



**100 YEARS
OF SAVING
CHILDRENS LIVES**



**A CENTURY OF CHANGE
FOR CHILDREN**



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**
- **Humanitarian Response**

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Message from Board Chair



It is with much pleasure that I present to you the 2019 annual report for Save the Children Fiji (SC Fiji.) The report is made up of our financial statements and the activities undertaken in 2019.

2019 was again a busy year for SC Fiji and the organisation continued to

deliver services and programs to protect and enhance the lives of children in Fiji.

2019 was a pivotal year, as we celebrated the centenary of Save the Children internationally and in Fiji we appointed a new CEO, Shairana Ali, who was formerly SC Fiji's program manager. 2019 was a year of change, with new leadership and a revised strategy.

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At the beginning of 2019 and through the fundraising assistance provided by our Fiji supporters, SC Fiji was able to support over 1500 children with school bags and stationery packs including those in the remote rural North and in the maritime islands. A concerted effort was made to prioritize assistance to Vanua Levu and SC Fiji's staff were redeployed to the North preceding the school year commencement to roll out education assistance. I commend the staff of SC Fiji who go to enormous lengths to travel to the far corners of Fiji to ensure that no child is left behind.

SC Fiji continues to receive substantial support and funding from the Governments of New Zealand and Australia, which is much appreciated. SC Fiji works closely with Save the Children New Zealand and Save the Children Australia to implement projects funded by their Governments. SC Fiji's two major projects are ongoing- Child Centered Disaster Risk Reduction and the Resilience through Knowledge (CDRR) and Action in Agriculture and Food Security (KANA) project relating to improved outcomes for children through agriculture and food security.

In addition, child safeguarding remains at the core of SC Fiji's work and is a component of every project.

SC Fiji also continues to deliver humanitarian response and preparedness assistance and the WASH program

(Water, Sanitation of Hygiene.) In 2019, SC Fiji worked hard in its child protection fee for service model, in order to address shortfalls in funding for its core child protection work.

Save the Children International has only thirty odd members and it is significant that Save the Children Fiji is the only independent member from the Pacific.

SC Fiji is a voice for the Pacific and it is important that we continue to have a seat at the table and highlight the unique challenges faced in our region including severe natural disasters, food security and climate change.

Save the Children's vision is a world in which every child attains the right to survival, protection, development and participation. There is a focus on providing children

with their basic rights and needs, including adequate nutritious food, water, safe homes and an education. There has never been a more dire situation as now, with the combination of a global pandemic, widespread unemployment, economic hardship and ongoing natural disasters. Fiji has thousands of vulnerable children who are working, begging, going hungry and missing school. The demand for assistance is huge and SC Fiji is working hard to deliver its ongoing programs and pivot rapidly to provide support and create new programs- such as a school meal program- to fill the most pressing needs of children. At the center of SC Fiji's approach is agility, collaboration and people with a huge capacity for giving.

I thank the people behind Save the Children Fiji- including its dedicated employees, its donors- without whom the organisation could not survive, its experienced Board, stakeholders, partners and supporters. Your support is much appreciated and essential in Save the Children's Fiji efforts to support the most vulnerable children of Fiji. The next year will be even more challenging and we call on your continued support to help us fight the fight and make constructive change in the lives of children in Fiji.

Message from the Chief Executive Officer



2019 is a significant year for Save the Children as we commemorated our 100th anniversary and in Fiji, we celebrated this momentous achievement with the theme being, '100 years of saving children's lives'. A 100 years ago, our Founder, Eglantyne Jebb, formed Save the Children when she found that children were

deprived of basic needs due to the impact of World War I. Since then, Save the Children has transformed into a global movement of 29 national member organisations working in 120 countries worldwide and driving positive changes for children.

In 2019, we bid farewell to our former Chief Executive Officer, Ms Iris Low who has served the organization for many years in various capacities and steered our organization to become a leader in the child rights and development space in Fiji and the Pacific region.



Children's voices and their participation has enabled us as Child Rights Custodians to advocate at the highest level for and with children and led to important policy outcomes for children such as the national disaster risk reduction policy being more child-centered.



I wish to thank her for her contributions to date. We also welcomed two new Board members, Ms Karen Sorby and Ms Ana Tuiketeti, who have provided excellent support to our governance and management systems.

I was appointed as the Chief Executive Officer in August 2019 and wish to share my thoughts on the breakthroughs we have had in serving children in Fiji. With a team of 34 staff, we embarked on an ambitious journey to reach many under-privileged children throughout Fiji through our core projects and programs on Child Rights, Child Protection, Child Centred Disaster Risk Reduction, Child Centred Livelihoods, Education Assistance and Child focused Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Promotion in schools and communities and Humanitarian Response. Our funding portfolio decreased slightly as compared with 2018 and stood at \$1999,619. We are thankful to the Australian Government, New Zealand Government, the Fiji Water Foundation and private donors who provided new funding in 2019.

We started the year by assisting children to return to schools. Access to quality education remains a priority for SC Fiji and thus, this year, we provided school bag kits to 1520 children throughout Fiji. These children came from remote communities and maritime islands and the assistance we provided has helped them to learn and thrive in schools.

We participated actively in country level reporting and worked in partnership with civil society organizations to assess Fiji's performance on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) and the 2030 Agenda and we commented on goals related to child rights and protection. Our contribution to the Voluntary National Review (VNR) processes and the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) processes at the highest level are indicative of the need for all stakeholders including the government to accelerate action in communities to meet the SDGs particularly goals that advance the health, protection and well-being of children.

