

Collaborating with Government Agencies to Reach a Common Goal

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Some of the Pacific Countries have similar constraints which includes Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD's), adapting to climate Change, Youth engagement, social welfare issues that has an effect of the wellbeing & economy of the individual countries.

Fortunately the majority of Pacific countries are located in an area whereby funding agencies including, developed countries have been generously giving aid in kind to combat the above issues, these also include infrastructure, water works, shipping to name a few.

The assistances offered are normally given to Government Agencies, by requests. Non-Government agencies are also given such assistance.

One of the main constraints known is some of these receiving agencies are doing the tasks other agencies are equipped to do which can create a problem that could have been avoided. Thus we need to find out what common goals the various organisations are working to and create a bond with the various players. This will help to **sustain** the improvements once the assistance has reached it's target

The Extension/Advisory services of the Ministry of Agriculture normally leads the way, as they are the key links to the community. Some of the issues includes the environment, land degradation, water sanitary, education programs, welfare to name a few.

Avoid taking ownership of projects as the saying goes "Sharing is Caring". Some of these projects involve youth, gender issues climate change, and environment to name a few. Creating a bonding partnership with the various government & non-government agencies who are involved with the public/community sector awareness programs. These agencies are;

- MINISTRY OF HEALTH; Non-communicable Disease (NCD) awareness program.
- ENVIRONMENT SERVICES; land clearing remedies, saving the lagoon from runoff's
- MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS; Youth programs, single family issues creating home gardening
- MINISTRY OF EDUCATION; Developing the agriculture/agriculture science program to suit the countries needs
- CLIMATE CHANGE OFFICE; Innovative means of being agriculture smart
- COMMERCE SECTOR; Be in communication with the tourist sector
- ETC

A common bonding method that can be used is social events eg

- Government/Business house golf completion, every second week or monthly event
- A sports/games competition amongst the various agencies including the spouses if any. But a government or business assigned will organise the day's event.

Formulation of Networking groups with representatives from the various government & non-government sector. After the first get together, arrangement is made within the group to decide who is chairing the next meeting. & so forth. Instead of having it the offices, have it at a café or tea house (non-alcohol)

But ensure there is commitment from the members of the various agency to create trust and being reliable. Thank you.