



CHILD PROTECTION IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY



Save the Children

Save the Children Fiji Annual Report 2021

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 on our own. We will work hand in hand with children and their communities, our partners, and our donors. Only then will we transform the lives of children and make a real difference.

There are currently 2.6 BILLION 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 49 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



2021 was a brutal year for children and families in Fiji. By mid-2021, Fiji had one of the highest rates of COVID-19 infection in the world. The country locked down amid rising daily COVID-19 case numbers in the thousands and schools were closed from April 2021 until January 2022. Parents' and caregivers'

income was drastically reduced or eliminated and children's daily lives- including their education, socialization, health, sports and welfare- were severely affected. In Fiji, the reality for the majority of children in 2021 was isolation, hardship, hunger and heartbreak.

Following a bleak two years, 2022 is a year of hope for Save the Children Fiji as it celebrates its 50th anniversary.

In 2021, Save the Children Fiji (SC Fiji) received thousands of messages and calls from desperate families, in need of the basic necessities including food, sanitary supplies and infant supplies including baby formula. SC Fiji made a cry for help to its two closest partners, Save the Children New Zealand and Save the Children Australia, who responded immediately and provided a huge amount of financial and other support. Save the Children New Zealand launched a public appeal, which exceeded expectations and raised over NZD400,000.00. SC Fiji immediately began delivering food and sanitary packs to families in need. The logistics were challenging, with safety at the forefront, and we thank the SC Fiji staff members who (as essential workers) left their homes to deliver the food and sanitary packs to desperate families in need.

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Save the Children Australia worked closely with an anonymous US-based donor, and collaborated closely with SC Fiji to implement and launch a cash and voucher assistance (CVA) program called FINCaP. Phases one and two of the FINCaP program were rolled out in 2021 and 2022 and it delivered much needed installments of cash to tens of thousands of Fijian families. The FINCaP Program is revolutionary for Fiji and the Pacific and it is transforming how donor funds are delivered: - quickly, safely and electronically via mobile networks. In addition, participants in the program are empowered because they choose how to spend the funds they receive. The funding for the FINCaP Program exceeded

thirty million dollars and the scope and reach of the program has been immense- close to 39,000 families, which equates to 22% of Fiji's population, were assisted. SC Fiji's long- term programs, including the Child-Centred Disaster Risk Reduction (CDRR) project and the Knowledge and Action in Agriculture and Food Security (KANA) Project, funded by MFAT, together with child protection and WASH programs continued in 2021 but were delayed, due to COVID-19. The focus of 2022 is on concentrated implementation of these programs and to provide continuing support to the children in Fiji. Both the Australian and New Zealand Governments have provided huge support to Fiji and SC Fiji, in its ongoing and response programming, including its response programs following Tropical Cyclone (TC) Yasa, Ana and TC Harold. Further details of Save the Children Fiji's programs are contained in the Annual Report for 2021, which also includes details of Save the Children Fiji's financial statements for 2021.

SC Fiji is immensely grateful to its donors including DFAT and MFAT for its substantial program funding including the funding of SC Fiji's core child protection work and to META (for the I am Digital Pacific Islands program), the FIJI Water Foundation for SC Fiji's WASH program, SC's Humanitarian Fund and START Fund for funding Response programs, SC New Zealand and the Latter Day Saints Charity for the grocery pack support, Canada Fund for funding child protection activities and to individuals, businesses and religious organisations in Fiji. SC Fiji's AGM is a time to recognize the hard work and support of many, including the dedicated staff and CEO of SC Fiji, SC Fiji's trustees, development partners, international agencies, suppliers, volunteers, Kids Link Fiji and all supporters and donors. In addition, SC Fiji acknowledges the ongoing support of Save the Children's regional office, Save the Children Australia and Save the Children New Zealand.

Fiji will continue to face significant challenges including climate related and adverse weather events and COVID-19. In the face of adversity, Save the Children Fiji must continue to be agile, proactive and transformative and open to collaboration and new ways of providing critical support to children and their families in Fiji.

Lorraine Reiher
Board Chair

Message from the Chief Executive Officer



Our Founder Eglantyne Jebb said "It's impossible only if we refuse to attempt it. Humanity owes the child the best it has to give. Every generation of children offers mankind the possibility of rebuilding his ruin of a world. The only international language in the world is a child's cry."

Save the Children Fiji (SCF) is committed to our Founder Eglantyne Jebb's words and has achieved tremendous progress in improving the lives of children in Fiji. We began working on children's rights in 1972, and 2022 marks the 50th year of investing and programming in Fiji to promote and safeguard children's rights and well-being.

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As we continue to develop and improve outcomes for children, our 2021 Annual Report includes a thorough summary of our child-centered projects and programs, partnerships and funding, and financial status. Children in Fiji faced humanitarian challenges in 2021, beginning with back-to-back Tropical Cyclones Yasa and Ana, followed by a catastrophic second wave of Covid-19, which sadly claimed the lives of many children. Tropical cyclones wreaked havoc on residents in the northern division, many of whom rely primarily on small-scale agriculture to meet their basic needs. TC Yasa, a category 5 cyclone, caused significant damage to homes and livelihoods, and it will take many years for families to recover.

