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REPORT ON THE TOUR OF ROTUMA

2008

VISIT BY THE INTERIM PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET

DELEGATION

(12th May – 15th May)



(Report prepared by the Office of the Commissioner Eastern Division)

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1.0 **INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 This report is a recollection of events emanating from the tour of Rotuma by the Interim Prime Minister and his delegation of Cabinet Ministers together with other Government advisors for the celebration of the Rotuma Day, the convening of the Rotuma Island Development Committee meeting and other activities.

2.0 **BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The visit to Rotuma by the Interim Prime Minister came about as a result of an invitation by the Chairman of the Rotuma Island Council.
- 2.2 The original intention was for Cabinet to be convened in Rotuma however due to financial constraints Government thought fit to send a delegation consisting of Cabinet Ministers to be headed by the Interim Prime Minister to attend the Rotuma Day Celebrations followed by a meeting with the Rotuma Island Development Committee, a meeting with the seven Chiefs followed by "Talanoa" sessions at the 7 districts headed by each Minister.
- 2.3 Overall, the tour was hailed as a success, however, this can only be measured once all development issues raised during the tour are successfully implemented which, in turn will enhance the island capacity both in terms of boosting the social and economic well being of the island population.



3.0 **DAY ONE – TRADITIONAL WELCOME CEREMONY** (MONDAY 12/5/08) – "*Mamasa*"

- 3.1 The schedule on day one involves the Interim Prime Minister, the Minister for Works and Transport, the Minister for Health, Social Welfare, Women and Housing, the Minister for Industries, Trade, Industrial Relations and Tourism with selected Senior Civil Servants were accorded with a "Mamasa" ceremony conducted by the Chiefs of the District of Malha'a.



- 3.2 A grand site to witness which at its culmination the guest were entertained with cultural dances as it can only be confirmed that Rotuma and its population are still very much part of their culture and the important attachment to their land as the belief goes; '*land has eyes and ears*' hence bear its significance to their cultural dances.



- 3.3 The 2nd Meeting of the Rotuma Island Development committee Meeting was convened at 2.00pm and opened by the Interim Prime Minister.

- 3.4 The meeting discussed key issues raised in last year's meeting involving 9 Key Issues have been dealt-with the exception of two that have been implemented in part and marked as Annexure 'A' (*Resolution Matrix of the 9 key issues resolved last year*)



- 3.5 The meeting also resolved that Key Issues raised as reproduced here under be considered by government.

4.0 **DAY ONE – 2008 ROTUMA ISLAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING (SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES)**

4.1 **Infrastructures:**

- (i) The RIDC endorsed that the Ministry of Works be invited to set aside \$250,000 an effort to upgrade the road around the island and be dedicated as National Roads. In an effort to maintain the roads on the island the Minister for Works had also agreed to the purchase of 1 loader, 1 grader and 2 trucks to be factored into the budget proposal for 2009 in an effort to establish a fully fledged depot in Rotuma. The council was invited to consider an alternative site for the relocation of a new depot.

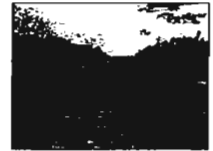


4.2 **Airport Upgrading:**

- (i) The meeting was briefed that AFL is in the process of finalizing the scope and the design of works that is required to upgrade the Airports to Code [C] and will open up the airport for International flights.



- (ii) The runaway strip needs to be widened by another 6 meters and to correct the runaway surface, the upgrade works includes sealing and to put in place boarder control infrastructures, navigational aids and other requirements to comply with ICAO safety requirements.



- (iii) Cost of the upgrading to be accessed when the design is finalized by AFL and upgrading works to be undertaken by the Ministry of Works. The upgrading and sealing programmes when completed, CAAFI will then be invited to comply.

- (iv) The cost of upgrading works of Phase II is estimated at \$1.7 million. The meeting endorsed that Phase II be implemented.

4.3 **Fishing Industry:**

- (i) The meeting heard that the Rotuma Council had held discussions with Fisheries and identified options open to them on the utilization of the two (2) Fishing Licenses are being considered as follows:-

- i] To utilize the licenses this requires major financial outlay, expertise inputs and other resources;
- ii] To lease the license to an operator, or
- iii] To consider partnership with an Operator.

- (ii) The meeting endorsed that the matter be given more thought to speed up the process and agree on the best options that will derive maximum return to the Council or its business arm.

4.4 **Reliable Power Supply:**

- (i) The meeting was briefed that while SOPAC is working on a long term solution of providing renewable energy supply to the whole island, the other option is to produce two bigger generators and use renewable /bio-fuel to enhance cost effective measures to be run for 24 hours basis covering the whole island. This is a long term plan, hence the meeting also agreed to endorse the proposal.

4.5 **Pending Self Help Projects:**

- (i) The Commissioner Eastern Division had confirmed that only 5 clients were left to be assisted through the Rural Housing Assistance Scheme. The Ministry of

Finance upon releasing of funds in the second quarter will enable us to fund the 5 requests.

4.6 **Rotuma Land Act/Rotuma Act:**

- (i) The interim Prime Minister has agreed for a Review of both Acts to be carried out simultaneously. By virtue of being Minister responsible for the affairs of Rotuma will then appoint a review team after a TOR has been drawn up and endorsed.

