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Matuku Community Group

Community Group 1	Community Group 2
Women Group Priority Problems 2019	Women Group Priority Problems Identified 2025
1. 'Ikai ha me'angāue ki he to'utupu (Misini Kosi) Si'i e peito palangi/ Maumau'i 'e he fanga puaka e 'ātakai/ Maumau e 'ā fonua/kovi e 'ā puaka/'Auhia e kelekele he matāfonua/ (No community cleaning tools and equipment for youth/Lack with modern kitchen/Swine environmental van-dalization/ Damaged community boundary/swine fencings/Coastal erosion)	1. 'Ikai ha me'angāue ki he to'utupu (Lack of maintenance equipment for the youth)
2 'Ikai ha maama faka'ilonga (No reef indicator light)	2. Si'i e peito palangi (Lack of proper kitchen facilities in the community)
3. 'Ikai ha fale Hūfanga (No evacuation center)	3. 'Ikai ha fale hūfanga (Lack of community hall)
4. 'Ikai ha naunau sipoti (No sports equipment)	4 'Ikai ha naunau sipoti (Lack of sport equipment). 'Ikai ha holo fakakolo (No community hall)
5. Si'i e taukei fakangoue (Lack with agricultural technical skills)	5. Auhia e kelekele he matāfonua (Erosion of coastal areas)
6. Si'i mo kovi e naunau sola (Lack and poor condition of solar system)	6. 'Ikai ha maama faka'ilonga (Lack of navigational light for sea transportation)
	7. Si'i e tanaki'anga vai inu (Lack of drinking water tanks)

Matuku Community Problems Priorities Matrix

Community Group 3								Score	Rank
Priority Problems 2025	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
1. 'Ikai ha vai pamu (No community underground water pump)		2	3	1	1	6	7	2	5th
2. Si'i e me'angāue tokoni ki he ngāue 'a e kakai fefine (misini tuituti) (Lack of women handicraft equipment)			2	2	2	2	2	6	1st
3. Si'i e me'angāue fakama'a kolo (Lack of community cleaning and maintenance tools)				3	3	3	7	4	3rd
4. 'Ikai ha holo fakakolo (No community hall)					4	6	7	1	6th3rd
5. 'Auhia e kelekele he matāfonua (Erosion of coastal areas)						6	7	0	7th
6. 'Ikai ha maama faka'ilonga (Lack of navigational light for sea transportation)							7	3	4th
7. Si'i e tanaki'anga vai inu (Lack of drinking water tanks)								5	2nd

Matuku Community Group Listed in order of Priority

Working Group 4	
List of Problems already Prioritise	
1.	Si'i e peito palangi (Lack of proper kitchen facilities in the community)
2.	Si'i e tanaki'anga vai inu (Lack of drinking water tanks)
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Matuku Community Group Development Plan

Community Group 5							
Lisi 'o e Palopalema (List of Problems Prioritised)	Ngaahi me'a 'oku ne fakatupunga (Causes)	Ngaahi Uesia (Impacts)	Ngaahi Solova'anga (Possible Solutions)	Ngaahi me'a 'e hoko (Possible Output)	Ngaahi Ola (Possible Outcome)	Fakafe'atung-ia (Threat)	Kaunga Ngāue (Partners)
1.Si'i e peito palangi (Lack of proper kitchen facilities in the community)	Si'i e ivi fakapa'anga (Lack of finances) Masivesiva e kolo (Weak community economic level) Si'i e kole tokoni 'a e kolo (Lack of requesting for assistance) Si'i e peito palangi (Lack of indoor kitchen facilities) Si'i e taukei langa peito palangi (Lack of skilled construction labor)	Mahamahaki e famili (Health compromised families) 'Ikai ai ha feitu'u lelei ki he feime'atokoni (Unsuitable areas for cooking/meal preparation) 'Ikai ke lava 'o feau fiema'u e famili (Unable to meet household needs)	Kole tokoni langa peito (Request assistance for construction of indoor kitchens) Feinga pa'anga e kolo (Community fundraise) Kamata hono takitaha tatanaki ha pa'anga / koloa ki he langa (Start collecting money/resources for construction)	Ma'u e peito palangi (Secured indoor kitchen facilities) Ma'u e pa'anga (Secured finances) Kamata hono tatanaki e naunau langa he ngaahi 'api (Collecting construction resources)	Mo'ui lelei e kolo (Improved community health) Fiemalie pea mo fiefia e kakai e kolo (Improved community well-being) Ma'a pea mo'ui haisini ange kakai e kolo (Improved community health and hygiene) Faingofua ange ngaue e kakai fefine (Improved efficiency of female activities in the kitchen)	Matangi (Storms) Afā (Hurricanes) Mofuike (Earthquake) Peau kula (Tsunami) To'u mahaki (Epidemics)	Pule'anga (Government) MORDI (Mainstreaming of Rural Development Innovation) Kosilio ngaahi siasi (Church Council) Fakafafongalealea (Parliament Representative) Kainga 'i muli (Tongan diaspora) World Bank Aust Aid