Many families have experienced extraordinary challenges in providing food and basic necessities as a result of the economic crisis brought on by Covid-19. During the second wave of Covid-19, SCF found that many families lost their jobs overnight and were forced to rely on savings and assistance from government and civil society partners to get by. Young mothers and fathers told horrifying stories of not being able to afford essential food and formula milk for their children. Because she couldn't afford to buy milk, a young mother was forced to give her three-month-old daughter sugar and water. SCF was inundated with

pleas for help from thousands of families during the second wave of Covid-19. Many children fell behind in their studies and experienced psychological suffering as a result of the school closures in 2021.

Many families are still struggling to meet their children's basic needs, and they require support. Many children have not returned to school due to a lack of interest or because their parents cannot afford the fundamental educational necessities such as uniforms, bags, stationary and meals that would enable them to go. Strong partnerships, particularly with Save the Children New Zealand, Save the Children Australia, and the Save the Children Asia Regional Office, enabled us to respond quickly to the unfolding humanitarian crisis and provide relief to families affected by natural disasters and Covid-19.

As we started responding to the humanitarian crisis last year, our financial portfolio grew. We reported \$6,366,130 in total revenue, which included donations earned through local and international appeals. In comparison to 2020, our portfolio grew by 42 percent last year. With a dedicated team of 50 full-time staff and 8 volunteers, we made a significant difference in the lives of children.

Earlier last year and in partnership with the Fiji Women's Rights Movement (FWRM) and local civil society organisations, SCF submitted an alternate report to the UN CRC Committee on the rights of the child in accordance with the fifth periodic report of state parties of the government of Fiji. The submission of this report is critical for the State to analyze and report on progress made in realizing child rights since signing the Conventions on the Rights of the Child in 1993.

We also made significant progress working on our revised 2022-2024 Strategy. Our core priorities were defined under the steer of the children that we serve and I am proud that in 2021, children from SCF's Kids Link platform and child clubs shared their thoughts and ideas on how SCF can truly influence and support the issues they face. Their collective voices culminated in the identification and adoption of strategic goals to

support children in Fiji to have access to and learn in schools that are safe and provide quality learning; to have equal and quality access to health programs and services; to live lives free from all forms of exploitation, abuse and violence and; benefit from improved access to social protection programs particularly cash and voucher assistance programs to improve their lives.

Through our development and humanitarian program portfolio, we were able to deliver at scale and reach many more children in 2021. Child-friendly space trainings were beneficial to many families and children affected by TC Yasa. With grocery packs, we helped nearly 4000 families afflicted by Covid-19. Over 39,000 economically disadvantaged families received cash assistance to help them live a dignified life. We also conducted capacity building trainings for staff and partners to improve knowledge on cash and voucher assistance programming. To assist them to return to school, over 1000 children were given school bag kits that included stationery items. Farmers were given livelihood items and training to help them recover from natural calamities and feed their children nutritious food. To ensure child health and safety, additional schools benefited from enhanced water, sanitation, and hygiene facilities. Our child protection and positive discipline awareness trainings with civil society and other partners have been quite impactful, and we delivered the most online trainings last year. In addition, we were fortunate to obtain ongoing funds from META (previously Facebook), and our online safety education campaign was effectively expanded in Fiji and other Pacific countries. We continued to increase stakeholder involvement and got consent from the Ministry of

Education, Heritage and Arts (MEHA) to undertake a safe schools common approach initiative in 11 schools. Furthermore, we facilitated children and young people's engagement in climate change advocacy events, and children from Suva's communities came together to commemorate the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect Day.

We know that our ambition for children is still relevant, and we will continue to improve and scale up our successes. SCF is dedicated to assisting the most vulnerable children in Fiji and the Pacific region, particularly girls, children with disabilities, children living in poverty and destitution, children threatened or displaced by natural disasters or climate change, and children who are unable to fully exercise their rights due to societal inequalities and discriminatory practices. SCF will collaborate closely with other member organizations to prioritize immediate actions for children, complement government efforts to protect children during humanitarian crises, and advocate for and drive changes in a more systematic manner to ensure that all children in Fiji have access to their rights.

Our vision can only be realized with the help of our experienced Trustees, Board members, member partners Save the Children New Zealand and Save the Children Australia, committed donors, government and civil society partners, and, most importantly, our dedicated staff and volunteers who continue to serve children in difficult circumstances. I sincerely thank and congratulate our partners and staff for their service to children in Fiji.

Shairana Ali

Chief Executive Officer

Governance and Organisational Development

Save the Children Fiji is governed by Trustees and a Board. The Trustees are Mr Vijay Naidu, Mr Kaliopate Tavola and Ms Gina Houg Lee.

The Board Chair is Ms Lorraine Reiher. In 2021, the Board comprised of ten members.

The current Board members are:

Ms Lorraine Reiher-Board Chairperson

Mr Garry Wiseman- Vice Chairperson

Ms Shairana Ali- Ex-officio Member

Ms Sushil Narayan

Mr Romulo Nayacalevu

Dr Donald Wilson

Ms Veena Singh-Board Secretary

Ms Karen Sorby

Ms Ana Tuiketei

Ms Meliki Tuinamuana

Dr Rosalina Sa'aga-Banuve- Child Safeguarding Trustee (Appointed in April 2021)

In 2021, the Board had four Board meetings and the Annual General Meeting was held on the 3rd November, 2021. The Board has three sub-committees: The Finance Sub-Committee, Property Development Sub-Committee and the Human Resource Sub-Committee.

