

Villagers clean up Marou

By Thompson Marango.....

PEOPLE OF MAROU VILLAGE on Emau carried out a mass clean-up campaign through their village last week, thanks to a waste management workshop run by the Wan Smol Bag Environmental Officer, George Betro.

Mr Betro said the objective of the workshop was to develop a waste management plan for the village.

"People never realise how

much waste they have around them until they went through the workshop and carried out the clean up campaign," he said.

Conducted mainly for youths the workshop included waste management presentations, identification of different wastes, their effects on the environment, and how they should be disposed.

Wastes collected during the campaign were moved to a

dumping site outside the village.

As part of the workshop participants carried out observations throughout the village to find out the types of waste produced in the village and how they are disposed.

The findings were used to develop a waste management plan for the village.

Betro said their observations revealed that many dumping sites were too close

to the coast which was not safe for the environment.

The observation also showed that people along the coast were using the sea as a dumping place for their wastes.

The workshop gave the villagers an idea on how to manage their wastes and Mr Betro said they have even decided to organise annual clean-up campaigns as part of the waste management plan.