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2. Si'i e tanaki'anga vai inu (Lack of drinking water tanks)	Si'i e kole tokoni (Lack of requesting assistance) Si'i e ivi faka-pa'anga (Lack of finances) 'Ikai ha vai pamu e kolo koe me'a kotoa pe 'oku fakafalala he vai 'uha (Lack of functioning community water pump, all are rain water dependent) Si'isi'i pe tanaki'anga vai 'i motu ni (Lack of rainwater harvesting)	'Ikai feau fiema'u famili (Unable to meet families needs) Mate fanga monumanu (High rates of livestock death) Mahamahaki e kolo (Health compromised community members) 'Ikai fakaka-kato e fiema'u faka'aho e famili (Unable to complete daily tasks for families)	Kole tokoni ke fakalahi e tangike tanaki'anga vai (Request assistance to increase water tanks) Feinga pa'anga e kolo (Community fundraising) Ngaue fakapoto-poto'aki e vai taimi la'ala'a (Use water resources wisely during dry spells) Feinga e kolo ki he kainga 'i muli kenau tokoni ki he fakatau e tangike vai (Request assistance from Tongan diaspora to purchase water tanks)	Ma'u e tangike vai (Secured water tanks) Ma'u e pa'anga (Secured finances) Malava he kolo 'o fakapotopoto'i me'i vai he taimi la'ala'a (Proper water management at community level during dry spells) Ma'u e tokoni tangike mei he kainga 'i muli (Secured assistance from Tongan diaspora)	Feau e fiema'u vai 'a e famili (More water available for the family needs) Fiefia kolo (Improved community well-being) Si'i e hela e fanau he 'utu vai (Children no longer fetch water from other places) 'Ikai toe fakanounou ki he vai e langa (No more shortages of water supply for the community work e.g. construction work)	Putu (Funerals) Fakatamaki fakaenatula (Natural disasters)	MORDI (Main-streaming of Rural Development Innovation) Pule'anga (Government) Fakafafonga Fale-alea (Parliament Representative) M&J Water Tank Rotomould Kainga 'i muli (Tongan diaspora) 'Ofisa kolo (Town Officer) Kakai e kolo (Community members)
3. 'Ikai ha fale hufanga (No community hall)	Si'i e ivi faka-pa'anga (Lack of finances) Si'i e kole tokoni 'a e kolo (Lack of requesting assistance) 'Ikai ha kelekele (Lack of access to available land) Te'eki fai ha Tala-noa kiai 'a e kolo ke fai ha palani kiai (Unable to establish community meeting to discuss plans for construction)	'Ikai 'i ai ha feitu'u lelei ke kumi hufanga kiai e kakai (Lack of suitable evacuation centres/spaces for people during disasters) 'Ikai ha feitu'u lelei ki he lalanga kakai fefine (Lack of suitable spaces for women and their handicraft production) Holo e tu'unga fakapa'anga e famili tokolahi (Reduction of family income) 'Ikai ha 'elia ke fakahoko kiai e ngaahi ngaue 'a e kolo (Lack of public spaces to facilitate community activities)	Kole tokoni ki he Pule'anga ha kelekele (Request government to provide available land) Feinga pa'anga e kolo (Community fundraising) Kole tokoni ki he ngaahi kautaha tokoni ki hono langa ha holo fakakolo (Request assistance from donor agencies to construct community hall)	Ma'u e kelekele (Secured available land) Ma'u e pa'anga (Secured finances) Ma'u e tokoni langa holo (Secured construction resources)	Fiefia e kolo (Improved community wellbeing) Malu e kolo he taimi fakatamaki (Improved community safety during disasters) Fiemalie e kolo he 'i ai e feitu'u pau ke fai kiai e fatongia fakakolo (Improved community wellbeing having established designated public venue for community programs) Tupulaki e tu'unga fakakekonomika e kolo (Improved community economy)	Feliuliaki e 'ea (Climate change) Fakatamaki fakaenatula (Natural disaster)	Potungae Savea (Ministry of Lands and Survey) MORDI (Main-streaming of Rural Development Innovation) Pule'anga (Government) MIA (Ministry of Internal Affairs) Fakafafonga Fale-alea (Parliament Representative) UNDP (United Nations Development Programme) Japan Aid