Senior Management Team 2021

Shairana Ali	Chief Executive Officer
Afsrin Ali	Program Manager
Raveen Chand	Finance Manager
Roshni Mala	Human Resource Manager

Senior Management Team 2022

Shairana Ali	Chief Executive Officer
Afsrin Ali	Program Manager
Raveen Chand	Finance Manager
Roshni Mala	Human Resources Manager

Locations

Head Office	25 Pender Street, Suva
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The Fiji National Philanthropic Trust Cash Assistance Program (FiNCAP) Supporting Vulnerable Households throughout Fiji

Save the Children is committed to Cash and Voucher assistance as a movement-wide priority, recognising its proven effectiveness in supporting people to access essential goods and services and impacting directly on the lives of children. Cash and Voucher assistance to progress humanitarian and development objectives is increasingly a priority in the Pacific region.

The Fiji National Philanthropic Trust Cash Assistance Program (FiNCAP) was set up in response to urgent needs and deepening vulnerability in Fiji caused by cyclones and the COVID-19 pandemic. A significant philanthropic donation enabled a large-scale cash assistance program whereby over 39,000 vulnerable households have received unconditional cash payments via mobile phone cash transfers, in two phases from late 2020 to mid-2022.

Goal of the project is to Support vulnerable families affected by the economic impact of COVID-19 in Fiji to meet their basic needs.

The Program has three key outcomes:

1. Beneficiary households show a reduction in negative coping mechanisms
2. Beneficiaries have an increased understanding and support of cash assistance
3. Increase capacity of local and regional partners to deliver long term sustainable social protection via cash programming

Phase 1 was implemented from December 2020 to June 2021, providing 14,772 households with cash assistance of Fijian Dollar (FJD) 400 (US\$ 196). A further 2,000 households, received FJD400 as a Special Need Fund payment. Phase 2, from June 2021 to June 2022 provided cash assistance of FJD 600 (US\$ 286) incorporating these Phase 1 Households and expanding reach to an additional 22,230 beneficiary households. The project is being implemented by Save the Children Australia and Save the Children Fiji with supporting partners including Fiji Council of Social Services, Medical Services Pacific, National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) and a number of local Fijian Civil Society Organizations (CSOs).

The Need

Thousands of Fijians lost their only income source when COVID-19 hit the country in 2020. Tourism is Fiji's largest revenue earner employing thousands of Fijians across the country. Tourism ground to a halt when borders closed and restrictions were implemented, crippling the economy. Job losses have had a significant influence in food insecurity in Fiji. The ability of families to purchase food and provide



Kinivilame (one of the many Cash assistance beneficiaries, assisted through the FiNCAP project with his children)
Photo Credit: Save the Children Fiji

basic nourishment for their children has been directly impacted by the sudden loss of income for significant segments of the workforce. Fiji is one of many countries around the world to have reported a dramatic uptick in negative coping behaviours amongst families, such as missing meals, eating cheaper and less nutritious food, and cutting portion sizes.

After almost two years, Fiji opened its international borders in December this year which has seen the tourism sector enter a slow recovery phase. However, even though some workers have returned to work, many are earning a quarter or half of their full salary while others are struggling to find employment, with many hotels and restaurants having closed down during the pandemic. These unemployment trends are compounding systemic poverty in Fiji, where 30% of the urban population is living under the poverty line and 40% of rural people are entrenched in poverty.

Cash is the most efficient and effective way to empower emergency-affected communities – and COVID-19 continues to be the most pressing emergency Fiji faces today. We know cash works, and that the project has already made a huge difference to the lives of vulnerable families across the country.

Together with our partners and stakeholders, selection of participants was based on strict criteria used to determine vulnerability. Participants with disabilities, single mothers, households with multiple children under five and the elderly were prioritized. Once selected,

households received three - monthly payments of \$130AUD (\$200 FJD) totalling \$326AUD (\$600 FJD) to assist them in meeting their self-determined needs.

Results to date

- ❖ \$18.5M FJD of emergency cash transfers made as at Dec 2021
- ❖ 22% of the Fijian population - 39,000 households or 195,000 individuals received support with remaining last cash transfer (in Jan 2022) for the 22, 228 households
- ❖ Project made up over 8% of Save the Children's global cash portfolio in 2021
- ❖ Over 85% of recipients surveyed reported using the cash for food and basic needs
- ❖ 49% of recipients surveyed put money towards their children's education
- ❖ Case studies reveal that recipients were able to start a business using cash or keep their small business afloat
- ❖ Parents reported that the cash assistance reduced their stress levels, provided a sense of dignity, and empowered families to meet their own needs.

Comments from people who received cash assistance and partnered with Save the Children to implement Fiji Cash Assistance Project:

"I felt really blessed because, at that time, we were really out of cash. I was worried about what my children would eat. I would like to thank Save the Children for the help they've given. They've really helped a lot of families. It was a very, very big help."

"I thank you all at Save the Children for helping us who are struggling since we are unemployed and going through hardships during this pandemic. It supported us in one of the most trying times of our lives."

"It was something that the beneficiaries needed there and then. They just needed something to meet their needs right then. Paying bills, rent, buying medication. This really met their need"

"For them, it was really timely. They were receiving the benefits early on, when COVID-19 hit, and at a time we have a lot of floods and cyclones. It was a time when they faced a lot of challenges."

Achievements

The Fiji Cash Assistance Project was both an extraordinary opportunity to deliver cash assistance at scale to support vulnerable Fijian households impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as a significant learning growth opportunity for Save the Children. It also represented an important stage in Fiji's social protection history, cash assistance having not previously been provided at this scale or in response to an emergency situation such as that posed by the pandemic and cyclones.