This year, we have implemented our strategic ambition to 'put child rights at the center of what we do'. We completed a Child Rights Situation Analysis (CRSA) report and consulted directly with children who voiced their opinions freely on issues that concern them and had key 'asks' from SC Fiji that would enable them to practice their rights and responsibilities in a more effective way.

Children's voices and their participation has enabled us as Child Rights Custodians to advocate at the highest level for and with children and led to important policy outcomes for children such as the national disaster risk reduction policy being more child-centered. Key findings and recommendations from the CRSA was acknowledged widely by various stakeholders and the National Coordinating Committee on Children (NCCC) has pledged to support SC Fiji to address the recommendations from the report.

Based on the findings of our Child Rights Situational Analysis, we wrote our 2019-2021 Strategy which is aligned to Save the Children's global ambition on Children:

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

We re-affirmed our priorities in our new strategy and these are that Save the Children Fiji will remain committed to working with the most vulnerable and marginalised children, including children living with disabilities, from poor families, and girls. These are the children in Fiji who face many more barriers to the full realisation of their rights, affecting their ability to survive, develop and thrive. Save the Children Fiji will

ensure their voices are acknowledged throughout its programming.

Child centred research will be built upon to become a trademark of Save the Children Fiji. The needs of children will be further investigated and prioritised, and annual planning processes, as well as strategies must continue to be informed in this innovative manner by the perspectives and experiences of children and youth.

Save the Children Fiji will advocate, as well as develop training and capacity building for all those involved in the implementation process of child rights. Through its partnership with the government, SC Fiji will look for opportunities to promote the dual concepts of child rights and responsibilities. The partnership with the Department of Social Welfare Child Services Unit will be strengthened to promote child rights education and positive discipline approaches at the community level through programming and advocacy work.

Save the Children Fiji will partner with Faith Based Organisations to promote and take positive disciplining initiatives to scale, and campaign for the integration of child protection mechanisms within existing community structures. The 'Steps to Protect' approach will be rolled out through new partnerships at the regional level.

Save the Children Fiji will advocate for and support the development of a National Plan of Action for children. This framework will enable the National Coordinating Committee on Children to analyse effective policy implementation and to perform its duties of monitoring progress of the realisation of child rights.

Save the Children Fiji will contribute to filling research gaps concerning vulnerable children. This will assist Save the Children Fiji carry out evidence-based advocacy to influence the development of child rights laws and policies that recognise sub-national inequalities.

This year, we commemorated 30 years of the Conventions on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC@30) and the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (PCAN) to spread the message on the importance of Child Rights and Child Protection and advocated to communities to commit to and uphold children's rights and end violence against children. A lot more work is needed in communities to end violence and abuse of children particularly sexual violence which has severe implications on children's future.

We thrived on partnerships with our key members, namely Save the Children New Zealand and Save the Children Australia and with the support of the New Zealand and Australian government, we were able to advance impactful activities for children in over seventy communities nationwide. As a result, children in these communities have improved knowledge and skills on disaster risk reduction, improved nutrition, knowledge and skills to improve sanitation and hygiene practices and improved access to education. Communities have improved knowledge on better protection of children and are more supportive to children's rights being upheld and protected at all times.

While we are increasingly doing more, there are gaps and sometimes, we miss a child in need. Therefore, our goal is to ensure that no child is left behind in the communities we serve and we are constantly improving our activities to reach the more vulnerable especially children living with disabilities and those more vulnerable to exploitation due to their circumstances. Children from our child clubs namely, Kids Link Fiji, Disaster Risk Reduction Clubs and our Child Hygiene Promoters achieved extraordinary and remarkable breakthroughs in their homes and communities by taking responsibility of their well-being and advocating for change in their communities. As a result, teachers and parents report improved attendance in schools, improved learning and improved discipline. The highlight of child participation was when we trained 70 child hygiene promoters.

In 2019, we leveraged partnerships and successfully trained more than 40 civil society organisations on child safeguarding and protection. As a result, these organisations have supportive child safeguarding policies in place and thus, reduce risk to children they serve. Child Safeguarding is still a new concept in Fiji and there is room for us to do more especially in industries where children are at increased risk. Therefore, our priority for 2020 is to advocate to these industries and implement child safeguarding trainings for key personnel.

We spoke and advocated at the highest level through mass media (Fiji TV, FBC, Fiji Times, Fiji Village, Fiji Sun) and social media to ensure that Fiji upholds the universal rights of children. We amplified our voice in strategic partnerships for example, through rights based coalitions and civil society consortiums to demand justice for children who were victims of violence and exploitation and to resource child protection awareness and capacity building trainings for communities.

Looking forward, our goal for 2020 is to resource our organizational strategy and work harder to reach the most under-privileged children in Fiji. We will work closely with our Board and our key partners to implement actions that ensure long term sustainability of our projects and programs. Our team will continue to champion child rights and ensure that children's voices are at the core of all our project based activities.

I wish to thank everyone who has contributed to our 2019 ambition and I am looking forward to your continued support in 2020. We depend on the generosity of our donor partners, our corporate partners and the general public and therefore, I take this opportunity to extend my sincere gratitude for your unwavering support as every dollar counts and will help a child in Fiji reach their true potential. Our dedicated Board members and staff are behind our success and I am privileged to be working with a talented workforce who continue to make sacrifices to serve children. Thank you for your continued support to Save the Children Fiji.

