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Recovery on the WAY

Tonga National Youth Congress (TNYC) have now started to implement livelihood recovery response to cyclone Gita with farmers working within their communities to mobilized youth, women and people living with disability to start working together with growing of vegetables seedling and other food crops slowly building relationship within and providing and environment of care and being

responsible for each other in time of disaster as well as preparation for disaster.

“We have choose Nakolo as the pilot village for our recovery plan to ward Tonga” said Navuso Tuamei’api, Technical Organic Advisor “The reason why we are starting from Nakolo because Nakolo have been make as an organic village and most of our coconut we buy to produce our

coconut oil is from Nakolo farmers.

There are 10 household in Nakolo that household will be the first to grow there own organic vegetables.

“The selection of the first household to be in the program are chosen from elderly people, widows and people living with disabilities” said Navuso Tuamei’api “These are the se-

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RESULT Project a partnership of TNYC with OXFAM New Zealand funded by MFAT have continuously to grow its social enterprise works with the virgin coconut oil production although the cyclone Gita have cause a temporary snag in the production of virgin coconut oil it has started to pick up in this last few weeks.

“The main key ingredient for making coconut oil is coconut” said 'Iloa Saula, VCO warehouse manager “but since the cyclone the situation with the coconuts have been decrease making it more harder for our growers to sale there coconuts”

Coconut is one of the main food ingredients in a Tongan family. Coconut is use in the everyday cooking of the island.

“With the limited coconut supply has have to look at its branch and farmers to provide the coconuts. With the Tongatapu and 'Eua been ruin by the cyclone TNYC look o to the Haapai branch and organic farmer to help with their production unit.” said 'Iloa Saula

“Ha'api have an endless supply of coconut” said Teisa Fasaikatene, Ha'apai Youth Congress office managers “Since Ha'apai wasn't influences by the cyclone we at HYC where able to help our VCO in Tongatapu with the supply of coconuts for the VCO at Sopusu.

“Yes we are back in production once again” said the warehouse manager “thanks for the supply

from HYC we are been able to get back on schedule in producing coconut oil as well as coconut milk and cosmetic oil”

The business branch of TNYC is back and running again. Now it is producing more virgin coconut oil and employing more youth in the process.

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“yes our little family count this as a blessing, cause long have we been hoping to add vegetables to our meal but its so expansive. So when TNYC count us as one of the families to pilot this great program I was so happy to join.

The green house gardening program is funded by TEAR FUND and it is still with the relationship with Oxfam NZ

“Our target is to have 40 house-

hold here at Nakolo, 40 household at Kolomotu'a and 50 household for the island of 'Eua” said Mr. Tuamei'api “our target is set but before we reach our target we will start small and from there we will reach our goals”

“If TNYC would achieve this target” said Oxfam officer, Kamilo 'Ali “and make a system out of these growers that would put a firm statement in Tonga that going organic is the best way for

the families of Tonga”

Now the team have move on from Nakolo to Kolomotu'a, yet they will do the same method is to first select 10 household in Kolomotu'a before moving on and completing all 40 garden for 40 household.



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Water is Life

The amount of water in the human body ranges from 50-75%. The average adult human body is 50-65% water, averaging around 57-60%. The percentage of water in infants is much higher, typically around 75-78% water, dropping to 65% by one year of age.

“Since our body is mostly covered with water it is very important that we consume clean healthy water to help us grow and to keep our body healthy” said Mause Halahala, D.R.R and environment coordinator

With the fact of making sure that all have safe drinking water to drink from. the water purification team, led by Mause Halahala travel to 'Eua to purify the drinking tanks of the schools of 'Eua.

“We have travel here to 'Eua to purify all the drinking water tank of all the school here at 'Eua” said Mause Halahala “'Eua is one of the island that was crippled by cyclone Gita and we are here to do the same purification as we did at Tongata-

pu, for the schools of this island” ‘Eua have 10 schools in the island from kindergartens to secondary school each school had one tank purified so that each school would have safe drinkable water.

“I am grateful that TNYC did this to our water tank here at our school” said one of the students at 'Eua High School (EHS) “Yes our water tank was drinkable before but seeing these guys performing the treatment to our water has given me comfort that our water is now 100% clean and it is much more safer to drink from”

The team to 'Eua was divided into three groups. The first team was the purification team that perform purification not only for the schools tank but also a few household tank as well as some church's water tank.

The next team was the hygiene team. This team led by Savelio Lavelua was the team that goes out to each schools and donate hygiene kit's for the schools.

“It was a privilege's joining this team and making sure that not only TNYC is purifying the water tank they are also contributing in making sure that the school has hygiene kits to be use” said Savelio Lavelua “I think the greatest comment that me and my team had was from EHS when they said we have enlightened their eyes that their kids need such supply and they will try to continue supplying the hygiene kits even when our supply run out”.

The last team that went to 'Eua was the survey team led by 'Ana Vainga.

“Our team have come see just how well our purification team have done” said 'Ana Va'inga “Yes we are here to collect all comments about the performance of our boys have done to the water tank of 'Eua”

All team have return back to Tongatapu but they have mark the significance of ensuring safe drinking water in the island of 'Eua

