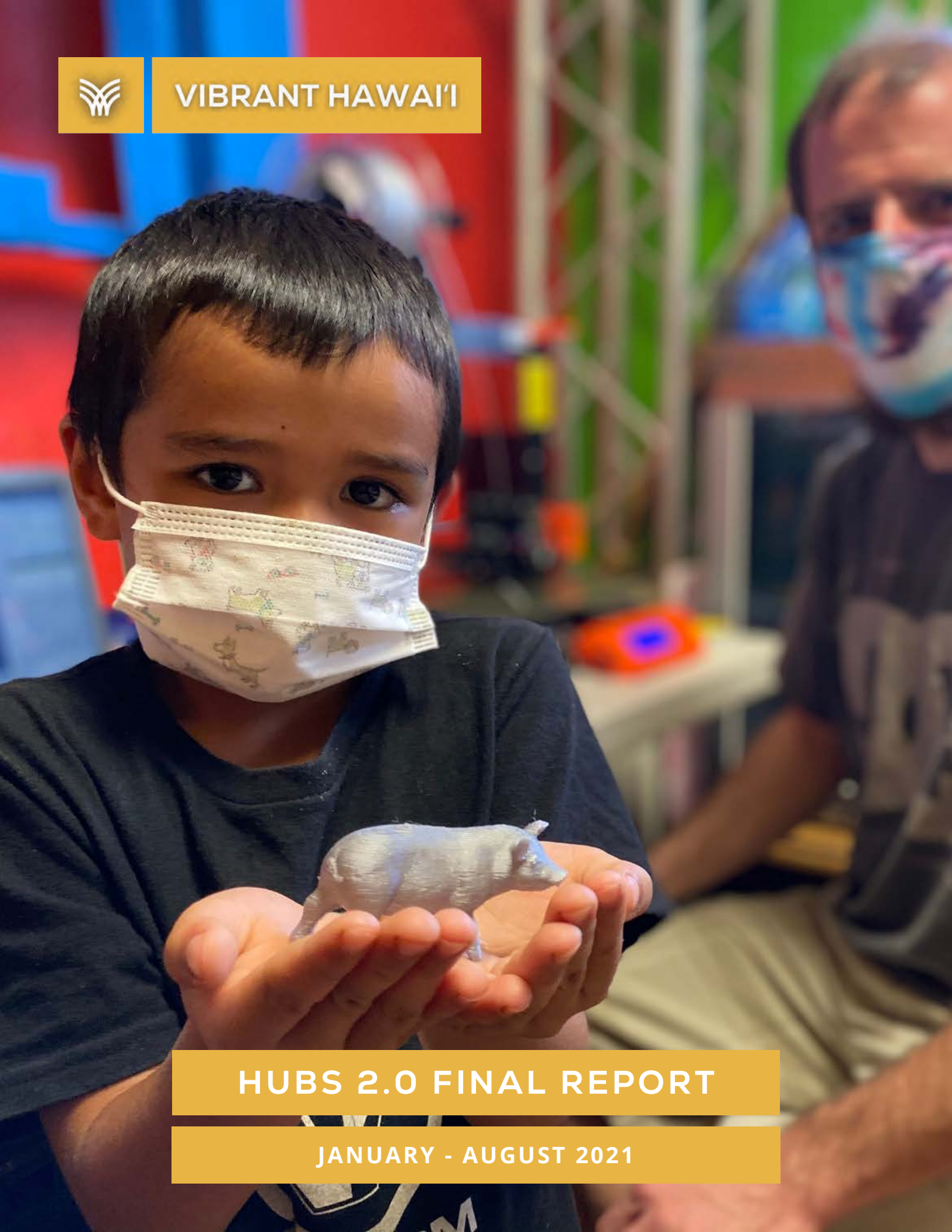


VIBRANT HAWAI'I

HUBS 2.0 FINAL REPORT

JANUARY - AUGUST 2021

Through a generous donation from Kohala Coast residents, 20 community Resilience Hubs around Hawai'i Island powered on from February through May 2021.