Shairana Ali
Chief Executive Officer

Governance and Organisational Development

Governance

Save the Children Fiji is governed by Trustees and a Board. The Trustees are Mr. Vijay Naidu, Mr. Kaliopate Tavola, and Rev. Sereima Lomaloma.

The Board Chair is Ms. Lorraine Reiher, who has been Chair since 2017. In 2019, the Board comprised of ten Board Members. Ms. Tamara Smith exited from the Board in 2019.

The current Board members are:

- Lorraine Reiher (Chair)
- Garry Wiseman (Vice-Chair)
- Veena Singh (Secretary)
- Sushilkaur Narayan
- Gina HOUNG Lee
- Romulo Nayacalevu
- Dr. Donald Wilson
- Lisa Apted
- Karen Sorby
- Ana Tuiketeti

In 2019, the Board had four Board meetings, and the Annual General Meeting was held on 23 May 2019. The Board has two Sub Committees: The Finance Sub Committee and Property Sub Committee.

Senior Management Team

In 2019, there was a change in senior management positions. Iris Low, Chief Executive Officer and Alpana Maharaj, Finance Manager resigned to pursue other opportunities. Shairana Ali was appointed as Chief Executive Officer and Loata Seru as Finance Manager.

Iris Low-McKenzie	Chief Executive Officer
Shairana Ali	Program Manager / Chief Executive Officer
Ardarsh Chettiar	Program Manager
Alpana Maharaj	Finance Manager
Loata Seru	Finance Manager

Locations

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

Child Protection

Awareness

The Child Protection and Child Participation program had many notable successes in 2019, while dedicated to ensuring every child, everywhere, is protected from harm. Continued strong partnerships with various stakeholders, namely the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, Ministry of Education, Heritage and Arts, and Civil Society Organization under the Australia Humanitarian Partnership consortium paved the way to reach more children with child protection program. Child Protection and Participation activities aligned with the priorities identified within government ministries' priorities for children. Save the Children Fiji's technical expertise on child protection and participation resulted in several grants to provide capacity building training, conduct

As part of the Australia Humanitarian Partnership, the team co-lead the facilitation of the Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) training on the inclusion component at two divisional EOC (Vunidawa for the Naitasiri Division and Levuka for Ovalau Division). The inclusion training has benefited the existing mechanisms at the District EOC. It has built capacity for District level preparedness in encompassing Protection, Gender, and Inclusion in normal times and during activation of an EOC. The role of Save the Child Children under this fund also includes the compiling of training resources and coordinate its content review by its inclusion partners. Save the Children Fiji has conducted a Child Protection awareness and Child Safeguarding training



audits, and support with child protection policies for local civil society and faith-based partners. We advance our commitment to improving our duty of care of children by implementing Child safeguarding training for seven organizations. Awareness sessions on child safeguarding were conducted and, overall, well-received by participants with recommended next steps, including reviewing child protection policies and code of conduct. The Child Protection team would continue providing follow up support to these organizations during the remaining quarters. Information session on Child's Rights conducted with International School in Suva Year 2 students highlighting the responsibilities that came with that right. The sessions were well received by students and teachers and the methodology in which the awareness was delivered.



Positive Discipline Training for the Welfare Officers who serves in the Juvenile Unit under the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation

for young men who have expressed their interests in becoming priests at the Pacific Regional Seminary, under the CANDO consortium of churches. The young men come from Pacific Island countries representing Fiji, Samoa, Tonga, the Caroline Islands in FSM, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, and Kiribati. Also, The Fiji Commerce Federation invited Save the Children Fiji for a collaborative 2-day awareness outreach in October 2019 to Labasa and Savusavu to address Child Labor issues with members in the Tourism sector and within the membership drive.

Awareness on Child Rights, Child Protection, Safeguarding for the YWCA

Thirty parents (Male & Female) attended Child Rights, Child Protection, Safeguarding awareness sessions for the YWCA. This session was timely for teachers and children gearing up for the end of the year graduation and school holiday. Parents were happy to learn of some of the local laws related to child protection and how they would report should they encounter cases of child abuse, exploitation, and neglect, furthermore how to support children in their growth and development and encourage meaningful participation.

In addition to raising awareness on Child safeguarding and protection, the team also contributed to certain national policies to parliament on the sexual offenders register as well as submission to the 3rd cycle of the Universal Periodic Review regarding Save the Children Fiji's progress on implementing and encompassing child rights through its various programs and activities

Positive Discipline Training

Save the Children Fiji, in partnership with the Department of Social Welfare (DSW) and the Ministry of Education, implemented Positive Discipline Training In everyday parenting and teaching to parents, teachers, and community members.

that aims to protect children, prevent and deter any actions that place children at the risk of all forms of Child Abuse, Neglect or Exploitation and to build a stronger relationship with their children.

A one-day Positive Discipline training was conducted with the Fiji Women's Rights Movement (FWRM) Girls Program for parents and the girl members. This was well received by parents (10 women and one male) in terms of reflecting on how to manage children's behavior and to better their relationships.

Thirty Four Primary school teachers (both male & female) from 30 schools in the northern division, 26 community members identified by the department of social welfare, also attended a three days' workshop on Positive discipline at the Salvation Army Hall – Labasa.

As part of an action item from the 2018 quarter-four meeting, the team also conducted an information session on Positive Discipline in Everyday Parenting for NCCC members.

