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Tuvalu Government launched ‘Suggestion Box’

By Semi Malaki



TUVALU Government is looking at improving the performance of the Civil Service by delivering efficient and effective services to all Tuvalu citizens and visitors.

In doing so, a ‘Suggestion Box’ was officially launched on Tuesday February 24 at the foyer of the Government Building.

The event marks the progress made by the Public Sector Reform Committee in-order to improve the performance of the Civil Service by delivering efficient and effective services to all Tuvalu citizens and foreign visitors.

In his launching remark, Deputy Prime Minister Hon Sakaio said the Suggestion Box idea is not an invention of the 21st Century, it is however, an old mechanism in which, if correctly used by the people, unlimited benefits shall flow towards our great Nation’s future developments in many years ahead.

“Improving customer service is a government priority and also a requirement under strategy 5 of the Kakeega II Strategy which promotes good governance,” said Hon Sakaio.

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“In ‘Te Kakeega II’ strategy 5 is Good Governance and it requires that government is to be more responsive to the needs of the public; government to deliver the services in the most efficient and cost effective manner; and also government to provide quality customer service.”

“Without playing our parts correctly in this partnership, we shall not reach our goal because in the physical realm ‘Garbage In is Garbage Out’ and in the Biblical context- ‘A man shall reap exactly what he sows’. The Universal Law of Cause and Effect is always true in its own right,” added Sakaio.

“The people are the owner of Government and they are expecting you to

“Serve the people, but never to become their master,” said Sakaio.

provide them the highest standard of stewardship.”

Chairman of the Public Sector Reform Committee, Panapasi Nelesone urged civil servants to respond immediately to these suggestions and improve the services provided to the general public.

“It is important to know how we are performing and how we can improve our services to the members of the public,” said Nelesone.

All suggestions in the box will be overseen by the Personnel and Training Department with a chance for the committee to go through before disseminating to ministries concerned for their responses.

Nelesone encouraged individual departments to respond immediately to suggestions and queries from the general public■

Candidates for the upcoming general election

By Yvette D’Unienville

NOMINATIONS of candidates for all electoral districts nationwide for next month’s election closed on Wednesday February 25.

The seats of the island of Nukufetau in Parliament that were held by previous representatives currently the Caretaker Prime Minister Hon Enele Sosene Sopoaga and the caretaker minister of Natural Resources Elisala Pita are not contested.

The running candidates for Vaitupu - include previous Honorable Members to Parliament Apisai Ielemia who has also been Head of Government some years ago, the caretaker Minister of Foreign Affairs, Trade, Tourism, Environment and Labor Hon Taukelina Finikaso and new candidates Melton Paka Tauetia, Foliaki Paolo and Muau Monise.

From the Funafuti electoral district, former Speaker of Parliament and Member to Parliament Rt Hon Sir Kamuta Latasi and the other Funafuti Member to Parliament Hon Kausea Natano who had previously been the Minister of Public Utilities and Infrastructure are contested by two new candidates Kalepou Tili and Pugameau Naseli Kaituumana.

Caretaker Minister of Finance and Economic Development Hon Maatia Toafa was nominated from the Nanumea Electoral District with Member to Parliament Hon Satini Tulaga Manuela and three other new candidates David Manuvasa Manuella, Hilia Vavae and Kata Pulusi.

Two candidates are vying for the one seat for Nukulaelae Electoral District, including caretaker Minister of Home Affairs and Rural Development Hon Namoliki Nemias Sualiki and former police Commissioner Motulu Jack Pedro.

The Nanumaga electoral district nominated three candidates which include the current Speaker to Parliament Hon Oti-nielu Tauteleimale Tausi and the current caretaker Minister of Communications and Transport Hon Monise Laafai with retired public servant Lutelu Faavae.

At the meantime, the electoral commission is yet to receive candidates from the Nui Electoral District due to problems with communication lines and internet; however the decision of the Revising office on the island were shipped over on the recent trip of the vessel from the island.

