



Save the Children

Fiji

Annual Report 2018

OUR 2030 AMBITION

We will do whatever it takes to ensure that all children Survive, Learn and are Protected by 2030.

We won't inspire breakthroughs for children on our own. We will work hand in hand with children and their communities, our partners and our donors. Only then we will transform the lives of children and make a real difference.

There are currently 2.6BILLION children in the world.

5.9 MILLION CHILDREN under the age of 5 die from preventable causes each year.

59 MILLION CHILDREN are not in school. Of the children in school, **250 MILLION are not learning the basics in reading and mathematics.**

Up to 1.5 BILLION children experience violence each year.

OUR THREE GLOBAL BREAKTHROUGHS FOR 2030.

SURVIVE

NO CHILD DIES FROM PREVENTABLE CAUSES BEFORE THEIR FIFTH BIRTHDAY

LEARN

ALL CHILDREN LEARN FROM A QUALITY BASIC EDUCATION

BE PROTECTED

VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN IS NO LONGER TOLERATED

Who We Are

We have been creating sustainable and lasting change in the lives of children in Fiji for 47 years. Created in Fiji in 1972, we are a non-political organisation that continues to be dedicated to driving positive change for children across the region.

As a Child Rights Organisation, we work to ensure children can realise their rights, particularly those children who are in the most vulnerable and marginalised environments. Currently, we work from ground level to policy level with direct work in 54 informal settlement and communities across Fiji.

Our Work

Globally, Save the Children protects the lives of children in more than 120 countries and each year we support millions of the hardest to reach and most vulnerable children and young people around the world.

Locally, we work to create long lasting, sustainable change in the lives of children in Fiji by driving change from the community level to government and policy. We take a holistic approach to our advocacy and programmatic work by working directly on key areas of:

- **Education**
- **Health**
- **Child Protection**
- **Child Participation**
- **Child Centered Disaster Risk Reduction**
- **Child Sensitive Livelihoods**



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Message from Board Chair



In 2018 and in the face of exponentially changing times and global challenges, Save the Children Fiji continued to focus on its core work, protecting the rights of children and it has diversified its range of projects and donors. Save the Children Fiji has continued to work in the key areas of Health, Child Rights

and awareness, Child Protection and Humanitarian response. Its two major projects are ongoing, the Child Centred Disaster Risk Reduction (CDRR) project and the Resilience through Knowledge and Action in Agriculture and Food Security (KANA) project relating to improved outcomes for children through agriculture and food security.

Save the Children Fiji's CEO and staff are incredibly dedicated to serving and improving the lives of the children of Fiji. They travel to the far reaching corners of Fiji to deliver programs, goods and services and to ensure that no child or region within Fiji is left behind. The CEO and programming team have continued to work hard to balance their delivery of services against the necessity to secure ongoing funding for both short and long term projects and to ensure the financial viability and sustainable existence of the organisation. They have done well to juggle the ongoing challenges of running a not for profit organisation in a developing country against delivery of core work and key projects.

As we celebrate the centenary of Save the Children International this year, we remember how Save the Children was established by Eglantyne Jebb in England following the end of World War 1. There were many children who were orphaned and in need. One hundred years later and sadly that fact has not changed – there are still a huge number of children in need worldwide. Save the Children internationally continues to support children whose lives have been torn apart by war, poverty, famine, genocide and natural disasters. In Fiji and the Pacific, as developing countries, our children face universal and unique challenges such as climate change, ongoing severe natural disasters and food security issues. Save the Children Fiji must be a voice for the children of Fiji and the Pacific and help raise awareness of those challenges to Save the Children internationally and the world.

Securing funding for Save the Children Fiji's core child protection work is difficult and the organisation has worked hard to self-fund this work through fee for service delivery. The ongoing statistics and reported cases by the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions of sexual offending against children in Fiji are alarming. The statistics indicate that over 60% of all rape victims in Fiji are children. We must continue to be the voice of children and as a community, fight against the epidemic of sexual offending against children. Save the Children will continue with its advocacy and awareness raising work and it needs the support of all community members. Changing the trend of sexual offending against children involves a widespread and ongoing response and will challenge cultural norms.

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I would like to thank the people behind Save the Children Fiji, including its employees, board, project partners, suppliers and NGO's. Save the Children Fiji appreciates the ongoing support of its donors, who include the Government of Australia, Government of New Zealand, corporate and individual donors in Fiji and Save the Children Australia and New Zealand.

In the words of Eglantyne Jebb: ***“Save the Children is often told that its aims are impossible- that there has always been child suffering and there will always be. We know. It's impossible only if we make it so. It's impossible only if we refuse to attempt it.”***

As an organisation and as a country, let us ask ourselves, what can we do, and what can I do personally in my own small way, to help improve the lives of children in Fiji? Let us not be complacent and accept a new norm where children's lives are irretrievably damaged by sexual offending and the many other challenges that exist in Fiji. Let us continue to fight, continue to advocate and to help transform the lives of children in Fiji and the Pacific.

Lorraine Reiher
Board Chair

Message from the Chief Executive Officer



Fiji is making steady progress towards the realisation of child rights with increasing Government investment in Health, Education and Social Protection however significant issues remain with clear implications for the realisation of child rights. In 2018, Save the Children Fiji (SC Fiji) continued to

strive to address some of these significant issues and to improve the lives of children in Fiji through our programs in Disaster Risk Reduction, Child Protection, Child Participation, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene, Child Sensitive Livelihoods and Humanitarian Response.

