



## **Written Question 51/2017**

Hon. Niko Nawaikula to ask the Minister for Local Government, Housing, Environment, Infrastructure and Transport – **Can the Minister explain the progress of water upgrading projects in the villages of Navetau, Wailevu, Muana, Naqaravatu, Natewa, Vusa, Dawa, Karoko, Lumiboso, Koroivonu, Kanakana, Nawi, Waivunia and Nagigi in Cakaudrove.**

Madam Speaker, I thank the Honourable Member for asking this question.

Let me correct a couple of village names that have been wrongly spelt in the Hansard report:

1. Naqaravatu should be spelt and hereafter shall be read as "Naqaravutu"; and,
2. Lumiboso should be spelt and hereafter shall be read as "Nukuboso"

A total of 506 households (approximately 2530 persons) in villages along the Savusavu coastline road up to the Tunuloa peninsular in Cakaudrove are to be catered in this project.

In the 2016/2017 financial year, WAF has allocated funds for works to be undertaken to the following villages;

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| 1. | Wailevu | \$51,885.42 (42 Households) |
| 2. | Muana   | \$63,170.39 (20 Households) |

3. Naqaravutu \$41,539.66 (48 Households)
4. Koroivonu \$79,014.69 (8 Households)
5. Kanakana \$85,032.35 (49 Households)
6. Navetau \$47,825.41 (15 Households)

All of the abovementioned six villages will be completed by the end of May, 2017.

In the case of Karoko village (55 Households), the community purchased the materials necessary for the repairs and the Water Authority Team in the North undertook the repair works in December 2016. I am pleased to say that the village is currently receiving clean drinking water.

The Nagigi Village Rural Water project (53 Households) was fully completed in 17 Feb, 2017.

In regards to the other five other villages, namely Natewa (48 Households), Vusa (35 Households), Dawa (30 households), Nawi (45 Households) and Waivunia (40 Households), they will be catered for under WAF's TC Winston Rehabilitation Programme.

Our current planning and procurement processes are underway and on-the-ground work in the villages is planned to commence in March, 2017 and targeted to be completed by end of June, 2017.

Finally, in terms of Nukuboso (18 households), a WAF team conducted survey and is now awaiting estimates. This could be part of this financial year or the next financial year pending the outcome in the magnitude of the estimates.

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