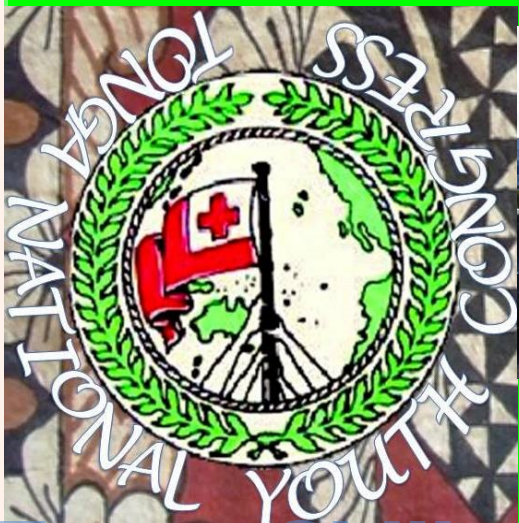


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Vision: A well develop healthy nation in which youth is value as the most important resources to contribute to the development of it's country.

Tonga Skills

Tonga National Youth Congress have had the opportunity to work in partnership with the "Tonga Skills Program" a DFAT funded program focusing on skills development to communities. TNYC was fortunate to secure the support from this program to do training for youth entrepreneurship group starting in Vava'u Island group. The program was launch together with the opening of the new office in Vava'u for the Tonga Skills Program. The young business group range from vegetables growing business, hand-craft weaving, kava selling business, sewing, oil making, soap making, coconut milk production and jam making. The training look at developing marketing skills as well as looking at costing analysis of their products. The group was able to do a display and selling of their product with the launching of the new office. This is the beginning of a training relationship of TNYC with the Tonga Skills Program continue to follow these young business group in Vava'u but will spread out for a similar skills development training to the other island group.

Alcohol Survey

2017 TNYC and Tonga Health Office have team up once again to carry out a survey to all six island of Tonga. The purpose of this survey is to provide evidence based data on alcohol consumption and its related harms.

TNYC with Tonga Health will carry out research to evaluate the knowledge, attitude, behavior and practices of young people and adult toward alcohol substance use and its related harms. It's target population is between the age of 10-35. The research will be used to inform activities undertaken by various stakeholders under Strategy 2.3: Reduce Alcohol Related Harms in the National NCD Strategy.

"In keeping with the time frame to do this survey we have conducted a training of Trainer for Team Leader in Vava'u Youth

Office as a way of familiarizing Teams who will carry out the survey in each respective island when we finalized the survey paper and questionnaire with the Tonga Health Team.

In Vava'u VYC office manager 'Akosita Tua will be the team leader from Vava'u and at Ha'apai NYC office manager Teisa Fakatene will lead the survey at Ha'apai.

The survey is schedule to fit in within 3month time line so late October we will be able to look at the final report of these survey and the findings.

TNYC have conduct a similar survey on behavior and lifestyle of youth way back in 2008 . In a way this is an opportunity for TNYC to collect more data on youth alcohol, lifestyle and substance use.



Vava'u Youth Congress

Vava'u Youth Congress (VYC) have always manage some amazing work with their support to the villages youth group members. .

While the island of Vava'u is taking on much festivities VYC members take the time to go out to 'Utungake to clear the pathway where the people may escape if ever a tsunami occurs.

" We are here at 'Utungke clearing the route where people may take if ever a tsunami will occurs" said VCY office manager 'Akosita Tua "it is a great feeling having our youth members volunteers there time to do this. We have put up sign that people

may follow, so yes we have done some pretty amazing work here".

In addition, these volunteer have also clear the 'Utungake beach so they would continues on to planting coastal trees on the beach so it will help to stop soil eroding to the ocean.

"We always say here at VYC with much activities give us much strength to carry out task" said VYC office manager "We have complete phase one of our work to 'Utungake phase two will be the replanting the trees to the beach and we are looking forward for that"

VYC have also hosted a Train-

ing of Trainer for Alcohol Survey as well as conduct also a training and practical session with young entrepreneurship group in Vava'u .

This month is a very busy month for Vava'u which we have had the pleasure of the visiting of the New Zealand High Commissioner to the office to Look at the Pre-position stock for WASH response in Vava'u as well as visiting the Youth Office .

We are also in preparation for the Agriculture show which will also happen at the end of the month.

Ha'apai Youth Congress

Ha'apai Youth Congress still continue their work with the Peace Corps Volunteer conducting the Camp GLOW (Girl Leading Our World) an event that the Ha'apai Youth Office is hoping to conduct on an yearly basis. They have done this program running for about five year now , Teisa Fakatene the Office manager is hoping that this will become the events for the Ha'apai youth and it will run every year.

Young women in Ha'apai still need to have a lot of empower-

ment training especially in the age group of 13 –20 this is the formative years and if we are doing the basis right we will be able to decrease a lot of the problem that the youth may face in the coming years.

This month HYC office have start working with the communities of Foa to plant and conduct seed saving training program to women group as well as youth group who are growing vegetable to start saving seed so that they will not spent money on buying seed every

year. This program was started by the JICA volunteer in Vava'u and have conduct this training in Ha'apai.



Tonga Skills Photo



VYC Farewell Party for Shohei Ito



Utungake village youth group - tsunami route clearance and beach clean up.



Green Fund Program - Mosese Siuta (Maamalooa Middle School)

Going Home

For over decades Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and Tonga National Youth Congress have been working together. JICA have assisted TNYC in so many ways as well as sending of volunteers to help out with the organic green house at Vava'u Youth Congress.

For the pass two years JICA volunteer Shohei Ito have been helping at VYC green house, but didn't stop their he also travel to 'Eua and Ha'apai trying to build their green house garden.

"This was a dream come true to me" said JICA volunteer Shohei Ito "ever since I was in school I dream of becoming a JICA volunteer. I loved here in Tonga specially Vava'u"

Now Shohei time is up and have said farewell to his beloved Vava'u and begin his journey. Yes he will be miss for all the skill that he has offer to TNYC branches.

"I will miss Tonga all that I have endure here is wonder I will miss Vava'u but yes time to go home and seen where life will take me."

Farewell Shohei and Best of luck



'Eua Youth Congress

In the island of 'Eua vanilla bean are becoming one of the island main income, and organic vanilla bean prize is going through the roof.

'Eua Youth Congress are putting all effort in making sure there organic members are getting all the support that they need.

"Our ICS office Palavi has completed his round on our vanilla grower getting them ready for the day when they come and sell there vanilla bean" said EYC office manager 'Amelia Latu "All growers are anxious to start selling their bean so that they may earn the income for all

the hard work that they have done".

EYC office have organize some meeting with village youth group so that they may start looking at way forward for Eua youth development work in the coming years and are lookinga at making the link with their programs with the SDG 2030 .

Green Fund Program

The Green Fund program have completed it phase one of keeping the earth green by delivering all three trash pin for the Maamaloa Middle School.

"This is phase one in our project that we will work together on" said Mosese Siuta in his speech to the school "All three boxes will college different trash and phase two of our project we will come with seeds and

tools where we will show you how to recycle. Where used coke bottles and other bottles can be use to grow stuff in them"

The D.R.R program is making sure that the next generation will make the best of what to come