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“Beautify the Village of Avatele Oneonepata”



Avatele Village
Avatele Youth Group

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Introduction

This started of during the Youth Visioning Meeting in Mauritius, 7 – 12 January 2005. During the meeting the main focused themes were;

- Life and Love in Islands
- My Island Home
- Money in my Pocket

Purpose

The main purpose of this project is to develop a clean and safe environment for the community and to implement the beautification program. The goal is to have three villages in working together in keeping the villages clean. This is to ensure that the three villages work together and keep in mind that it was one village before. The youth is the main target for this project. The elders and leaders are to maintain and to ensure that we have done our work.

Objective

- To raise level of awareness among villages about dumping of rubbish on the beach and the village green
- To involve all residents in cleaning up around their homes and the community

Proceedings

16th September 2007

First meeting was held at the old Pastors House. A number of 20 youth members was at the meeting along with the pastor and one of the deacon who attended as well. This project was then discussed with the youth. Our youth is mainly high school students and they are very keen in programs like this that is brought in to the village. They have not know what these kind of stuff are. So I then explained and how it is done and they get what was explained to them.



This is the first opportunity for the Youth of Avatele to have projects like this in the village. It is mostly done for youths of Niue but not small villages. It is kind of sad of not taking it out to outer villages. So that is why, I have included the village of Avatele and our near by villages as well. They have also supported us with the program in not throwing out rubbish out the window.

At the meeting, dates were discussed for the signs to put in such areas where everyone can see and know that it is a litter free village.

29th September 2007

The Youth were gathered to the old pastors house to do signs on the boards. All materials were purchased from the local supermarket and from small outlets that is available on the island. (please refer to separate sheet of paper)

The signs were put up before the Avatele Village Show Day, so people are aware that Avatele is a litter free village and no rubbish is to be thrown. Each household does their own cleaning in the preparation for the Village Show Day and also following that week is the Niue Constitution Celebration. Youths were also along the road side picking up rubbish before the Village Show Day.



After the village show day, a cleaning day was organized.

Saturday 3rd November 2007

Prize Giving for the Avatele Show Day. This was for crops, vegetables, food, and handcrafts during the show day. Words of thanks were made from the Village MP, the Pastor and the VC Chairman for the great work the youths have done for the village. Keep up the great work done so other youth in other villages would follow what great work has done.

4th November 2007

Announcing Poster, Poem and Speech Competition to all youth members. They were given two weeks to bring in the three mentioned areas.

Due Date: 16th November 2007

Poster Competition Winners:

1. Simon Tiakia
2. Daniel Makaia
3. Waza Laufoli

Poem Competition Winners:

1. Raniera Vakanofisi - Niuean
2. Raniera Vakanofisi - English
3. Sui Tupuiliu



Speech Competition Winners:

Boys:

1. Daniel Makaia
2. Waza Laufoli
3. Bevridge Mokalei

Girls:

1. Eleni Talagi
2. Christal Matagi Vilitama
3. Kalaline Vakanofisi

5th November 2007

It was another day of picking up rubbish. Youths were very keen in pick up rubbish in the village and also the sea track and the beach area.

Conclusion

This project has shown me how great it is to have an opportunity in doing some for the youth of your village. It was an awesome feeling that I felt when my project proposal was trough and then it took some time to organize due to other committed work and now it has now come to an end of the project. This is a great effort for me as a first timer to do something like this and have done something good for the village. My father has done a lot for the village and now I have done that as well.

The village is also doing a big project on renewing the sea track and will include some photos of the sea track.

Acknowledgment

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the leaders and the youth group for their contribution to this project. We have come to the end of a great project and have gained great ideas on how to make our village be more beautiful than ever. It has been great working together with the youth of the Avatele Village and not forgetting the youths here on Niue.

Lastly, I would like to express my gratitude to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) for their support and strive for me to carry on with this project. It has been so great working with the team. I look forward in working with them in times to come. Also to Joyce who is doing the hard work in getting it done and to know there progress of the project and the report.

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