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NIUE KITEKITE KAINA/VILLAGE INSPECTION PROGRAM RELAUNCHED TO PROMOTE CLEAN, HEALTHY, AND SAFE COMMUNITIES

Alofi, Niue – 23 May 2024 – Tuesday 21st May 2024, marked the reactivation of the Niue Kitekite Kaina/Village Inspection program, a significant initiative to ensure that local communities across Niue are living in clean, healthy, and safe environments. The program was relaunched in the village of Hikutavake, where it was warmly received by the community. This marks the first time the program has been in operation since 2018.

The Niue Kitekite Kaina/Village Inspection program is a collaborative effort involving multiple stakeholders, including the Niue Public Health Division, Department of Environment, Department of Utilities (Building Division), Project Management Coordination Unit (PMCU), and Rescue Fire. These agencies are working together to assess and improve the living conditions in our villages.



The program aims to systematically inspect each village, identifying areas that require support and assistance and providing practical solutions to enhance the overall quality of life for residents. Over the next five months, the program will continue to roll out across all villages in Niue.

"We are delighted to see the reinitiation of the Kitekite Kaina/Village Inspection program," said the Niue Principal Public Health Officer, Grizelda Mokoia. "The Kitekite Kaina program is geared towards ensuring our communities are clean, safe and will create healthy living environments to enhance people's quality of life for everyone in Niue. The priority is on identifying what problems are out in the communities that may have a negative impact on the health and well-being of people. And determining how each of the stakeholders will be able to assist and contribute towards improvements of some of these problems as well as identifying what the immediate and long-term solutions are. The long-term improvements of key health outcomes are a crucial step towards the enhancement of people's quality of life. The Kitekite Kaina program also gives stakeholders an opportunity to reconnect with the communities and strengthen the networks that we already have in place."

While the Water Division, Community Affairs, Niue Bulk Fuel and Niue Tourism have not yet engaged with the program, it is anticipated that they will join in the coming inspections, bringing their expertise to further bolster this initiative.

The launch event in Hikutavake was a success, with community members actively participating and expressing their appreciation for the renewed focus on village health and safety. The inspections will cover various aspects of village life, standards of living (access to basic facilities), water and sanitation,

infrastructure, fire safety, safety aspects of LPG use in the homes, environmental health, Elderly welfare, follow-up of Government assisted community projects, Dog Control, Power faults, etc.

As the inspections proceed over the coming months, we encourage all community members to get involved and support the efforts to create a safer and healthier Niue. Further updates and schedules for village inspections will be provided regularly.

For more information about the Niue Kitekite Kaina/Village Inspection program, please contact the Niue Public Health Division or any of the participating departments.

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