On the 17th and 18th November, 14 Juvenile welfare officers also attended a two days training on the same subject. This was interesting because there were more men (11) and only three women and how they see themselves in the work they do with the boys under their care, especially in terms of discipline. All the participants in the respective sessions found Positive Discipline training beneficial in learning non-violent disciplinary approaches and how it can be applied in their daily work with children. The strategy



Child Protection and Safeguarding Training for Fiji Women's Fund grantees

The training was conducted in various settings to assist parents, teachers, juvenile officers, and community members understand the positive discipline as an approach and to enhance participants' knowledge and actively upholding an environment

would, in turn, protect children from being hurt and from abuse.

They also emphasized the importance of understanding how children think and feel and the tools that they could use to bring about the transformation of Children's lives in a non-violent way, solution-focused resulting in healthy child development.

Child Rights Situational Analysis

Save the Children Fiji expresses its thanks to all the boys and girls, young people, and men and women from the communities who shared with us their insights and their life experiences with regards to children's access to rights during the Child Rights Situational Analysis (CRSA) conducted in 2018. The Child Rights Situational Analysis (CRSA) analyzed the situation of children and their rights. It sets out the extent to which Children's Rights have been realized, and the current obstacles preventing these rights from



being fulfilled. As part of Save the Children Fiji (SCF) continued support for Child Rights, the CRSA was undertaken to understand further child rights within particular geographical areas where Save the Children Fiji works. The report was presented to the National Coordinating Committee for Children (NCCC). The highlights by Children regarding the changes they would like for the fulfillment of their rights are as follows:

- Peace and joy in our communities for the betterment of children and women (12-year-old Girl)
- Children to be free and safe from abuse (15 yr old boy)
- See parents spend more time with their children (12 yr old Girl)
- See a peaceful environment (16 yr old Girl)
- For all to be safe and respect each other

Child Participation

As the leading child rights organization, Save the Children Fiji encourages child participation as its crucial component in the development and humanitarian work. Kids Link Fiji (KLF), which is a child-led initiative guided by SC Fiji, ensures that children's voices are amplified to raise issues affecting children and be able to contribute meaningfully towards SC Fiji strategic plans.

Governance and Planning

In 2019, 35 children registered for Kids Link Fiji, 17 of whom were girls and 18 boys. The children also voted for of 2019 executive committee for a President, Secretary, and respective assistants. Their workplan for advocacy and other activities was developed by KLF members and supported by the Child participation officer.

KLF members had dedicated the last Thursday of every month for a KLF meeting in their respective divisions and provided an update to the Suva office.

Leadership Training by SC Fiji for Kids Link Fiji and CDRR club members

KLF conducts its activities primarily on Saturdays, which can happen twice in a month, depending on the availability of members and children. KLF members also have a special meeting after three months to plan their activities for the next three months.

Advocacy

Kids Link Fiji, as part of the output for the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives (CFIL), developed key messages on issues identified by children to raise awareness; the key issues identified included child abuse, drug abuse, and mental health particularly, on suicide.

The video developed was taken on Board by the National Substance Abuse Advisory Council under the Ministry of Education Heritage and Arts as their advocacy tool for outreach programs in schools, specifically, during International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking (IDADAIT).

The awareness activities are conducted throughout the week. Out of the two videos developed, the video titled "Child Abuse" went was aired on Fiji TV nationally, raising awareness on Child Abuse.

Review Panel

Kids Link Fiji had its representatives in the review panel to offer children's views on Save the Children Fiji programs and upcoming activities.

Children Advisory Panel

The KLF members nominated the panel; the nominees were tasked to ensure children's voices are heard throughout each phase of the new program design. This includes providing valuable feedback they perceive appropriate and most effective to address issues with children, review and validate information gathered with the children interviews and Focus Group Discussions and support SC Fiji to integrate Children's Voices within the final design document. Save the Children Fiji also consulted KLF members regarding the questionnaires for children, as part of

Ordinary Children Living Extraordinary Lives

This initiative was launched with the theme of Leadership and included Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Child Club Members. This was a new initiative for KLF to ensure the holistic development of members. Apart from the current advocacy work that KLF Members are trained on, the initiative works on a mentorship program that will bring former members and current members together in the Program. The Program also looks at building the capacities of members on Leadership, Public Speaking Skills, Facilitation Skills, Project Management skills, and one new dimension of empowerment that KLF will also be pursuing is on Entrepreneurship.



 Kids Link Fiji members presenting during the Multidisciplinary Conference on Education in Emergencies

the MFAT negotiated partnership design. Once their inputs were consolidated and the questionnaires pre-tested among the KLF members, they were taken out to the communities.

World Oceans Day Celebration

KLF members were joined by the DRR Club members to celebrate World Oceans Day on 22 June, 2019, at the Suva Sailing Centre at Suva Point. The Program included a tour aboard the Uto Ni Yalo, Presentation on the Ocean, and Voyaging by the Uto Ni Yalo trust, and a cleanup Campaign around the Suva Point foreshore. The Program concluded with the children working with SPREP (Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme) staff to classify rubbish collected and analyze these into data depicting littering behaviors.

