

**ANELCAUHAT YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE
“YES” PROJECT Summary Report 2007**



Signing of Annelcauhat waste management plan. 19th November 2007

The marine environment is a vital source of livelihood in Anelcauhat. Participants in the PLA workshop conducted between 25th May – 31st May 2006 by FSPV, Fisheries Dept. and Wan Smol Bag has identified the poor waste management in Anelcauhat as a threat to their marine environment as people continue to use the sea as their dumping site.

The Yes Project, funded by the UNESCO, was developed to empower youths to better managed their waste in the village through the expert advice of the Environment Unit and other relevant authorities.

On the 16th of November a workshop was organized by the Anelcauhat Youth Group, the community and facilitated by a resource person from FSP Vanuatu.

The objectives of the workshop are as follows;

- To identify causes of the community problem for improper actions on Rubbish Disposal.
- To identify Youth Groups and Stakeholders to address the problem.
- To develop a waste management action plan for the Youth Groups to address the Problem.
- To develop the mentality of youths in participating in Health related issues(positive social activity) using the YES project

Stakeholders Present

There was a balance of gender representation at the Workshop. Following are the groups represented in the workshop:

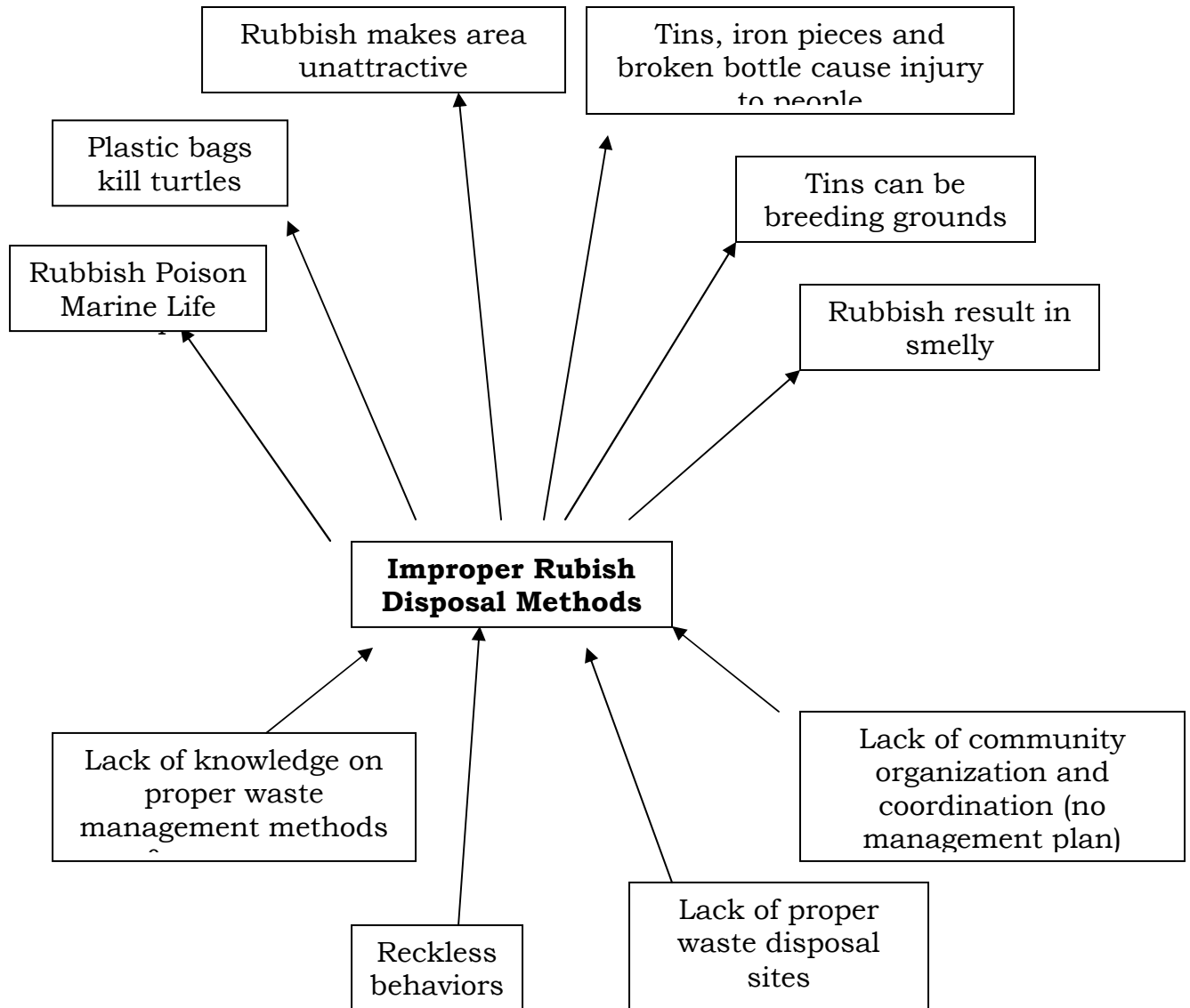
- ❖ *Anelcauhat Youth Group*
- ❖ *Firiamu Youth Group*
- ❖ *Epeteneto Youth*
- ❖ *SDA Youth*
- ❖ *Blue Water Youth*
- ❖ *Catholic Youth*
- ❖ *Aneityum Tourism Committee*
- ❖ *Anelcauhat Council if Chiefs*
- ❖ *Aneityum Forest Timber*
- ❖ *Neighbour Association(Anelcauhat Women's Group)*
- ❖ *FSPV*
- ❖ *Vanuatu Fisheries Department*
- ❖ *Vanuatu Quarantine Department*
- ❖ *Vanuatu Prosecution Department*