While our funding portfolio decreased by \$1 million from 2017 due to the end of our Tropical Cyclone Winston Response Programming, we started 8 new grants totally over \$862,000. With a challenging funding

as expanding its coverage with appropriate funding and needs. We strengthened partnerships regionally through engagement with Save the Children Australia's Country Offices in Solomon Islands and Vanuatu as well as through Child focused Organisations in the Pacific

As a part of the Global Annual Plan process, SC Fiji undertook a Child Rights Situational Analysis (CRSA). The purpose of the CRSA is to provide a current analysis of the situation of children in Fiji, including current gaps in the realisation of their rights and what services and assistance are required to address these. In doing so, the CRSA will provide Save the Children Fiji with an evidence base from which to engage strategically with donors and other stakeholders in Fiji in its work towards the fulfilment of children's rights for the next three years through a new Strategic Plan. We focused on improving the quality of our programmes, build our advocacy and improving systems to make us more efficient. We now need to build on that foundation, in a world that's changing fast for children.

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2019 will mark Save the Children's Centennial Anniversary where our founder Eglantyne Jebb changed the course of history when she declared that all children have rights. This revolutionary idea became the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

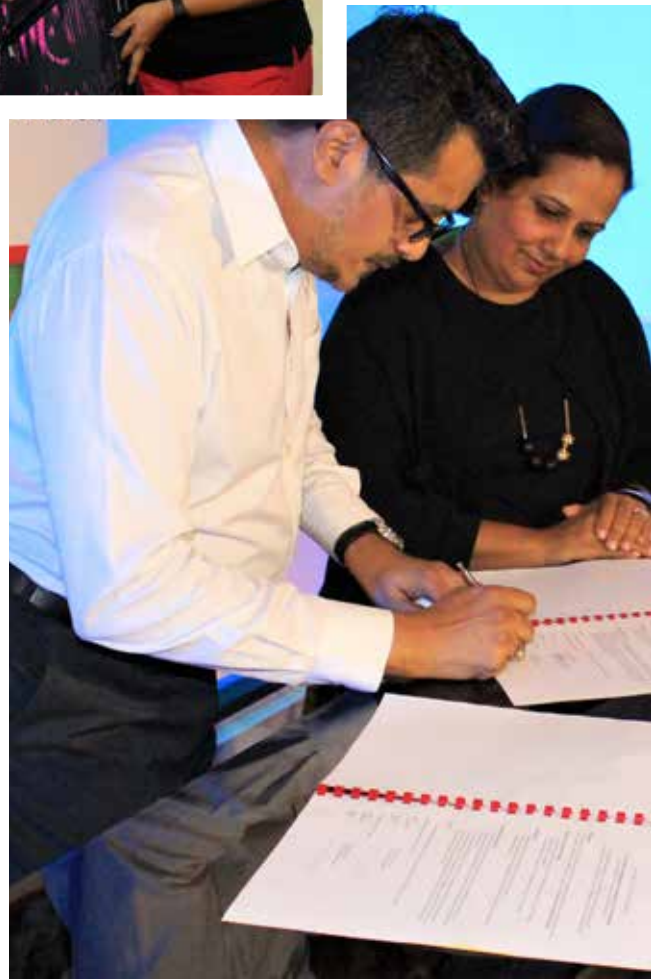
environment, SC Fiji strived to fill its funding gap in 2018 through streamlining its staff costs and developing a Fee for Service Business Model for Child Protection and Child Safeguarding programming. This helped to address the huge need in Child Safeguarding for communities and development partners and the large underfunding in the Pacific towards Child Protection. We also applied a fundraising strategy alongside this new Business model and this raised over \$99,000 to reduce the gap and ensure we were able to sustain our operations in 2018 and plan for 2019. SC Fiji expanded its donor portfolio to include Fiji Water Foundation, Canada Fund, Start Fund and German Fund in 2018.

SC Fiji's geographic coverage continues to reflect the needs of children across the country. In 2018, through our humanitarian response program we were able to reach Kadavu and our WASH programs enabled us to reach Bua in Vanua Levu. SC Fiji plans to continue working in its current program sites in Suva, Lautoka, Ba, Rakiraki, Labasa and Koro Island as well

and sparked a global movement to make the world a better place for children. SC Fiji has a proud history as part of that global movement, being in Fiji for 46 years where we have helped to massively improve the lives of hundreds of children beginning from paying for their education when the organisation was called Save the Children Fund.

In Fiji, children continue to die from preventable causes, miss out on learning and are subjected to violence, therefore Save the Children's role in Fiji and its partnerships is pivotal, which shows us how much stronger we are when we work as one. And truly working together means having the right people carrying forward our work in Fiji and the organisation cannot function without a passionate and dedicated Board and Staff who I am honoured to be working alongside.

Iris Low-McKenzie
Chief Executive Officer



Governance and Organisational Development

Governance

Save the Children Fiji is governed by Trustees and a Board. At the 2018 Annual General Meeting, the Trustees, Mr. Vijay Naidu, Mr. Kaliopate Tavola and Rev. Sereima Lomaloma were reappointed as Trustees.

The Board Chair is Ms. Lorraine Reiher who has been Chair since 2017. In 2018, the Board comprised of nine Board Members. Ms. Rokobua Naiyaga, Ms. Lenora Qereqeretabua and Ms. Nowen Low (Board Secretary) completed their term on the Board in 2018 and Dr. Donald Wilson. Ms. Tamara Smith and Ms. Veena Singh were inducted onto the Board. Ms. Veena Singh is the new Secretary of the Board.

The current Board members are:

- Lorraine Reiher (Chair)
- Garry Wiseman (Vice Chair)
- Veena Singh (Secretary)
- Sushilkaur Narayan (Treasurer)
- Gina Houng Lee
- Tamara Smith
- Romulo Nayacalevu
- Dr. Donald Wilson
- Lisa Apted

In 2018, the Board had four Board meetings and the Annual General Meeting was held on 10 May 2018. The Board has two Sub Committees: The Finance Sub Committee and Property Sub Committee.