"Resilience Hubs are a demonstration of what we believe", said Janice Ikeda, Executive Director of Vibrant Hawai'i. "Everyone is useful and everyone contributes to collective resilience, abundance, and to our community's vision of a vibrant Hawai'i. This project would not be possible without the generous investment from a small group of Kohala Coast residents, and it would also not be possible without partnerships with local government, small businesses and restaurants who provide meals, and community champions who open the doors of the hubs every week. "

Resilience Hubs are trusted, people-powered venues that support residents, adapting to changing needs and activating in times of disaster to support emergency response and recovery efforts.

"Each Resilience Hub is designed and driven by community," said Ashley Kierkiewicz, Vibrant Hawaii's Economy Stream Chair. "By putting power into people's hands, we are building a strong, purposeful network of resilience so the community is able to meet changing needs and address challenges with creativity, empathy, and aloha. We are grateful for the private donations which allow us to keep building upon the foundation we established at the onset of the pandemic."

Resilience Hubs were first launched September to December 2019 in more than 30 communities around the island to deliver assistance in response to COVID-19. Over the 16-week activation, nearly 41,733 households and 108,214 individuals (38 percent under age 18) were assisted. Originally made possible by CARES funding granted by the County, Resilience Hubs provided a safe learning space for keiki, community access to WiFi and laptops, and restaurant-prepared meals and produce bags.

Phase II of the Resilience Hubs initiative built on the initial activation and provided community partners with a suite of tools, resources, and mentorship to assist residents, revitalize the economy, and built capacity and infrastructure so communities are ready for anything.

In addition to providing up-to-date information related to COVID-19 mitigation, Hubs provided resources to soften the financial, emotional, and social impact of the pandemic. Resilience Hubs increased access to internet in neighborhoods that currently have poor to no service/signal through WiFi connections; supported children's required learning and enrichment; provided emergency food distributions; and served as a hub of resources for various public/private assistance programs.



HUBS HIGHLIGHTS

27

Projects funded

11

Hub sites supported keiki virtual learning & connectivity, food distribution and programs

5

Hub sites distributed meals to the community

12

Resilience Programs

$175,795

Value of In-Kind Hours Contributed



3D PRINTING

Resilience Program supporting keiki hubs.

3D Printing | $50,000 | supporthawaii.org
Captains: Kean Wong, Ava Williams,
and Caroline Landry

PROGRAM IMPACT

INSTRUCTORS	WORKSHOPS	PARTICIPANTS
10	235	3,333

Technology leaders on Hawai'i Island recognized the opportunity to introduce 3D printing technology and skills to keiki through the Hubs 2.0 project. Community-based instructors led classes on designing, printing, and refining projects with 3D technology. Through this initiative, keiki honed critical thinking, math, and science skills. The 3D printers were donated to permanently stay at Hubs and in the community at the end of the project.

"(Many) communities haven't had the chance to interact with advanced technology so providing this (program) was incredible. We are confident that in 10-20 years some of these keiki will head down a STEM path. We've challenged them to think about broader opportunities than the ones they initially knew existed."- Kean Wong

"For the keiki, the 3D printers also enlightened them to endless possibilities. They gained not only the skills involved in creating and using the printers, but more importantly they gained the confidence to be engineers who know this place and their place in the 'āina." -Kendra Killkuskie, Program Instructor









ART PROGRAMS

Supporting creative arts in the community

THE ART OF ALOHA| $24,000

Artists: Leandra Keuma (Circle of Life), Heidi Hart (Ke Kula O Aloha), Brandon Estrella & Lily Raabe (Live Aloha Art Festival)

- Plan, film, and showcase a documentary to build awareness of Hawai'i Island artists and their stories.
- Submit documentary to national and international film festivals to promote the (wide spectrum) of art.

GROUNDING ARTS | $3,774.85

Artist: Aliza McKeague | rootandrisehawaii.com

- Provided Therapeutic Horticulture workshops and nature-based art therapy in Kā'ū.
- Watch the workshop series videos on the Vibrant Hawai'i YouTube channel.

KA'Ū PORTRAIT PROJECT | $3,408

Artist: Ronit Fahal | ronitphoto.com

- Photographed 12 Ka'ū residents to celebrate and honor the district.
- Portraits include QR code with links to recorded interviews.

SHADE CLOTH MURAL PROJECT | $5,200

Artist: Susan Champeny | susanchampenyartist.com

- Designed 6 large murals on shade cloth at Hub sites.