Education in Emergencies Advocacy

Kids Link Fiji members represented Save the Children Fiji to the Multi-Disciplinary conference hosted by ADRA Fiji at the University of the South Pacific. The five enthusiastic children presented on the importance of Education in Emergencies with the typical barriers associated. Common barriers presented include schools still used as Evacuation Centres when the school needs to be resumed, schools destroyed as an aftermath of the Disaster and loosing of all educational kits one needs for a complete school term. They also reminded stakeholders present on the importance of collaboration to provide alternatives to education in Disaster.

Child-Centered Disaster Risk Reduction Program

Save the Children Fiji, in partnership with six Ministries of the Fiji Government and selected civil society partners, is currently in the fourth year of implementing the five-year Child-Centred Disaster Risk Reduction (CDRR) project. The CDRR project is focused on institutional strengthening, technical support, and child-centered community-based disaster risk reduction. The project takes a child-centered approach to strengthen resilience within national and local disaster preparation and management policies and processes. It is funded by the New Zealand's Partnerships for International Development Fund and supported by Save the Children New Zealand. Save the Children Fiji is working in line with the relevant policy and legal frameworks in Fiji and internationally. The project began implementation in July 2016 and planned to be completed by June 2021. The goal of the project is that children and communities will be 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.



 Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade New Zealand rep visits the CDRR community in Valenicina, Lami

Achievements

Fiji Cluster System for Disaster Risk Management and Response (government DRM agencies) Supported to Embed Child-Centred Policies and Practices.

Save the Children Fiji continues to be recognized as a credible actor and an expert in Resilience, Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), and Climate Change (CC) in Fiji. Save the Children Fiji and the CDRR project staff participate in consultations, meetings, and forums at all levels to support government agencies to embed child-centered approaches in Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change.

The National DRR policy is endorsed by the Fijian Government and launched in December 2019. Save the Children Fiji's contribution to the DRR policy was acknowledged. The DRR Policy highlighted both children as a vulnerable group and as agents of change and included a quote from DRR club members. CDRR team were also consulted and joined other Disaster Risk Management agencies in standardizing the community-based DRR manual. CDRR team joined the Ministry of Women, Child and Poverty Alleviation's (MoWCPA) outreach program, and ten government departments in the Northern division. A total of 227 participants in the tikina of Dogotuki attended the awareness-raising session, of which 49 were adult female (22%), 62 adult males (27%), 39 youth females (17%), 30 youth males (13%), 24 child female (11%) and 23 child males (10%).

The second team conducted an awareness session on tikina Namuka. During the awareness-raising and services delivery session, 217 people, whereby 79 were women, 68 men, and 70 children, received the awareness-raising by the team. Out of the 217 participants that attended, 29% [62] represented adult females above the age of 35, and 25% [55] were adult males; 8% [17] represented female youths between the ages of 15-35, and 6% [13] were male youths and 32% [70] were children during the awareness drive. SC Fiji focusses its awareness on the involvement of children in decision-making processes linking to DRR and Climate Change Adaptation, Child participation, protection, and positive discipline.

Evacuation centers & response personnel in high-risk communities can meet children's needs during emergencies.

The School Safety Assessment Survey automated report will determine the renovation of the highest risk schools to ensure safety and child-centered requirements during emergencies, including the needs of children with disabilities. CDRR team joined the Education Cluster and supported the Ministry of Education, Heritage, and Arts (MoEHA) with the development of a school-based DRR manual that was developed by UNICEF. Save the Children supported the Ministry of Education with the rollout of school-based Disaster Risk Reduction training in each education district for teachers and school disaster risk management committees that includes children.

Three hundred ninety-one primary school bag kits and 350 secondary school, 40 Hygiene kits were procured. The pre-positioned stock was distributed during large scale emergencies, and this has enabled the children to continue with their education. SC Fiji continues to replenish the items which will be used in future emergencies.

Target communities' mainstream child-centered approaches into DRM/CC

All Divisions have completed training and refresher. Ten out of Thirty communities have conducted simulation drill exercises during the start of cyclone season in November. This included fire drills, cyclones, and flooding, and this was conducted in partnership with key Disaster Risk Management agencies. Twenty-Two Community Disaster plans have been finalized and endorsed by the development committee. Child focal points are accepted and represented in Community disaster management committees and are engaged in mitigation activities outlined in the Community action plans. Communities have demonstrated that they are now resilient to disasters by prioritizing mitigation activities and implementing climate change adaptation low-cost activities using local resources available. This includes mangrove planting, repairing of sea walls, repairing of bridges and footpaths that have excess to disabilities, tree planting, clearing of blocked drains, and construction of community halls used as evacuation centers as well as WASH facilities. Several communities have been receiving funding from government and corporate organizations to co-finance Disaster Risk Management activities outlined in the action plans

The eight target communities are represented by six women's and two youth groups established in the Central, Eastern, and Western divisions. The climate-adaptive livelihoods include smart agriculture, organic farming, charcoal and seaweed soap, handicrafts and tailoring, crab farming, and poultry. The activities also address the hazards and risks identified in the Community Development Plans, such as waste management and recycling of plastics and separation of rubbish. All livelihood groups are registered with the department of women under MoWCPA and the Ministry of Youth. The livelihood groups in the target communities have received business licenses from both Town Councils and the Fiji Islands Revenue Customs Authority. The groups have undertaken thorough financial literacy and additional capacity building training such as organic farming, soap making, screen printing, and waste management and re-using waste materials such as scrap papers and plastic by-products. Target groups were also trained on Business Principles, value chain analysis, and marketing. There has been a significant increase in household income, and a certain percentage contributes to DRM activities.