The Electoral district of Niutao has a total of six candidates which include the current Member of Parliament and caretaker Deputy Prime Minister Hon Vete Sakaio and caretaker Minister of Education, Youth and Sports Hon Fauoa Maani with former politicians Hon Samuelu Penitala Teo, Hon Tavau Teii, Sir Tomu Sione and Iopu I Kaisala■

Women can apply to work on purse seine fishing vessels; Director of Fisheries *By Diana Semi*

OBSERVER positions on purse seine vessels is not restricted to males however, since the initiation of the programme, Tuvalu still has no female observers compares to other participating countries.

Tuvalu Fisheries Director, Samasoni Finikaso said the observer opportunities are opened to any interested person of any gender.

He said if the announcement does not say that only male observers can apply, it means male or females can apply for the opportunity.

Meanwhile there are more than thirty male observers working on board purseine vessels fishing in PNA waters.

The number may increase to fifty after the introduction of the new course to train and prepare replacements and new observers for such employment on board purseine vessels..

Fenui received reports that Solomon Islands has female observers employed on Asian purseine vessels that fish in the Pacific and it hopes to add more female observers.

In a workshop held recently in the Solomon Islands and followed by a special one-day meeting, women observers discussed particular aspects of their role as observers on fishing vessels, which generally have all-male crews.

Report states that they discussed issues such as safety, gender awareness, training needs handling incidents aboard fishing vessels, employment and government policies were discussed to identify how conditions could be improved to facilitate women's employment as observers and their safety and well-being in the role.

SPC Fisheries Monitoring Specialist Deirdre Bogan stated in this workshop that female observers on board those Asian vessels sent out a strong message that they enjoyed their work, appreciated the benefits the employment gave them, and were grateful for the high level of respect they were shown by the mostly foreign Asian vessels.

The workshop identified a number of areas where training could better prepare both male and female observers for the long voyages they make.

"I hope these findings will help make a path for more Solomon Island women to get involved in monitoring fishing at sea and SPC plans to share these findings with other countries to raise gender awareness and recognition of the safety needs of both male and female all observers while at sea," said Bogan■

Last opportunity for applicants for late registration to submit evidence documents

By Yvette D'Unienville

A FEW applicants for late registration did not attach evidence to prove their reasons for applying for late registration.

This happens despite awareness programs and news aired on Radio Tuvalu about the importance of providing such evidence.

The Registration Officer for Funafuti Electoral District Uluaio Lauti reminded those who applied for late registration and are residing on Funafuti, that their documents or passports are required as proof, for the reason stated in their applications for late registration.

"Applicants as such, will be given these remaining days of the week to provide the required documents for evidence," said Lauti.

Crown Counsel Nele Semu Tusipese said Regulation 21 of the Electoral Provisions Parliament Regulation states that late applications should be accompanied by a letter stating the reasons why the applicant was unable to apply during the registration period. Without these, the Registration Officer has the power to invalidate such applications.

Mr Lauti added that by Monday March 2, the applications that are not accompanied by the required documents will be negated.

A few applicants for late registration provided reasons that differ from the three categories of people allowed to register during the late registration period.

Regulation 21 states that the only three category of people allowed to register during this late registration period are those that were unable to deliver an application for registration during the registration period of ill health, was absent from Tuvalu, has reached the age of 18 years since the expiry of the registration period.

The late registration period closed on Monday February 23, and the list of applicants should be published on March 2■

Students quit Form Seven at Motufoua

By Kuata Taumaheke and Yvette D'Univille

THREE students have quit form seven at Motufoua Secondary School and are taking up the foundation program in the USP Tuvalu Campus.

Mother of one of the students - Lise Moealofa, claims that her son left the school after he told her about the alleged problem of insufficient teachers for form seven at Motufoua.

Penivao Moealofa, a commerce student who attended form seven earlier in the year, says he was enrolled for five subjects under the commerce stream; English, Mathematics, Computing, Accounting and Economics, however he attended classes in only two subjects within a week; English and Mathematics but not the other three because there are no subject teachers.

He said when he found out about the problem he made up his mind to return to Funafuti.

Malo Maitoga, also a commerce student also told *Fenui* he left form seven because of the same problem.

Talavai Iona Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Education said there are Commerce teachers at the school, and the school is now working on re-adjusting its timetable in order to fit in the additional load for Motufoua teachers who will teach in certain subjects of form seven.

In an interview over the phone with the Acting Principal of Motufoua Secondary School, Siautele Lito said meanwhile form six teachers of Motufoua have taken up the subjects that are without teachers in form seven until the arrival of subject teachers.