COUNTY OF HAWAIʻI PARKS AND RECREATION HUBS

Hubs supporting virtual learning and connectivity, programs, and food distribution.

CoH Parks and Recreation Program Administrators: Maurice Messina, Mason Souza, and Brittany Iyo.

Pāpaʻikou Hub | $17,000
Captain: Kami Shigematsu

Waiākea Uka Hub | $17,000
Captain: Mark Osorio

Waimea Hub | $17,000
Captain: Shelton Kalilikane

Honomū Hub | $38,298.78
Captain: Gabrielle Love

Kawananakoa Hub | $17,000
Captain: Chelbie-lyn Hanohano-Flemming

PROGRAM IMPACT

SITE	PARTICIPANTS	LUNCHES	FAMILY MEALS
Pāpaʻikou	15	429	360
Honomū	16	1,028	240
Kawananakoa	20	720	1,380
Waiākea Uka	15	378	1,109
Waimea	15	750	300

“We are very proud that although this program is new to us, we worked with other programs to provide a safe learning environment where both the keiki and their 'ohanas are worry free about education and food.” - Shelton Kalilikane



HĀMĀKUA YOUTH CENTER

Supporting virtual learning and connectivity, 3D printing, and food distribution.

Hāmākua Youth Foundation | $42,714.90 | Hamakuayouthcenter.org
Captains: Mahealani Maikui and Jeannette Soon-Ludes

PROGRAM IMPACT

PARTICIPANTS	MEALS	FOOD BAGS	VOLUNTEER HOURS
20	429	360	133.50

The Hāmākua Youth Center serves children and youth who reside along the Hāmākua coast. In addition to providing access to technology to support distance learning, and providing locally sourced produce to support students and their families, HYC hosted workshops with 3D printing and shade cloth art. During the summer, HYC supported the Kaukau 4 Keiki project, serving 218 keiki each week for 6-weeks.

“I'm most excited about our virtual huaka'i. A series of 4 huaka'i mauka to makai to develop a relationship to Hāmākua. We did it virtually. One of the huaka'i focused on farmlands, and Kaunamano Farms brought the pigs and kids learned and connected to our multicultural program.” - Jeannette Soon-Ludes



HONEYBEE EDUCATION

Program supporting food resilience at all Hubs with youth activities, garden technical assistance, and ʻāina education for the community.

Honeybee Education Program | $50,000
Captain: Jenny Bach

PROGRAM IMPACT

GARDENS SUPPORTED	GARDENS CREATED	WORKSHOPS	PARTICIPANTS	VOLUNTEER HOURS
6	5	35	593	1,238

Workshops:

- Growing Canoe Plants to Increase Food Security
- Soap Making Workshop
- Plants as Medicine: Salve Workshop
- Building Pallet Raised Garden Beds
- ʻUlu Co-op Farm Tour
- Spice Making Workshop
- Propagating ʻUlu
- Intro to Home Gardening
- Intro to Beekeeping
- Intro to vermicomposting
- Composting
- Seed Saving

“We built food resilient systems through our 3 stage process. What we saw is a community-driven project, and the community jumped in and took initiative. [We] made a substantial and heartfelt impact in a different approach,**” -** Jenny Bach

In Miloliʻi an alkaline pond, heat, and lack of water made conditions difficult for a garden. "They really listened to us, and they committed to helping our garden. They didn’t come in saying this is how you should do it. They listened to us to hear what worked and came 4 times. They even did tree trimming. [They are] good people there for the right reasons." -Kaimi Kaupiko, Miloliʻi Hub Captain



KAILAPA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Supporting virtual learning and connectivity, 3D printing, Honeybee Education and food distribution.

Kailapa Community Association | $50,000
Captains: Kuuipo Aveiro, Liana Aveiro, Shari-Ann Drummondo, and Pualani Lincoln Maielua

PROGRAM IMPACT

PARTICIPANTS	FAMILY MEALS	WORKSHOPS
7	240	28

Kailapa Community Association serves keiki residing in the Hawaiian homestead of Kailapa in Kohala. In addition to providing access to technology to support distance learning, and providing locally sourced produce to support students and their families, the hub hosted workshops to teach about hula, cultural archeology, cultivating Hawaiian plants, and shade cloth art. During the summer, Kailapa supported the Kaukau 4 Keiki project, serving 101 keiki each week for 6-weeks.