Formal and informal risk reduction, resilience, and CC education implemented

The DRR clubs' are deemed as a key success in schools and communities, especially by teachers, the parents of DRR club members, the mothers' group, and by MoEHA. There has been a demand from other communities and schools for Save the Children Fiji to conduct DRR sessions as they have witnessed how children's skills have been developed through participation and by taking leadership roles in conducting activities. A total of 816 registered members of the DRR clubs (456 females 360 males). Children participate effectively in events, conferences, seminars, and activities in the communities addressing DRR, Climate change, and social issues that affect them.

Key messages on protecting children from risks posed by Cyclones and Floods were aired on five radio stations on Communication Fiji Limited (CFL) before and during cyclone season. These messages were read by the DRR club children reaching 520,000 listeners across Fiji.



DRR Northern Division DRR meet for children at Kia Island, Labasa

DRR Club divisional Meeting

Child-Centered Disaster Risk Reduction (CDRR) team organized the DRR Club divisional meet in the West. Children participated meaningfully in discussions and other activities organized during the day. Children showcased what they have learned, exchange learnings, and confidentially raise issues that affected them. Activities include Costume parades with relevant hazard themes that have been popular—oratory contests and speeches on climate change adaptation, child protection, and other issues affecting children. Key government partners such as the District Education officers, Welfare Officers, provincial officers attended the meeting where children presented these to them.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

Health Grant – Child Centred WASH Outreach Project

The child-centered WASH Outreach Project was supported by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade (DFAT) through the facilitation of the Fiji Program Support Facility. The project was aligned to the Ministry of Health & Medical Services' (MHMS) Strategic Object 2.2.4; 'The Reduction of Childhood Illnesses,' focussing on water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) capacity building in schools and communities. The project involved stakeholders from MHMS – Sub-divisional Health Offices of Ra and Bua (SC Fiji WASH Project Officers were stationed in the

The WASH capacity building activities included Training and Mentoring of Child Hygiene Promoters (CHP) by selecting 10 – 15 children from each participating school to be trained as the schools' hygiene promoters. Further, Project Officers trained 96 primary school CHP(s), 35 secondary school CHP(s) while mentoring 66 ECE children in both Ra and Bua.

Through this training, CHP(s) takes the lead role in their schools in WASH promotion – handwashing activity was led by CHP(s), environmental sanitation in schools is overseen by CHP(s) with support from school WASH Teachers. The training reached a total of 87 male and 110 female participants for both Ra and Bua.

The team implemented the tippy tap installation activity in schools, where 102 participants, 38 of whom were males and 64 females, engaged. This activity provided schools with alternative water points for handwashing. Children were more inclined to use (the tippy taps) as it was interactive and engaging compared to generic water points.

The WASH team also conducted a Creative Community Outreach in 9 communities (5 in Bua and 4 in Ra), regarding sanitation and hygiene. This resulted in a child-led cleanup campaign in all nine communities, engaging a total of 175 (82 males, 93 females) children from the participating communities. It was also a landmark achievement as it was the first of its kind for the participating communities.


Also, a Child Centred WASH Outreach Symposium was

conducted, through which a total of 97 children were engaged, 27 of whom attended secondary school.

The symposium provided the children a platform to share their ideas and experiences in the course of the project and to also raise concerns to the stakeholder(s) present, namely Health officers, provincial council officers, and Education officers.

Finally, training and mentoring sessions with communities were administered in 9 communities, which reached 120 participants, 59 of whom were women. The session included village chiefs, village Turaga-ni-Koro(s), Community Health Workers, village conservation committee and water committee members, women's club/group leaders, and youth leaders. The session led to the establishment of WASH committees and the development of WASH action plans, highlighting on children(s) WASH concerns and needs that will be addressed by the communal WASH committee.



 Child Hygiene Promoters of Rakiraki Primary washing their hands before lunch during the WASH Symposium in Penang High, Rakiraki

respective offices), Ministry of Education, Heritage & Arts (MEHA) – Sub-divisional Education Offices of Ra and Bua, iTaukei Affairs Board (TAB) – Bua Provincial Office and Ra Provincial Offices and the Ministry of Rural & Maritime Development – Divisional Offices of Ra and Bua.

In the course of the project, Save the Children Fiji carried out WASH capacity building activities in the Bua and Ra Province.

In the Ra province, three primary schools, two secondary schools, 4 ECE(s), and three communities were covered under the project while three primary schools, one secondary school, 3 ECE(s), and five communities within the province of Bua.

Fiji Water Grant

Save the Children Fiji carried out water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) infrastructure improvement works in 14 schools and ECE(s) through the support of the Fiji Water Foundation.

These schools and ECE(s) were identified through the recommendations of the post-TC Winston analysis by the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport (MoIT) report as well as the office of the Senior Education Officer (SEO) Ra and the Ra Subdivisional Health Office. The funding from the Fiji Water Foundation assisted Save the Children Fiji to continue to support the MoHMS' strategic objective 2.2.4; 'the reduction of childhood illnesses, by improving the status of the WASH facilities in the identified schools.'

The recommendations put forward by MOIT, SEO Ra, and Ra Subdivisional Health Office included infrastructural latrine upgrades, construction of handwashing washing stations, and building reinforcement infrastructural upgrade. The outcome of the project was the improvement of WASH facilities for children in schools and ECE(s), supporting children in accessing cleaner and better WASH facilities, as well as accessing safer water through the provision of better plumbing and water sources protection practices.



