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Integrating DRR and CCA at the Local Level

A case study on Lami

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CCCI –Climate Change Adaptation

In March 2010, Lami Town became one of four pilot cities in UN-Habitat's Pacific Cities and Climate Change Initiative (CCCI)

OBJECTIVE

- Create awareness and encourage local communities to take ownership
- actively engage local communities in disaster preparedness action plans
- Inclusive and integrated participation of stakeholders at all levels



UNISDR – Disaster Risk Reduction

The certificate of Commitment was signed by UNISDR and the Special Administrator Suva/Lami Mr Chandra Kant Umaria on 8th March, 2011 during the International Women's Day celebrations.



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Good Practices & Achievements

- Engagement of various stakeholders at a number of levels by adopting a variety of approaches.(top down & bottom up approach)
- Identification of hot spots/sensitive areas
- raising awareness
- developing community plans and assessing capacity in urban risk reduction and vulnerability adaptation.



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- Participation by academia, the private sector (CSR), CBOs/NGOs and international community via the consultative approach.
- Communities encouraged to participate in the initiative/planning process to build ownership of the initiative.
- Traditional Knowledge and practises assist build resilience
- ongoing initiative and activities and budgeting incorporated into the town's corporate (annual) and strategic action plans (5 years).



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- The *Making Cities Resilient*-Campaign has been useful as a guide to building adaptation responses.
- Good Governance is fundamental for sustainability of risk management efforts and owning the process is essential, not only by council, but also by community – residential, informal, business and industry.
- Advocacy for building resilient towns and cities has been conducted through annual and quarterly Local Government meetings (coordinated by the MLGUDHE) attended by the 13 towns and cities of Fiji



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- The importance of continued awareness building must be reiterated. Lami Town has done this through daily interaction with the community it serves. Timely updates and reviews
- The main challenge has been the financial and staffing capacity of the council to implement and monitor efforts and to maintain continuity between awareness, consultation and implementation. However, this challenge has inspired concentrated efforts to strengthening ties with national authorities and NGOS.



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- Having its origins in vulnerability assessment and adaptation options, the initiative can be replicated either as it is or with more focus on mitigation and urban risk reduction.
- At a more local-level, the information can be used for executing practical adaptation efforts (pilot-demo projects) for specific sites within Lami and other local councils in Fiji.



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