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Vision: A well develop healthy nation in which youth is value as the most important resources to contribute to the development of it's country.

Pasifika Festival 2017 Ha'apai Youth Congress

The Pasifika Festival (also known as Pasifika) is a Pacific Islands-themed festival held annually in Western Springs, Auckland City, New Zealand. Celebrated since 1993, it is the largest festival of its type in the world.

The festival presents a wide variety of cultural experiences, including traditional cuisine and performances from Samoa, Tonga, Cook Islands, Fiji, Niue, Tahiti, Tokelau, Tuvalu, Kiribati and the Tangata Whenua (New Zealand Maori).

At the Pasifika Festival this year Tonga National Youth Congress show case their virgin coconut oil together with a whole delegation from Tonga who have small business in different oil products.

TNYC Board Member/marketing officer Drew Havea represent the TNYC VCO in the Pasifika Festival in New Zealand.

“Ha’apai Youth Congress in Action” A Girlie Camp or Camp glow which it is one of the oldest program to run by Ha’apai Youth Office is schedule to run in June” said HYC office manager Teisa Fakatene “this year our camp will only host youth who are still in school. Basically girls who are in form 2 to form 4. The reason why we choose these level is this is during the school break and we are empowering young women to participate more in other activities that happen in their communities as well as being encourage to be more self sufficient and independent to start making responsible decision in their live.

This is not the first time that HYC have conducted these type of camp to the youth. HYC have done these camps numbers of times in the past but the camp program was put on a hold due to the damage that cyclone Ian had done to the is-

land. Now in working together with the American Peace Corps, Ha’apai Youth Congress is once again looking forward to running the camp to the young women of Haapai once more.

Another activities that HYC office has done “In the past weeks is the Seed Saving Program that the ICS officer Sione. S. ‘Ofa (Field Officer) and Sohei (JICA volunteer to Vava’u Youth Congress) have been planning our organic gardening and Seed Saving Program” said Teisa Fakatene “Shohei is expected to return in June so we will be train in seed saving”.

HYC Office is expected to also work in the next few weeks with young people who are starting small home sell out handicraft for tourist in Ha’apai.



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'Eua Youth Congress

EYC have work with their organic farming program together with the Ha'apai Youth Office in setting up their Seed Saving program and organic green house" said EYC office manager 'Amelia Latu "We are practically following what the by the Vava'u Youth Congress have set"

In replanting EYC green house they have seek the help of the Japan International Cooperative Agency (JICA) volunteer Sohei who have done a similar program in Ha'apai to also include the 'Eua office.

"Our staff here in Eua Youth Congress assist Jica Volunteer prepare field for transplanting , and seedling others vegetables" said 'Amelia Latu " We were able to learn additional methods from JICA Volunteer Mr Shohei , of how to look after



'Eua Youth Congress Staff

these vegetables , such as provide support for tomatoes and water-melon for this is the first time we grow watermelon as well as okra here in Eua"

"I am very happy to help 'Eua Youth Congress" said JICA volunteer Shohei "I believe there staff will do good work with there vegetable garden and seed saving program in which the youth will benefit as well as doing things the organic way which is all about nature and the environment.

Alcohol Awareness to AFA, Houma & Kolovai

Within one week the alcohol awareness team have cover three different villages with the alcohol awareness program.

"Here in our village alcohol have caused many a problem, from domestic violence, to neighbourhood brawl you name it said Houma F.W.C minister "that is why I'm grateful that you have all taken your time to come here and educated our youth in ways

so that we may be better model to our community".

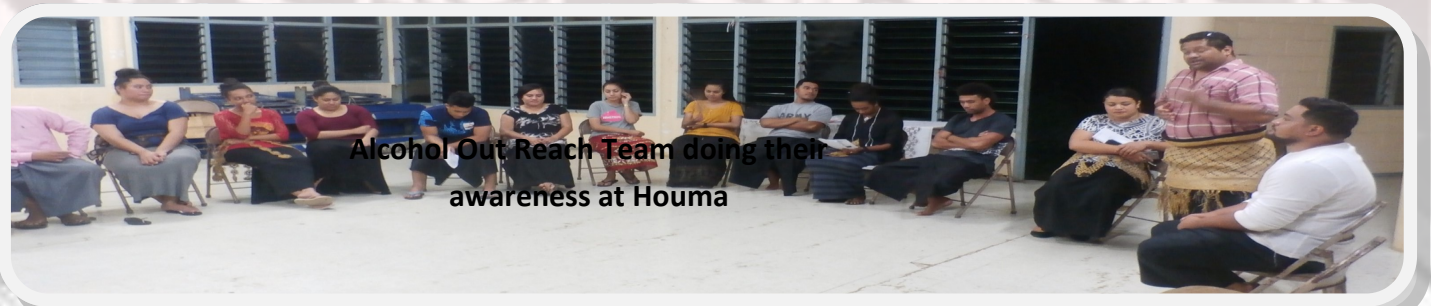
On the 23rd the group visited Houma youth, the 28th to Afa village and on 30th Kolovai vil-lage.

"The great thing about our out reach team is that they are committed to the task" said program coordinator Mause Halahala

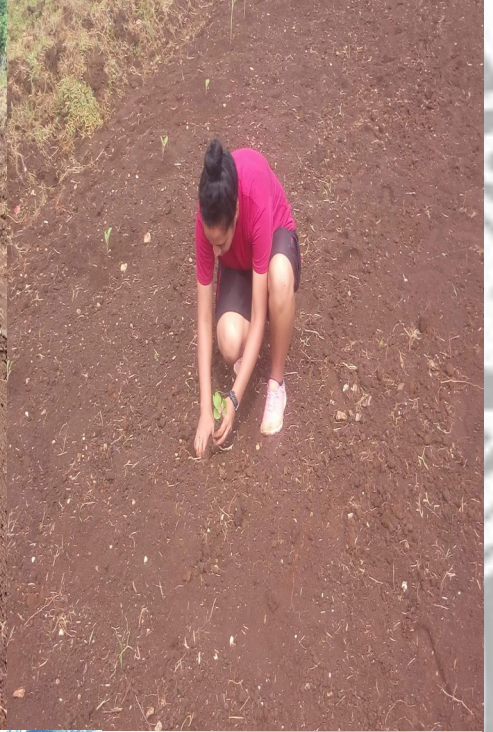
"I like the program cause it great

a room for us to sit down with our youth and talk about the impact of consuming alcohol" said one of the elderly participant at Kolovai village.

The out reach program is coming to its end with only two more village to go than wrap up.



Alcohol Out Reach Team doing their awareness at Houma



Disaster Reduction Risk Training

On March 30th the Disaster Relief Response division conduct a half a day training on climate change and WASH (Water, Sanitaion, and hygiene) management.. The training was facilitated by DRR coordinator Mause Halahala and DRR Community volunteer Mosese Siuta.



The program is part of Oxfam DRR program in which they are in working in partnership with the Tonga National Youtn Congress. The participant of the training were youth member of TNYC and Vava'u Youth Congress DRR Team

“The great value of the program is that we are learning

“The aim of our training today is climate change awareness” said DRR coordinator in his opening speech of the training “we hope that by the end of our training today you yourself will have a fair idea of the impact of climate changes in our community as well as our daily life”.

how to be more careful with managing our water source as well as the effect of climate change on our water system” said one of the participant from Vava'u “The information I learn here I will share it to my fellow youth in Vava'u and who know may be we will try to develop more ways to help our youth in Vava'u



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