Senior Management Team

Iris Low-McKenzie	Chief Executive Officer
Ben Chand	Operations Manager
Alpana Maharaj	Finance Manager
Vijay Krishna	Communications and Marketing Manager
Shairana Ali	Program Manager

Locations

Head Office	25 Pender Street Suva
Labasa Office	86 Sarwan Singh Street, Labasa
Lautoka Office	Building 3, Nede Street, Lautoka

Child Protection

Child Protection and Child Safeguarding Awareness

The Child Protection and Child Participation program had many notable successes in 2018. Continued strong partnerships with various stakeholders, namely, the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation and the Ministry of Education paved the way to reach more children with child protection programs. Child Protection and Child Participation activities are aligned with the priorities identified within government ministries priorities for children. In addition, SC Fiji's technical expertise on child protection and participation resulted in several grants which was utilised to provide capacity building trainings, conduct audits and support with child protection policies for local civil society and faith-

partners has resulted in partners understanding the safeguards that are necessary when working with children and understand their own role in creating a safe environment. An understanding of DFAT Child Protection Policy and Child Protection Risk Context has enabled trained participants to understand the relevance of assessment of child protection risk at the activity level and requirements to apply the nine minimum child protection standards. This awareness, a Child Safeguarding Policy and a Code of Conduct serves in the protection of staff and has helped to protect the children with whom the organisations or its implementing partner is in contact with.



based partners. Within the reporting period, SC Fiji provided technical support and training to 21 Civil Society and Faith Based partners. As a result, these organisations are able to identify risks associated with their interaction with children and have strengthened child protection and child safeguarding policies and practices to mitigate those risks. Each organisation has a comprehensive child protection audit report and a child protection policy in place that is also compliant with DFAT standards on child protection and child safeguarding.

Partnerships are crucial to proactively maintain an environment that aims to prevent and deter any actions whether deliberate or inadvertent, that place children at risk of any kind of Child Abuse, Neglect or Exploitation. Capacity building trainings for its



Participants of Ra Naari Parishad in Rakiraki complete their Child Protection Training

Child Rights Situational Analysis

In order to strengthen the evidence base on child rights situation in Fiji and to inform SC Fiji's internal strategic priorities from 2019-2021, SC Fiji completed a Child Rights Situational Analysis (CRSA) that examined children's rights, rights related violations and also consulted with children to gauge their understanding of their rights, responsibilities and concerns. The CRSA was funded with the support of the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives (CFLI) and an external consultant was recruited to support all three stages of the report finalization process. Findings

during the analysis process indicate that Fiji has made significant gains and progressed towards the realization of child rights. For example, children's access to quality health services is improving and this is noted through improved maternal and child health, better antenatal service coverage by the government, consistently high immunization rates with Fiji meeting global standards, hundred percent exclusive breastfeeding promoted and practised and the application of integrated management of childhood illnesses and improved access to water, sanitation and hygiene services (2019, CRSA). While progress has been made, the CRSA findings has put a spotlight on prevailing issues that remain and these impact on children's development and their ability to fully practise their rights and responsibilities. For example, consultations with stakeholders and children revealed that inequalities between national and sub-national levels persist, and particularly disadvantaged are children living in rural areas, squatter settlements, low quality urban dwellings and the Northern division. These inequalities further exacerbate poor health outcomes for Fiji's children. Violence against children as a form of discipline is the standard in 72% of households and finds its justification in religious and cultural norms, as well as in the lack of known alternative disciplining strategies. Rates of Child Sexual Abuse (CSA) are alarming, with 1 in 5 girls reporting having experienced sexual abuse before the age of 15.

for the first time, children were consulted and their perspectives was also captured in the report. Children interviewed in the Northern, Western and Central divisions in Fiji articulated their level of understanding of child rights and called for more support from civil society and stronger legislation to protect them. They also highlighted their views on inequalities within their communities and their experiences and their limited capacity to influence change and meet their aspirations. Furthermore, children participated in three divisional level forums and were supported with a safe space to learn and share on the CRSA process and findings with some children using this space to also share personal experiences of violence against children and women within their own homes, community and public spaces. As a result of the Forums, children chose important issues for example, corporal punishment, bullying, gender roles and children with disabilities and highlighted key actions to the duty bearers and urged them to take action on their needs and concerns.

Key advocacy message on child abuse was aired by Fiji Television and children advocated on the issue of child abuse and reached between 500,000 to 800,000 people with their messages.

Fem Link Pacific, a local non-government partner which runs a radio station with an audience of approximately 10,000 daily reported personal



 SC Fiji Staff, Chaperones and Children at the Child Right Situational Analysis Forum in Lautoka

Data collected through the CRSA is important and a significant achievement for SC Fiji as it strengthens available evidence on Child Rights and facilitates learning amongst stakeholders working on child rights and protection so that they are able to develop evidenced informed programs and services for children. The CRSA findings are also special since

reflections from the Children after the forum focusing on their second priority which was education and how Education can make changes for other children. These stories were published in Fem Link Pacific's bi-monthly newsletter production which is widely circulated across Pacific Island countries. Furthermore, children used Facebook, Instagram and other social media pages to advocate on priority issues.

Single mother of 6, Wainibuku HART

I want to share my learnings yesterday about stress, as a single parent my mind is never at peace with all the worries of where I get money for food, for my children in school especially when I am not working. For the things that children need for school, I try my very best to get these for my children. I try my very best not to be stressed, and I cope with all the competing things by first come first serve basis and priorities for each day. And I try not to get stressed as I don't have anyone else to help me with my children. I have learnt about Positive discipline somewhere before but never really paid attention as I felt that others needed it more than I did, however throughout this 5 days, my heart keeps getting pricked because even though I say that I do the best for my children, I am a screamer and often really abuse my children verbally because I want to drive them to be successful but I have been reminded and I asked my children for forgiveness after just the first day of training and I am committed to practicing more warmth and structure with my children. This training is really very relevant to our daily lives. Thank you.