4.7 **Fire Arms License:**

- (i) The meeting endorsed that the Commissioner Eastern to raise, with the Commissioner of Police the following issues:
 - i] Extend the age limits of license holder from 60-70years;
 - ii] The DO Rotuma and / or the Rotuma Station officer to store and retail firearms.

4.8 **Strategic Development Plan:**

- (i) The meeting endorsed that the Commissioner Eastern /Office of the Prime Minister to assist the Council in securing funds and also enhance appointment of a team to assist the Council of Rotuma Island in developing a Strategic Development Plan. The time frame given is 3 months and to be considered for extension if need be.

4.9 **Proposed Rotuma Building Complex:**

- (i) The Development Committee endorsed that the Office of the Prime Minister to consult with the Public Service Commission and Ministry of Finance on the viability of a Rotuma Building complex to be located in Rotuma and rented by Government.

4.10 **Trade with Tuvalu/HTFA:**

- (i) The meeting endorsed at the end of the presentation by Director Quarantine that the Office of the Prime Minister to provide funding for the HTFA package which includes the HTFA plant, laboratory, shed to house the plant; inspection shed, a shed at the wharf, a quarters for a staff and a vehicle at the total cost of approximately \$0.6m.

4.11 **Hospital:**

- (i) The meeting endorsed the sentiments expressed by the Ministry for Health that the Ministry has decided to build a new hospital at the cost of \$800,000 as against repairing the current one being estimated to cost \$600,000. What is left now is for Cabinet to endorse it including reprioritization of funds. Once endorsed, the project will start either this year or early next year.



Rotuma Rural Hospital

4.12 **Acquisition of Birth Certificates:**

- (i) The meeting endorsed that the office of the Prime Minister to pursue with the Permanent Secretary for Justice on the possibility of linking up the Registrar General's system with the District Officers, to enable the speedy issuance of Birth Certificates, Marriage Certificates and Death Certificates. This will also required policy changes to speed up resolving this problem.

4.13 **Water Supply:**

- (i) The meeting endorsed the PM's assurance to enhance speedy resolution in an effort to secure funds for the provision of \$40,000 to purchase new pump and a generator to enable the Sumi borehole to continue operations and supply water. The existing arrangement requires only two (2) other boreholes at Motusa & Lapjea working but insufficient to meet the demand.

4.14 **Port of Calls:**

- (i) The Committee endorsed and the following were to be further pursued:-

- ☒ Agents for Ports Authority of Fiji to be located on the island;
- ☒ Port security for the ports areas;
- ☒ Responsibility for upgrading of ports infrastructures



- (ii) At the conclusion of the meeting of the Task Force on Tuesday 13/5/08. The following were agreed:-

- ☒ Agents for Ports – Rotuma Island Council;
- ☒ Security for Ports – to be the responsibility of the Fiji Police on the Island;
- ☒ Responsibility for upgrading of Ports Facilities – Construction of shed and repair of existing shed one security gate, toilet facilities and lighting. Ministry of Works and Commissioner Eastern Division's Office.



- ☒ Payments Ports License of \$1,755 as per require by FIRCA – Prime Minister's Office to pay the necessary fees on behalf of the Council of Rotuma

5.0 DAY TWO – ROTUMA DAY CELEBRATIONS:

5.1 (TUESDAY 13/05/08)

- 5.2 The celebration began at the Cession Site followed by a march led by the Fiji Military Forces Band and school children from the Session Site to Ahau Government Station.



- 5.3 The celebration was then declared open by the Interim Prime Minister followed by cultural dances and other competition to fill the days programme (refer to Appendix 1 for Extract of Speech).



- 5.4 The days activities was culminated by a closing address by Minister for Works, Brigadier Timoci Lesi followed by a Band display and Beating of the retreat.



- 5.5 It is to be noted that in his closing address, the Minister for Works had also made a commitment that \$5,000 donations will be given by the Interim Prime Minister for Rotuma High School hence the Management were also invited to submit proposal worth \$5,000 to the Prime Minister's Office for the release of funds.

6.0 DAY THREE – TALANOA SESSIONS AT THE SEVEN DISTRICTS

(WEDNESDAY – 14/05/08)

- 6.1 The teams were divided into three with the following areas being covered and talanoa sessions were held at each site.

Group	Team Leader	District Covered
Group One	Interim Prime Minister	Oinafa, Malha'a; Rotuma High School; Meeting with Chiefs
Group Two	Minister for Health	Itumuta; Itu'tiu
Group Three	Minister for Industries	No'atau; Pepjei & Juju

- 6.2 Discussion held at each site have been recorded and marked as (*Appendix 2*)

- 6.3 The Interim Prime Minister met with the Chiefs of the seven districts in Rotuma at Oinafa to discuss the review of the Rotuma Island structure so that it addresses the current traditional problems facing the island at the moment; this should be part of the review of the Rotuma act and the Rotuma Land Act.
- 6.4 A meeting of the Development Taskforce was held at Oinafa Port to discuss on upgrading the Port Areas and other facilities including security requirements.
- 6.5 The meeting agreed on the following issues be followed up hence the following updates on Port of Issues and Summary of Costs for each activity.