Child Hygiene Promoters of Rakiraki Schools after the two-days WASH Symposium



World Water Day celebration by Child Hygiene Promoters in Rakiraki

First Child Hygiene Promoters training in Bua for the Northern Division students



Child-Centered Livelihoods

The goal of the project is to increase the resilience of communities and improve outcomes for children affected by Tropical Cyclone (TC) Winston in Nakorotubu Ra and Koro island through agriculture and food security. Together, increased income and food security should produce positive outcomes on children's health, nutrition, and education.

Subsistence and Commercial agriculture developed through capacity development and support to 20 communities

KANA Project has promoted alternate livelihood strategies through an integrated implementation approach. The project, in collaboration with its partners, managed to carry out training on basic production, horticulture techniques, and financial literacy to farmers in Ra and Koro. In addition to these training, the project also supported 151 farmers (113 males and 51 females) through its small grants by providing farming tools and plantings materials to boost their production efforts. Findings have indicated that farm production has increased, following capacity development and small-grants support. Consequently, these outcomes have contributed to income growth and the strengthening of food security for our benefactors.

Communities trained and resourced to coordinate Disaster Risk Management and plan for agriculture resilience


As part of the second output of the project, the team conducted Hazard and Vulnerability Capacity Assessment (HVCA) in 6 communities, 3 of which are located in Ra and the other three on Koro island. The object of HVCA is to determine various hazards within the community and developing mitigation strategies with the communities. The training reached

124 participants, 77 of whom were males, and 47 were females. The training led to the development of risk mitigation action plans, especially in terms of agriculture production. These action plans were supported through the small community grant, including re-establishment of farm roads, irrigation canals, and capacity development on resilient agriculture.

Food security and nutritious eating promoted and implemented through schools and community

The project has continued its support for 12 targeted schools through provisions of seeds, gardening equipment, and fences. As a result, a total of 10 of 12 schools have established their school's gardens and have begun to use their harvest for school lunches. Some schools have sold the surplus vegetables from the school garden to buy more seed and fundraise for the end of the year activities for the students. Recent data (2019) from the Ministry of Health on the overall Body Mass Index (BMI) of targeted schools have indicated a positive shift of students' BMI towards the normal range as compared to the previous year.



 Farmer Tools Distribution

 Fresh Produce



Negotiated Partnership Design

MFAT, through Save the Children New Zealand, had provided the opportunity to Save the Children Fiji in a grant covering Disaster Reduction and Resilience, Child poverty, and Child Protection and Child-Centered Livelihoods. Save the Children Fiji conducted a stakeholder analysis reaching out to communities, partners, and, most importantly, children.

Ensuring that children's voices were captured during the design of the project, a children's advisory panel was formed and consulted during the design.

The finalization process included a workshop where representatives from Save the Children New Zealand, Andrew Johnson, Daniel Edwards, and Kylie Enoke were present to share their guidance and expertise.

Australian Humanitarian Partnership – Disaster Ready

The Pacific Cash Preparedness Partnership (PCPP) collaborates between Save the Children, Oxfam, and the World Food Program (WFP). Funded by the Government of Australia through DFAT, this five-year (2018-2022) program is managed by the Australia Humanitarian Partnership (AHP) under Disaster READY preparedness.

Specifically, the Cash Project will improve country-level cash preparedness to enable faster, more efficient, and effective emergency cash transfer



SC Fiji staff after a successful planning workshop for the new negotiated partnership design project

programming at scale in Pacific Island Countries (PIC's).

The PCPP will strengthen cash preparedness in ways that are contextualized to specific countries, while at the same time feeding into learning and capacity on a regional level. Save the Children will lead to cash preparedness work in Fiji.

Cash feasibility study

The Fiji Cash Feasibility Assessment (CFA) was conducted in 2018, and the Report Summary was launched at the Pacific Resilience Week in Fiji 2019 by the Director Social Welfare, Mr. Rupeni Fatiaki, as part of the DFAT funded program side-event. Several key activities based on the CFA recommendation were carried out based on the recommendations and learning from TC Winston.



It is also based on the recognition of the Grand Bargain Commitment (DFAT, USAid, EU, and ECHO) that by 2030, at least 70% of humanitarian support will be delivered through Cash and Voucher Assistance.

Furthermore, a 3-days Gender in Humanitarian Action (GiHA) workshop for key staff members and partners was organized and facilitated by Dr. Subhashni Raj, the Program Analyst from the UN.



SC Fiji Organisational Capacity Readiness Tool (OCRT)

Part of the deliverables was to strengthen SC Fiji's cash readiness to respond to any humanitarian response work in Fiji.

An ongoing process will enable SC Fiji to improve its policies and processes up to par with minimum standards to the SCI and Cash Learning Program (CaLP) guidelines and frameworks.

The Cash Technical Advisor in the Pacific conducted the OCRT assessment, with support from the Quality and Evaluation Manager and Communication Specialist, Kimberly Gardiner, from Save the Children Australia.

In the end, a plan of action was produced based on the findings and recommendations from the senior management, finance, and logistics, and cash practitioners. A total of 11 staff participated in the process ranging from management, finance, logistics, and programs.

A Fundamental Cash Voucher Assistance workshop was also conducted in Suva, attended by seven males and 13 females' of which 15 were staff from Save the Children Fiji. This was a platform for social cash and built the capacity of local staff.

