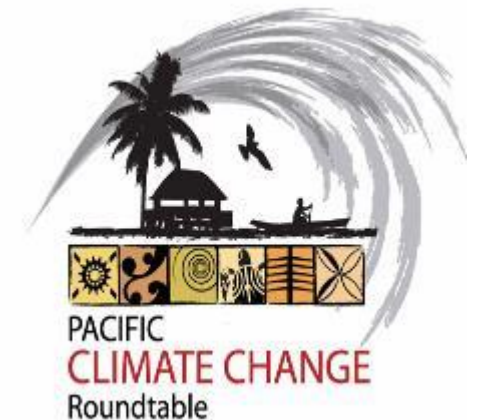


“WATER SMART” SPREP-USAID CLIMATE CHANGE PROJECT

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Outline of Presentation

- Background of Project
- Where it is implemented
- Lessons Learnt/Challenges
- Recommendations/Concluding remarks



Background of Project

Goal:

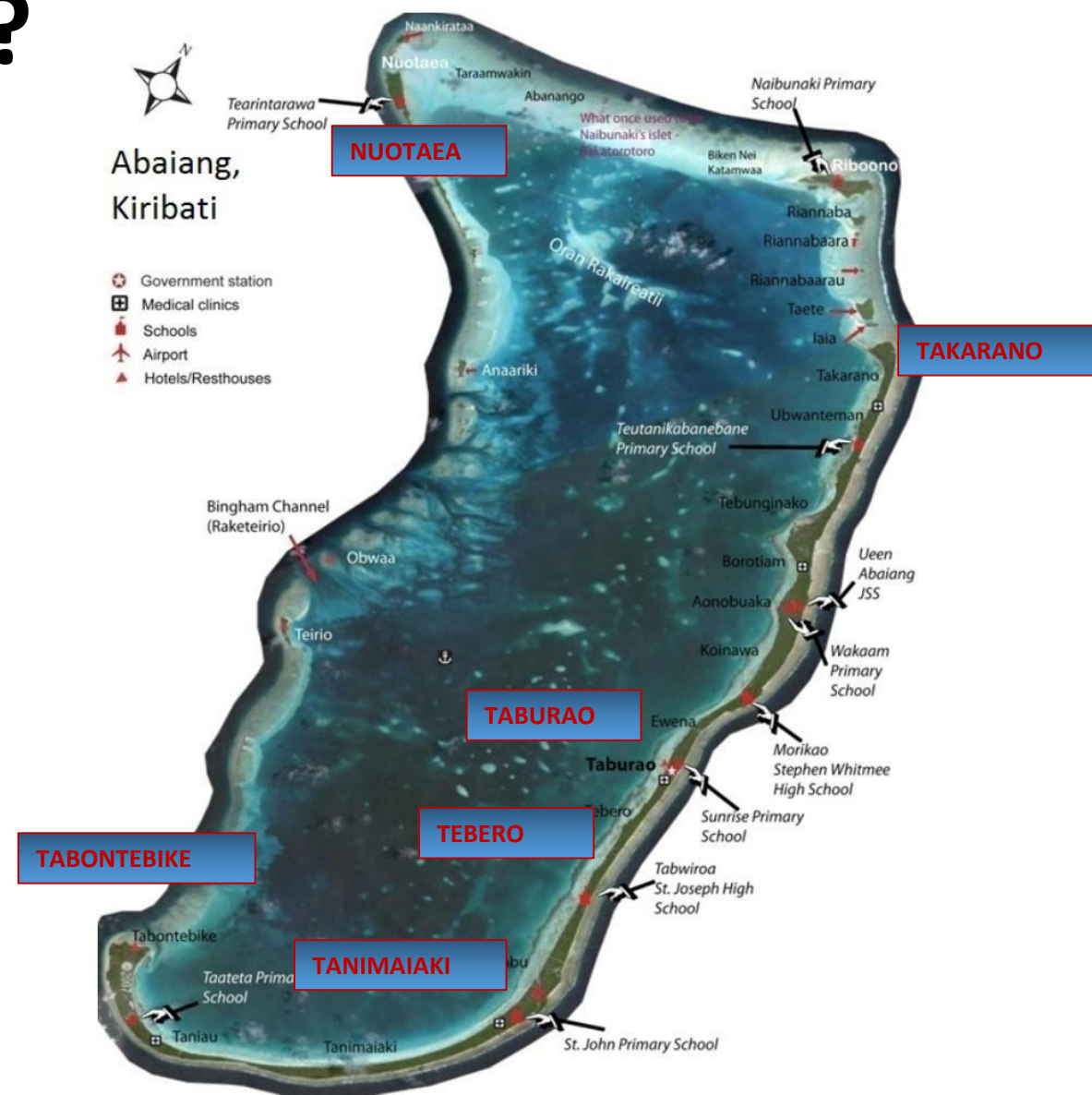
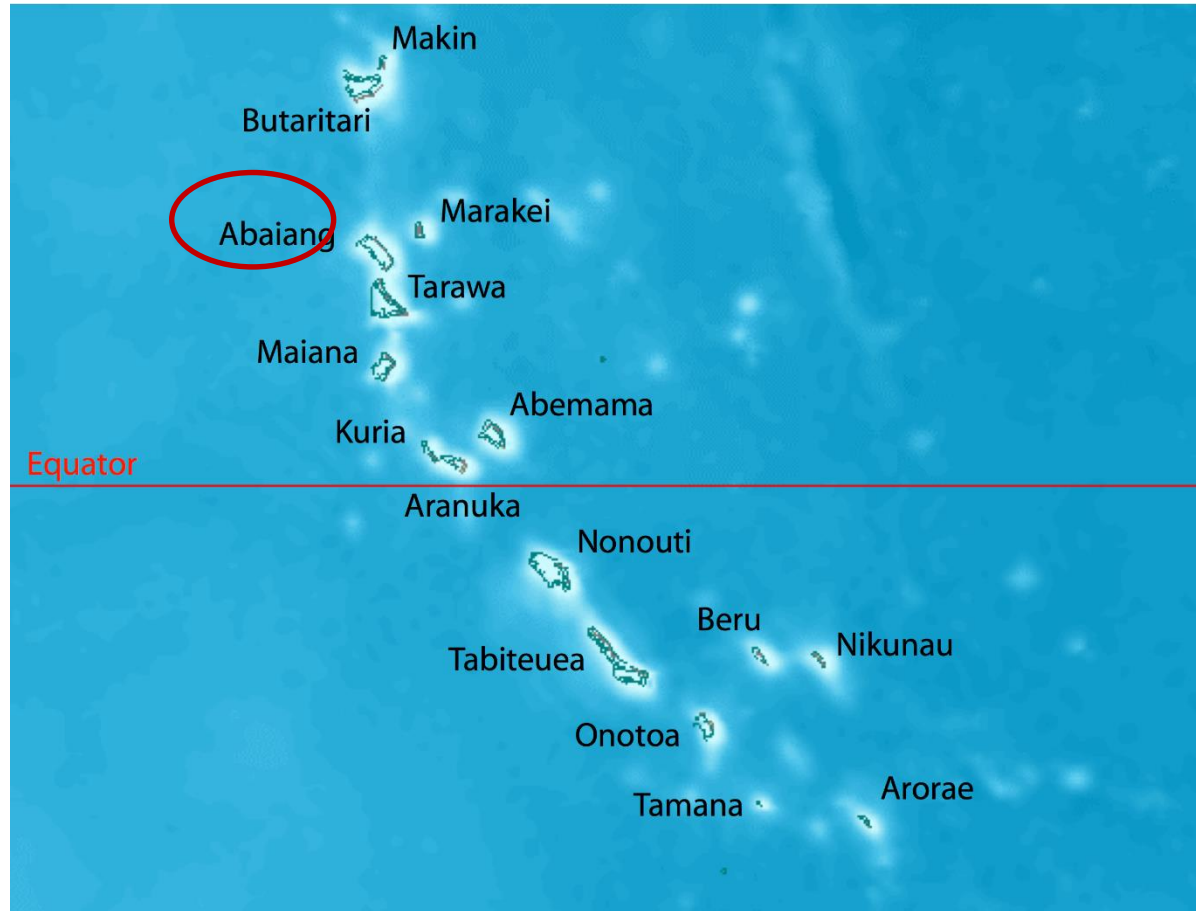
- Increase the ability of Kiribati communities and the water sector and related sectors to adapt to climate change and to reduce the risk of climate related natural disasters and extreme events.
- The project focus primarily on implementation of on-the ground adaptation initiatives mainly on integrated water management in the outer islands;
- Focus on Abaiang as per the 'GoK whole of island approach'

Timeframe:

2012-2015



Where it is Implemented?