Workshop Process

1. Brainstorm on the Effects of improper rubbish disposal on Anelcauhat Community :

- Rubbish poison marine life
- Plastic bags kill turtles
- Rubbish makes the area unattractive
- Tins, Iron pieces and broken bottles cause injury to people
- Rubbish attract flies
- Tins can be breeding grounds for mosquitoes
- Rubbish result in smelly environment

2. Identification of root causes of the Waste Management Problem using the Problem Tree tool.



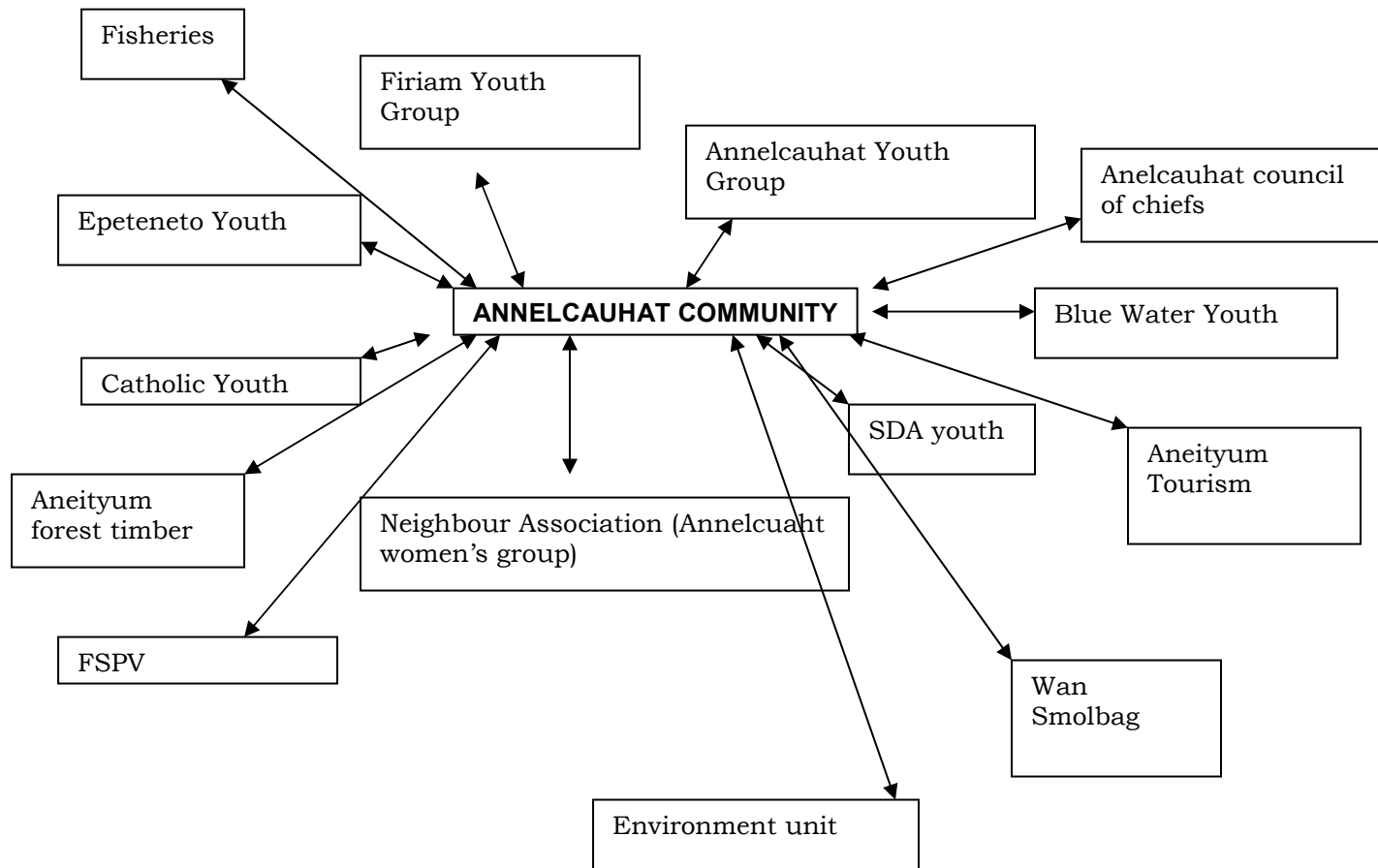
3. Rubbish disposal Mapping was used to Identify Problem Sites and also to Identify sites needed when coming up with an Action Plan. (The map attachment)