Participants at the Positive Discipline in Everyday Parenting Workshop in the Yasawas.

Positive Discipline in Everyday Parenting

The Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation (MWCPA) in partnership with SC Fiji, conducts Positive Discipline in Everyday Parenting (PEDP) training to raise awareness of alternative disciplining strategies. Since 2016, 26 communities and 384 people from Suva, Lami, Nasinu, Levuka, Yasawa and Labasa have been trained with evidence of changes in behaviour and attitude towards the discipline of children, including breaking misconceptions about discipline of children from cultural and religious context.

The PEDP training was developed as a primary prevention program to reduce physical punishment of children. Save the Children initiated the program in 2007 in response to the recommendations of the UN's World Report on Violence against Children, which calls for strengthening parenting skills, including non-violent forms of discipline, problem-solving skills and the management of family conflicts.

Pacific Regional Child Protection Stakeholders Meeting

In June 2017, the Heads of six global child-focused INGOs gathered in Bellagio, Italy to affirm their commitment to implement the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for the benefit of children. The resulting 'Bellagio Declaration' ([*“Joining forces to accelerate the implementation of the SDGs for children”*](#)) states the intent of the six agencies to work together over five years on the Signature Initiative of Ending Violence against Children (EVAC).

In 2018, two of the 'Joining Forces' group members in New Zealand, ChildFund New Zealand and World Vision NZ, embarked on a joint campaign to end violence against children together with their partners in the Pacific region (ChildFund Papua New Guinea, World Vision Pacific Timor-Leste). Harnessing the momentum generated through World Vision's global EVAC campaign ("It Takes a World to End Violence against Children") and its roll-out in the Pacific region, the two agencies also began engaging in conversations with UNICEF Pacific, to assist governments to strengthen or establish child protection systems.



 Save the Children Staff from Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, Australia and Fiji at the Child Protection Shared Services Meeting.

To ensure that the Child Protection stakeholders active in the Pacific region can maximise synergies, avoid duplication and speak with one voice, a joint gathering of the 'Joining Forces' agencies and UNICEF was held. The Pacific Regional Child Protection Stakeholders' Meeting accordingly took place during 2-4 October 2018, in Suva, Fiji. A total of 26 participants attended from five global child-focused agencies operating in the region (ChildFund, Plan International, Save the Children, UNICEF and World Vision).

This provided an opportunity for Save the Children Members and Country Offices in the Pacific to come together to share program approaches and identify ways of better collaborating across the Pacific.

At the Stakeholders meeting priorities identified included:

Programs - Develop a platform and forum to further engage on agreed actions for agencies to share information (including evidence, data, lessons learned, best practices, available technical resources, etc) on child protection and EVAC programmes and projects. Utilise this information to strengthen programme quality/effectiveness and efficiency; engage with Child Protection stakeholders, and influence national governments and donor agencies.

Advocacy - advocate with key Pacific governments to allocate sufficient annual budget specifically on protecting children from harm. Budget allocations must be clear, transparent and accountable. This additional budget should be used primarily for

investments in the child protection workforce (e.g. to strengthen capacity and training). In addition, advocate with donor governments to start tracking their spending on ending violence against children, and gradually increase ODA to assist Pacific governments with the implementation / development of their child protection laws and policies.

Save the Children Child Protection Shared Services Meeting

Save the Children staff from Member and Country Offices across the Pacific met in Port Vila, Vanuatu to share knowledge, skills and wisdom about their role as partners in the consortiums on Australian Humanitarian Program (AHP) Pacific Capability funded interventions of Disaster Ready and Shared Services in Fiji, Vanuatu and Solomon Islands. Specifically, in regard to the Child Protection component of Shared Services and Disaster Ready.

The two-day workshop, provided an opportunity for Save the Children Pacific colleagues who work across different countries on similar projects, to meet face to face for the first time. In addition, participants identified connections to other projects/programs in the thematic areas of Child Protection and Child Protection in Emergencies (CPIE), Child Participation, Education and Education in Emergencies (EiE), and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) that is included in Disaster Ready and Shared Services.

Child Participation

Fundraising

As a means of raising funds for Kids Link Fiji (KLF) activities, KLF members organized Movie Nights in partnership with Life Cinemas in Nakasa. A total of 2 successful movie nights were held raising around \$1,000 for KLF.

Advocacy

KLF children provided input into SC Fiji's Annual Plan emphasizing key advocacy messages and themes they feel needs to be addressed in Fiji.

KLF members participated in two Family Fun Days organised by the Department of Social Welfare and used that platform to talk to adults and children about key issues affecting children.

Through the KLF Facebook page, advocacy messages were developed by KLF for World Day Against Child Labour and the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking (IDADAIT) week activities. This included two videos on Child Abuse and identifying warning signs for suicide. In addition, KLF put together a media release for 25-year anniversary of the Ratification of the UNCRC by the Fiji Government.

KLF members also engaged with the Hibiscus Festival Contestants who aimed to advocate on Child Abuse where the children briefed the contestants on their experiences and their thoughts on how to prevent child abuse and tips for the contestants on issues to advocate for.



Key message from the Art & Education Dialogue.

Arts and Education Dialogue through partnership with the British Council through the Valuing Voices Project was held at the Grand Pacific Hotel on 23 August, 2018. Valuing Voices is about valuing ALL voices in society – based on an understanding that diversity of voice leads to better governance for everyone. The innovative arts-in-development project is funded by the people of Europe, aimed at supporting the Fijian Government's international commitments to consolidating democracy and the rule of law, and respect for all human rights and fundamental freedoms.

The Arts and Education dialogue focused on the Arts and Heritage space in Fiji and its contribution to decision making in curricula and policy in Fiji. The first half of the day included a dialogue between artists, human rights defenders and academics identifying opportunities and challenges in integrating arts and culture into the Fiji school curriculum.

