



## Project Support

### Train the Trainer Workshop and Follow-up Activities for Full-time Village Chicken Keeping Workers, Solomon Islands

In April 2006, the International Rural Poultry Centre (IRPC) was granted funds by GRM International to undertake a project in the Solomon Islands to conduct 'Train the Trainer' Workshops and Follow-up Activities for full-time Village Chicken Keeping Workers. Over the duration of a year, the project comprised a two week training workshop for up to fifteen prospective trainers specifically in:

- village chicken keeping;
- consolidation of facilities and personnel at existing farmer schools;
- assistance in establishing new farmer schools; and
- the importation of a small number of chicken and duckling breeds to create a regional network of poultry breeding stations.

The training workshops have produced fifteen trainers from various areas of the Solomon Islands, who will be capable of conducting training sessions in improved village chicken management. They will also be capable of setting up new projects, training other trainers and providing ongoing support for new students in their individual projects. The project target will be for each person trained in these workshops to train twenty other village poultry farmers. This nucleus of trainers will also be involved in expanding the use of these proposed concepts across the western Pacific area. Trainers will learn to assist with the establishment of nationwide flocks of Indian Runner ducks that can be used as pest control in village gardens and as a parallel meat and egg source to village chicken enterprises.

A training workshop was conducted in July 2008 through the Vuranimala Distance Learning Centre (DLC) and had seventeen students enrolled. Future workshops are being planned for Kati DLC on the island of St. Cruz, Kati Primary School, Mona Primary School, Luesalo Rural Training Centre (RTC), Beka Beka DLC and Nupani DLC on Rennell and Bellona Islands.

A comprehensive training manual and CD has been developed to assist in training additional trainers. Also available online, these training materials are essential tools in training more people in effective poultry management. Using these training materials, and consolidating facilities and personnel at existing and proposed farmer schools, prospective students will be selected to further pass on knowledge and training material to other students.

More information on this project can be located at [www.kaikokorako.com](http://www.kaikokorako.com)