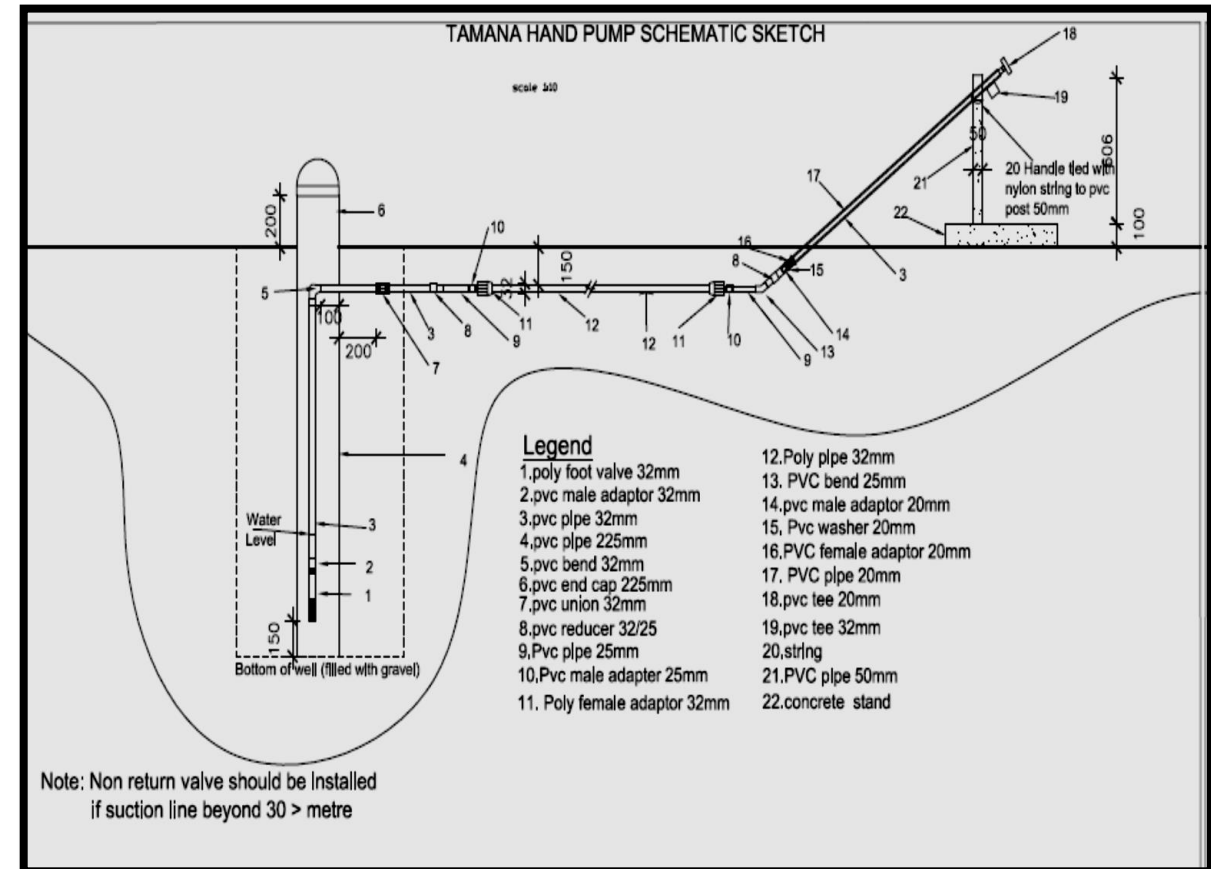
Lessons Learnt

- Whole of island approach & Partnerships key to implementation
- Community Engagement & Buy-In
- Combination of local solutions and EbA approach
 - EbA (Ecosystem based Adaptation)
 - Household level intervention
- Tangible benefits seen straight away garner tremendous project support and anticipation at the community level.



Challenges

- Community buy-in and willingness to participate/contribute
- Over consultation with communities
- Long term sustainability
- Need more flexibility on-ground implementation (eg technical design) depending on community context.



Recommendations

- Government ownership e.g Whole of island approach worked
- Household level intervention is a hit with the communities
- Capacity building (from national to community level) builds resilience

