



Growing Resilience: Strengthening the agro-processing sector in the Pacific Islands

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TUTU RURAL TRAINING –FOOD DEVELOPMENT UNIT

TRTC

- The aim of the TRTC is to provide a place / presence in which the people of Cakaudrove (and some district of Bua and Macuata) are empowered to become more autonomous and take charge of their lives in a rapidly changing world, it involves a transformation and a reciprocal outreach to the peoples of the Pacific.

FOOD DEVELOPMENT UNIT

- The first training was done in 2017 by Food Scientist Mr Richard Byer
- Value added of locally grown fruits and vegetables were transformed into food products
- Transformation of breadfruit flour processing as partial replacement of wheat flour in baking
- Simple demonstration of jam, chutney and pickle, chips and sauces of all flavour these are products of previously waste but now transformed into products of much higher nutritional value



FDU

- Training avenue for young single women, young farmers and farming couples
- Operated on regular basis with 3 fulltime staff
- Provided a wide ranges of processed items from fruit, vegetables and tubers, spices (cinnamon) grown and breadfruit



Priorities

- Promotion of the ideas of value added local agricultural product
- Food and nutrition security for participants at all level
- Helps in the fight of the rise of NCD
- Alternative income for women's participants
- Income generating project for TRTC
- Educating the rural communities on promotion of traditional receipe





Constraints

- Financial – upgrading training facilities
- Consistency supply of raw materials – climate change
- Further technical & training inputs



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Thank you



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