
SUCCESS STORY



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KINISIMERE NASONIMATA

Kinisimere Nasonimata from the village of Yalobi, Yasawa has exemplified resilience, dedication, and a deep commitment to her family and community. Married to the respected Village Headman (Turaga ni Koro) Nacanieli Vakalagilagi, has 5 children and she carries significant responsibilities, not only within her household but also as an active contributor to her village's well-being. Balancing household management, childcare, traditional crafts like weaving, going out to sea for food and participation in cultural events, Kinisimere embodies the spirit of a true community leader.

Her participation in the recent "Confident Woman- Community Essentials Training" has been transformative. From day one until the last session, she was engaged and eager to learn, expressing interest in every topic covered. She shares, "All the topics from day 1 to the last day interested me; I took in everything."

Kinisimere reflects on her key takeaway from the training: a newfound understanding of her own role within the family and community. She says, "the training has really brought enlightenment. I now realize that often, we do not understand our true roles or the lines we should follow. Even as a wife of the village headman, I also hold leadership responsibilities, and I've learned that I can improve in these areas. I am grateful for this workshop."



Kinisimere discusses with her group during the workshop



Kinisimere with her husband also the village headman of Yalobi, Nacanieli Vakalagilagi

Among the many valuable lessons, she highlights two topics, Leadership and Anger: that she plans to implement in her life. "Now I know what to do about leadership," she explains. "And I've learned how to manage anger better." Her confidence has grown so much that her newfound leadership skills have propelled her onto a larger platform. Just within a small break during the workshop, a district women's meeting was held; she realized that her role as the village headman's wife, was just the preparation for even greater responsibilities. In her case, stepping into the role of District Women Leader (Liuliu ni Marama ni Tikina) of Waya, and with CONFIDENT she took that role.

Kinisimere is eager to share what she has learned. She particularly wants to advocate for the understanding of visions and missions, highlighting that many women have dreams or visions but lack clear missions to achieve them. She affirms, "This workshop inspired me to share these ideas first with my family, then with other women in the village and mataqali. I believe it can make a real difference."

She strongly believes that this training will benefit other women in her community, helping them realize their potential and build confidence. She wishes for the workshop to be brought back to Waya district, so more women can experience the empowerment and knowledge she has gained.