during the four days training.



#### 5. <u>CONCLUSION:</u>

The convergence of screen printing, fabric art, jewellery making, tailoring, and weaving represents a multifaceted opportunity for women empowerment, fostering both economic independence and environmental stewardship. By engaging in these creative and artisanal practices, women can build viable businesses that not only provide financial stability but also enhance their communities' resilience against economic and environmental challenges.

Incorporating conservation efforts, such as protecting mangrove resources, into these enterprises further amplifies their impact. Mangroves play a crucial role in coastal protection, biodiversity, and carbon sequestration. By integrating sustainable practices and raising awareness through their crafts, women entrepreneurs can contribute to the preservation of these vital ecosystems while also addressing disaster preparedness and mitigation.

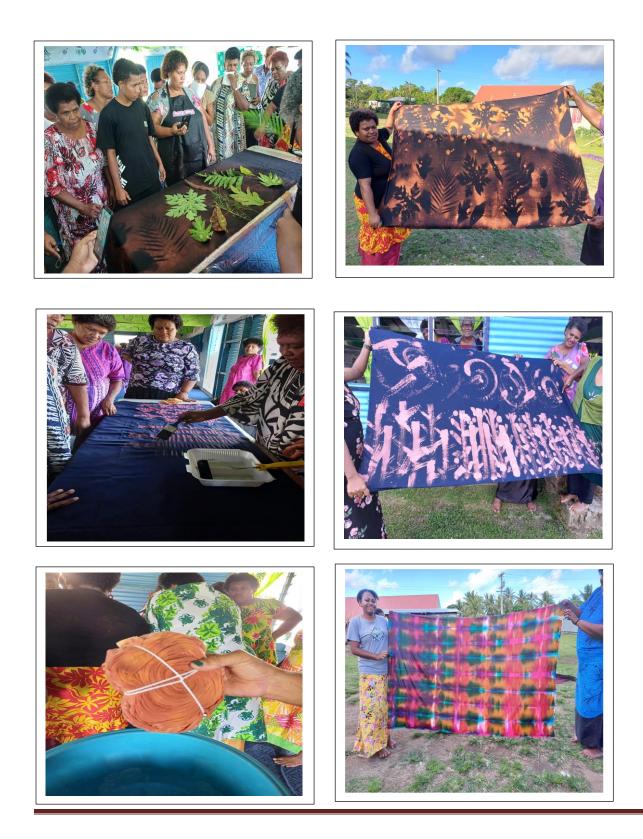
Thus, these artisanal and entrepreneurial activities offer a dual benefit: they empower women economically and socially, while also fostering a deeper commitment to environmental conservation. Through this synergy, women can drive positive change, demonstrating that local, creative enterprises can be powerful catalysts for both personal empowerment and global environmental.

Monitoring and participation in collaboration with the Ministry of Women will be the second approach to the six ITTO villages' communities in ensuring the participants take action to establish business investment on this trade and express their knowledge confidently in improving their livelihood.

### 6. <u>APPENDIX 1:-Training Day 1-Screen Printing & Fabric Art</u>



# Training Day 1-Screen Printing and Fabric Art



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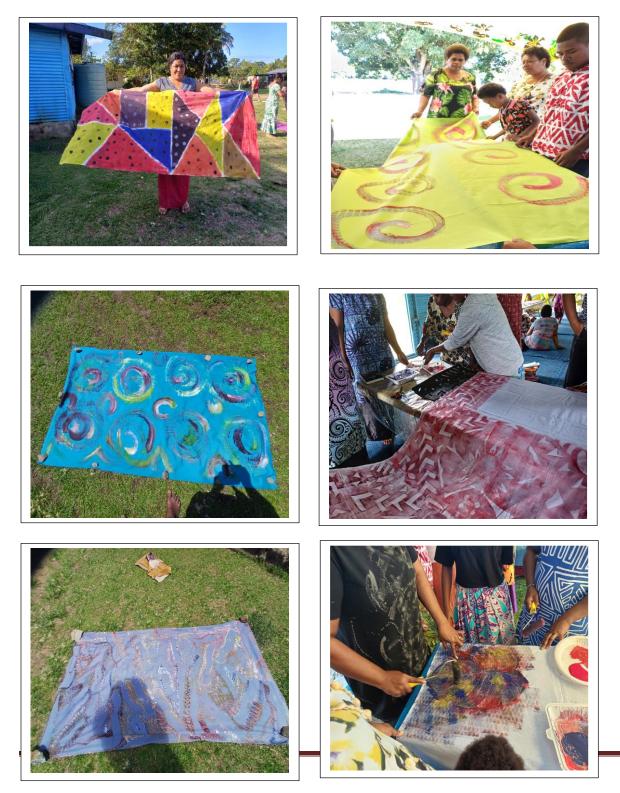
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# 8. APPENDIX 3:-Training Day 3 and 4-Tailoring, jewellery Making, Weaving



