

3.8. Climate Change Workshop

This workshop was organized to disseminate the results of the project to the community, and was conducted on April 27-28, 2011 at the JMR Administration Office. The combined information from the interviews and focus group was condensed into influence diagrams for participants to visualize the observations and impacts of climate change and make sense of the connections amongst the themes; as people in the community better relate to the interconnectedness of climate, nature, and people rather than viewing them in separate contexts (i.e. thematic posters). The workshop also provided another opportunity for community members to provide feedback concerning the project.

After verifying and clarifying the priority ranking of the health related climate change impacts, the workshop participants, using the influence diagrams, discussed how people in the community have been responding in a reactive manner to these impacts, and brainstormed some initial adaptation strategies that the community may want to pursue to respond more proactively to health related climate change impacts. For more details about the adaptation strategies and recommendations for responding to climate change see Section 6.