"Motufoua teachers are willing to take up the extra load because of the urgency of the matter considering the need of the students to learn."■

Local police build their capacities on self-defense techniques

Reported by Semi Malaki

MORE than a dozen local police build up their capacities on self-defense and other tactics in a Pacific Defender training organized by the US Pacific Air Force in the past few days.

The training was organized to build up the capacity and the ability of the Tuvalu police officers to determine what kind of force they have to use if responding to a situation.

The training was facilitated by Master Sergeant Modesto Saavedra from the US Pacific Air Force based in Honolulu Hawaii.

Saavedra said this Pacific Defender outreach is not only a training, but it is an exchange of information; therefore they invited delegates from Nauru, Marshall Islands, Kiribati, the US and Japan.

"We all come down here to exchange different police tactics-police information. Tuvalu police service participated in our program in September in Honolulu so as the second part of that is-they requested us to come down here and we accepted the invitation and put together a program that suitable to their needs here."

"The training demonstrate self-defense tactics and techniques where delegates

shared their knowledge on various programs via briefings and trainings they received," said Saavedra.

Saavedra said Tuvalu police officers don't carry a non-lethal weapon or any weapon so if they ever were to fight somebody or encounter someone that was very aggressive they would know how to defend themselves.

"And again it wasn't just us showing them everything, sometimes they showed us different things that we are not doing that we probably doing. Japan jumped in a couple of times and demonstrated them some tactics on the baton, Marshall islands jumped in and was demonstrating a different tactics on self-defense. Every country has something in particular to deliver."

Community policing was also discussed -interacting with the public and then we talked about how the different countries communicate with their police effectively and then we all shared different tactics one can probably do in another country.

Police Superintendent Luka Falefou says the training is very beneficial to Tuvalu Police Officers as they learned a lot of new things from the trainer and other delegates■

USP-EU GCCA project in Tuvalu handed over to local communities

By Semi Malaki

THE USP-EU Global Climate Change Alliance project handed over this morning to three communities that the project worked with.

The project which is funded by the European Union and implemented by the University of the South Pacific in 15 countries in the region was handed a local representative of the European Union to the Nanumaga community, Funafuti and Nukulaelae communities on Wednesday February 25.

Acting Secretary of Finance and EU in-country representative Vavau Fatonuga said EU provided 8 million Euros to fund community based projects in the region and \$66 000 was given to Tuvalu for the implementation of projects on the three islands.

"The EU is happy to announce that these development works was carried out to strengthen the capacity of communities in adapting to the changing climate."

Project Manager and Acting Team Leader Aliti Koroi said that on behalf of the USP team, she is grateful to be amongst the gathering to witness this event and to share their heartfelt thanks and gratitude for the support that have given to the project.

"The purpose of the project is to strengthen the capacity of local communities to adapt to the impact of climate change."

"I just like to also thank a few stakeholders that are key to the success of this project and first and foremost that is the EU I believe that without it financial support we would not have been possible to

work with lovely people as you, a lovely country and the 14 other countries we work in."

"It is an honor to be part of this project and yes as I mentioned to the stakeholders € 8 million sound like a lot of money but when it is shared across 15 countries-it barely enough to get what we would like the people on the ground to have. And we are grateful that we have a wonderful in-country coordinator who really work hard with the communities to see that the little funds that is able to come down to Tuvalu has make a difference and impacted the lives of so many peoples."

In-Country Coordinator Ms Teuleala Manuela in her brief summary of the project said that each-project for Nanumaga and Nukulaelae islands have completed and the installation of overhead tanks on Funafuti is about to complete.

"The project targeted three communities which were identified in a training workshop. These communities opted for water and energy security projects," said Ms Manuella.

"On Nanumaga we worked with seven families and we provided them with seven bio-gas units to help them with their everyday living. On Nukulaelae we provided them with eight water tanks, as that was the priority issues that they identified and the immediate actions they saw fit for the island and we provided them with that. For Funafuti specifically we work with 15 families-the project provided overhead tanks to able to get water

into their homes."

Head of the Funafuti Island Community Andrew Ionatana also expressed his sincere thanks to the project team and all stakeholders for implementing the project which he saw have benefited a lot of families on Funafuti.