The transfer value for the project was set by the National Cash Working Group and no stakeholders raised concerns with this key aspect of cash assistance.

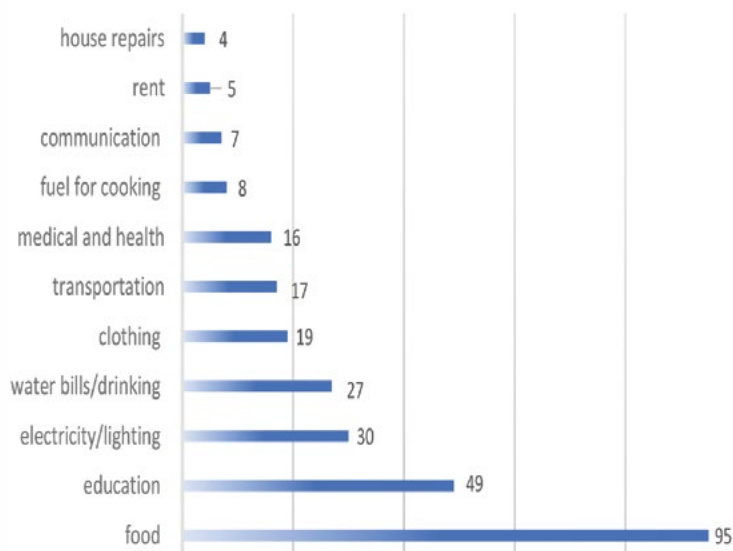
The project was implemented quickly in response to urgent needs and a generous donation, but it benefited significantly from previous collaboration and learning as well as preparedness. While the scale was significant, working together with other community-based organizations and specialist private sector providers (especially Vodafone) as partners in implementation, enabled Save the Children to transfer cash to large numbers of households quickly and according to the vulnerability criteria.

The intended impact of the project was to reduce suffering by enabling vulnerable households to meet basic needs in the face of the combined shocks of a pandemic and natural disasters. Post-distribution monitoring, through a survey of 264 households, showed 85% of households spent cash on basic needs (defined as food, clothing, shoes, water, rent or house construction/repairs) or essential services (defined as education, electricity, health/medical, transport, cooking fuel and communications).

"With three children to care for and no income, I had reduced cooking from 3 times a day to once a day to save fuel and gas. After receiving cash assistance, I was able to buy food for the household as well as provide for my son's educational needs."

Almost all surveyed households (95%) used the cash to purchase food, and around half (49%) spent it on their children's education. Households also used the cash assistance for other essential items including electricity, water, clothing, transport and medicines. Data indicates that the adoption of negative coping strategies employed before the assistance, in response to pandemic and cyclone-related shocks, was reduced. Data about household expenditure in surveyed households is summarized in Table 1 below:

HOW HOUSEHOLDS SPENT CASH ASSISTANCE



Case studies illustrated the impact of the project on households: families had been experiencing significant challenges before the cash assistance was provided and cash assistance made a timely and helpful contribution to improving their situation. Examples of their comments include:

“Without that money, I don't know whether our house (damaged in a cyclone) would have been able to be repaired or not.”

“I bought market produce with that money. I didn't buy food [to eat now] or anything else. I bought cassava, chillies and cabbage, and then sold them again so the money can grow. If I had to buy food, we would eat it, and once it is finished, we go back to square one. Buying my market produce with that money can assist me in the long run.”

“The first payout that I received, we were able to buy some stuff for my son like his stationery and lunch. We were also able to help some of the children from my in-laws' side, the families that had more than 6 children: we helped one of them with his school uniform and stationery.”

In terms of benefits for children, quantitative data from the Post Distribution Monitoring showed that after food, the second highest category of household expenditure was education. This confirms that school-aged children benefited significantly and directly from the cash assistance.

Case studies also revealed a number of positive effects and benefits for children, including the contribution that cash assistance made to meeting basic material needs, reducing stress levels among parents and supporting children's happiness in the context of COVID-19 related concerns. For example, one woman said:

“[the cash has assisted us] in getting food on the table, assisting us in my children's education, etc. and most of all, you might not be able to see, but putting a smile on my children's faces.”

Several people interviewed after receiving cash reported an improved sense of dignity and empowerment, through having the choice to spend cash on their own family and community priorities. The sense of relief and optimism expressed by recipients of cash was connected to opportunities for families to enjoy positive experiences and for communities to undertake joint activities, such as building a water pipe to serve multiple families, that would not otherwise have been possible.

As well as food and education, households receiving FiNCAP cash assistance invested in new livelihood strategies (especially market vendors producing and selling new goods) or put in place plans for the future (including through investing in education, business and healthcare).

The power of unconditional cash assistance to meet unique priorities and needs was made plain through

many inspiring individual stories: a single father able to build a toilet facility for his children; a household who finally repaired a damaged home; a woman who purchased shoes for her cousin's barefoot child; or households who pooled their cash to install a community water tap. One woman spoke of being able to restore her family's pride by using the cash to paint her deceased mother's home, which was in disrepair.

With FiNCAP targeting Fiji's vulnerable and marginalised households, there were examples of individuals empowered by cash assistance after experiencing significant economic hardships as a result of the pandemic. This included sex workers whose income had completely disappeared, and transgender persons who had been unable to afford make-up, without which they felt they could not leave the house.