SUMMARY OF COST FOR ROTUMA PORT OF ENTRY					
No	Items	Cost VIP	Responsible Agency	Remarks	Priority
1	Security Fencing	\$2,000.00	Works Building Section	Chain link, Pine posts with Barbed wire fence	High
2	Security Guard House	\$14,000.00	Works Building Section	2m x 2m Concrete Structure	High
3	Security Drop Gate	\$500.00	Works Building Section	Galvanized Framing	High
4	Solar Lighting for Jetty site	\$34,000.00	Works Building Section	6 solar lights on Pine poles	High
5	Power Supply to Jetty site		Works Mechanical Section		
6	New Cooler for Vegetables at [Building &	\$155,000.00	Works Building & Electrical Section	9m x 6m x 3m Concrete Structure	High
7	Passenger Waiting Area – Oinafa Site	\$345,000.00	Works Building Section	15m x 8m Concrete Structure	High
8	Passenger Waiting Area – Jetty Site	\$120,000.00	Works Building Section	10m x 7m Timber Structure	High
9	Border Control Office & Communication Facilities	\$80,000.00	Works Building Section	Convert current Passenger Waiting Area – Ports, Customs, Quarantine, Police, FIMSA	High
10	Bonded Warehouse	\$90,000.00	Works Building Section	Convert current Cargo Shed	High
11	New Cargo Shed – Jetty Site	\$90,000.00	Works Building Section	9m x 6m x 3m Concrete Structure	High
12	New Cargo Shed – Oinafa Site	\$90,000.00	Works Building Section	9m x 6m x 3m Concrete Structure	High
13	New Ablution Block – Jetty Site	\$70,000.00	Works Building Section	7m x 4m Concrete Structure	High
14	New Ablution Block – Oinafa Site	\$70,000.00	Works Building Section	7m x 4m Concrete Structure	High
15	Navigational Charts	\$10,000.00	FIMSA/GSS	[May/June]or after July	High
16	Aids to navigation		GSS	Erect two Beacons on approaches & Jetty area	High
17	Dredging of the Approaches	\$1.3 million	Drainage & Irrigation	To dredge the approaches & jetty area	High
18	Fumigation Buoy		GSS	For Ship Fumigation & Anchorage purposes	High

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19	Extension of the Causeway		Works Building & Roads Sections		High
20	Boat landing	\$400,000.00	Works Building & Roads Sections	For use by Boats of Passenger & Cargo Ships	High
21	Upgrade of Jetty & Ramp	\$3,500.00	Works Building & Roads Sections		High
22	Electrical – Upgrade of Ahau Govt. Station		Works Electrical Section		High
23	Roads – Grading & Drainage	\$157,851.15	Works Road Section	Includes patching to concrete Road portions & Road Access to Jetty	High
24	Water – Sumi Bore Hole Pumps & Generator	\$75,000.00	Public Utilities		High
	TOTAL COST	\$1,806,851.15			
	APPROXIMATE	\$2,000,000.00			

(Extract from the Ministry of Works and Transport costing)

7.0 **OBSERVATION**

- 7.1 The tour has been hailed by the Prime Minister as a success. The only sour point was the large number of Civil Servants accompanying such tour MUST be reduced to a workable size to at least 50 and must consists of Permanent Secretaries, Deputy Secretary and Directors to hear at first hand the grievances of our rural communities and find ways to resolve issues there on the spot.
- 7.2 The Interim PM further noted that all key issues raised must be resolved within 3 months and Cabinet is informed forthwith of actions taken.
- 7.3 Some urgent issues that need government immediate attentions are as follows:
- [i] Generator for the Water Supply to be considered for reprioritization and purchased immediately to resolve the water problem on the island.
 - [ii] The establishment of a HTFA treatment plant is implemented before the year ends hence the need to release funds to the Director Quarantine for its implementation.
 - [iii] The upgrading works at Oinafa Jetty is implemented soon to meet minimum requirements. This includes the repair and construction of the existing Shed and Bonding Area. The provision of lights at the wharf and improvement to the Water supply system at the wharf;

- [iv] The upgrading of roads around the island to national standard be funded from within and implemented;
- [v] The widening of the airstrip and sealing to meet ICAO & MRD standard to be funded and implemented;
- [vi] The construction of an Incinerator at the Airport;
- [vii] The issuance of Birth, Death & marriage certificate at the DO's Office Rotuma;
- [viii] The storage of Arms & Ammunition at the Police Station, Rotuma.

8.0 **SUMAMRY OF COST INVOLVED & RATING WITH TIMELINE**

No.	Project	Ministry Responsible	Est. Cost	Rating	Time Completed
a.	Water Supply Generator	Water Supply	\$50,000.00	High	1 month
b.	Hot Air Treatment Plant	Department of Quarantine	\$0.6million	High	9 months
c.	The Upgrading Work at Oinafa Port Fencing, Power Supply, Road access, security gates & Guard House Extension of causeway Passenger Waiting Area Bonded Ware house New Ablution Block New Cooler for Vegetables	Ministry of Works & Transport	\$2.0million	High High High High High	1year
d.	Ports Facilities Navigational Chart of Port Area Port Area Aids to Navigation Dredging Fumigation Buoy Boat landing Upgrading Jetty & Ro-Ro Ramp	Ministry of Works & Transport	\$2.0million	High High High High High	1year
e.	Upgrading of Roads around the island (49km)		\$250,000.00	High	1year
f.	Upgrading of Airport (Widening & Sealing)	Ministry of Works	\$1.7million	High	9months
g.	Issuance of Birth Certificates, M/Certificates & D/Certificates	Ministry of Justice		High	3months
h.	The Storage of Arms & Ammunition	Commissioner of Police		High	3months
i.	The construction of a new hospital	Ministry of Health	\$1.5million	High	1year

9.0 **CONCLUSION**

May I take this opportunity to thank the Interim Prime Minister and his Ministerial colleagues for making this tour an impact one.

