

Voice of the future



Mission Statement: • To foster the wellbeing of the youth thru promoting programs that develop good citizenship, community service and leadership.

Recovery on the WAY

On February 12 the devastating wind of cyclone Gita cripple the main island of Tonga, Tongatapu and 'Eua.

Just right after the cyclone Tonga National Youth Congress (TNYC) team up with government agencies and other non-government organization in delivering responses throughout Tonga.

Now it have been months after the cyclone Gita, Tonga is on the recovery road, so TNYC have team up with Oxfam New Zealand in creating a nursery and green house to carry out their recovery plans.

"We have over 700 organic growers across Tonga" said Navuso Tuamei'api, Technical Organic Advisor "but this recovery plan consisted on the growers here at Tongatapu and the organic growers of 'Eua. This is because these are the two main

is- land that cyclone Gita impact the most"

Phase one of the recovery plan of is to build a green house to grow vegetables in it and be given to the organic growers to plan and harvest.

"Our recovery plan target 800 families to help" said Navuso "These families are not just pick from our organic families, but also we plan to reach out to disabilities as well as widows that are in need of help"

The Future Organic Farmers of Tonga (FOFT) division have started the first step by doing a nursery and are now waiting for these vegetables to grow so it may given to organic growers, disabilities household and widows

"Each household will receive a total of 175 vegetables to grow in there garden" said Mr. Tuime'i'api "we will each give

household Onion, Tomato, Cucumber, Lettuce, Cabbage, Pumpkin and Beans"

The first distribution that FOFT will do is to Nakolo and Kolomotua, after that 'Eua is on the next distribution.

"Our first step have been taken toward giving back to the community and to our growers" said the Technical Organic Advisor "Now it just a matter of time when we will deliver our first order to our parties"

Phase one of the recovery plan have been activated and phase two will be soon enough.



Recovery on the Photos



School is my Friends Photo



WATER IS LIFE

When cyclone Gita pass the D.R.R and Environment division was among the first responders to the impact that cyclone Gita have left behind.

After they help in distribution throughout Tongatapu they turn their interest toward purification water system of the Tonga.

"We have bring in volunteers from across the island to help us purified the water system of schools and households" said Mause Halahala, D.R.R and Environment coordinator

Today this team of volunteers have purified 18 schools water tank, 21 homes, three working places and six churches water tanks. Adding up all to a total of 45900 liters that they have purified.

"This is hard work" said Mause Halahala "because we first train out the water before cleaning the water tanks and after that we run the water through our purification margin. So yes we clean the tank inside out and make sure that the water is purified. So yes, this is a hard work but I'm thankful to these volunteers for taking the time to come and help in purifying these water tanks"

The purification team is still on the mission of purification of water and the numbers of household and schools are still clamming.

School is my Friend

School is my Friend project (SFP) is one of TNYC precious project for it deal with youth that are financially trouble at home due to circumstances and can't pay for their school fees.

After cyclone Gita the SFP program reach out to the students who are in the program that house was affected by the cyclone and gave them hygiene kits as well as kitchen kits.

"It was a great comfort to see their smiling faces when we when and gave them their supply" said Silia Tu'ivai, SFP officer

Now the SFP program have taken on more students this year and the program is running swiftly.

"We been holding program for our student for three Saturday now" said Silia "what we do in this program is a little counseling, give the a little message to help them on their education path. As well as letting the old students from last year meet with the new students this year so they would know they have a friend in other school do" .

The SFP program is running and is motivating youth.

Vava'u Youth Congress

With in the all the five outreach offices of TNYC, not has more experience in doing organic green house gardening than Vava'u Youth Congress.

"We would have not made its this far with our green house if it wasn't for all the help from the JICA volunteers throughout the years" said VYC office manager, 'Akosita Tua "this month we have renew our nursery section as well as replanting vegetables to our green house"

Furthermore, VYC office have team up with the members of Green Vava'u in doing clean up throughout the communi-

ties of Vava'u.

"The month of April have been a handful month for our green Vava'u" said 'Akosita "we been picking up rubbish from Neiafutahi, Holeva, Taanea Feletoa, Utungake and Longomapu, and adding to this we also replant trees along the costal areas to help reduce the impact of raising sea level due to climate changes".

VYC is gearing up in all sides from doing community services to making sure that their youth member are intact. VYC is becoming a bold youth congress

'Eua Youth Congress

'Eua Youth Congress (EYC) is currently forming plans to get her youth member back on track .

"On April 13th Navuso Tuamei'a-pi held a workshop here at the island" said EYC officer 'Amelia Latu "we found this and opportunity to launch our campaign in getting our youth groups back to EYC"

The workshop was a success and it had set the EYC plan in motion

"We started talking of ways to help our youth congress and we have come to the conclusion that we will each take turn running the VCO unit" said 'Amelia "So there are seven youth groups that will take part in running the VCO unit. Youth groups from Futu, Pangai, Fataulua, Haatua, Mata'aho, Sapa'ata and Tongamama'o are the youth groups that will us operate the VCO unit"

Moreover, while reforming their youth groups EYC staff also

pointed out that their youth groups also need to go back and work the land.

"We have agree on this and we will start visiting these plantation by the second week of September" said EYC manager

EYC is becoming more and more on shape as they move through 2018



Water is Life Photos