"I hope this project on Funafuti will extend to all households on the capital," said Ionatana.

The USP-EU GCCA project will come to an end this year.

The project was implemented on 15 Pacific ACP countries with the purpose to strengthen the capacity of local stakeholders and that is the communities to adapt to the impacts of climate change.

"Climate Change is not just a business of the Tuvalu government or the people of Tuvalu but its everyone business. Its affecting us whether in high islands or atoll islands-its everyone's concern. And we are grateful that we were able to be part of the individuals communities-the individual families that we worked with and strengthening their capacities to address the issues of climate change in their everyday life," said Ms Koroi■

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BRIEFS

THREE stevedores recruited by the Travel Office to assist porters during flights on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Tutia Talitonu – Acting Director of Aviation says that due to a lot of complain from the air line in Fiji about the late departure of flights, the travel office sought the assistance of the marine services in recruiting three stevedores to assist porters dealing with passengers cargoes. According to Ms Talitonu the ATR 72 flight is far bigger than the previous flights ATR 42 therefore carries more cargoes than the previous flights■

GOVERNMENT grants to each Non-Governmental Schools do not only cater for teachers' salaries, but also covers wages for supporting staffs as well. Talavai Iona Secretary in the Ministry of Education said that the requests from the schools for supporting staffs were approved to include in the grants. One of the non- government schools requested for a Librarian and a Handyman. Selection of supporting staff will be dealt with by School Committees and not the Ministry because the Schools are run by Committees and not the Government. The Vacancies for a few supporting staffs are still being advertised■

FOUR local seafarers have joined the Yang Ming company in an effort made by APNL recruiting agency in seeking more opportunities for Tuvalu seafarers. Dinah Alapati said the opportunities are offered for local seafarers to work as Engine & Deck Fitters, Steward, Chef, Able Seaman and OS. Those who are interested should submit their background documents and other needed documents■

STRAY dogs wandering on the runway during landing and taking off of flights, has been an ongoing issue for the Aviation Department. Last week terminal porters tried to chase dogs out of the runway. Tutia Talitonu Acting Director of Civil Aviation said - on Thursday 26th February afternoon, the aircraft had to abstain from taking off to avoid hitting the pack of dogs that ran into the airfield. Jennifer Malosi, the Funafuti Kaupule Planner who is also responsible for the Kaupule activities on animals - says the Funafuti Kaupule has alerted the public to get their dog license before the kaupule starts hunting down the uncensored and stray dogs■

LOCAL Fishermen will benefit from a training workshop to be organized by the Fisheries Department in March this year. A senior official from the Department Maani Siuele said the training is to teach and enhance the knowledge of local fishermen in fishing methods that can be used on FADs. The workshop follows up on previous workshop held in 2013 that was not completed as the workshop facilitator from the Secretariat of the Pacific Community became sick and had to return home. FADs have been handed over to the Tagata Faika Tuvalu Association for their own benefit.■

The Fisheries Department seeks Life Insurance company to insure local observers

By Diana Semi



*A purse seine fishing vessel offloading its catch at Funafuti lagoon
Photo: Filmy Litata*

THE Fisheries Department wants insurance for all local observers and the Insurance Company the MRAG is the only option.

This is being speed up, following the recent incidents that happened to fishing vessels with our local observers on board.

The issue when raised for the first time by Tuvalu at the Western and Central Pacific commission meeting in Cairns Australia in 2013, and in 201, gained the full support of PNA.

Finikaso said the PNA observer program, under the FSM Agreement, has insurance for only its observers including locals with the MRAG Insurance Company.

“We are left with no other option except MRAG, which has already accepted Tuvalu’s proposal,” said Finikaso.

The issue will again be brought up at the upcoming PNA Annual meeting in Yap FSM this month.

Tuvalu news towards the end of last year reported an incident that happened to one of the fishing vessel with a Tuvaluan observer on board, and unlike the crewmembers from other countries who were compensated, the local observer was not compensated as he wasn’t covered by any Insurance Company■

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TvAIP project teamed up with SWAT to beautify the capital

By Diana Semi

MAINTAINING a pristine environment and the beautification of Funafuti, is what the Tuvalu Aviation Investment Project through its local consultant SWAT intends to do using a new collection plan for solid waste.