A range of broader benefits was also identified. As cash assistance was delivered to recipients (many of whom lacked a formal bank account) through Fiji's mobile phone-based banking app M-PAiSA, FiNCAP was found to contribute to increased digital and financial literacy. This is consistent with the Government of Fiji's strategy to increase financial inclusion. A prerequisite for opening an M-PAiSA account is ownership of a birth certificate: participation in Fin Cap's cash assistance program prompted many individuals lacking such documentation to register and receive it, reporting that this would have significant knock-on benefits for them in future.

Finally, the FiNCAP experience generated valuable attention and interest around the use of cash assistance as a form of humanitarian assistance and social protection, both among government and non-government actors in Fiji (and among existing collaborations/partnerships between the two). Having operated at a larger scale than previous initiatives, it prompted increased confidence about the future use of unconditional cash transfers to reduce vulnerabilities in the face of crises or shocks.

FiNCAP Case study 1 - Mereseini, Macuata Province, Vanua Levu

Mereseini is a 57-year-old widow. She lives in the province of Macuata in Vanua Levu with her youngest of four daughters and six-year-old grandson.

During the height of the pandemic, Mereseini's eldest daughter passed away from Cancer. She left behind her son, who now lives with Mereseini. This was a very hard loss for the family who were already dealing with the impacts of COVID-19.

At an elderly age, Mereseini still provides for her family and has also taken on the responsibility of raising her grandson.

Mereseini is thankful to Save the Children for their timely assistance and reaching out to vulnerable families.



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Photo Credit: Save the Children Fiji.

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"My youngest daughter is still in school. She's in Year 12 and she lives with me together with my grandson. My twins also girls, are working and we have been struggling for a very long time, but COVID-19 made it worse," she explains. As the sole provider for her family, Mereseini struggles to keep up with home expenses. She says "people from the community sometimes came to visit and offer to help us with bills and food. I am always grateful for their kindness." To make things worse, the family were already trying to recover from the impacts of Tropical Cyclone Harold in April 2020 and a subsequent flood, which badly damaged their home. Mereseini says they had to fix their home and cleaning up the damage took weeks. When the pandemic first arrived their community, the family and some members of the community turned to the land and a nearby river for food. Mereseini says the community was able to cope initially. "We didn't think much about it because covid-19 cases were increasing in Viti Levu - the main island," she says. "But slowly people here in the Vanua Levu started to get sick. Businesses closed, restrictions were implemented and jobs affected," Mereseini remembers.

"I am grateful that I live in a caring community because when that happened, everyone lends a hand and that's how we got through that," she remembers. "But when covid-19 cases started increasing in this division it was a bit difficult for everyone," Mereseini says.

It was not long until Mereseini heard about Save the Children's Fiji Cash Assistance Program from someone within the community. She immediately decided to apply for assistance and received her first \$200FJD payment in November 2021.

“ I knew this was God's helping hand to us. I could pay for my electricity and water bill without having to worry about it for a while and also buy food for my daughter and grandson. **”**

The grandmother remembers how she felt receiving her first assistance. *"I knew this was God's helping hand to us. I could pay for my electricity and water bill without having to worry about it for a while and also buy food for my daughter and grandson."*

When the remaining two payments came through, Mereseini prioritised education for her children. She used a portion of the money to buy stationery for her daughter in Year 12 and clothes for her grandson. She was also able to invest in an ice block business, using the cash transfer to buy the moulds and ingredients she needed. Mereseini says she can sell up to 40 ice blocks in a day.

"I sell my ice blocks for 55cents each. It has generated a lot of interest and kids love buying them. I just buy the ingredients for the ice blocks, like milk, sugar, food colouring, moulds and I just make it at home. Mereseini further explained that she also owns a small piece of land that is being leased.

"I get a little bit of payment from there annually but it's still not enough to get through life sometimes," she says. Just like other villagers, Mereseini is committed to her church obligation, and with every \$200 received, ten percent goes towards her tithe. She believes having faith is key to a good future.

"We believe in God. Whatever comes we'll accept it as that. We do pray every day," she says

Mereseini is thankful to Save the Children Australia and the project team for stepping in to assist when they needed it the most.

Save the Children has already provided cash transfers to over 39,000 families in Fiji. Our research shows that 85% of households assisted so far have spent their money on food and basic necessities, and 49% of households put the money towards their children's education.

Cash is the most efficient and effective way to empower emergency-affected communities – and COVID-19 continues to be the most pressing emergency Fiji faces today. We know cash works, and that the project is already making a huge difference for the lives of vulnerable Fijian families like Mereseini's.

FiNCAP Case Study 2– Amit, Vanua Levu, Northern Fiji

Amit and his 72-year-old mother live alone in a remote island in the North of Fiji. Since his father's passing, Amit has become the sole carer to his elderly mother. Before the first wave of Covid-19, Amit used to cater and plan events for a living. His business was doing well bringing him an income of at least \$200FJD every week. However, a ban on gatherings meant Amit's business ground to a halt.