“We've accomplished our major goals. I‘m super proud we accomplished it- we got through it. The keiki got to enjoy and experience different things other than staying home. We did more than garden here like the shade cloth project- it was a mauka to makai design with a pig on it at the keiki‘s request. The keiki were so proud of it. It was big. The food boxes were big, and we even got to bless people on the wait list. They told us things like "I really needed this this week." It‘s amazing to see what Vibrant Hawai‘i has done in a year in Kailapa.” - Shari-Ann Drummondo



KAMA'ĀINA HALE RESILIENCE HUB

Resilience Program supporting families in living in housing complex.

Kama'āina Hale | $15,000
Captains: Summer Buntindaro and Pieter Heres

PROGRAM IMPACT

PARTICIPANTS	WORKSHOPS
49	3
WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS	**VOLUNTEER HOURS**
115	66

Kama'āina Hale Apartments serves 'ohana residing in the Kona housing units. The hub built a community garden for residents and provided virtual learning space and support. During the summer, Kailapa supported the Kaukau 4 Keiki project, serving 91 keiki each week for 6-weeks.

"Honeybee Education has been super beneficial. It is the beginning of changing the culture here on the property. I really enjoyed working with them... Our main focus was to build community here. It happened with the kids in the garden. Hubs 2.0 helped create a footstep of what we want to see. It helped us take the first step... We had nothing to start with. The pros [of the program] were all the teaching and meeting everyone to see what everyone else does. I enjoyed being pushed out of my comfort zone to meet other people and hear from other Hubs." -Summer Butindaro



KANAKA O PUNA

Supporting infrastructure on 5-acre hub site in Puna.

Kanaka O Puna | $50,000 | kanakaopuna.org
Captains: Iopa Maunakea and Ric Parish

PROGRAM IMPACT

WORKSHOPS	WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS	VOLUNTEER HOURS
5	94	570

Vibrant Hawai'i supported the clearing and grading phase of Kanaka O Puna's project to develop a 5-acre farm on its flagship location that will provide Puna residents with relief and recovery support during times of crisis. The men of Kanaka O Puna, many whom were recently incarcerated, and their 'ohana helped to promote 'āina-based stewardship at the Hubs in Nā'ālehu, Kohala and Waipi'o Valley. They hauled nutrient-rich soil from Puna for new garden beds, cleared trees, worked in the lo'i kalo, and helped to maintain the freshwater streams that provide much-needed water to the gardens. In this work, the men and their 'ohana develop a sense of purpose and responsibility.

"We want to uplift and rehabilitate the kāne, and when they are uplifted the 'ohana benefits, and when the 'ohana are strong the community benefits." - Ric Parish



KEAUKAHA PANA‘EWA FARMER’S ASSOCIATION

Resilience Program supporting virtual learning and food sustainability.