Discussions made and agreed would enable us to implement all projects that have been pending over the past 10 – 20 years and not being resolved.

May I also thank my colleagues who had supported the Prime Minister and his delegation; to the Master, Officers and Crew of the MV Iloilovatu for their support; the Rotuma Island Council, Chiefs and the Government Team ably led by the District Officer and finally to the people of Rotuma for their warmth and comfort.

In conclusion, the Development concept adopted in Rotuma can be termed as a grand success and I thank the Rotuma Development Committee in their genuine desire to endorse Key Issues that all development pursued are seen to be successfully completed.

I also wish to record my usual appreciation to the Rotuma Island Development Taskforce team for their professional technical contribution. May I say again, keep up the excellent work and as the Interim Prime Minister rightly said Kadavu and Rabi is next where our expertise will be required again?

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COMMISSIONER EASTERN DIVISION

10.0 APPENDICES

COMMISSIONER EASTERN DIVISION 2007 Rotuma Island Development Committee Matrix

APPENDIX 1

No.	Development Programme	Cabinet Decision	Action Taken/Future Plan	Estimated Cost
1.	<u>Shoreline Protection Programme</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pepjei Village • Paptea Primary School • Noatau Village • Sumi Village • Samo Mofmanu Village • Malhaha Village • Lau Village • Itumuta Village 	Program still pending for discussion by the Rotuma Island Development Taskforce before Cabinet presentation	Programme to be raised at Cabinet level for provision of financial allocation to prevent the erosion of shoreline and to protect the coastline from rising sea-level especially on Maritime Islands.	\$2.8million
2.	<u>Archipelagic (Reserve) Waters</u> Involves the reservation of 30 nautical mile zones surrounding the island of Rotuma.	IGCP 239/07 of 3/7/07 refers. To be promulgated by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forest.	Currently under processed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and External Trade.	
3.	<u>Tuna – Off Shore Licenses</u> Plans to reserve two (2) Tuna-off shore Licenses for the Council of Rotuma's exclusive use.	IGCP 239/07 of 3/7/07 refers. To be promulgated by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forests	Approved by Cabinet; Rotuma Island Council to sought assistance and advise from Ministry of Fisheries and Forest on the utilization of the License	

No.	Development Programme	Cabinet Decision	Action Taken/Future Plan	Estimated Cost
4.	<u>Bulouniceva Ship Wreck</u> Consider the removal of the shipwreck MV Bulou ni Ceva from the Oinafa Sea front by Ports Authority.	IGCP 239/07 of 3/7/07 refers. To be spearheaded by the Department of Transport and the Department of Environment. <i>(Refer to Taskforce Report)</i>	Salvage team currently on the island to remove wreckage. <u>Note:</u> Rotuma Island Council may require the wreck for diving purposes.	\$60,000.00
5.	<u>Rotuma Airstrip</u> Proposal to upgrade the existing Airstrip to increase flight schedules in the short term and the upgrading to Airport status for International flights in the Long Term.	IGCP 239/07 of 3/7/07 refers. Cost-sharing between Government and Airports Fiji Limited. <i>(Refer to Taskforce Report)</i>	Airports Fiji Limited has injected \$668,000 for the upgrading of the Airstrip that will allow aircraft such as the ATR 42 with Pacific Sun to land; \$100,000 with Ministry of Transport to be co-partner for the improvement work.	\$1.3million Airport standard including drainage and sealing \$6million International Standard
6.	<u>Roading</u> Involves the improvement and upgrading of the islands 14km circular road to motorable condition.	IGCP 239/07/of 3/7/07 refers. To be funded by PWD. <i>(Refer to taskforce report)</i>	Ministry for Transport and Works is currently engaging the Department of Roads to implement the 1 st phase of work.	\$36,000.00 (Estimated Cost: \$250,000.00)
7.	<u>Heritage Site</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upon Catholic Cathedral • Motusa Cession Monument Site 	IGCP 239/07 of 3/7/07 refers. To be funded by the Department of National Heritage.	Currently under assessment by National Trust of Fiji Islands	

No.	Development Programme	Cabinet Decision	Action Taken/Future Plan	Estimated Cost
8.	<u>Development Assistant Scheme (DAS)</u> Consider the introduction of Development Assistance funding for Rotuma which was withdrawn in 2004.	Still awaiting response from the Prime Minister's Office	Cabinet to be invited for the introduction of the Development Assistance funding for Rotuma.	\$100,000.00
9.	<u>Rotuma Strategic Development Plan</u>	Government still waiting on the Rotuma Island Council to appoint working committee.	Cabinet to be invited to endorse financial assistance from the Rotuma Island Council Subvention Fund for consultancy cost on the Development of the Rotuma Strategic Development Plan.	\$250,000.00
10	Ahau Hall	Endorsed by CED	Materials have been delivered to the site.	\$8,000.00
11	Women's Training Centre	Endorsed by CED	Materials delivered to the site.	\$12,000.00

