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Voice of the Future



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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.

Financial Literacy

TNYC ceaseless effort in working with grower group throughout Tonga to develop organic farming have strike up another partnership working relationship with Tonga Business Enterprise Centre (TBEC) to do a training to 50 organic growers on financial literacy programs a Commonwealth Foundation Initiatives implemented through TBEC.

"We have started selecting those that will be in the training from Fo'ui, Ha'atafu and Kolovai" said Technical Organic Advisor, Navuso Tuaimie'api "I think this is one of the field that our farms need to develop is there financial skills so they can be better manger there income"

The training will be funded by TBEC and the men and women that will be in the training are members from TNYC organic growers.

BACK IN ACTION

TNYC RESULT Project have "Yes we had a set back when work to develop export market production stop but that just for virgin coconut oil. The project is in it's third year span clearly" said Production Controller, Filohivalu "the great throughout this period the TNYC learning curves have increase a lot not only in business development, but also in marketing development locally and internationally. To this extend the business arm have down size it's production site last year so its can accommodate those learning in the export market contract and developing of the local market. Now in 2017 production is back on track but this time its just not coconut oil only but have also diversify products for the local market with producing coconut milk. TNYC RESULT have also add vanilla this year as their second organic commodities for the business arm.

The remerging of the production come in a great time when TNYC is just about to go in to the Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) certification.

On September 1st TNYC warehouse was inspected for the first time by the HACCP officer and while all was well there are still work to do before THYC have a thump up from HACCP Inspection.





Vava'u Youth Congress

On August 12 Vava'u Youth Congress (VYC) celebrate the International Youth Day with the rest of the world. International Youth Day is commemorated every year on 12 August. The Focal Point on Youth selects a theme for the day often with input from youth organizations and members of the UN Inter-Agency Network in Youth development. The Programme encourages youth around the world to organize activities to raise awareness about the situation of youth in their country.

"This year international youth day VYC take this opportunity to show case the product that our youth have been working on" said VYC office manager, 'Akosita Tua "the product that we are showcasing on this spe-

cial day is our coconut oil as well as handy craft from our youth members and also crops from our green house. Yes our youth groups are very productive".

It is a well known fact that the most powerful force behind a community is it youth. At 'Utungake there youth have come out to help with much need work that was need to be done in the community.

"Our youth groups have come out today to help the community of 'Utungke" said 'Akosita "we have accomplice helping dig the pathway for the water system to this community as well as cleaning up the beaches".

In addtion, VYC is taking pride on there green house.

"I think you would find every vegetable in our green house" said 'Otenili Sau "In the mean time we are doing seedling, harvesting and looking after our vanilla. Yes we do a lot in the green house. Here at VYC we are fill with activities that will keep you on your feet all day long"

'Eua Youth Congress

After this year vanilla season 'Eua youth Congress (EYC) is looking on ward and forward in making sure that her certified vanilla organic growers will get the best in time to come. The greatest challenge that EYC is facing know is trying to get vanilla growers who had abandon their vanilla plantation, to come back and pollinate their vanilla for next year harvest for there is good money in vanilla bean.

"In the pass years vanilla prize

drop that made most of our vanilla grower just abandon there vanilla plantation" said EYC of- fice manage 'Amelia Latu "but now vanilla prize are coming up once again so we are encourag- ing those who left their vanilla to come back and do it once again. Our ICS office is working with them to bring them up to speed"

While EYC is getting the grow- ers intact they are also planning for the last quota of 2017

"Our EYC realize we have em- bark on the last quota of 2017 so we are start planning of ac- tivities to come in this last quo- ta" said 'Amelia "But in the mean time we are still selling our coconut oil from the office"