Unfortunately, Amit's mother became sick during this difficult time. She needed a full-time carer to help her walk around the house, dress and shower. *"When the Pandemic hit, that's when my mom was sick because she was diagnosed with minor stroke"* Amit says. Struggling to pay the bills, Amit picked up some casual work at a local hospital as a temporary reliever. He would only fill in hours at the hospital when called on by the staff there. Despite the challenges of looking after his mother and having to make a living, Amit has remained positive and believes there was always a way to make ends meet. *"I never say no to going to work, though my mom was sick. Even during a cyclone in 2020, my mom was sick but I left her here alone and I went to work because I really needed the money,"* he says. *"That was a really hard time for me,"* he adds. Like many other people affected by COVID-19, Amit says he needs assistance to help cover his living expenses, his mother's medicine and other needs.

"Day by day I can see that life is getting tough, things are getting expensive, we have to think twice before buying anything, we can't spend money unnecessarily" he explains.

Amit describes the first wave of the pandemic as one of the most challenging times for him but he is grateful he came out stronger, with the help of the Fiji Cash Assistance Project. Photo Credit: Save the Children Fiji.

Amit is also a proud member of the Rainbow Pride community, and it was through this network that he came to find out about the cash assistance offered by Save the Children. *"That was the day I was praying and I was crying because I had so many things to do and I needed money,"* he says. *"And it was that afternoon that someone called and asked me if I wanted to give my name to Save the children so they can help, and I cried and I said yes,"* he says, remembering the relief he felt at being offered support.

Amit received his first cash assistance in November 2021. He used the money to pay for his utility bills via M-PAiSA and to buy groceries. The little money he had left he saved for his mother's medicine and fare for transportation to the doctors.

Save the Children has already provided cash transfers to over 39,000 Fijian families like Amit's. Our research shows that 95% of households assisted so far have spent their money on food and 49% of households put the money towards their children's education.



 **Amit, Meenachi**
Photo Credit: Save the Children Fiji.

Now that the cash assistance from Save the Children has concluded, Amit says he will try to work as many hours as he can at the hospital so he can continue to support his mother. He has also started to do some extra work on the side, selling roti and curry at the hospital to earn another \$15FJD per day.

Cash is the most efficient and effective way to empower emergency-affected communities – and COVID-19 continues to be the most pressing emergency Fiji faces today. We know cash works, and that the project has already made a huge difference to the lives of vulnerable families.

Amit says, *"I really appreciate Save the Children for what you have done for the last 3 months for me and my mother. Thank you very much for helping me and helping other people who really needed the money".*

“And it was that afternoon that someone called and asked me if I wanted to give my name to Save the children so they can help, and I cried and I said yes,” ”

Humanitarian Response

Tropical Cyclone Yasa Response Project - 2021

Save the Children Fiji, through its partnership with Save the Children New Zealand (SCNZ), and funding from the New Zealand Government's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) and the Disaster Response Partnership (DRP) Program, enabled the Tropical Yasa Response project to provide Community Based Child Protection Training, Child-Friendly Spaces, Psychosocial Support & Counselling, Child Protection in Emergencies Training and Establishment of Community Based Child Protection Committees in Macuata & Buva Provinces.

The funding had allowed for the procurement and transportation of Child-friendly Spaces Kits to communities, together with relevant community volunteer trainings, including Community Based Child Protection trainings, together with Provincial Knowledge Sharing Workshops for both provinces.

With COVID-19 travel restrictions, the DRP project was able to complete its requirements after seven months of hope and continuous consultations with relevant stakeholders, to the extent of the recruitment and training of volunteers who were based in the north to facilitate Child-friendly Spaces which was successful. This followed by other trainings as travel restrictions were lifted, and the project took approximately three months to complete with back-to-back trainings.

The activities were mainly aimed to address early recovery needs in child protection and strengthen longer-term resilience through activities including providing Child-friendly Space (CFS) Kits and psycho-social support for children; providing community training on child protection in collaboration with the Department of Social Welfare focal points and Empower Pacific to strengthen the reporting and response mechanisms; establishing community-based child protection committees (CBCPCs) in each community to be integrated to existing village committees; and conducting provincial-level workshops for representatives of CBCPCs to collaboratively discuss and share experiences with other communities to improve Child Protection Mechanism and Practice in communities.

Overall, the project was also able to meet the target of providing child protection training to 35 communities as well as surpassing the target of training 700 participants by 102 people (a total of 802 people altogether) despite the challenges posed by the COVID -19 pandemic and the subsequent restriction of movements. The villagers were grateful for the training and praised the knowledgeable and friendly facilitators and trainers.

The results suggest that a minimum of 6,720 adults and children would have benefitted from the SCF interventions comprising a minimum of 1,916 men, 107 men living with disability, 1,478 boys, 7 boys living with disability, 1,821 women, 45 women living with disability, 1,338 girls, and 8 girls living with a disability.

CASE STUDIES

Case Study 1: Yaro Village, Kia Island

Katherine Rounds, mother of a 6-year-old boy, reported the terrifying experience of TC Yasa as her house was badly damaged and nothing was spared. **The structure collapsed as the cyclone intensified while the family was inside.** They took shelter in the village hall. The family continued staying there for a month as they picked up the pieces to rebuild their lives.

Kemeli, the village headman, said the super cyclone ripped through 26 houses in the village and 12 houses suffered partial damage. **Families were living in tents after the cyclone and a few of them continue to live there.** Some families have relatives on the mainland and abroad who have helped them recover.



Reflections from the training:

Kemeli said he understood the rights of the child better after the sessions from Save the Children Fiji as well as the concept of child abuse. Mentioning some rights such as the right to education and the right to a free life, he said child abuse cases must be reported and after the training, nothing would stop him from doing so.