As the Valuing Voices project is about exploring new ways of amplifying voice, the second half of the planned dialogue provided 25 children with an opportunity to speak out responsibly about opportunities and challenges in integrating arts and culture into the Fiji school curriculum. The dialogue highlighted that in Fijian society, as in many societies, the Arts is not regarded by many parents as a viable career option. Platforms and pathways are limited, and children who are interested or talented in the arts are often encouraged to pursue other interests. These children, and society at large, often miss out on their skills and talents. Research shows that vital skills for employment in this millennium include creativity, collaboration and cooperation. The discussion will explore how these soft skills can be enhanced in the education system and especially through arts-based activities.



KLF members on the CRC Anniversary Day



◀◀ The young people and their Cheparones engage in key messages through art.

under the guidance of the Child Rights Officer. KLF branches provide monthly updates on their activities to the Suva Office and most of their activities are done on Saturday or after school. KLF members also have special meeting after 3 months to plan their activities for the next 3 months.

Membership

A membership drive was conducted in 2018 as more children were expressing their interest in joining the group. The criteria for membership includes compulsory attendance to 2 trainings before they can be further involved in the KLF activities. The 2 trainings are, KLF awareness- this enables new members to understand KLF and its existence and functions and all other activities KLF is involved in and the second one is on Child Rights and Responsibilities and Child Safeguarding.

Child Centred Programming

Gender Equity and Social Inclusion (GESI) Training was conducted with KLF members through support from the Fiji Program Support Facility. KLF members were then involved in the translation of this training materials into child friendly version. The child friendly version can then be used in communities, schools and other platforms where children come together to address gender roles and the how to engage children in inclusion discussions.

Child Rights Situation Analysis

KLF members were trained as enumerators and in conducting interviews with children. Thi was part of the process of Save the Children's Child Rights Situational Analysis. KLF members interviewed the DRR Club members in informal settlements to gauge their understanding and perspectives in regards to children's rights.



◀◀ Child to child interviews during the CRSA

Governance

In the Central and Western division, KLF have conducted elections whereby the President of each division is taking lead in running their programmes



◀◀ KLF members visit the Fire Station



Ants DRR club in Nacula in progress.

Child Centered Disaster Risk Reduction Program

Child Centred Disaster Risk Reduction (CDRR) Project

The five-year CDRR project is focused on institutional strengthening, technical support and community-based Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR). The project takes a child centred approach to strengthening resilience within national and local disaster preparation and management policies and processes, and it is supported by New Zealand's Partnerships for International Development Fund through Save the Children New Zealand.

The long term outcome of the project will be Children and communities are more resilient to shocks and able to recover from disasters. The concrete resilience work in the 30 at-risk communities will advise the national level advocacy and policy work throughout the project.

Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Clubs

DRR club activities with children in our 19 targeted high-risk communities and in 11 schools are ongoing. It is heartening to see children learn and engage actively in reducing the risks by assessing hazards, vulnerabilities and capacities, preparing to respond by participating in mock drill exercises and creating awareness among other children and their families.

Project Officers and Community Facilitators based in all four divisions coordinate DRR sessions in

communities and schools where children are supported to be an active agent of change in their spheres of influence – household, school, the community and beyond.

The DRR club members attend sessions twice a month and their age ranges from 10 to 17 years old. Some of the clubs have already started planning and implementing their own activities; without our presence. The name of the club is chosen by the members: for example, we have Champions, Warriors, United, Be Prepared, Lighthouse and Blackrose!

"Take heed of warning" was one of the sign displayed by a Naduri DRR club member during the DRR Club rally held in Labasa. The Rally was also organised in Suva and Lautoka for the 30 DRR clubs attended by more than 150 members. It was a fun full day activity for the members in which they participated in speeches, dramas and poetry, and shared their learnings from DRR clubs on Risk Reduction and Climate Change adaptation

Resilience Research

How do disasters impact children? What helps them to become resilient? To answer these questions, research is now in progress with the University of Auckland in understanding the best practices to support child-centred DRR by identifying effective, efficient, and scalable interventions and approaches to support risk reduction and resilience.



Students of Uluibau Primary School in Moturiki Island participating in resilience research.



SSSAS questionnaire filled by student in a tablet at Lami Primary School

The three target communities are two informal communities in Lami (Kalekana and Valenicina) and one village on Moturiki Island (Uluibau). These vulnerable communities provide the basis on which the research will identify children’s and communities’ understanding of resilience, foster the agency of children and youth, to work towards making their lives safer and their communities more resilient to disasters.

“Being Resilience (Resilient) can lead us to a good future. With climate change, our village is having the sea reach closer to our houses. To stop this and help reduce this hazard from becoming a disaster, we can build sea walls and plant mangroves” – Poasa, age 12, Uluibau Primary School.

School Safety Self-Assessment Survey

The piloting of School Safety Self Assessment (SSSA) application started in the 30 targeted schools. The main objective of this assessment is simply to make schools safer for children and staff. Modern technologies can help the school committees analyze their safety and to get feedback on how to improve the level of preparedness. SSSAS is planned to be embedded into Fiji Education Management Information System (FEMIS) later in the year, which means it will be rolled out in all the schools in Fiji.

To strengthen school disaster management and to roll out the SSSAS, we provided a one-day training to the School Disaster, Risk Management and Response



Resilience researcher Catherine Hore with Poasa of Uluibau District School. Poasa has contributed a lot in the research activities.



Committees in our 30 target primary schools. In this training, the committees reviewed and identified the gaps in their plan. The 23 schools that were trained so far are finalizing their School Disaster Management (SDM) plans

Preposition Stock

800 school bag kits are being procured for Primary and Secondary school students. The school bag kit is meant to be used in case of bigger emergencies to help children return to school and continue with their education. When Save the Children already has them ready in stock, we will be able to respond much quicker in crises.