Keaukaha Pana‘ewa Farmer's Association | $7,115|

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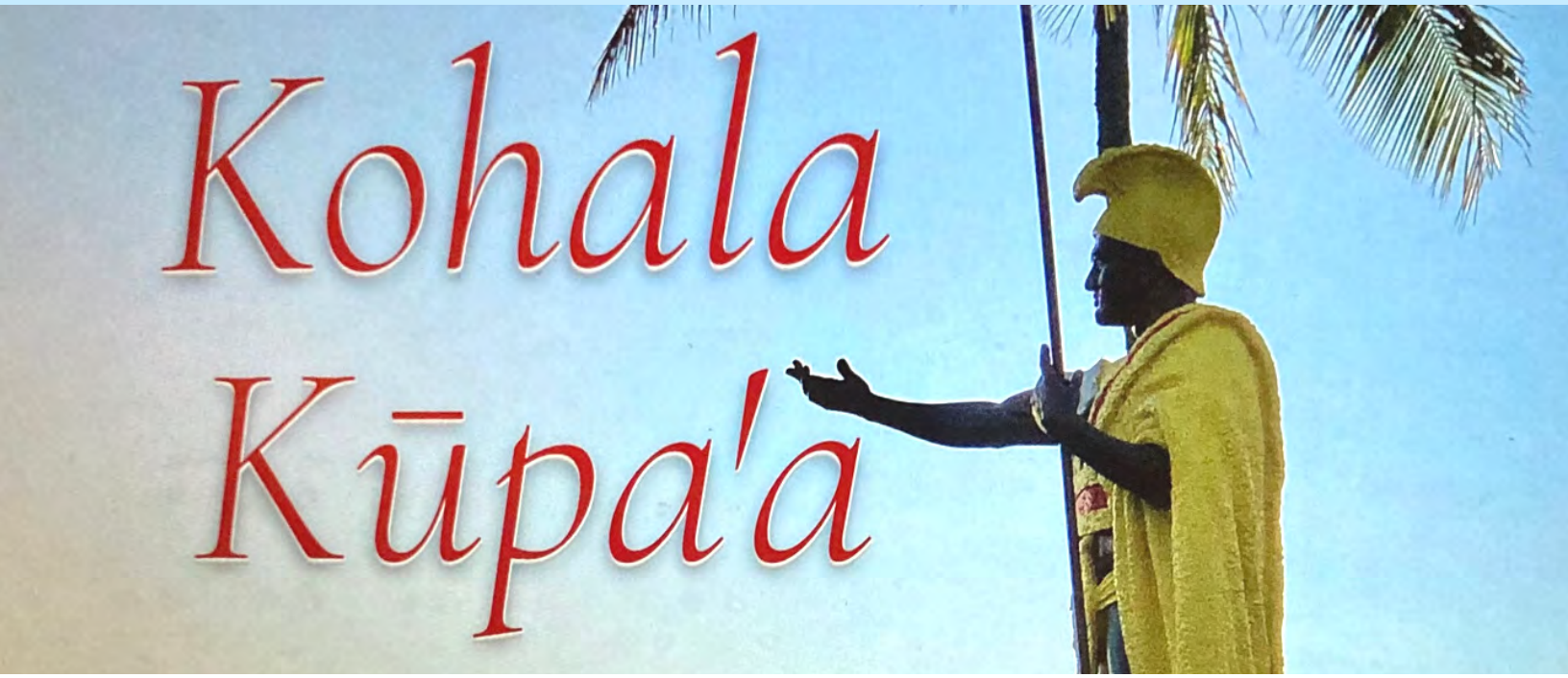
Captains: Justine Kamelamela & Ahia Dye

PROGRAM IMPACT

PARTICIPANTS	WORKSHOPS	WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS	VOLUNTEER HOURS
48	3	115	66

Pana‘ewa Farmer's Assiciation in Keaukaha supports the Pana‘ewa Farmer's Market and agricultural producers. The program focused on providing hydroponics education, support for onsite virtual learning, and distributed fresh produce to the community. When asked if the Hub achieved their vision for economic resilience, Justine Kamelamela said, "Yes! We were envisioning Health and Wellness. We were able to provide families with hydroponically grown leafy greens. We have four tents in the area and we could expand to all four. We will keep going with it."

"Project went really fast. Filled with lots of connecting with community. Lots of smiles. Enjoying the workshops. Felt really full. Connection to community. Opportunity during this time period to see community in action. Be a part of something for the community. We were always going back to What Does the Community Need. That was guiding it." - Justine Kamelamela



KOHALA KŪPA'A

Resilience Program to establish a digital hub.

Kohala Kūpa'a | $10,000
Captains: Joel Tan, Lynn Jardine, and Kathy Matsuda

‘O Kohala Kūpa‘a, a project supported by Hubs 2.0, is a digital hub that provides a virtual space for:

- an online marketplace with a focus on Kohala-made products
- for community postings
- mo‘olelo (stories) of the cultural sites and histories told by kupuna of Kohala
- former Kohala residents to reconnect with the community
- activity guide for visitors developed by the community

Website development involved input from Kohala kūpuna, mākua, and ‘ōpio: from curating stories to record to developing the online marketplace.

"One of our hopes is if you are coming into Kohala you will use this resource that spells out how to act in Kohala." -Joel Tan







LEILANI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Hubs distributing restaurant-prepared meals for kupuna in the community.

