

Fiji launches CCB Program

The Fijian Ministry of Fijian Affairs, Culture and Heritage, and Regional Development has adopted community capacity building (CCB) as its strategy to promote productivity in rural areas. CCB is to help communities in two areas: 1) enhancing their capabilities in vision building, community planning, leadership, organizational skills, and resource identification; and 2) establishing a comprehensive network of partnerships among rural communities, governmental agencies, civil society, NGOs, and private-sector enterprises to accelerate rural development. The CCB Program was launched with a training of trainers' course on "Participatory Project Cycle Management," 4-14 May 2004. The APO deputed two experts to conduct the course, which had 31 participants, including community workers and representatives from the following governmental ministries: Health; Education; Agriculture; and Fijian Affairs, Culture and Heritage, and Regional Development. More such training programs are being planned to create a pool of local resource persons to support and give impetus to the CCB Program.



Participants in the CCB Program during a group exercise