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4. 'Ikai ha maa-ma faka'ilonga (Lack of navigational light for sea transportation)	Si'i ivi faka-pa'anga (Lack of finances) Si'i e kole tokoni (Lack of requesting assistance) Maumau'i he peau moe tsunami (Damages sustained from waves and tsunami events) Fu'u motu'a pe ngaahi maama pea popo 'o mau-mau (Outdated, rusty and signs are in disrepair)	Maumau e ngaahi vaka tahi (High rates of damaged boats/ships) Lava 'o mole kau 'alu tahi (High risks that lead to loss of life at sea) Faingata'a ange fefolau'aki he po'uli (Increased difficulties traveling by sea at night) Lahi ange faka-mole ki he kakai e kolo (High costs incurred by community members)	Kole tokoni maama faka'ilonga (Request assistance for marine navigational lights) Fakatalanoa ki he Poate Taulanga ki ha fale'i pe koe tokoni (Request assistance/seek counsel from Ministry of Ports & Authority) Fakatau ha maama kamo ke fetongi maama kuo mate (Purchase marine signal lights to replace those that need it)	Ma'u e maama faka'ilonga (Secured marine navigational lights) Ma'u e fale'i mei he Poate taulanga (Received assistance/counsel from Ministry of Ports & Authority) Lava hono fetongi e ngaahi fo'i maama 'oku mate. (Successful repair to damaged lights)	Faingofua ange fefononga'aki (Improved maritime travel) Fiemalie ange e kakai e kolo taute-fito ki he kau toutai (Improved wellbeing especially fisherfolk) Fiefia ai pe e kakai e kolo (Improved community wellbeing) Mahu fakame'atokoni pea toe lelei ange mo e ma'u'anga pa'anga (Improved food security and income generation)	Feliuliaki e 'ea (Climate change) Taimi kovi ai e tahi (Rough seas) Matangi (Storm) Tsunami	Poate Taulanga (Ministry of Ports & Authority) Pule'anga (Government) Fakafofonga Fale-alea (Parliament Representative) Aust Aid NZ Aid Kakai e kolo (Community members) Ofisa kolo (Town Officer)
5. 'Ikai ha me'angaue ki he to'utupu (misini kosi, palou, leiki, pini veve) (Lack of maintenance equipment for the youth)	Si'i e ma'u'anga pa'anga (Lack of finances) Si'i e 'ilo mo e founga 'o e kole ha tokoni (Lack of awareness of accessing funds) Si'i e kole tokoni (Lack of requesting assistance)	'Ikai malavalava hono tauhi e kolo (Unable to maintain and keep the community) Vaao e kolo (Community spaces overrun with weeds) 'Uli e 'ataakai (Polluted environment) Mahamahaki e kolo (Health compromised community members) Fakatupu ta'elata e nofo 'i motu ni (Loss of appeal of living on the island)	Kole tokoni me'an-gaue tauhi kolo (Request assistance for community clean up tools/implements) Feinga pa'anga e kolo (Community fundraise) Ngaue fakataha pe kolo pea lota taha kenau kumi ha me'angaue (Community collaboration and purchasing tools/implements)	Ma'u e me'an-gaue (Secured tools/equipment) Ma'u e pa'anga (Secured financing) Malava e ngaue fakataha 'a e kakai e kolo (Successful community collaboration)	Ma'a e 'ataakai e kolo (Improved community environment) Fiefia e kakai e kolo pea lata pe he nofo 'i motu ni (Improved community wellbeing and increased appeal) Ngaue fakataha e kakai e kolo (Improved community collaboration) Fiemalie ange nofo pea faingofua leva nga'unu kimu'a e mo'ui (Improved living standards and continued development progress)	Loto kehekehe kakai e kolo (Conflicting priorities and needs from community)	PTH Ltd (Pacific Timber and Hardware Limited) Fakafofonga Fale-alea (Parliament Representative) Potungau'e 'Atakai (Department of Environment) MIA (Ministry of Internal Affairs) Potungau'e Takima-mata (Ministry of Tourism) NEMO (National Emergency Management Office) Kakai e kolo (Community members) 'Ofisa kolo (Town Officers)

