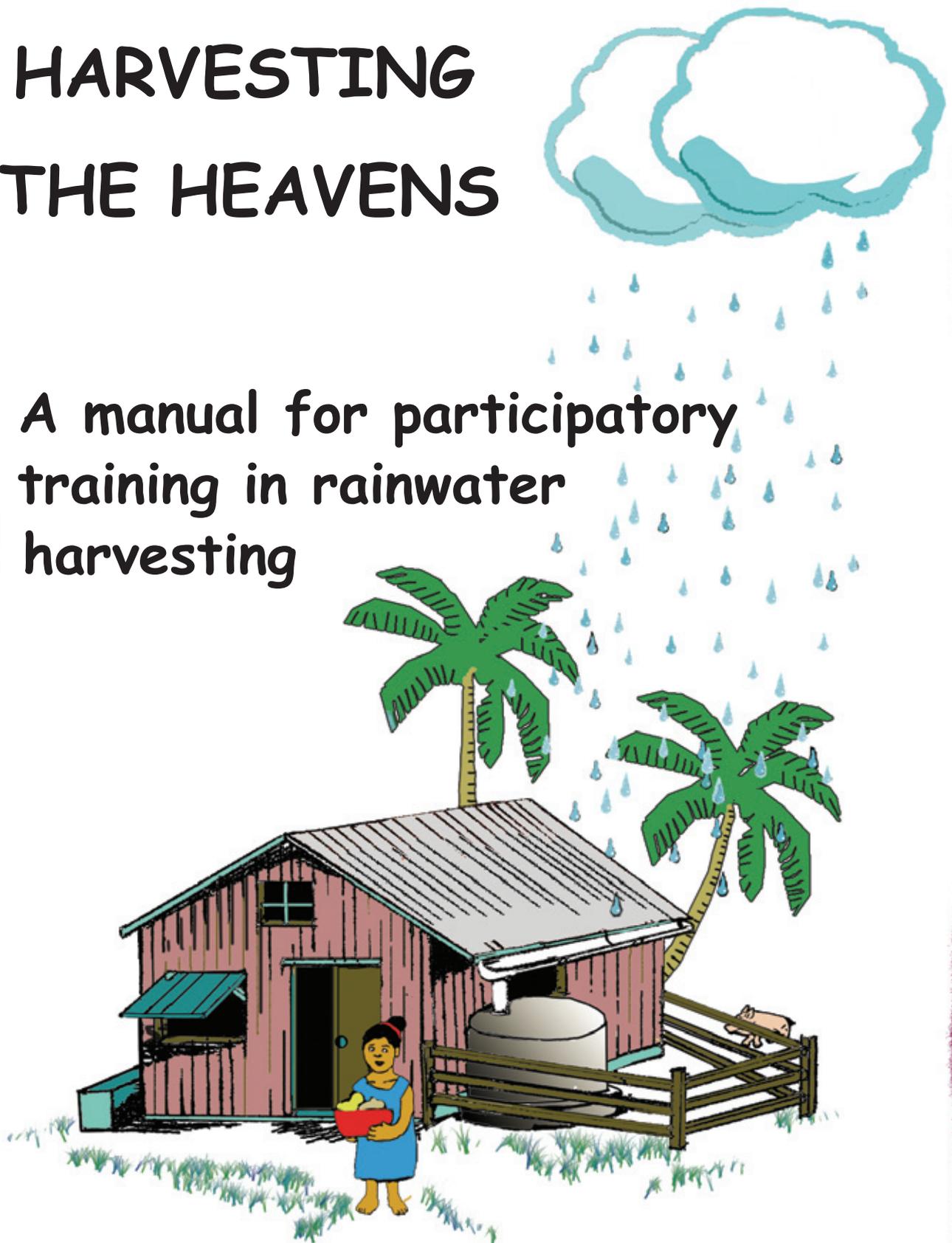


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Preface

This Manual on Participatory Training in Rainwater Harvesting was developed as part of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) project titled "Pilot Project on Empowering Women in Rainwater Harvesting in the Pacific Atoll Islands" with funding from the Government of Sweden.

The Manual was developed to complement a "Training of Trainers" Workshop for community extension workers together with local counterparts from the Village Women Development Programme (VWDP) and the Tonga Community Development Trust (TCDT) held in Vava'u, Tonga from 12 to 14 May 2004.

The Manual is targeted for use by Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), Community-Based Organisations (CBOs) or people involved in rainwater harvesting, and contains a number of participatory techniques, tools and activities based on best practices from a variety of sources. The techniques, tools and activities were used during the "Training of Trainers" workshop and allowed improvements to be made to the Manual based on the input and feedback of participants.

It is important to note that continual adjustments to the approach, training activities and tools are encouraged based on experiences at the field level, as participatory development is an ongoing process.

This project is part of the UNEP initiative to promote rainwater harvesting in the two regions of Africa and the Pacific. EarthCare Africa implemented the African component in Kenya whereas the South Pacific Applied Geoscience Commission (SOPAC) implemented the Pacific component in Tonga. UNEP facilitated the exchange of information between the two regions. A UNEP representative attended the "Training of Trainers" workshop and was able to provide the valuable "Kenyan experience" and input towards the activities, tools and Manual.

In addition to the Manual there is also a set of Guidelines for Rainwater Harvesting in Pacific Island Countries, which are intended to advocate the use of rainwater harvesting for domestic water supply among a wide audience and provide guidance for practitioners in how to improve the sustainability of rainwater harvesting projects.

We hope that you are able to use this Manual for training in the communities with which you work and adapt it to suit your situation and share lessons learned with SOPAC and the Tonga Development Trust.

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