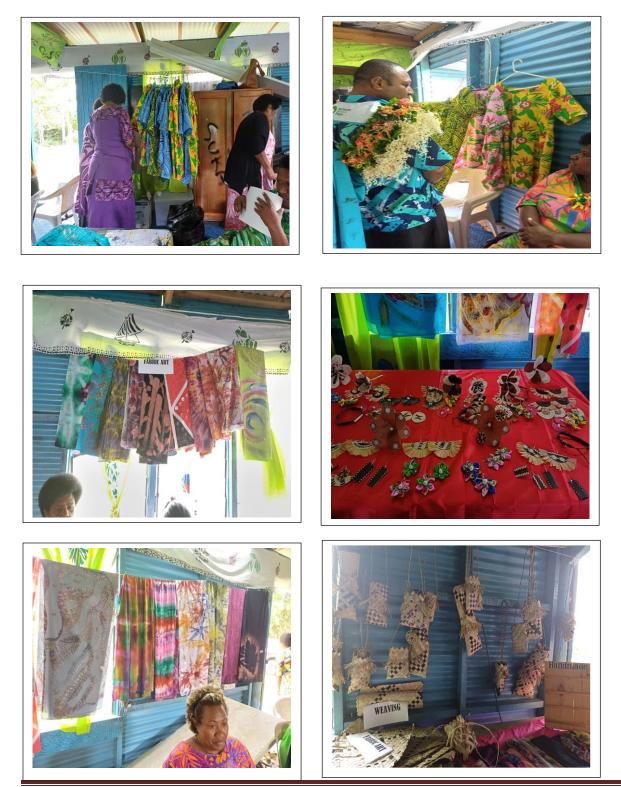
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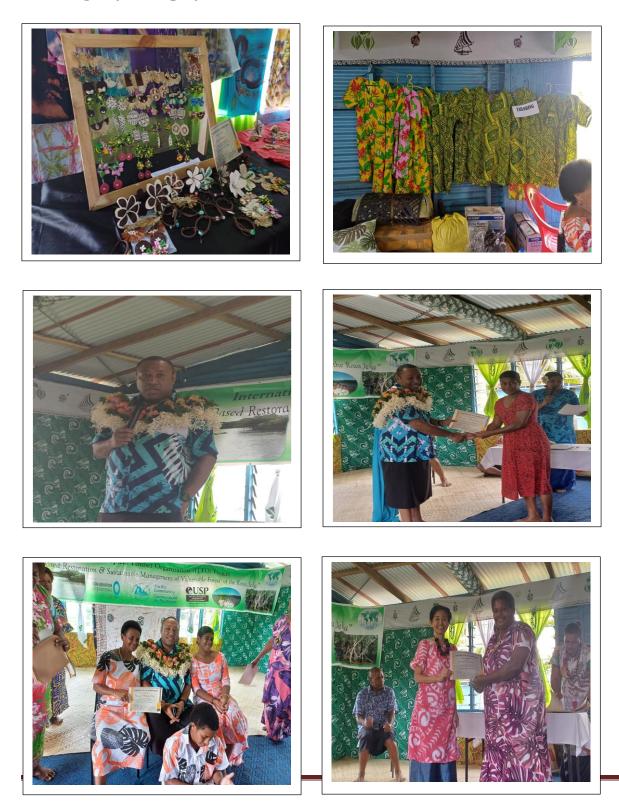
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# 9. APPENDIX 4-Training Day 5-Display and Presentation of Certificate



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#### 10. APPENDIX 5. Registration Attendance and Program



