

Report on Butterfly Trust Community Health Education by Markson Tabi

I am pleased to present the operational report of the hygiene and community education in the three communities on Ambae in 2019. This report is the outcome of the principal development in the three communities.

When resources are limited, cost effective tools are needed to access hygiene and health education, however butterfly trust hygiene and education program were there to assist community leaders to identify their own problems and plan to assist.

At the same time it helps the community people to make choices of their life style. It is important to establish a healthy environment and increase awareness for hygiene purposes.

I take this opportunity to thank our frontline village health worker and community leaders for their feedback to adopt the program context and am confident that as time goes many members of the 3 communities has blessed their lives with the knowledge from the program.

Introduction

The Penama provincial health through health promotion unit sets the health vision under the program for help capacity the knowledge of the community leaders and health workers to overseas the hygiene routine activity.

Our vision was to have an integrated and decentralised way that promotes effective, efficient and equitable hygiene techniques in the 3 communities

The NCD screening in one particular was one of the program implemented as part of the goodwill provide by the butterfly trust. During the year of 2018. Many had identify a high prevalence of diabetes, high blood pressure and obesity among the adult population.

At the level of the community people are concern of the impact of the NCD in terms of premature deaths, and increasing levels of disability in the community. There Penama Hygiene and health education is strengthening to deliver as much as possible information to the community



2018 was a very challenging year in the lives of the community in Penama particularly Ambae. Many of the program vision were not implemented according to the expectation due to the situation of

Manaro volcano. However many of the program was concentrating on evacuation process which brings a lot of questions on the intention of the government of the day.

Community achievement

Even though Ambae had gone through some difficult time in the history of the island, hygiene and health education project with the assistance of butterfly trust has indeed pass some important knowledge to the community for a way forward decision concerning their hygiene, sanitation and good road principal for better health.

The result shows the improvement in the information that butterfly trust program has implemented. Referring back from the last report sent it has shown a lot of improvement in people making serious decision about their health and from the result Lolovoli has built from 2016 to 2019 a total of 13 toilet eight washing hand station, 10 bathrooms with 11 visit from HPO. Lolomananda was a very difficult community to address but was soon reorganise after a small training by HPO and some community leaders therefore from 2016 to 2018 it has built 3 toilet, 1 washing hand station and 1 bathroom and for saint banabas had complete 7 toilet 9 washing hand station and 8 bathroom.



Community feedback for the program

Many community members had been blessed with the program context especially that they have learn simple things that happen to change their lives and bring a physical change in their settings



More and more People are slowly adopting the knowledge and starting shaping their community with knowledge that will enhance their long term living in their community. One of the key principal addresses with the health education project in the community is teaching the community to be resilient about their lives, shifting from imported food and depend entirely on local products to reduce rate of NCD. The communities have also realise that they have all the resources in their community and those resources need to be utilise in good ways to benefit healthy community.



Assessments were done to see if the community have experience and gain extract knowledge to teach themselves and their member communities to adopt and maintain the knowledge from the program



The continuation work on the frame work of the introduction of the program in the penama village health worker in-service training curriculum which include tobacco legislation and alcohol.

Health key indicators showing effectiveness of the program in the community

The program have come to do its own assessment , assessing some of the key areas related to the areas which the program have specifically concentrate on the community for improvement , which are mostly infectious disease such as worm, diarrhoea, skin infection, scabies , yaws, satisfactory we have come to achieve some expectation

INFECTIONS	COMMUNITY	DECEMBER 2018	JANUARY 2019	FEBRUARY 2019	MARCH 2019	APRIL 2019	MAY 2019
WORM	LOLOVOLI	1	0	0	0	0	0
WORM	SAINT BANABAS	3	2	0	0	0	0
WORM	LOLOMANANDA	5	4	2	2	1	0
DIARRHOEA	LOLOVOLI	4	2	0	0	0	0
	SAINT BANABAS	3	1	0	0	0	0
	LOLOMANANDA	2	2	1	0	0	0

The data above shows a lot of improvement if we then look back at the reason why these three communities were picked up due to data provided by the two community aid post in 2016.

Challenges

A big challenge for the program is the devastating manaro volcano , the three community have not been fully concentrate due to their relocation after the mass of island evacuation



Achievement

Even though we have implemented a good program in one very difficult time in the province I have some satisfaction that made me proud and give me confident that I have at least some achievement. The following were the program achievement since 2017.

1. The program knowledge has been introduced in the Penama village health worker in-service training.
2. The three communities have achieve and adopt ways of improving their washing hand station, building TP taps where members of the community get more interactions.
3. Permanent toilets are built in the three communities
4. I have also introduced the knowledge of the program with teachers in 3 primary schools.
5. With all the passion and commitment of the VHW in the 3 community with improving hygiene practices , Penama provincial health has given one promotion of one VHW in one of the 3 community to attend nursing school beginning 8/07/19

With all the above achievement gives me confident to make some recommendation and way ford of the program.

- 1- It is importantly to continue with the programme in the province
- 2- As transportation is so expensive to implement the program it might be best for the program to purchase some fuel to use the provincial assets such as truck and boat[1 drum Mazut and 1 drum benzene, which should cost about 88,000 vatu.
- 3- Since more NGO program are concentrated on Ambae and delivering the same method of hygiene practices, it might be best to shift the program to Pentecost and Maewo.
- 4- Capacity building, it might be best for the program to help sent the two village health worker for some up skills training to help built human resource so one day they can carry on with the program without my presences.



Conclusions

2016- 2019 was the those years that Penama provincial health has really struggle to ensure that health care is provided in both hospital and community health services even though there was a very devastating climate change issue in the province. All programs have been perform to what capacity they have. Changes in the leadership have disrupted a lot of the work.

Administratively the province has seen a lot of commitment in improving all public health programs. However despite all the challenges butterfly trust program have made it to the past and this report encompasses of all the facts and development of the program.