2008 DISTRICT MEETING REPORTS
APPENDIX 2

Name of DISTRICT:	OINAFA		
SECRETARIAT:	Team 1 headed by: The Interim Prime Minister, Team Leader: Mr Tomasi Tui. Commissioner Eastern Division Secretary: Mr Lui Naisara	Date:	14.05.2008

Venue	Issue	Community's Comment	PM's Response
Oinafa	National Council for Building a Better Fiji	Expressed their approval as the way forward to building a better Fiji and have expressed their blessings by way of endorsement of the Rotuma Island Council resolution	This is the way forward before attempts to have an election.
	Infrastructural Improvements	Expressed their gratitude for the work undertaken and those that are being prepared to be implemented. There was much improvement to the quick response time and requested that it be more of a continuous approach rather than a one off project.	It is the interim government's intention to change the mindset of civil servants and the service delivery time to the community especially to rural areas.
	Airport	Grateful to the reinstatement works at the airport, having an all weather strip which makes future air travel more efficient	Govt intention to continue to improve standards.
	Bulou ni Ceva	Outstanding account amounting to approximately \$2000.00 for the billeting its crew at Lopta	CED to seek funds from PM Office
	Foreshore	Rapid erosion of the foreshore	CED to make assessments and quantification
	Water Supply	Inconsistent water services due to pump and generator breakdowns	MWT has been tasked to look into this issue
	Rural – Urban Drift	As a means to reduce the urban drift could government assist in improving access to farms	CED has included this in his non cane access road programme.
	Port of Entry	1. That the Oinafa community be considered for stevedoring operations 2. What will happen to Sunday operations since there is a ban on the island to the airport and seaport.	1. FPCL will assist RIC as agents who will later discuss this issue with the Oinafa Community 2. FPCL is flexible but the onus rests with the local port operator however the Prime Minister reiterated that bans could affect loss of revenue so the port operator needs to do a cost/benefit analysis.
	Women Handicraft	Provision of sustaining and reviving of handicraft and creation of potential market	PMO in consultation with Ministry of Women to assist
	Youth	Provision of programmes to reduce urban drift and enhancing of talents	PMO in consultation with Ministry of Youth to assist
	Commercial Activities	Government assistance in preparing the community	PMO in consultation with Ministry of Co-operatives to assist. Reviving of the copra mills

Note: The secretariat for Team 1 attended the talanoa session with the Oinafa community before being instructed to accompany FPCL team to the Port of Entry site.

ACTION SHEET FOR DISTRICT MEETING

Name of DISTRICT:	ITUMUTA : Viti-Rotuma Community Hall		
SECRETARIAT:	Team 2 headed by: Dr Jiko Luveni, Minister for Health, Social Welfare. Team Leader: Mr Eliko Masa, PA Kadavu. Secretary: Ms Linda Nakaora	Date:	14.05.2008

No.	Motion	Background of issue	Action to be taken	Responsibility	How issue could be addressed	Remarks
1.	Completion of Kitchen for District Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raised at last tour with Rt. Epeli and Adi Malani. Specifications taken during meeting referred to above; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If villagers could resubmit a list of requirements so that immediate action could be taken. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PA Kadavu to follow up with DO Rotuma on this to reprioritize this project and also Commissioner Eastern to look for other source of funding from PM's office such as Small Grants Scheme 	If funds could be allocated to purchase materials to complete the kitchen for the District Hall	
2.	Bridge at Pala	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The culvert is flooded during high tide and heavy rainfall due to poor drainage Due to the flooding, area is a breeding place for mosquitoes Residents in area have complained and even requested Dept. for Roads officials to do something about the problem but there response was that they did not have proper equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dredge the area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department for Roads and Works PA Kadavu to liaise with DO Rotuma and Commissioner Eastern to assist in addressing this issue 	Machinery currently on the island for works at the airport, etc. to be utilized to dredge the area and do the other necessary work in that area to solve the problem raised. Ministry of Environment/Fisheries could be advised to look into this issue	
3.	Water Supply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Itumuta had its own water catchment before the water supply (bore holes) was centralized to the middle of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To renew the water catchment area in Itumuta (mountainside) so as to have 24hr water 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PA Kadavu to follow up with DO Rotuma and also with Commissioner 	Funding to be made available to meet the 9/10 of project to enable Itumuta	

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		<p>the Island.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Due to Itumuta being connected to the island's current water supply, they have experienced water problems, i.e. they are the last to receive water and the first to be cut off. They (Itumuta community) have found their 1/3 contribution through AUSAid Have submitted plans to Commissioner Eastern's Office A letter was written to German Consul and CE knows about it 	<p>supply</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> List of specifications to be resubmitted. PA Kadavu informed that 1/3 is no longer needed but 1/10 of actual sum for any project 	Eastern.	<p>District to receive water supply on a 24hr basis.</p> <p>Technical Team from the Rural Water Supply to be advised to resurvey the catchment area and advise of the estimated costs and contribution for the Itumuta community to pay.</p>	
4.	Housing Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 families still awaiting (more than a year) feedback regarding materials to complete their homes This is under the Rural Housing Schemes/Projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding (once available) to purchase materials required to complete buildings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PA Kadavu to follow up with DO Rotuma taking into consideration Rural Housing Schemes being on hold as funds have been re-diverted to look into the needs of those affected by natural disasters 	<p>Funding needs to be available.</p> <p>Commissioner Eastern to follow up with Development Section on submission of RIE to Ministry of Finance.</p>	
5.	Social Welfare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People have filled forms when Ratu Epeli and Adi Malani were here last year and have yet to receive feedback on this. Queries made to DO Rotuma have been unfruitful. Who is responsible in Rotuma if there is no Social Welfare Officer? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MOH advised that there are a certain criteria to those being awarded welfare from the Department. People need to meet these criteria before there is assistance given to them by the Social Welfare Department. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Welfare Department is responsible and MOH would look into this issue. PA Kadavu would also follow up as DO Rotuma (as part of his ancillary function) and the 	<p>MOH would request for Social Welfare officers to come around and take history/ background information of those wanting to be under the Social Welfare scheme</p> <p>DO Rotuma and</p>	

