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Press Release

Sustainable livelihood training equips 81 Bua residents with skills

Fiji National University's Sustainable Livelihood Project (SLP) Bua training concluded last Friday at Bua Central College.

Eighty one trainees graduated with the following skills: Basic Cookery, Basic Carpentry, Small Engines Repair, and OHS & Electrical Safety.

SLP Manager, Seru Mataidrau said the support from the community was evident when close to 100 people including relatives, friends, spouses and elders from the Tikina of Dama showed up to witness the presentation of certificates at the College hall.

"After the presentation, trainees presented gifts and food stuff to their various trainers, while the elders from the Tikina also showed their gratitude by their own thanksgiving presentation Bua style - a heap of dalo and a heap of grog to farewell their Suva bound guests into the "dawn", Mr Mataidrau said.

SLP training provides basic level training for rural and maritime dwellers but intended to facilitate or enhance their current forms of livelihood.

Funded by government, the project will establish short term livelihood training in 70 different livelihood skills for people in rural and maritime areas throughout Fiji.

The provision of short-term technical education and training to rural/island dwellers is tailor-made to their needs.

The courses are also geared towards empowering the trainees with skills to become meaningfully self-employed.

More than 80 people from the District of Toga also benefited from week long training courses in cookery, carpentry, joinery, small engine operations and front office administration.

School leaver Sakiusa Mataivola said this was an opportunity for him to train in carpentry and joinery.

"I am planning to look for a job in the construction industry after training," he said.

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