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6. 'Ikai ha naunau sipoti (Lack of sport equipment)	Si'i e ivi faka-pa'anga (Lack of finances) 'Ikai faaitaha e to'utupu (Lack of youth collaboration) Si'i e taukei ke fai'aki ha kole tokoni (Lack of capacity to access resources/finances) Te'eki pe 'i ai ha taimi 'e fakahoko ai ha fokotu'utu'u ngaue kiai e to'utupu e kolo (Unable to coordinate meeting time for youth to discuss activities)	Mahamahaki e kolo (Health compromised community members) Lahi e maumau lao (High rates of law infractions) Lahi e fakapikopiko (Decreased motivation, increased laziness) Holoa e taleniti sipoti 'a e fanau (Reduction of youth talents in sports)	Kole ha naunau sipoti (Request assistance for sports equipment) Feinga pa'anga e kolo ke fakatau ha naunau sipoti (Community fundraising to purchase sports equipment) Ngaue fakataha e kakai e kolo ke tokonia e hako tupu e kolo (Community collaboration to support community youth)	Ma'u e naunau sipoti (Secured sporting equipment) Ma'u e pa'anga (Secured finances) Malava vaofi ange ngaue fakataha e kolo (Improved community cohesion and collaboration)	Mo'ui lelei e to'utupu (Improved youth health) Fiefia e kolo (Improved community wellbeing) Tupulaki e taleniti e to'utupu (Improved youth athletic talent) Tupulaki e tu'unga faka'ekonomika e kolo (Improved local economy)	Lahi e mavahe e to'utupu mei motu (Frequent absence of youth from island)	MIA (Ministry of Internal Affairs) Kakai e kolo (Community members) Fakafotonga Falealea (Parliament Representative) 'Ofisa kolo (Town Officer) Tonga Red Cross
7. 'Auhia e kelekele he matafonua (Erosion of coastal areas)	Si'isi'i e to 'akau (Lack of replanting/forestation programs) Tahi lahi ku 'auhia ai e 'one'one (High seas/storm surges eroding sand/sediments) 'Uha lahi moe hakahako (Heavy rainfall and stormy weather) Lahi e tata e 'one'one (High rates of sand mining) Feliuliaki e 'ea (Climate change)	'Auhia e fonua (Land erosion) Si'isi'i e fonua (Reduction of land mass) Mole faka'ofa'ofa e fonua (Loss of environmental aesthetics) Uesia e kelekele 'oku fai kiai e ngoue (Reduced soil fertility for cultivation) Honge fakame'atokoni e kolo (Food insecurity/shortages to community)	To 'akau e matatahi (Replant/reforest coastal vegetation) Fakasi'isi'i hono tata 'one'one matatahi (Limit sand mining from coastal areas) Kole tokoni ke fa'u ha fosoa ki he 'elia 'oku to'o he tahi (Request assistance to construct foreshore to eroded areas)	Lava 'o to 'akau e matatahi (Successful coastal reforestation/replanting) Holo hono tata e 'one'one (Reduced sand mining) Fakahu ha kole tokoni ki ha fosoa 'a e kolo (Submitted request for assistance in construction of foreshore)	Faka'ofa'ofa e fonua (Improved community aesthetics) Tuai e 'auhia e fonua (Reduced rates of land erosion) Malu e kelekele ki he hoko atu 'a e ngoue (Improved soil fertility to continue cultivation)	Fakatamaki fakaenatula (Natural disasters) Feliuliaki e 'ea (Climate change) Hakahako pea moe peau kula (Storm surges and tsunami events)	MOI (Ministry of Infrastructure) Poate Taulanga (Ministry of Ports & Authority) MEIDECC (Ministry of Meteorology Energy Information Disaster Environment Climate Communication) Fakafotonga Falealea (Parliament Representative) Kainga 'i muli (Tongan diaspora) NEMO (National Emergency Management Office) UNDP (United Nations Development Programme)



Matuku Community Participatory Planning List

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