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PRESS RELEASE

NFA embarking on supporting SME's

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National Fisheries Authority (NFA) has been embarking on supporting SME's in the coastal fisheries provinces with its objective of empowering locals through community base projects such as building jetties and proper fish markets.

The ground-breaking ceremony in Kimbe on Friday 20 September 2019 for the Artisanal Fisheries Jetty and Shore Base Facilities was an example of such community impact projects that NFA has been embarking on.

That jetty that would be built in Kimbe was an initiative of NFA with the support from West New Britain Provincial Government and it is designed for small boats and canoes to provide a central location for West New Britain fishing.

The shore facility will have fish cleaning stations and cold storage for local catch with fuel and ice available.

NFA is determined in delivering community based projects that will have impact in the livelihood of people in the coastal areas and with the new government's initiative of taking back PNG, it stands ready to support that.

It is looking at supporting other jetty facilities and various infrastructures proposed by provinces and districts in the years ahead.

Managing Director of NFA, Mr. John Kasu extended his gratitude to the WNB provincial Government for partnering with NFA to build a jetty and a proper fish market for the province that will really benefit the people.

NFA is also looking at building SME hubs in the coastal fishing areas of PNG and WNB could become one of them with the potential it has.

Speaking on behalf of NFA, Mr Bolton Towok said such project like that would pave way for direct export to overseas and it is a great opportunity for the community through SMEs.

He said that NFA will soon sign a bilateral agreement with China to export seafood directly to them so such initiative is a way forward that will have direct benefit to the people and the government.

Similar jetty projects have also been built in several coastal provinces and NFA will continue to develop other provinces as well.

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