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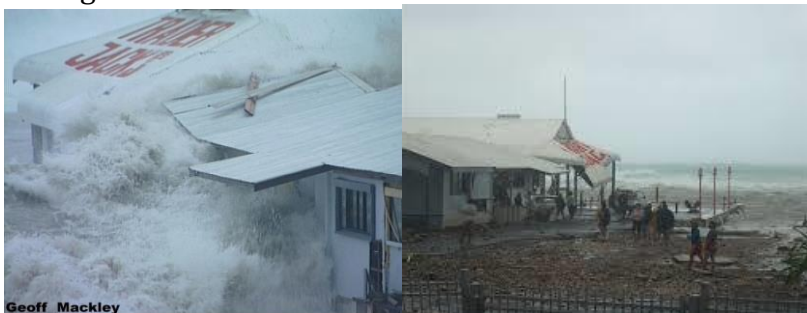
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Takuvaine/Tutakimoa Disaster Committee

The Takuvaine/Tutakimoa Disaster Committee is a community group that aims for safer communities and sustainable development through disaster risk reduction by preparedness and response plans.

The Committee want to take extra precautions to ensure the community is safe and secure. Nooroa Roi, member of the Takuvaine/Tutakimoa Teotue Strategic Management Group (formed by the Committee) says the air compressor and generator that were granted by the Cook Foundation are emergency equipment which will be useful when any natural or manmade disaster occur. The generator will be used if there are areas where there is no electricity for temporary use and the air compressor will be used to protect equipment from rusting if a natural disaster such as a hurricane or flood occurs.

The Takuvaine/Tutakimoa Disaster Committee have developed a 'Village Disaster Risk Management plan' that will enable the village members to take swift actions before, during and after a disaster occurs.



Geoff Mackley



Takuvaine/Tutakimoa/Teotue villages are located on Rarotonga in Avarua district, town central with an existing population of over 1000 with about 329 households.

The village is located very close to the shore line facing the Avarua Harbour but also with a distance of 300 meters to the base of the closest mountain, the furthest inland area of about 3km.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

Cook Foundation supports the 'sew simple program' for Woman and Girls with Disabilities.

The Cook Islands Women and Girls with Disability Organisation Trust is looking at identifying ways to increase the capacity and identify opportunities for women and girls with disability in the Cook Islands. They, together with the Cook Islands Trade Training Institute will be running a sewing course designed for women and girls with disabilities from February 2016.

The 'Sew Simple' is a program broken into two parts for the first 3 months with an introduction to domestic sewing, learning basic sewing skills with equipment and materials funded by the Cook Foundation. The objective of this course is to give Women and girls employment in the home economic field of work.

The organisation has purchased 3 machines, 3 tables and 3 pairs of sewing scissors for the students to work with. The cotton, materials etc will be generously donated by Mama Tuki's (a haberdashery store in Avarua).

The program will be launched on the 11th of Feb; the course will start on the 14th, 3 hours for 3 days a week. There are 3 disabled students and 4 abled students who will be attending the first intake of the course.

In June 2013 Mama Tuki Wright formed Cook Islands Women and Girls with Disabilities to empower them and to encourage them to become independent. Initially she was aiming for about 30 members; from statistics she had obtained from Internal Affairs it was estimated that there were approximately 222 people living with disabilities in the Cook Islands.

*Mama Tuki Wright is the
Founder of the organisation*