TvAIP is finally underway with its preparatory phase con-

ducted by two overseas contractors the Mc Connell Dowell and AE-COM.

The project is also exploring options to assist with the exportation of waste to other Countries.

According to a press release - the solid waste inventory phase that was conducted in August 2014, found a total count of 85 different bulky items lying beside homes, along road sides, at the disposal sites and at a number of mechanical workshops.

It also discovered more than 200 used lead acid batteries, 24 buckets of agricultural chemicals and 18 transformers stored at the

hangar.

An MOU called the WExpo MOU has now been signed by relevant Government departments and NGOs on the responsibilities of each member party for the implementation of the activity.

The press release stated that the actual collection under the new plan will commence in early March, and local communities will be asked to participate, and the public is also notified to register their interests with SWAT or TvAIP, for the removal of personal bulky solid waste from their premises■

Senior Government officials take training attachment in Suva

By Pua Pedro

NINE senior Government officials had travelled to Fiji last week to undergo training attachments in Fiji.

They will be joined by a tenth member from the Tuvalu High Commission in Fiji.

Staff Development Officer Maho Homasi said these senior Government officials will refreshed their knowledge and understanding on administrative work at the senior level within Government.

The training is co-hosted by the Public Service Commission (PSC) of Fiji and the Japan's International Cooperation

Agency (JICA) under the South to South Corporation Project (SSCP) in the region.

Julie Natano, one of the officials said that this is a great opportunity for her to attend and to learn as much as she could so that she can improve her duties at her work place and also to improve her service as a civil servant to the public.

Homasi said that this is a new program for the Government and meanwhile it will focus on senior Government officials, while the next round will include mid- level positions and then junior level.

The ten member team includes Lanieta Faleasiu, Atabi Ewekia, Lanuola Fasiyai, Malofou Auina, Temetiu Maliga, Sunema Maheu, Palipa Lauti, Maseiga Ionatana, Lorraine Filipino from Tuvalu's High Commission in Fiji and Ms. Natano.

The training will be held in Suva for two weeks■

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QUICK TRACKS

♦ **Three Tuvaluans** residing in NZ have been selected into the New Zealand Defense Force, according to report received. One of the new young recruit, Nafale Agaifo confirms this and says he is proud to carry the name of Tuvalu in the field of defense in NZ. Report adds that the other two include, Tokasi Bruce and Nonu Vailahi who are all residing in New Zealand■

♦ **A male** foreigner was put behind bars last Friday night for alleged intimidating behavior at the Vaiaku Lagi Hotel. The foreigner was drunk and was taken by one of the hotel staffs to the Hotel entrance when police arrived at the scene and apprehended the guy. It is alleged that the offender is an observer from a purse seine vessel who has completed his contract and is waiting to return to his country. The report from the Police station said the guy was in police custody for 24 hours■

♦ **The number** of pupils enrolled at Sue-sue Memorial Pre-School is decline this year if compared to past years. Head Teacher Nuese Taimi said this is because some of the pupils of the school have gone to other Pre Schools when they shifted to new homes. The school now has thirty eight students which is way less than the usual intake of around fifty pupils. Mother of one of the pupils who used to attend the Pre-school, said that her kids have to attend another pre-school because they have shifted to another house at Kavatoetoe, and her children are still trying to familiarize themselves with the new school, new school mates and teachers■

♦ **Women** on Niulakita celebrated their Annual day over the weekend with feasting and other activities. The Island Kaupule clerk Ela Kapuaa said the women gathered at the island's falekaupule for lunch of local chicken and rice and then presented their alofa to men on the island. There was an inspection carried out of their items that were planned from last year which include local mats and other local items. The annual day was highlighted with local siva and alofa presented by men of the island■

Local families benefited from USP-EU GCCA project

By Pua Pedro & Semi Malaki



Overhead tanks with manual hand pump
Photo: Filmy Litata

MOST vulnerable families to impacts of climate change and water security on Funafuti have water flowing easily for their needs, thanks to the community based project funded by the European Union and implemented by the University of the South Pacific USP.

The project on Funafuti worked with 15 families by providing overhead tanks with manual water hand pumps. These will be able the families to get water into their homes.