 KLF and DRR Club member's consultation meeting in Suva



 School Bag Kits

Children's Forums

In April and May 2018, the CDRR project organized workshops on policies with DRR clubs and Kids Link Fiji (KLF) members in Suva and in the Western Division. And we were impressed! Although policies and laws can seem complex and abstract, the 11-17-year-old children can already very well explain what is important for them and why their voices should be heard.

At the end of the 3 day workshop, the children agreed to the following key messages:

1. Children's Voices Matter: All children should be allowed to participate in any meeting; e.g. village

meeting." "Children should know their rights in order to participate." They also highlighted how important it is that children can actively participate in decision making processes for disaster preparedness. After all, they are often the most affected!

2. Improve School Safety: Government officials in the Ministry of Education should regulate and follow up on disaster drills conducted in schools to ensure all schools have proper disaster drill routes and it is well known by all students." "We the Children call for more Disaster Drills to be practised in Schools.

3. Strengthen Child Protection Systems: Duty bearers such as teachers and police officers should undergo specific workshop programmes to have proper knowledge and training to uphold child protection.


4. Children's Involvement in Policy Making: "We the children want to be Educated about Climate Change and Participate on DRR because we will be affected." "We the children want the Nation to only use renewable energy and ban the usage of plastics in the Nation, because we will all be affected."

And when we asked, what would be the most important key message that we should bring to all adults, this is it:

Please – listen to us.





 Children in the Western division leading discussions on barriers affecting them in exercising their rights.

Community Disaster Management Committee



 HVCA Community Mapping

One-day workshops were organized for representatives from the Community Disaster Management Committees (CDMC) in the Central and Western Division. In this workshop, the CDMC re-looked at the different hazards, vulnerability and capacity in the community and updated their disaster plans.

This is a follow up meeting on the Hazard, Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment (HVCA) trainings that were conducted in 2017. Challenges and issues affecting the communities were discussed with key government officials and partners who were present at the workshop.

The officials provided guidance and advice on how their concerns could be addressed; emphasizing on low cost low tech mitigation activities. The role of the CDMC is to ensure that community Disaster Plans is in place and activities in the plan are implemented; to keep our children safe. Let's also ensure that we consult, listen and involve children in disaster risk management.

Communication Materials

New IEC materials have been developed with Health Songs International (IggyVola, facilitators' cards, card games, comics and badges) and are being used in the DRR clubs from March 2018.



Australian Humanitarian Partnership – Disaster Ready

In 2018, Disaster Ready Pacific Cash Preparedness Partnership between Oxfam, Save the Children and the United Nations World Food Programme commenced, which focus on conducting a series of feasibility studies across Vanuatu, Fiji and Solomon Islands to increase awareness, capacity and expertise in cash programming in the Pacific Islands. This report provides evidence of the general feasibility of Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA) in Fiji and indicates some of the work needed to take CVA to scale in the country; it is not intended to provide a complete picture from which CVA can be designed.

The overall objective of the Pacific Cash Preparedness Partnership (PCPP) is ensuring humanitarian responses in the Pacific Island region can better meet the immediate and protracted relief and recovery needs of disaster-affected households and communities. Through this partnership, Save the Children is leading on cash preparedness work in Fiji. This study represents the first step in defining the background for a preparedness approach for CVA in Fiji.

More specifically, the study investigated the ‘feasibility’ and ‘appropriateness’ of CVA in Fiji. Feasibility refers to the extent to which it is possible to implement efficient and effective CVA without causing harm, and Appropriateness refers to the extent to which CVA is the optimum means by which needs can be met. These terms are defined as in the 2016 Cash Learning Partnership (CaLP) feasibility scoping study on CVA assistance in the Pacific, which provided a starting point for understanding key issues relevant to CVA in Pacific Island countries (PICs) and included a Country Snapshot on Fiji.

While highlighting some of the key features PICs have in common, the CaLP study found the considerable differences between the PICs made “generalized conclusions on CVA feasibility impossible.” Its first of five key recommendations was to undertake country-specific CVA research and analysis. The study also

noted the need to engage with communities and disaster-affected people in order to complement the information provided by senior leadership and government on acceptance and preferences of CVA.

Key findings of the cash feasibility based on covered 19 villages (through Focus Group Discussions (521 participated) with 257 Males and 264 Females) while individual interviewed was 259) relating to the various preconditions of cash feasibility are outlined in the final report. However, some general conclusions can also be reached about the overarching feasibility of cash for humanitarian response in Fiji. In principle, cash interventions are feasible across all the different types of areas of Fiji that the study covered. While some areas showed that a CVA would be feasible in the immediate aftermath of a disaster, and others that CVA would be more appropriate in the longer term, there were no areas where CVA was considered completely unfeasible. For example, during the early stages of emergency cash would not be feasible for households having any access to markets, or if markets are closed as a result of the disaster, yet after a month or so cash becomes feasible as the community starts to slowly recover and market systems begin to function again.

Pre-existing access challenges in Fiji coupled with access challenges that often arise from a disaster mean that finding ways to understand the availability and volume of key supplies in markets in affected areas must be a key part of CVA decision making and programme design at the time of a disaster.

Across all types of areas, awareness raising and specific preparedness around CVA would increase the speed at which this type of assistance could be delivered, enhance the utility of it, mitigate risks and potentially contribute to other desirable by-products such as increased financial literacy and inclusion.

Field Researchers during the Cash Feasibility Assessment





 Students in Vunisea Secondary School, Kadavu receiving school stationeries

Humanitarian Response and Preparedness

TC Keni and TC Josie Response

In February 2018, Category 2 Tropical Cyclone (TC) Keni edged the Western Division of Fiji resulting in severe flush flooding mainly in the Western and Eastern Divisions (Kadavu). TC Josie and TC Keni occurred within weeks of each other bringing heavy rains, flooding and strong winds to the Western and South Eastern sections of Viti. TC Josie hit during the weekend of Easter from 29 March to 2 April whilst TC Keni impacted the country approximately a week later from 10 – 11 April.