He mentioned the importance of supervising children and taking care of them and how vital it was for parents to know how to handle scenarios relating to children's issues. He also spoke about how negligence can be fatal and can result in severe forms of abuse such as rape.

Katherine on the other hand said the training enabled her to understand how to care for children, especially during disasters and has also been beneficial in mentally preparing for the cyclone season

Case Study 2: Naravuka Village, Macuata



Letila, a grandmother, lives in Naravuka with her husband and have recently moved back to the village.

"I feel village life is much better than city life. We did not suffer much damage except the kitchen ceiling which came down and my flower garden was destroyed. Children needed to be protected by adults because they were the ones who brought them into this world so I am always concerned about my grandkids.

I do not support children's rights because it gives children the confidence to fight for their rights, to talk back and they become bold enough to put up a fight. My granddaughter has been very disrespectful towards me."

Salote, who is originally from Lomaiviti, Lau and visiting her grandma's village said her family stored food and checked their house when the warning came. However,



During TC Yasa, the Turaga-ni-koro had advised giving money to cater for the food and of evacuees, as they had people from neighbouring villages also sheltering in their hall. The evacuation centre was overcrowded and some refused to come early. In the midst of the cyclone, some who remained in their houses were calling for help but nothing could be done as the hurricane was very strong. Semesa a teenage boy also recalled coming to the village hall as the disaster happened as their house was damaged.

their house roof was blown while the family was inside. They waited for the winds to tame before moving to a neighbour's house. Her father waited for assistance from Red Cross in rebuilding the roof.

Savenaca who is in charge of children in the village with a group of others said he has called a meeting of secondary school girls last month to talk about the issues surrounding them. He said the group that looked after the safety of children visited schools and taught rugby skills. He said he agreed with children having rights because in earlier days, Turaga-ni-yavusa used to give orders to elders and they quietly followed



MEAL Officer Nadia explains the consent form
Photo Credit: Save the Children Fiji.

it. **Parents used to hit their children but times are changing now.** People are becoming modern. He mentioned how his wife used to verbally abuse his children at home and after the workshop, he shared his learnings with her. **He made her aware that the children had a right to report abusive parents after which they apologized to their kids.**

He said with the training, there was more awareness in parents on how to handle sensitive cases.

Parents were concerned about their children's whereabouts and would take interest in getting to know about their lives. He praised the work of the facilitators who did an excellent job and gave very clear explanations.

Salote said the training had **made her responsible and that she would inform her parents about her whereabouts every time she leaves the house, unlike before.** It taught her that children's rights come with responsibilities.

Case Study 3: Dama Village, Bua

Meredani, the wife of the headman at Dama Village described her experience of TC Yasa as that which was stronger than Winston. Her two grandchildren aged 4 & 5 years were with her family when the hurricane struck. Strong winds and heavy rain forced the family to evacuate to the community hall. **Her grandkids were extremely frightened by the heavy rain and thunder.** Her house roof was blown off and the house got filled with water so quickly the family couldn't save any belongings.

For Meredith, the training was an emotional day. It taught her a lot about issues relating to drugs, teen pregnancy, child abuse and how to help children in need. She said she never abuses her children or grandchildren; she is fond of hugging them and loving them. She is a big supporter of disciplining children without violence saying that children can feel the harsh words said to them and it can be damaging. It is always a good choice to teach them good manners, counsel when they are in need and teach them good morals. She also said that after the training she has noticed that those parents who usually hit their children had stopped and become less violent.

She said the training was a big eye-opener also for her husband.



For Joshua (left) and Melisio (top left), both in their old age, life is all about attending to their plantation and looking after their families. When TC Yasa struck, both men with their families moved to the evacuation centre and saw a lot of devastation in the village. Roofs were blown off, plantations ruined and children were crying. For Joshua, he moved to his house after the cyclone to look after his sick wife, who passed away shortly after. The other villagers remained at the hall for about 2 weeks and cooked and ate communally.

Joshua said he supported children's rights and felt child safeguarding was essential, especially in times of disasters. He mentioned that **small children should not be tasked to carry out duties such as fetching**

water from the well or harvesting cassava from the farm as it's not suitable for them and must be done by adults. He relayed how he had changed his ways and would now pray with his grandchildren and have meals with them.


They said to him: "Grandpa you have changed".

Joshua said the way elders talked to children had an impact on them and it was important to be polite. Melisio echoed the same sentiments and emphasized being polite and kind towards children. He said **he had shared the learnings from the workshop with his wife. He is encouraging his daughter to treat his granddaughter with kindness and resort to non-violent ways** and even asked if he could report his daughter.

Case Study 4: Votua Village, Bua

For little Adi Fulori, who was living with her family at the Fiji Pine Quarters, TC Yasa was a terrifying experience. **They moved from their quarters to Lekutu Secondary School to take shelter and unfortunately the roof of the school also blew.** She witnessed the roof being blown off the ceiling coming down. Her mother, along with her brother and Adi then rushed to the library. **They stayed in the library for the whole night and did not have anything to eat or drink because the ceiling had landed on their food and ruined it.**



 **Adi Fulori with her grandmother in Votua Village**
Photo Credit: Save the Children Fiji.

It was impressive to note that 10-year-old Adi Fulori was able to reflect on some teachings of the workshop. She talked about good touches and bad touches and said it was important for children to take permission to go out of their homes. It involved their safety. It was also important for children to listen to elders.

