

CEPF SMALL GRANT FINAL PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT

Organization Legal Name:	Belau Cares Inc.
Project Title:	Documentary Lesson Learned
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CEPF Region: Republic of Palau, Micronesia

Strategic Direction: To support Community efforts to protect their homes, Taro patches and designated Conservations areas from excessive high tides and strong winds. After several meetings and consultations with community leaders Belau Cares, Inc. Chose to work with Melekeok State and Ngiwal State. The two States in the Republic of Palau requested us to assist them in their efforts to build stone walls on the shorelines. The Community Based Organizations committed themselves to provide labor if Belau Cares, Inc. can provide the materials and necessary tools and equipment to build the necessary protections using stones and plants to complete the projects.

Grant Amount: \$12,000.00

Project Dates: June 2012 - June 2013

Implementation Partners for this Project (please explain the level of involvement for each partner): The Ngaramecherocher Young Adult Organization (CBO) in Melekeok State provided the necessary Labor to build the stone wall on the shoreline to protect the communities from excessive High Tide and stopped the outflow of dirt and dust into the ocean to keep the near shore conservation areas from damage.

The Ngarchochadu, Young Adult Organization (CBO) in Ngiwal State also committed to work with Belau Cares, Inc. if we could provide the necessary rocks, equipments and tools to protect Communities in Ngiwal States also. After we have completed our project in Melekeok, we moved to Ngiwal and implemented their project.

During the implementation of our projects we proceeded to build schools and household vegetable gardens to help with food production due to great loss of the Taro Patches that are so important to the lives of our people.

We tried to send the pictures and other supporting documents through email but our internet is very limited and we shall send these documents via airmail to you.

Conservation Impacts

Please explain/describe how your project has contributed to the implementation of the CEPF ecosystem profile.

We assisted the Communities in the protection of the ecosystem of the Communities especially the stonewalling the Beach Front and planting activities. The Taro Patch are not fully recovered yet but will fully recover after several months. At least the salt water is not entering the areas anymore.

Please summarize the overall results/impact of your project against the expected results detailed in the approved proposal.

We proposed to protect the conservation areas and communities and the result of our project activities did just that, protect the conservation areas and the communities. The communities decided what to do and they did it themselves. All we did was to provide tools, equipments, fuels and other technical assistance.

Please provide the following information where relevant:

Hectares Protected: Full description of the areas are being airmailed with pictures.

Species Conserved: Plants especially the coconuts on the shorelines were saved.

Corridors Created: Building of the long stone docks recreated the old protection from storm and destruction created by global warming.

Describe the success or challenges of the project toward achieving its short-term and long-term impact objectives.

The projects were successful but out of sixteen States we could only assist two States and there are more that must be done to help other States.

Were there any unexpected impacts (positive or negative)?

We did not expect such overwhelming enthusiasm from the Communities.

Lessons Learned

Describe any lessons learned during the design and implementation of the project, as well as any related to organizational development and capacity building. Consider lessons that would inform projects designed or implemented by your organization or others, as well as lessons that might be considered by the global conservation community.

During the design and implementation of this grant we learned that we must involve the communities with the whole process. Conservation areas belong to them especially the communities. People must be part of the whole planning and implementation.

Project Design Process: (aspects of the project design that contributed to its success/shortcomings)

We learned that people in the communities know much more about the plants, animals and characteristic of Conservation areas and communities they live in.

Project Implementation: (aspects of the project execution that contributed to its success/shortcomings)

We must involve the people in the communities in the implementation. They know more than we think they know.

Other lessons learned relevant to conservation community:

In the Republic of Palau all resources, live or not belongs to States and Communities. National Government does not own any resources. Conservation areas belong to the people.

ADDITIONAL FUNDING

Provide details of any additional donors who supported this project and any funding secured for the project as a result of the CEPF grant or success of the project.

Donor	Type of Funding*	Amount	Notes
Belau Cares Inc.	Rent and Storage	\$2,500.00	
Belau Cares Inc.	Travel/Gasoline	\$5,000.00	

Belau Cares. Inc.	Telecom./Internet/phone	\$1,200.00	
CBO members	Melekeok and Ngiwal States CBO members volunteered their labor		

****Additional funding should be reported using the following categories:***

- A** *Project co-financing (Other donors contribute to the direct costs of this CEPF project)*
None
- B** *Grantee and Partner leveraging (Other donors contribute to your organization or a partner organization as a direct result of successes with this CEPF project.)*
None
- C** *Regional/Portfolio leveraging (Other donors make large investments in a region because of CEPF investment or successes related to this project.)*
None

Sustainability/Replicability

Summarize the success or challenge in achieving planned sustainability or replicability of project components or results.

We have continued to plan and implement projects after Palau was hit by Typhoons where schools and families lost their gardens. We still continue to sponsor community gardening and tree planting programs.

Summarize any unplanned sustainability or replicability achieved.

The people in the communities that we worked with are still actively performing tree planting and home gardening. Belau Cares, Inc. continues to help them fund raise and operate plant nurseries.

Safeguard Policy Assessment

Provide a summary of the implementation of any required action toward the environmental and social safeguard policies within the project.

We must make sure that planning and implementation of project must be transferred to the communities that we work with. There is a tendency for people to continue to depend on organizations and outside assistance.

Additional Comments/Recommendations

We must attempt to include the people in the planning and implementation process of every project that concern communities.

Information Sharing and CEPF Policy

CEPF is committed to transparent operations and to helping civil society groups share experiences, lessons learned, and results. Final project completion reports are made available on our Web site, www.cepf.net, and publicized in our newsletter and other communications.

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*****If your grant has an end date other than JUNE 30, please
complete the tables on the following pages*****

Performance Tracking Report Addendum

CEPF Global Targets

(Enter Grant Term)

Provide a numerical amount and brief description of the results achieved by your grant.
Please respond to only those questions that are relevant to your project.

Project Results	Is this question relevant?	If yes, provide your numerical response for results achieved during the annual period.	Provide your numerical response for project from inception of CEPF support to date.	Describe the principal results achieved from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008. (Attach annexes if necessary)
1. Did your project strengthen management of a protected area guided by a sustainable management plan? Please indicate number of hectares improved.				Please also include name of the protected area(s). If more than one, please include the number of hectares strengthened for each one.
2. How many hectares of new and/or expanded protected areas did your project help establish through a legal declaration or community agreement?				Please also include name of the protected area. If more than one, please include the number of hectares strengthened for each one.
3. Did your project strengthen biodiversity conservation and/or natural resources management inside a key biodiversity area identified in the CEPF ecosystem profile? If so, please indicate how many hectares.				
4. Did your project effectively introduce or strengthen biodiversity conservation in management practices outside protected areas? If so, please indicate how many hectares.				
5. If your project promotes the sustainable use of natural resources, how many local communities accrued tangible socioeconomic benefits? Please complete Table 1 below.				

If you answered yes to question 5, please complete the following table.