Leilani Community Association | $15,000

Captain: Greg Armstrong

PROGRAM IMPACT

MEALS	VOLUNTEER HOURS
200	152

The volunteers at Leilani Community Association provided restaurant prepared meals every Friday for 15 kupuna in the Leilani area. During the summer, they continued their support of the community through participation in the Kaukau 4 Keiki Summer Food program, serving 33 keiki each week of the program.

"It gave us a warm feeling to be able to give a little of our time to bring assistance to those needing a little help. The reward was the smiles and thank you's we got each week as people arrived for their pick up. A big THANK YOU also to Leslie from Kaleo's for partnering with us & providing delicious meals." - Greg Armstrong



MILOLI‘I – KALANIHALE

Hubs supporting virtual learning and connectivity, programs and food distribution.

Kalanihale/Miloli‘i Resilience Hub | $17,000

Captains: Gail Garoutte and Kaimi Kaupiko

PROGRAM IMPACT

GARDEN ESTABLISHED	PARTICIPANTS	FAMILY MEALS	VOLUNTEER HOURS	3D PRINTERS DONATED
1	16	166	120	2

Miloli‘i is located in a remote area of South Kona. In partnership with Kua O Ka Lā PCS, Miloli‘i community hosts a virtual learning site for the Hīpu‘u program of Kua O Ka Lā. In addition to providing technology to support distance learning and food supplies for students, Vibrant Hawai‘i supported the Miloli‘i Hub by providing access to 3D printing workshops, garden workshops and supplies, and a donation of 3D printers. Miloli‘i also received funding to purchase equipment and software to support ongoing student-led media production initiatives. The community hosted a Hands Only CPR workshop and received an AED and participated in Kaukau 4 Keiki summer food distribution.

"We thought we couldn't apply because of the distance of picking up food. I couldn't find a vendor...and then I went to the meeting and realized that we could do what worked for us. This time we did some fresh [meals] and made some food for families. We introduced quinoa and pasta. We tried to do something different than plate lunch. The kids actually liked quinoa and the mixed veggies. Hubs 2.0 was awesome to support community, give them opportunities for virtual learning and 3D printing and work with Honeybee education. We had 3D printing in our village! We are remote. We don't have electric or water, but we did it with a generator." - Kaimi Kaupiko



NĀʻĀLEHU

Hub supporting virtual learning and connectivity, 3D printing, community garden, and food distribution.

Nāʻālehu Resilience Hub | $50,000

Captains: Michelle Galimba and Marcia Masters

PROGRAM IMPACT

PARTICIPANTS	FAMILY MEALS	FOOD BAGS	WORKSHOPS	VOLUNTEER HOURS
25	3,379	479	19	459

The Nāʻālehu hub operates out of the Hongwanji temple and serves students and their families in Kaʻū. In addition to providing access to technology to support distance learning and providing Kaʻū-grown produce and meals, the hub hosted workshops with 3D printing, Honeybee garden education classes, mental health workshops, and shade cloth art. The community hosted a Hands Only CPR workshop and served 300 keiki for 6 weeks in the Kaukau 4 Keiki summer food distribution.

“We are proud that we are getting more and more teens coming and volunteering at the hub, helping with food distribution, working on the community garden, taking workshops, and doing their homework .” - Michelle Galimba





PĀHALA RESILIENCE HUB

Hub supporting food distribution and ʻāina stewardship/education.

Pāhala Hub | $24,600

Captain: Katie Graham

PROGRAM IMPACT

MEAL BAGS	VOLUNTEER HOURS
800	138

Pāhala Hub created deeper relationships and networks with farmers in Kaʻū. Hub Captain Katie Graham shared that she was able to source produce and proteins from local Kaʻū farmers and ranchers. “Our longtime vision was to ultimately create a sustainable CSA program similar to Adaptations where you can purchase boxes with EBT. Right now, people are buying food from our tiny general store which is expensive and very small...We were able to source and deliver 50 boxes a week. From this program, we proved it is possible. It was a good proof of concept, and now we need to figure out how to sustain it.”

