



Morning Memo

Mission: - To foster the wellbeing of the youth through promoting programs that develop Good Citizenship, Community Services and Leadership.

Coconut Soap in great Demand

From the business production area in the Sopa Warehouse one of the product that is catching the attention of the market is the coconut soap. "Our coconut soaps for is sold in three places apart from our office" said Salote, Soap Production Officer "now it is at 'Isi Store, Langa Fonua 'a Fefine Tonga and Sinipata shop in Longolongo"

According to Salote when her coconut soap first hit the market people were not aware that there is such a product also produce from the VCO Unit (TNYC RESULT Project).

In the past month we have done and in house training to staff from the outer island (a two team member from Vava'u and two member from 'Eua office) on soap making, so a similar business is set up in our office branch in Vava'u and 'Eua. The next training will be for the team from our office from Ha'apai.

"The demand for the soap is rising" said Salote "we can hardly keep up with the order that come from these stores. We haven't yet to start working with hotels and the accommodation business for selling our soap and oil in that area.

Alcohol Awareness Program Expand to include School

Eleven villages in Tongatapu have complete the awareness outreach program from the Tonga National Youth Congress now the team start expanding the program to schools, starting with the Tupou Tertiary Institute. These additional activities to school is not within the project plan but it is based from express of interest from certain focus group in the communities.

On May 15 the team were with the Tupou Tertiary Institute (TTI). "First I would like to give a big applause for the alcohol awareness team for the great message that they have bring." said one of the students "the great value of the message is that you don't just tell the negative side of alcohol consumption which is a lot, but you also encourage us student to come up with a creative solution on our own to cut back on our alcohol consumption and be responsible for our action".

On May 17 the team also conduct a similar program but this time it is with the people who are living with disabilities youth group "we are thankful that you have inform us about all the harmful ways of alcohol consumption" said NATA president Kiteau "the impact of alcohol consumption is an inclusive issues and its affects everyone for sure, not only able bodies but it is so much more with people living with disabilities often we feel there is nowhere else to turn and the problem is too big for us to handle and we tend to drown our sorrow and problem with alcohol". Twelves youth participate in this program.



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