The primary objective of this inclusion component was to make sure that the entire Cash process also includes the protection of women and other gender and inclusivity.

Cash Voucher Assistance (CVA) Readiness

In the past 12 months of the project, the majority of the work carried out was through strategic and Program coordination with key government ministries, AHP partners, civil society organizations, and humanitarian actors on both cash socialization and acceptance.

Several meetings and follow-ups were conducted between the Social Welfare, on strengthening and establishment of the Fiji Cash Working Group to be primarily responsible for governing CVA activities.

Pre-drafting of localized CVA related tools/guidelines/SOP

Efforts were made to include CVA into the draft Emergency Preparedness Plan (EPP) and links into the Save the Children Fiji's Response Plan. A draft SOPs for Cash was also compiled and shared with management covering fundamental roles and responsibilities of key people in the tea.

Discussions with financial service providers (FSP) are continuing for prospective delivery mechanisms. It is envisaged that a pre-disaster contract between Vodafone and Save the Children Australia to be put in place using the M-Paisa platform as a delivery mechanism. Talks are continuing with Digicel and Post Fiji.

Towards 2019, three cash simulation exercises were carried out in Narewa, Votua, and Vio Island. These exercises were planned to test the effectiveness of the M-Paisa platform to access support in affected areas.

It was an eye-opener for the team from SC Fiji to see and participate in all activities, from conducting market assessments to registration and monitoring.



Cash simulation drill carried out in Ba

Education Assistance

Save the Children Fiji assisted 1520 school children supporting 55% of students in the Northern Division, 45% in the Central Division, and 5% in the Western Division.

The assistance provided school bag kits to students, which consisted of exercise books, math books, stationaries, a school bag, and if the child was in high school, an FX calculator was included.

From the assistance provided, 71% of the applicants were unemployed; that is, they stated that they did not have a permanent job, helped out in the farms, and were assisted by relatives to get by, 17% of the applicants were retired and were helping their families with the pension assistance while 13% of the applicants were employed but were minimum wage earners with professions as housemaids, kitchen hands and salesman.

Save the Children Fiji is very grateful for the members of the public and corporate organizations who came forward in helping Save the Children Fiji meet the needs of the children.

Fundraising activities such as the Suva Marathon and the annual golf Tournament also supported Save the Children Fiji with the Education Assistance Program.



Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama handing out the School bag kits to the Principal of RKS for the students who were affected by the massive fire which destroyed most of their belongings

Fundraising

SC Fiji was able to mobilize more support to assist children with their needs in 2019.

In 2019, through increased advocacy and marketing, we were able to secure \$135,514.58.

Events such as the Charity Golf Tournament and Save the Children Fiji's Centennial Celebration fundraiser were key highlights of 2019, has been well-supported by SC Fiji's stakeholders and members.

Christmas Card sale	The remaining Christmas Cards that were printed in 2018 were sold in 2019. The cards featured children who benefited from SC Fiji's project activities.	\$197.54
Tent Hire	The hiring of tents was advertised through word of mouth and through SC Fiji's social media platforms. New customers hired our tents in 2019.	\$3,158.00
Merchandise	T-Shirts and cups were sold from a booth at the Roc markets in Suva.	\$259.70
Cash Coin Box	Coin boxes were placed in 10 key locations, including the cinemas, banks, hotels and resorts, and restaurants.	\$3,572.70
Movie Night	There was one movie night as part of the fundraising event.	\$2,187.50
Art Exhibition	The Art Exhibition was held at the British High Commission in May, and the second exhibition was held as part of SC Fiji's Centennial Celebration Fundraiser at the Australian Ambassador's Residence.	\$20,014.00
Marathon	The marathon event generated awareness on SC Fiji's work in relation to child rights and the protection of children.	\$2,019.00
Centennial Celebration fundraiser	SC Fiji celebrated its 100th year anniversary by organizing a charity fundraiser art exhibition and cocktail event hosted by the Australian High Commissioner at his residence.	\$7,999.00
Office Space rental income	Desk space was rented out to a consultant that generated funds for organizational activities.	\$1,800.00
General Donation	Donations were received from individuals and organizations to support SC Fiji's programs.	\$24,324.64
Corporate Membership Drive	\$1000 Corporate membership drive received from KPMG Administration and Ram Sami & Sons Fiji Limited.	\$2,130.00
Education Assistance	The cash donation was received from private donors to support the purchasing of school bag kits and stationery items for children in need.	\$44,390.00



 Save The Children Fiji Centennial Celebration



 Charity Golf Tournament

Our Partnerships

We are immensely grateful to our corporate, international, private and local donors and partners. In particular, we are grateful to Save the Children International members for their support and contributions towards our key programs and projects.

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- Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) Australia
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- German Fund
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- Fiji Water Foundation

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- Ministry of Education, Heritage and Arts (MEHA)
- Ministry of Health and Medical Services (MHMS)
- Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation (MOWCPA)
- Ministry of Waterways and Environment
- Ministry of Agriculture
- Ministry of I-Taukei Affairs
- National Disaster Management Office (NDMO)
- Ministry of Local Government

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- Vodafone
- Plantation Island Resort
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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
Fiji

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**



SC Fiji staff during the 2019 Fiji Day Celebration as the SC Fiji Office, Suva.



Small grant recipients



Launching of the SCI Centennial Celebration during the 2019 AGM meeting



Read to Lead initiative by Vision Fiji in partnership with SC Fiji at the CDRR Club in Valencina, Lami.



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