As part of the Inter Agency Response to TC Keni, 7 NGO partners (Save the Children, ADRA Fiji, Plan International Australia, Partners in Community Development Fiji, Live and Learn Fiji, CARE International, Habitat for Humanity Fiji, Oxfam Fiji) came together to form a consortium and submitted a joint proposal to respond through START Funding. SC Fiji took a lead role in this consortium and coordinated the response activities accordingly which was a success. From the beginning of this grant, agencies collectively wanted to support each other and deliver a comprehensive response with each actor identifying their areas of expertise that enabled a range of sectors to be covered in this response based on the highest needs across different areas reaching 6,192 people. The group came together as a result of the existing Fiji Australian Humanitarian Partners

group and held weekly coordination meetings - this grant through START has further strengthened those relationships.

Partners were involved in distribution of different non – food items to affected communities covering WASH, Shelter, and Education, Protection, and Livelihoods sectors. SC Fiji focuses particularly on Education in providing educational materials such as stationeries, Hygiene kits and ECE kits. The Education materials were distributed to schools in Kadavu and the Western Division to ensure students have the school packs/ resources to return to school. Distributions were done in over 15 primary and secondary schools in the Western Division and in Kadavu.

Rapid Gender Analysis - CARE conducted a Rapid Gender, Protection and Inclusion Analysis with the support of staff from Live and Learn Fiji and Save the Children Fiji. Findings from a rapid protection assessment undertaken by the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation in another affected part of the country were integrated into the analysis.

A **Community identification assessment** was conducted to identify those most in need; items were procured for kits and arranged for distribution in the following sectors of Education, Livelihoods, Shelter



Votua Primary School Students happy to continue

and WASH. Save the Children Fiji had conducted an initial assessment of its project communities and Evacuation Centers within these project sites in Ra.

Distribution of Livelihood Kits (100 in the Ba District and 200 in the Nadi District) to households reaching 1,336 people through Live and Learn Environmental Education.

Distribution of School Bag Kits to 1800 students across the Western division and Kadavu by Save the Children Fiji.

Distribution of 225 **Shelter Kits** and 450 Tarpaulins to households in Kadavu by Habitat for Humanity Fiji reaching 874 people.

Distribution of **WASH Kits** in Kadavu and Western Viti Levu reaching 2,241 people through ADRA and Partners in Community Development Fiji (PCDF)/ PLAN.

Data analysis, Monitoring and Evaluation was provided through Oxfam as an impartial agency in capturing information having not carried out any distribution activities which the consortium found as a beneficial approach

Internal Preparedness

SC Fiji's Emergency Preparedness Plan was reviewed in 2018 through support of the Australian Government's Fiji Program Support Facility in October 2018. The EPP is designed to ensure that a minimum preparedness action is in place and should guide the SC Fiji and its staff in any given emergencies. Other preparedness activities include the provision of Safety Kits for Staff, School Bag Kits as preposition items in the North, Gender Equality and Social Inclusive (GESI) staff capacity development (conducted by Viliame (KANA Staff now trained by the Facility)) and development of Child Friendly versions of GESI resources.

SC Fiji has been prepositioning stock such as Education materials, WASH and Hygiene kits, Child Friendly Space Kits and ECE kits for large scale emergencies. This is intended to be distributed and support the affected children and families after an emergency.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)



Child Hygiene Promoters of Lekutu District School, Bua posing with the school manager, WASH Teacher, District Roko and Bua Health Inspector after the school's WASH Training in 2018



There are 2 projects that were in progress in 2018. The Fiji Water Grant supported the rehabilitation of WASH infrastructure in 10 schools in Ra whilst the software activities, through the Child Centred WASH Outreach Project is supported by the Fiji Program Support Facility. The support of the donors has enabled SC Fiji to contribute to the improvement of WASH infrastructure and knowledge to its beneficiaries.

The WASH projects meet the Ministry of Health and Medical Services Strategic Objective of Reduction of Child illnesses by advocating for improvements in WASH for schools and communities in Ra and Bua. This project specifically works in 2 Secondary Schools, 3 Primary Schools and 4 ECEs in Ra and

the same for Bua for the schools with 3 ECEs. The projected effects, impact and benefits is anticipated to reach over 2,182 children from the participating ECEs and schools, 86 teachers and an estimated 1,200 community members from 7 communities (2 in Ra and 5 in Bua).

The photo on the-left shows Child Hygiene Promoters of Lekutu District School, Bua posing with the school manager, WASH Teacher, District Roko and Bua Health Inspector after the school's WASH Training in 2018

Picture left: Raikraki ECE is one of the Fiji Water Grant schools that is being assisted by the SC Fiji WASH Team with support from the school management and Ra Health Office



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◀◀ Health Inspector Bua, Josaia Raikoso sharing a light moment with Child Hygiene Promoters of Bua District School and Bua Primary School.

Community members of Naocobau village during their community support group training. The Project Officers will provide technical support to the community support groups of the participating communities as well as the schools and Child Hygiene Promoters



The 2018 activities included the selection of children as Child Hygiene Promoters (CHPs) in their schools and communities. As CHPs, they have undergone WASH Training and mentoring in their roles as hygiene promoters. The hygiene promotion mentoring enables the children to understand the importance of good hygiene practices and how to share this knowledge with their peers. As agents of change, they carry out hygiene promotion activities in their schools and communities through the guidance and support of the SC Fiji WASH Project Officers, school teachers and community support group.