The Youths and the Community decided to do four (4) activities.

1. Dig eight (8) rubbish pits
2. Organize a Clean Up Campaign Day
3. Dig and clean up two (2) drainages in the Village
4. House to House Awareness on Proper Waste Management Methods.

Also the importance for the Support for the Newly Launched Management Plan for Mystery Island conservation Projected on Waste Management was stressed during the Workshop.

4 . Venn diagram to identify Supporting Stakeholders.



Note: The closer the box, the closer the organization is with the community

4 . Eight (8) Youth Groups were identified to Participate in this Project coming from different church denominations and composed of a balance of gender representation.

1. *Anelcauhat Youth*
2. *EPETENETO Youth*
3. *Anelcauhat Primary School*
4. *Catholic Youth*
5. *SDA – “Self Support”*
6. *TERUJA High School*
7. *Blue Water Church*
8. *Anelcauhat Men’s Club*

5. “YES” ACTION PLAN

PROBLEM IDENTIFIED	WANEM BLONG MEKEM	HU BLONG MEKEM	WANEM TAEM YUMI MAS MEKEM FINIS(DEADLINE)
<i>Pipol I nogat inaf Save long hao blong sakem toti long stret fasin</i>	<i>Haos to Haos aweanes</i>	<i>YES, Wan Smol Bag, Environment Unit, FSPV</i>	<i>By end of December, 2007.</i>
	<i>Video Nite</i>	“	“
<i>Nogat ol stret ples blong sakem toti</i>	<i>Dikim 8 hol blong rabis (rubbish pits)</i>	8. <i>Anelcauhat Youth</i> 9. <i>EPETENETO Youth</i> 10. <i>Anelcauhat Primary School</i> 11. <i>Catholic Youth</i> 12. <i>SDA – “Self Support”</i> 13. <i>TERUJA High School</i> 14. <i>Blue Water Church</i> 15. <i>Anelcauhat Men’s Club</i>	“
<i>Toti I stap mekem ples I luk nogud long ol visita/ turis</i>	<i>Klinap day (Clean up Campaign Day)</i>	- <i>YES</i> - <i>Anelcauhat Community</i>	“

Successes:

- ✓ Around one hundred members of Anelcauhat community were present during the workshop. Both gender well represented.
- ✓ The waste management action plan was launched and signed by the council of chiefs and witnessed by NGOs, government officials as well as community members.
- ✓ National Prosecution Office also had an opportunity to carry out a short awareness talk during the workshop on three topics related to increase outside visitors to Annelcauhat Village.
 - a) *Child Pornography*
 - b) *Scam*
 - c) *Pollution*

Challenges:

- ✓ Lack of awareness materials on proper waste management
- ✓ Time period to run workshop was limited.
- ✓ Clean up day campaign was cancelled due to sudden death in the village.

Recommendations:

1. To follow up on the Three Government Organizations request for assistance from the Civil Society for the improvement of awareness services in the community level
2. Need for the setting up of a Health Committee to work closely with other working committee e.g. ATP Committee to coordinate the Health Welfare of the **Anelcahat Community** members.