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				Health Inspector should look into this area if there is no S/Welfare officer.	Health Inspector be tasked with Social Welfare affairs	
6.	Fishing Licence for Rotuma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Query on availability of Fishing Licence for Rotuma as per discussions from last year? Query on whether the licence could be used by each tikina or whether it comes under the RIC? Project, if utilized well should bring in millions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fisheries Officer informed that the Fishing Licence for Rotuma was given from January 1st 2008 till December 31st 2008; Itumuta community needs to go back to the RIC for the usage of the licence Recommendation for Joint Venture though certain criteria need to be met. Funding to be sourced from various agencies through the Fisheries Department 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Itumuta community through RIC to liaise with Fisheries Department on funding for fishing project/ 	Fisheries Officer informed that arrangements could be made to utilize fishing boats docked in Suva for fishing thus making use of the licence for Rotuma; Funding to be sourced to cater for fishing projects at village/district level	
7.	Youth Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Query on the age group and registration for Youth projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum of 10 members between the ages of 15-35 to be registered for a Youth Project through the Ministry of Youth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth Officer informed that funding could be made available for Youth Projects provided that the criteria is met 	Itumuta youths to register themselves and apply for funding so as to cater for their projects.	
8.	Copra cutting off the mainland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There used to be a launch and punt available whereby Itumuta menfolk could travel to Uea Island to cut copra as most of their land for copra is located on that island Query if there could be assistance for transportation to Uea Island to carry out the task of copra cutting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding to be sourced. Agricultural official advised of the unsecured loan of \$5,000 at FDB as well as the need for the 1/3 contribution towards projects Itumuta communities in Suva etc. to scout for 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liaise with DO Rotuma on the project schemes available and the funding that can be sourced 	PAK advised of the Self Help Assistance Scheme	

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			assistance from organizations			
9.	Agricultural Equipment/Chemicals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Query if assistance could be given for farmers with regards to the provision of tools and chemicals considering the Rotuma/Tuvalu trade that should come into force soon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agricultural official informed that villagers are to liaise with Agricultural Officers here in Rotuma 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agriculture Officers 	Villagers to liaise with Agricultural Officers here in Rotuma	
10.	Fruits to Fiji	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concern was that sometime back a government team came over (during festive season) and on their return to Suva had taken fruits which in fact reached the homes of the respective officials/passengers. A similar trip that followed also allowed the same however upon arrival to Suva, the fruits were confiscated at the wharf. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Query was on the actions taken on the fruits that were confiscated as well as the time when people of Rotuma can be allowed to send fruits to their relatives/ friends in Suva. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agricultural Officials advised of the fruit fly that was found here in Rotuma and the risk of exposing Fiji to it. The HTFA Plant Operator Machine to be installed to check the fruits that were being sent to Fiji. This is the machine used for quarantine purposes 	To fund the installation of the machine on Rotuma. Install the machine for quarantine purposes of all fruits/vegetables being sent to Fiji. A circular on this issue to be addressed to all line Ministries/Depts. to avoid double standard.	
11.	Information Dissemination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How information can be accessed at grassroot level especially here in Rotuma where the radio links with Fiji are not good, i.e. better reception of Tuvalu and Tonga radio stations Rotuma broadcast programme was usually at 10pm which is the time that most generators are turned off 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Min. of Information official advised that there is a survey being done to reintroduce the Rotuma broadcast programme and that recommendations will be done after that has been done 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Information, FBCL 	Reintroduce the Rotuma broadcast programme but change the time of its actual broadcast Ministry of Information to be asked to give the proper frequency for the people of Rotuma to access the right station	
12.	Power Supply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Query on assistance for the running of generators as the district had purchased two 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The power generator in Ahau needs to be upgraded so as to supply power to the whole 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department of Energy. 	Director of Energy to be advised of this and to allow a team to survey the situation on	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any chance of having solar supply system in Rotuma installed Any chance of having something similar to what FEA has in Fiji here in Rotuma 	island of Rotuma		the island	
13.	Scanning Machine - Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All expectant mothers are sent to Fiji for the purpose of having scans The exercise of having scans being done in Suva is expensive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can a scanning machine be provided for the Rotuma Hospital? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MOH advised that this was an issue raised during talks with the Doctor and that it has been put on the list of requirements 	Doctor of Rotuma Hospital to follow up with MOH	
14.	Reducing Mosquitoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The problem of mosquitoes has been ongoing Letter written to A. Tora and reply received from Mrs M. Rigamoto though not to expectation of villagers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Inspector informed of the spraying programme unfortunately there is the problem of resistance to chemicals. Another option was to destroy all stagnant waters and breeding places 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MOH 	Health officials to destroy all likely breeding places.	
15.	Land Issue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The land (two pieces to be exact) where the DO Rotuma's office, Hospital as far as to the PWD Depot belong to a certain clan within Itumuta. To their understanding one was leased and the other sold (£275). However, queries made at the Lands Department showed that both pieces of land are under lease and still are. The first lease had expired in 1946. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can they be advised on what to do to ensure that they are rightly/properly compensated for their land? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PA Kadavu advised that they will need to see the RIC rep. as the Council of Rotuma will then take it up with DO Rotuma who follows through with the Commissioner Eastern as any lease on Rotuma is dealt with by the Prime Minister's office 	DO Rotuma will liaise with Commissioner Eastern and then to PM's Office to clarify on this land issue.	