"The Manaʻolana Lilikoʻi Butter is made by Amelia Uribe-Bounos who is in the 11th grade at Kaʻū High School. She personally delivered each of her lilikoʻi butters to families in Pāhala during our food distribution. The following week, we received handcrafted chili pepper water made by Kumu Aina's Culinary Class. The description on the back is really wonderful. We also received almond cookies made by Kaʻū High School student Kelson Gallano. The recipe came from his grandmother Fely Villegas." - Pāhala Hub Captain, Katie Graham

Pāhala Hub's connection and support of Kaʻū farmers carried into the summer during the Kaukau 4 Keiki program. Katie sourced all of the fresh produce for the food boxes and delivered to 74 keiki each week. In total Kaʻū farmers provided 4.67 tons (9,534 lbs) of fresh produce in the summer.



PARTNERS IN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

Hub supporting virtual learning and connectivity, 3D printing programs, and food distribution.

Partners In Development Foundation | $40,000 | pidf.org

Captains: Alison Masutani and Ross Pagat

PROGRAM IMPACT

PARTICIPANTS	VOLUNTEER HOURS
18	30

Partners in Development Foundation serves keiki from birth to teens Statewide. In North Kohala, PIDF partnered with the Overflow Church to establish a Resilience Hub. In addition to providing access to technology to support distance learning and workshops with 3D printing and Hands Only CPR. Through their participation in the Hubs 2.0 Leadership Cohort, PIDF developed a relationship with BISAC, which resulted in:

- BISAC provided Kohala & Kā'ū with intensive case management, telehealth substance use and mental health services.
- Hosted a Kohala wellness event and distributed 200 food bags, 200 resource bags, 100 therapy kits, and gave away a bike, scooter, and skateboard.
- Currently working with Kohala Hubs to bring back a substance use coalition

"We had a vision to help working parents. We didn't fully realize the vision till halfway through the program. We saw need and ability to help those with substance abuse [challenges]. There's meetings now to plan for how to bring more resources and help. We can give them hope and a place for them to start that recovery." - Ross Pagat



PŌHĀHĀ I KA LANI

Hub supporting food distribution and ʻāina stewardship/education.

Pōhāhā I Ka Lani | $31,088.18 | pohahaikalani.com

Captains: Kūlia Tolentino-Potter and Kawehi Lopez

PROGRAM IMPACT

WORKSHOPS	MEALS	FOOD BAGS	VOLUNTEER HOURS
9	1,409	950	2,220

Pōhāhā I Ka Lani promotes place-based land stewardship, cultural education, and community engagement at sacred places in and around Waipiʻo Valley and Puna. During the project period, they hosted small groups at their sites and provided fresh produce bags and restaurant prepared meals to families in Puna, Waipiʻo and Kohala.

When asked if the Hub achieved their vision for economic resilience by promoting ʻāina-based education and opportunities to work in ʻāina, Kūlia said, “Yes. We did way more than what we expected. Was nice to have extra hands to help [at the farm and in Waipiʻo]. Sometimes we have 3 groups in 1 day but we can't combine them so extra help was huge to expand our reach." As for providing restaurant prepared meals and produce bags, Kūlia explained, "A lot of families didn’t need as much after stimulus money came in, so we switched focus [from meal bags] to feeding volunteers- we now can encourage more volunteers for farm days with meals."

During the summer, Pōhāhā I Ka Lani continued their support of the community through participation in the Kaukau 4 Keiki Summer Food program, serving 46 keiki each week of the program.



PROJECT KOKO

Hands-Only CPR/AED | $9,230

Project Lead: Stacy Domingo

Recognizing that slower emergency response times in the most rural areas of our island, Vibrant Hawai'i worked closely with Resilience Hub teams and other community influencers in remote areas to increase the number of residents trained in Hands Only CPR. This is a lifesaving technique that is shown to double the chances of serving cardiac arrest. Nearly 300 participants were certified in Hands Only CPR in Kailapa, Hāmākua, Kohala, Hilo, Miloli'i, Nānāwale, Kalapana, Kea'au, and Kona. In addition, Vibrant Hawai'i donated 10 automated external defibrillators (AED) machines to these community centers, further increasing public access and response to cardiac arrests outside of a hospital setting.

