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NFA goes rural to assist inland fish farmers

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The Officers from the National Fisheries Authority (NFA), led by the Executive Manager of Aquaculture, Mr Jacob Wani spent five days visiting the Highlands fish farmers to better understand the challenges and needs farmers encounter daily to successfully farm fish.

The NFA's Deputy Managing Director, Mr Noan Pakop who was with the team said it was better that the management went out to rural villages to see in person and talk with the small fish farm operators to understand whether the Government policies particularly in the fisheries sector is addressing the issues of concern in the village level and how well they are participating in the sector.

“Visiting fish farmers in rural areas like this enables us to see how well our policies are making changes in their livelihood,” said Mr Pakop.

He said that while the fisheries sector is generating considerable income from the tuna fisheries, which is the key fishery, it's really about translating the revenue into projects and programs run in the community level such as the inland fish farming to impact the lives of rural populace in a positive way

Lack of accessibility to fish fingerlings and feeds are of great concern that the team has identified during the visit. More farmers are entering into fish farming as the demand for fish consumption is increasing, but are constrained by the lack or easy accessibility to fingerlings and fish feed.

Food security and poverty alleviation are also objectives NFA is addressing and going rural permits the officers to comprehend whether it is doing enough to ensure community is consensus of the issues.

By visiting the areas, NFA has identified several areas that has taken lead in farming fish that it can assist and through them small farmers can benefit greatly from.

The inland fish farmers have the potential of supplying quality size fish in the market.


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