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16.	Traditional Rule vs. Government Rule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What does one do when traditional rule clashes with government rule in the case of disrespect by youths towards elders? What is the protocol? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PA Kadavu informed that by-laws being practiced at village level are not written therefore not legally binding. When proper protocol is not followed, people are to go back to village heads and the rules that they enforce. On humanitarian laws, people have rights 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chiefs, sub-chiefs, District Officer and Police to ensure that law and order is observed and there is peace at all times 	Any dispute to be solved at village level otherwise the legal arm of the law will need to be called in to interfere	

Name of DISTRICT:	ITUTI'U - Motusa Community Hall				
SECRETARIAT:	Team 2 headed by: Dr Jiko Luveni, Minister for Health, Social Welfare. Team Leader: Mr Eliko Masa, PA Kadavu. Secretary: Ms Linda Nakaora			Date:	14.05.2008

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17.	Medical situation in Rotuma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospital too small Medical officials do not have much experience to treat the patients here in Rotuma Lack or no proper medical equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgrade hospital to cater for patients Have more experienced medical officials sent so as to cater for the sick. Most of those sent seem as if they are here for practical experience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MOH has committed to build a new hospital PA Kadavu informed that posting of MOH officials rests with the PS Health and no longer with PSC so any complaints need to be done through proper channels of communication 	Minister for Health had endorsed that a new hospital will be built to replace the existing one Issue to be raised through Tikina Council then to RIC who takes it up through the DO and Commissioner Eastern to PM's office	The new project will require cabinet endorsement including reprioritisation to ensure that Rotuma is given priority.
18.	Civil Servants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Civil servants serving in Rotuma should not be 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transfer civil servants from 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PSC and Permanent Secretaries or Head of 	Such issue should be discussed with	Need PSC endorsement before

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		allowed to take more than 3 years as there is the trend for poor performance when they serve for too long.	Rotuma after having served for 2-3 years	Departments	respective HOD..	action is put in place
19.	Port of Entry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved site in Oinafa is not good because of the rocks and the shifting of sand during the tides. The contaminated environment due to the Bulou ni Ceva wreckage being there for so long. Previous experts had recommended Motusa to be the Port of Entry Chief of Malha'a denied access to the aeroplane carrying the Archbishop Mataka from landing at the airport on a Sunday 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technical expert survey/ Feasibility studies to be taken to identify the best spot for the wharf as Rotuma has been declared a Port of Entry <p>Cabinet had agreed that license be issued to the Council of Rotuma.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PA Kadavu advised that Technical expert surveys/feasibility studies were being carried out and that they will make the recommendation as to the best site for the Port of Entry. The people of Ituti'u's knowledge of current and sand movement would be passed on for consideration 	Await reports from experts FIMSA	Works & Communication have decided to look at both options before making recommendations on the best site and its long term benefits
20.	Fishing Licence for Rotuma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Query on availability of Fishing Licence for Rotuma as per discussions from last year? Query on whether the licence could be used by each tikina or whether it comes under the RIC? 	Ministry of Primary Industries	Community to be advised of Cabinet decision	Community to be advised of cabinet decision.	
21.	Fruits to Fiji	Hot air treatment will resolve the problem thus opening up market to Fiji & other Pacific Island Nation	Ministry of Primary Industries	All fruits sent out of Rotuma must unergo treatment to avoid spreading of Fruits fly to Fiji & other outer nation.	Worst case scenario was to destroy all fruits on the island.	
22.	Forms of Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For any project do be done, who is the best persons to seek advice from? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Ministries/ Departments to properly inform the DO Rotuma of the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DO Rotuma (PA Kadavu to liaise with him on this issue as this is part of the DO's 	DO Rotuma to liaise with Ministries/ Departments/Statutory Bodies and	An awareness programme be initiated for the community and

