

The long term objective of the Anelcauhat YES (Youth Environmental Services) Project is to stimulate wise waste management in Anelcauhat and hope nearby communities can learn from the project. This project focussed on the control of waste in the village through best practice upon the expert advise of the Environment Unit and other relevant authorities in Vanuatu.

Who's involved?

Project leader: Ben Makoya

Lead organisation: Anelcauhat Youth Group

Other organisations: Firiamu Youth, Epeteneto Youth; SDA Youth; Blue Water Youth & Catholique Youth; Foundation for the Peoples of the South Pacific Vanuatu (FSPV); Vanuatu Fisheries Department; Wan Smolbag Theatre; Environment Unit; Aneityum Tourism Committee; Anelcauhat Council of Chiefs; Aneityum Forest Timber; Neighbour Association (Anelcauhat Women Group)

Timeframe: September 2006 - June 2007

Objectives:

- Organize youth groups and other groups in Anelcauhat to get involved in environmental services such as coastal clean up campaigns;

- Facilitate the youth group and the community to dig rubbish pits for communities to use for dumping as a way of encouraging wise waste management

Activities:

- Collaborate with the relevant government authorities, including the Environmental Unit to implement the following activities:

- Engage residents of Anelcauhat in raising awareness of improper waste management practices and the need for a rubbish pit. Specific activities to include: a minimum of 2 village meetings; posters to be made and displayed around the village; house to house visits;

- Plan, organize and hold a three day workshop with all stakeholders to identify key rubbish management problem and identify solutions with expertise from the Environment Unit and FSPV (Foundation of the Peoples of the South Pacific Vanuatu) taking into account best areas for the pits and how to use it, recycling and how to dispose non-biodegradable objects;

- Dig rubbish pit with the assistance of local experts and authorities;

- Monitor the use of rubbish pit; identify challenges and success as relates to the community's use of the facility;

- Conduct a one-day workshop with all stakeholders to address the challenges identified during the monitoring process and investigate and report on ways of increasing the use of the rubbish pit in the future;

- Publicise all the activities through local radio, television and newspapers;

- Evaluate the effectiveness of the project with photographs before and two months after the activities and conduct surveys of a minimum of 50 residents before the activities and after to determine their awareness of proper waste management techniques; analyse and report on the results.

Downloads: <u>Project Proposal</u> Workplan