Project Manager Aliti Koroi visited some families and said that she is impressed with the impacts of the project on these families.

“We visited some families and see the work that Jennifer and Teuleala and the Kaupule have been doing with the families and I was very impressed with the stories and comments that some of the family members gave us that through the water tanks that we provided them, they have been able to get water into their homes-something that they have never had before.”

“ For us that is a big blast seeing a change in a family, ”

Makita Petelu, one of the residents said that their new overhead tank is a big help because family members no longer carry buckets of water but are now getting water straight from the taps in the kitchen, and lavatory without using electricity.

“I take my hat off as project manager and look at it from just being a Pacific islander-another Pacific islander I think there is so much for us to do and to learn from each other and I would encourage the families and communities that they need to go out and share their experiences that they have had through this project with other families and other communities.”

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Koroi encouraged the communities “to give them support in terms of encouragement to be able to stand up and say yes we are in need of help and yes we are capable of doing activities and ensuring that our families today and our children of the future could benefit from.”

In-Country Coordinator of the project Ms. Teuleala Manuella Moresi said that the project targeted three islands of Nanumaga, Nukulaelae and Funafuti focusing on energy and water sectors.

She said Funafuti opted for assistance in water security and the project assisted in providing overhead tanks for 15 of the most vulnerable families of the island.

Jennifer Malosi the Funafuti Kaupule Planner said that the overhead tanks use manual water pumps and doesn't require power.

Some of the households have had their overhead tanks built while some are almost completed, said Jennifer.

Funafuti Island Chief Andrew Ionatana is thankful to the project for the assistance that has enabled families get water the easy way without costing them extra for electricity.

Ionatana said that the Funafuti Falekaupule will make sure that all Funafuti households will receive overhead tanks and is also asking Government and funding organizations to assist so that all residents on Fongafale have overhead tanks■

Resident on Funafuti need to relocate their pig-pens from burrow pits

By Diana Semi

RESIDENTS on Funafuti who have pig-pens located at burrow pits were advised to relocate as the rehabilitation project on those burrow pits is about to start.

The Task Force had made public announcement over radio for people to start moving their pig sties to other part of the island.

In a verbal conversation with a member of the Task Force-Secretary in the Ministry of Public

Utilities and Infrastructure Avafoa Irata, he said that some people have moved theirs while some have not.

He said it is very important that these work should be done before the project commences.

“The committee is monitoring this relocation. A consultant who is also the project manager will be visiting in mid March for the second part of the project therefore we need to remove all pig-pens from the sites,” Irata said.

The Funafuti Kaupule has allocated a site on Funafuti for the public to relocate their pig-pens which is opposite the Matagigali Bar■

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Applications are invited from Tuvalu citizens for tertiary studies commencing in 2016 under the Australia Awards Scholarships (AAS) at tertiary institutions in Australia OR under the Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships (AAPS) at relevant institutions in the Pacific region.

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The selection process will be based on the Secretariat of the Pacific Board for Educational Assessment (SPBEA) Assessment and Ranking Report. Interviews will be conducted for those shortlisted for both PUBLIC and OPEN candidates. A shortlist of eligible applicants will then be produced for consideration by the Joint Scholarships Selection Committee (JSSC) represented by the Government of Tuvalu, Australia and New Zealand.

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Background

Achieving Education for All in Tuvalu (AEfAT) is a national programme that is being implemented by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports (MEYS) in partnership with the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and UNICEF. The programme's long-term goal is to ensure All children in Tuvalu benefit from equitable access to quality education.

The purpose of this assignment is to successfully facilitate the implementation of the project and support achievement of the planned results in consultation with the Director of Education, Education Department (EdDep) and UNICEF Education Specialist. The Project Manager will provide quality assurance for timely implementation, monitoring, evaluation and reporting; and will ensure that funds are used according to agreed budget with the donors and well documented. The Project Manager will also coordinate and lead the team members and consultants who have been recruited for the project. The Project Manager will be contracted for a fixed period (until March 16th 2016, the scheduled end date of the project). The remuneration will be between \$38,000 and \$45,000 per annum, commensurate with the candidate's qualifications and experience. The candidate will be supervised by the Permanent Secretary, Education, Youth and Sports in Tuvalu.