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			opportunities available for people to follow when sourcing funds for community projects	ancillary functions	Organizations of Schemes available for people to source funding for community projects	perhaps a workshop with Council members to kick start.
23.	FNPF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pensioners who need to renew their nomination forms find it inconvenient to travel to Suva just to accomplish this 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FNPF Nomination forms to be made available at DO Rotuma's office to avoid unnecessary burdens (travel) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DO Rotuma (PA Kadavu to liaise with him on this issue as this is part of the DO's ancillary functions 	DO Rotuma to liaise with FNPF officials on the different forms to be made available at his office.	
24.	People's Charter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People want to know what this is all about 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lote (member of Secretariat for People's Charter) gave a brief of what the People's Charter is about 	DO Rotuma/Secretariat for Proposed People's Charter.	PA Kadavu informed that DO Rotuma had advised of a Team being here in Rotuma to travel around the island and speak to the people on the Charter	
25.	Reducing Mosquitoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The problem of mosquitoes has been ongoing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Inspector informed of the spraying programme unfortunately there is the problem of resistance to chemicals. Another option was to destroy all stagnant waters and breeding places 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MOH/Community 	A program on the issue will be undertaken by the Ministry of Health.	
26.	Roads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The road conditions on the Island have deteriorated and yet nothing is being done about it for so long 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PA Kadavu informed that the Minister for Works and Transport is touring the island and checking out the roads 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minster for Works had agreed that the whole island road will be upgraded with an allocation of \$280,000. The program will start this year. 	Minister for Works and Transport to address this issue after tour with his official party	The council to obtain necessary consent so that upgrading work could start soon.
27.	Fares to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High costs in travelling to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PA Kadavu advised 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Govt. of the day will 	Issue to be raised with	

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	Rotuma	Rotuma either by sea or air	that due to global unless another company is sort to enable rise on fuel cost , there is nothing much that could be done unless to another Air Company is sort to enable to provide cheaper rate.	look into this issue. Franchise for sea travel is with Cagi Mai Ba.	Commissioner Eastern who takes it up with line Ministry	
28.	Boat travel to Rotuma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safety of passengers when travelling to Rotuma/Suva by boat as the boat (Cagi Mai Ba) is always overloaded 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marine officials checking the boats should take note of the number of passengers on board 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marine Officials- PA Kadavu advised that this has been noted at the Council meeting 	FIMSA will be advised of this concern	

Name of DISTRICT:	NOATAU		
SECRETARIAT:	Team headed by: Mr Tom Ricketts, Minister for Tourism, Information, Communications Team Leader: Mr Semisi Kauata, PA Tailevu Secretary: Mrs. Ateca Nawaqaliva	Date:	14.05.2008

No	Motion	BACKGROUND OF ISSUES	ACTION TO BE TAKEN	RESPONSIBILITY	HOW ISSUES COULD BE ADDRESSED	REMARKS
1	Youth Workshop in Micro Finance	If Youths could be trained in Micro Finance – to help them 1) It will help them run their own small business; 2) Stop urban drift (or drift to Suva) 3) Give them something to look forward to after leaving school and 4) Keep them away from crime		- Micro Finance - Co-Op	If Co-Op can trained youths on “Start Your own Business “	
2	Prices of Goods are much higher	Shops increases the prices of goods -mostly Post Shop - even when PIB has already put down their prices	1) Come with prices formula to benefit the people 2) Rationalize charges	PIB		
3	Communication (network) Mobiles/ Telephones	All lines to destination are busy and mobiles are not workable	Site to set up the tower is still an issue – and still with the Council	Communication TFL	1) Introduce Easy Tell	Internet café already set up next to Post Shop with 2 Computers for e-mail
4	Radio Station	If Government can set up an FM/AM station – to be on air with Rotuma with all information relayed to Rotuma to be in their own language. language - Radio can not be tuned to the		Communication		
5	Port of Entry	As it is now declared a Port of Entry – What are the disadvantage? People are worried about what it will bring them; eg. 1) Terrorism, drugs guns etc	To have a Good Boarder Control			
6	Quarantine Officers	Complaints are about the way the				They want their

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		officers carried out their work as the boat came in to Port either in Suva/Rotuma – No respect for the old people in slicing up water melon and other fruits in front of people at the wharf				cartons to be sealed and if they can take their cartons again
7	Franchise Boat – “Cagi Mai Ba”	If Government can lower the prices of cargoes and fares in the Cagi mai Ba				
8	Social Welfare	Sarote Mareta (Rimea/Fakeioko) No children to look after her - Her children are married and 67 years old.	If Social Welfare rep in Rotuma to visit her in her place			
9.	Village Housing Assistance	Mr Vamarasi Apau Sitiveni – deposited an FNPF cheque for his 1/3 contribution of \$3,800 in 2005 – still not receive the original of his receipt. till to date and was told it is lost				

Name of DISTRICT:	JUJU VILLAGE		
SECRETARIAT:	Team headed by: Mr Tom Ricketts, Minister for Tourism, Information, Communications Team Leader: Mr Semisi Kauata, PA Tailevu Secretary: Mrs. Ateca Nawaqaliva	Date:	14.05.2008

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1.	Telephone Problem	Communication by phone between Fiji and Rotuma is still the main problem – There is only one linesman to monitor all complaints and relayed the problems to Suva – People want a technician to look after the phones in the island.	To introduce Eazy Tell in Rotuma to ease the problem – Whether it is cheap or not it is more efficient and mobility	Communication/ TFL		Internet Café is being set up with two computers in use.
2	Cagi Mai Ba	Not providing good services to the				

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		people, during embarking time.				
3	Price of Copra	Copra is being charge at 16cents a kg. weather is it the same in Fiji or not				
4	Franchise	Fares and Freight are too high – If Government can help in reducing the cost				
5	Extension and Repair of Community Hall	The community hall is too small to cover the village gatherings Roofing iron needs to be replaced – roof is leaking	A list has been submitted if Govt. can help in assisting in buying some of the materials required			List of materials submitted.
6	Electricity Supply	It was raised in the last meeting with the previous Govt. while Ms Marieta Rigamoto was Minister	Their present generator is now in Suva with repair to be carried out -			