Through the support of the Ministry of Health and Medical Services, SC Fiji WASH Team had access to WASH IEC materials (posters/brochures) that were part of the learning supporting systems mainly the hygiene promotion activities. The project's training content is based on material used during its WASH promotion activities in the organization's TC Winston Response program in 2016. The training content was endorsed by MoHMS Public Health Unit and it included good sanitation practices,

Child safeguarding is a key cross-cutting theme for the project as specifications were agreed to between SC Fiji and the Facility. In addition to this, Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) was also an area that was vital to the implementation processes. In the course of the project, both Child Safeguarding and GESI themes were included in the WASH Hygiene Promotion Activities. Child Rights Awareness including right to Education and Health was done with children. The training and mentoring sessions for the community support group of Naocobua village (Ra) and Votua village (Bua) included Child Safeguarding and GESI themes and its applications in everyday life.

The picture on the left is of community members of Naocobau village during their community support group training. The Project Officers will provide technical support to the community support groups of the participating communities as well as the schools and Child Hygiene Promoters

Child Centered Livelihoods

The Resilience through Knowledge and Action in Agriculture (KANA) project

The KANA project completed its Year 1 implementation on 31 October, 2018. The project works with 10 communities in the coastal areas of Ra and 10 communities on Koro Island. The project aims to strengthen livelihood and food security reaching at least 3,512 community members plus other beneficiaries. Children from Koro High School enjoyed their first harvest of cabbages, transplanted from germinated cabbage seedlings from the Nasau nursery on Koro Island. The harvested cabbages were used to prepare a nutritious meal (lunch) for students in Koro High School.

In collaboration with one of its key project partners, Ministry of Health's, National Food and Nutrition Centre (NFNC), nutrition awareness was conducted in Ra and Koro from 3 to 18 September 2018 targeting twelve schools and nineteen communities to promote nutrition and food security. Nutrition awareness sessions were conducted from Early Childhood Education level (ECE) to Year's 13 (Primary and Secondary School). A Child friendly awareness model was used, such as reading poems, drawing vegetables, reading nursery rhymes, display of food charts, reading stories, colouring and quizzes.

Intellectual, Educational and Communicative (IEC) materials, including posters, nutrition activity booklet,

stickers and stationery sets were produced and disseminated. The intervention has enabled schools to establish school vegetable gardens in accordance with the action plans developed by each school. District nurses and dieticians will review diet plans of each school and recommend a standard nutritious diet plan. Support and training on meal preparation for children will be provided to school vendors and parents that prepare meals for children.

A Child Safeguarding training was conducted by SC Fiji's Child Protection team on Koro Island from 26 February to 6 March and for Ra from 14 to 18 March, 2018. The training was aimed to strengthen child protection, raise awareness on child protection and child safeguarding for parents and communities. Training outcomes include selection of Child Protection focal points in Ra and Koro and the formation of Community Development Committee's (CDC) in each village. A child representative now sits on CDCs to ensure the voices of children are included in decision making processes. Project Officers will provide technical support to the CDCs and also ensure meaningful participation of children takes place.

Children who are CDC members will be empowered to be able to confidently and contribute to Disaster Risk Management (DRM) and be an active voice for children. As part of building this foundational understanding of Child Protection, Child Participation and Child Safeguarding,



Year 7 and 8 of Vunivasa Primary School doing reading on healthy diet.

Education Assistance

Save the Children Fiji assisted 945 School children (479 boys and 466 girls) in 2018 through its Education Assistance Program. Together with its corporate partner Vinod Patel and Company Limited and other corporate businesses, SC provided school bag kit which includes a school bag, exercise books, and stationery. The requests have mainly come from single mothers, those that are unemployed, grandparents who are looking after grandchildren, guardians of children from the extended families and fire victims. SC Fiji is very grateful for the members of the public who also came forward to assist SC Fiji in meeting the needs of these children. Fundraising events like the Suva Marathon and annual Golf Tournament also support SC Fiji need the needs of these children.



Fundraising

While visibility and branding was at its peak, some events created opportunity for Save the Children Fiji to raise funds. The year saw some new Corporate Organisations coming on board to assist Save the Children Fiji in its fundraising efforts.

The highlight event of the year was the Charity Golf Tournament held in October at the Suva Golf Club. Other fundraising events included Movie Nights, Christmas Cards Sale, Suva Marathon, Tent Hire and Cash Coin Box. In total, SC Fiji raised \$34047.30 from its Fundraising Events in 2018.

Christmas Cards	4 types of cards made available 1 custom design	Cards featured children from the projects
Suva Marathon	\$1865.40 total income 1 Corporate 3 individuals	Created great visibility and branding presence for Save the Children.
Tent Hire	\$640 total income 4 Hires	100% through social media advertising
Cash Coin Box	\$2863.20 5 new locations	Launched with Peninsula Hotel, Bred Bank Outlets and Moments Cafe
Movie Night	\$3160.45 total income 2 movie nights	2 movie nights were hosted at Life Cinema and Damodar Cinemas
Education Assistance	963 children were assisted in 2018 5 corporate sponsors	
Charity Golf	\$16226 total Income 16 teams	Largest income generating event for the year.



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- Fiji Water Foundation

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- Ministry of Education
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- Ministry of Agriculture
- Ministry of I-Taukei Affairs
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Our Vision

is a world in which every child attains the Right to Survival, Protection, Development and Participation.



Save the Children
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Our Mission

Is to stimulate breakthroughs in the way the world values children and to achieve immediate and lasting change in their lives.

Breakthroughs by 2030:

- No child dies from preventable causes before their fifth birthday
- All children learn from a quality basic education
- Violence against children is no longer tolerated

Our Values

are
Accountability
Ambition
Collaboration
Creativity
Integrity

To achieve the breakthroughs:

We will put the rights of the most deprived and marginalised children first in our work and advocate for others to do the same. This will be a key measure of our success.

Many factors will be critical to enabling our ambition for children 2030.

We will focus on people, innovative technology, our structure and governance as the areas where we need to change and invest.

**Building a Better World
For Children**



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