Specific responsibilities - The anticipated scope of work to achieve the above objective will include (but not be limited to) the following tasks:

Overall management, coordination and monitoring of programme activities, funds and personnel [including Consultants] in close collaboration with Director of Education, EdDep and UNICEF Education Specialist.

Set quality standards for implementation and reporting of the project in consultation with the UNICEF Education Specialist.

Ensure technical soundness of programme activities, achievement of outputs and outcomes and quality and cost effectiveness. Assess materials and documents produced by all programme staff are of high standards.

Assumes direct responsibility for managing the programme budget and following up on cash transfers and financial reporting

Maintain regular communication and coordination with programme staff, programme partners and all stakeholders

Collaborate with the Education Specialist to ensure effective monitoring and evaluation of the programme. Monitor activities through regular field visits, review reports from and meet with partners, prepare and share trip reports and recommend adjustments to improve programme implementation, as needed.

Collaborate with the Education Specialist on creating and updating the sustainability plan for AEfATP such that programme activities are embedded into national systems after the life of the project.

Ensure highest work ethics including ensuring child protection and rights, and report any unethical and abusive behaviour of the Programme team including Consultants immediately to the Permanent Secretary and UNICEF.

Qualifications and Experience - The candidate must have Master's degree [or combination of Bachelor's degree and 10 years of experience] in fields of Social sciences, Management or Education. The candidate must also have at least five years of management experience, preferably in the education sector. We are looking for candidates with strong analytical, communication and team building skills. The candidate needs to have excellent working level of the English language (both oral and written). Experience in collaboration with Government institutions, UN and international organizations will be an asset

If interested, please include in your application a cover letter describing how you meet each of the requirements listed above, your current CV (work and education history), two letters of reference and the names, addresses, emails and phone details of three work related referees

Applications must be submitted via EMAIL no later than March 13th, 2015 with subject line: National Project Manager, AEfATP and addressed to Talavai Iona, Secretary, Education, Youth and Sports at talavai@gmail.com and Rasika Sridhar Sethi, UNICEF Education Specialist at rsridharsethi@unicef.org.

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Tuvalu Volleyball Federation gears up for the 2015 Pacific Games

By Semi Malaki

TUVALU Volleyball Federation TVF is gearing up for the upcoming Pacific Games in Papua New Guinea in July this year.

The federation had recruited young and talented volleyball players to be part of its training squad.

TVF Vice President Pepetua Latasi said the federation is sending four teams to the game.

"We are sending two teams (men and women's teams) for the Indoor Volleyball and two teams for the Beach Volleyball," said Latasi.

"More than a dozen young men and women turned up for the training squad. We train every afternoon at the outskirt in front of the old Hangar."

Latasi said that in their previous meeting the federation selected coaches and trainers to work with the training squad. From this squad we will make a final selection of players for the team and start registration process with the Tuvalu Organizing Committee for the Pacific Games■

Tuvalu 5-Touch Rugby Association pledge with talented players to take in their upcoming tournament

By Pua Pedro

THE Tuvalu 5-Touch Rugby Association is calling young and enthusiastic rugby players to join the upcoming tournament scheduled for March 9.

The association organized a tournament in February but only three Islands Clubs registered to compete.

President of the Association Manatu Siose said there are talented young players outside there that we need to be on our training squad for the Pacific Games in Papua New Guinea.

"In February we organized a tournament and managed to identify some talented players to make up our training squad; however we need more players therefore we are going to organize another tournament and hoping more clubs will join," said Siose.

Coach Fapaiaiga Peifaga said that they have identified nine potential players to make up the training squad.

"We selected these nine from the Nanumea, Niutao and Nukufetau rugby clubs, but I believe there are other potential players from other clubs. We encourage these clubs to register for this tournament," Coach Peifaga said.

"There are a lot of talented young men in the touch rugby, but the main problem is that most players do not know the rules of the game. So we will organize trainings which not only focus on physical fitness but will also educate players about the rules of the game."

Coach said that he wants the National Team to be ready before the games.

Siose added that the team to PNG will make up of 17 people including 14 players and three officials.

"Most of these players had been exposed to regional tournaments and past Pacific Games. I believe they have the talent and the ability to play and get a good position for the team at the PNG Games."■

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