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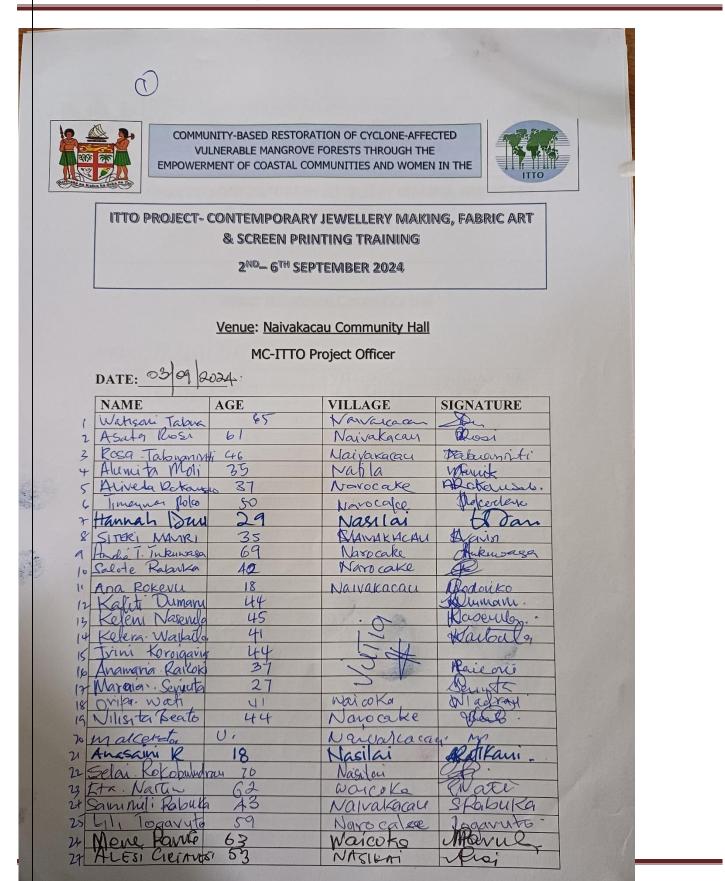
2<sup>ND</sup>-6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024

#### Venue: Naivakacau Community Hall

#### MC-ITTO Project Officer

DATE	SESSION	ALLOCATED TIME	FACILITATOR
2 <sup>nd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup>	Registrations	9.00am-9.30am	
	Opening Program: Welcome Devotion Guest Speaker Speech Assistant Director Central Eastern. Mrs Akesa Ravia	9.30am-10.30am	7190834
	Tea Break	10.30am-11.00a	m
	Training starts Fabric Art	11.00am-1.00pm	
	Lunch Break	1.00pm-2.00pm	n
	Continuous of Fabric art Training	2.00pm-4.00pm	
	Closed of Training on 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2024 by Director Central Eastern	4:30pm	







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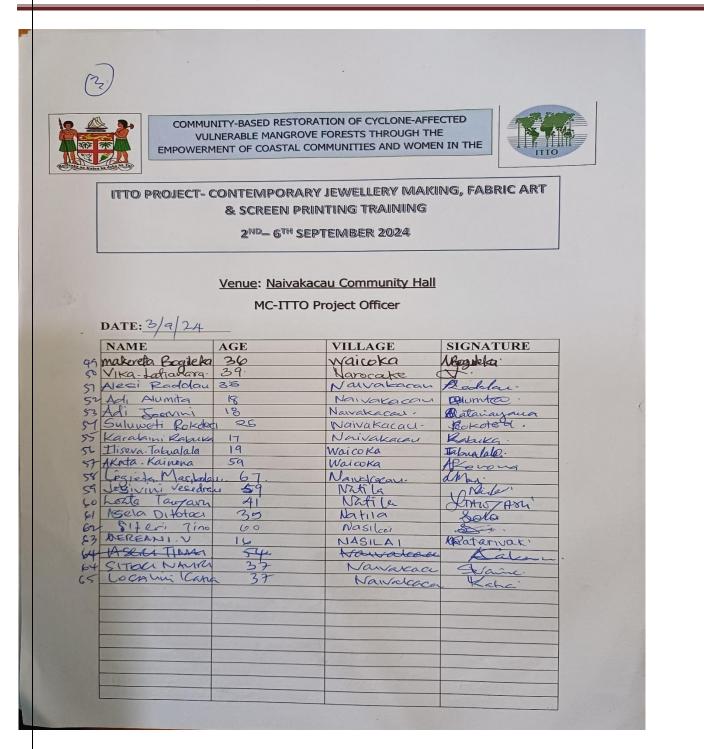
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