"The vision for Project KOKO is for every witness of a cardiac arrest to get bystander CPR. As a first responder, I have experienced firsthand the devastating impact on family and community bystanders whose loved ones could have benefitted by the availability and access to an AED in that moment of crisis. Our aim is to empower more local residents by multiplying the number of folks who are trained in hands-only CPR and the number of AED's islandwide.

Through this partnership with Vibrant Hawai'i we have been able to extend training to over 300 people in the community and place AED's in community spaces where people gather. One of the most impactful moments of this project was when a participant told me that she saw AED's in public spaces before, but never knew she was allowed to use it." EMS Captain, Stacy Domingo



WAIMEA RESILIENCE HUB

Hubs delivering kupuna meals and job training scholarships.

St. James Church | $32,500

Captains: Lauren Avery and Tim Bostock

PROGRAM IMPACT

MEALS	SCHOLARSHIPS
3,393	1

The volunteer-driven team of the Waimea Resilience Hub delivered 102 weekly kupuna dinners from local restaurants for the duration of the program. They also prepared and distributed nearly 100 individual hot family meals to the community every Thursday evening for 4 months. In addition to ensuring families had access to hot meals, volunteers provided kupuna with friendship, up-to-date news, and resources. During the Summer months, Waimea Resilience Hub also served 90 keiki every week for 6 weeks.

Through this engagement, hub volunteers recognized a need for Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA) in the Waimea community to work in area clinics, doctor offices the local hospital, and most importantly - be available to in-home health visits. With support from Vibrant Hawai'i, 4 CNA training scholarships were offered to residents in the Waimea region.

"Importantly, also in this process we recognized an even greater need to offer strategies and assistance to improve a student or adult's potential in the workplace and in their career trajectory; it was more than finding a job— it was building their future! We will continue with this greater initiative!" - Lauren Avery



CNA Scholarship Reciepient Ajaelyne Kristel Navalta



YMCA HILO

Hub supporting virtual learning and connectivity, 3D printing, Honeybee education, and food distribution.

YMCA | $40,000 | islandofhawaiiymca.org

Captains: Wendy Botelho and Martha Rodillas

PROGRAM IMPACT

PARTICIPANTS	ENTREPRENEUR JR LEADERS	HOURS OF 'AINA EDUCATION
85	7	157

Beyond assisting over 60 students, including 24 foster keiki, with distance learning, 3D printing, and Honeybee garden education classes, the staff of the YMCA taught entrepreneurship and leadership skills by establishing a small business for their keiki. The 7 Jr Leaders started a microbusiness to make and sell resin keychains weekly. Through this, they learned important business skills including, manufacturing, marketing, customer service, and keeping accurate sales records. The profits were reinvested into the program.

"The older youth (junior leaders) have taken on the challenge of learning what it takes to start a business. They have been involved in making the resin initial letter keychains. They have learned about marketing, labeling product, packaging product, organizing product, setting up shop, selling product, making sales/change for customers, taking inventory and supply and demand. They wear YMCA t-shirts as their uniform when they staff the "pop-up" table with keychains for sale. This truly has been a learning experience for our junior leaders." - Wendy Botelho



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAIʻI-HILO

Hub supporting food distribution and ʻāina stewardship/education.

University of Hawaiʻi at Hilo | $30,000 | hilo.hawaii.edu
Captain: Farrah-Marie Gomes

PROGRAM IMPACT

FAMILY MEALS	FOOD BAGS	VOLUNTEER HOURS
3,990	2,320	280

At UH-Hilo, 3,900 college students, all experiencing food insecurity, received meals from campus food vendor Sodexo. Hubs 2.0 helped to support this vendor who was losing significant revenue with fewer students on campus. Preparing the meal bags to share with others gave an opportunity to build relationships and strengthen a sense of belonging. Recipes were also included with the food bags so students could follow along to create nutritious meals.

“A positive story is that student-athletes, who previously received a meal bag, got to volunteer. From this they got a deeper appreciation for what they received. They even made a competition on who could pack backs the fastest. For us at UHH, it was a new and welcomed appreciation for engagement on campus.” Farrah-Marie Gomes.

During the summer, UH-Hilo continued to serve the Hilo community and supported the Kaukau 4 Keiki project, distributing food boxes to 652 keiki each week for 6-weeks.



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