Josese said he was very happy to learn how to treat children and was supportive of children's rights. He said we needed to learn about rights in order to overcome abuse. Traditionally, hitting children was widely accepted and parents mostly did it out of anger. He said children imitated the behaviour of parents and everything started at home. The teachers could not be blamed for bad behaviour. Josese also praised the trainers for being well-equipped and being able to answer questions. He noticed that after the training, parents were relaxed towards their children and allowed them to play without being abusive.

"Most of the time it's our temper that controls us and we think it's the right way to teach our kids, but it's not helping, it's doing the opposite".

Children Child Protection Awareness Program

Children sessions were also facilitated in each of the 35 communities on the eve of the adults' sessions. During the sessions, **children learned about their rights in the United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), under the law, and their responsibilities for the rights they have.** Children also learned that they too can protect themselves from continuous attacks, abuse, violence, and sexual abuse.



 **Navunievu Village Children participated in the awareness program and learnt about their rights, protection and responsibilities.**
Photo Credit: Save the Children Fiji.

During the session, the children worked together in groups as well, to identify risks that affect their safety in various communities. The children also identified safe and unsafe places within the communities, and findings were then presented to the adults during their session on the next day. **This is child participation, at its best.**

Below are the Banners that were posted up on the Fiji Village website and rotated monthly for a period of three months, well covering the cyclone season in Fiji which is normally from November to April. The banners were in two dimensions, that is Mobile banners and also the Fiji Village website banner.

Mobile banners with Child Protection and Child Save guarding messaging during disasters



Fiji Village website banners with Child Protection and Children Save guarding messaging during disasters



The continuation of the Tropical Cyclone Yasa response work will strengthen the community-based protection system and connection with the district/provincial authorities through the establishment of the 35 community-based child protection committees (CBCPCs). These will protect children from physical harm and psychosocial distress and will help them continue learning and developing as they rebuild their lives.

TC Ana Humanitarian Seed Fund

Fiji was affected by Severe Tropical Cyclone Ana in January 2021, which resulted in flooding to some parts of Viti Levu. Through Seed Fund, Save the Children Fiji was able to assist affected communities in the Rewa and Tailevu Province. Having its overall goal to provide humanitarian assistance to affected children focusing on two key sectors; WASH and Education across 9 villages in the Tailevu Province and 6 villages in Rewa Province. It is in line with the Government of Fiji's formal request to international stakeholders and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) for assistance. The response is also in collaboration with the Government of Fiji through the National Clusters, the National Disaster Management Office and Provincial Council.

Briefly, the two sectors that SCF responded to are as follows:

WASH – Distribution of family hygiene kits and child hygiene kits to 936 affected households in the selected communities followed by WASH capacity building training.

Education – Being the co-lead for the Education Cluster, SCF works with the Ministry of Education to advocate and reach out to affected children for Education continuity in any crisis. In this regard, SCF provided 1258 school bags with stationeries to children of the target affected communities.

WASH Capacity Building Training

In each of the target provinces, WASH capacity building trainings were conducted to the 23 community focal points, mainly the Village Headmen and Community Health Worker (CHW) in one of the preferred affected community selected by the District Health Office.

The training was more focused on preparedness and the importance of WASH in everyday life, particularly on making water safe to drink, having proper sanitation and practicing proper hygiene to protect the children and community as a whole from potential disease outbreak such as leptospirosis, typhoid, dengue and diarrhea (LTDD). An awareness was done to increase communities' knowledge on preventative measures of communicable diseases as well as develop an action plan to address the WASH issues present in the community together with mitigation strategies.

Distribution of Hygiene Kits

The table below shows the number of **936 Family Hygiene Kits (FHK) and 163 Child Hygiene Kits (CHK) distributed to households** in the affected communities of Dakuivuna, Nasautoka, Wailotua (2), Nabouva, Nailega, Wailevu, Wailotua (1), Nabulini, Naibita, Muana, Vunisei, Nabuli, Vunisinu, Nalase, Navatuyabai in the **Provinces of Tailevu and Rewa.**



SC Fiji CEO Ms Shairana Ali presenting the school bag to a child from Nabouva Village.

Photo Credit: Save the Children Fiji.

The school bags distribution for 8 communities

was led by the CEO and Programs Manager of Save the Children Fiji, along with the SCF Wash Officer and logistics Team. In most communities' children together with their parents and guardians, and of course the focal points; CHW and Village Headman gathered in their various community halls to receive the assistance. In total SCF was able to assist 1258 children of the **14 affected communities within the Tailevu and Rewa Province by providing 1258 school bags with stationeries and exercise books included**

Save the Children CEO, Ms. Shairana Ali encouraged parents/guardians to support their children with their education, and stated "Education is one of the fundamental rights of a child and this is one way the organization through seed fund supports this right in ensuring that children are equipped to go to school.

Child-Centered Livelihoods

Knowledge and Action in Agriculture and Food Security (KANA) Project.

Implemented by Save the Children Fiji (SC Fiji) from July 2020 through to June 2023 and supported by Save the Children New Zealand (SCNZ) and funded by the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), the goal of the KANA 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.

KANA project is working in 20 rural communities in the coastal areas of Ra and Koro Island, reaching a minimum of 3,500 beneficiaries. Activities include commercial and subsistence agriculture in Ra and Koro Island that is resilient and reliable, providing food security and family income to improve outcomes for children (including education, nutrition, and health), and provide a safety net against future disasters.

Strengthened Community Development committees (CDCs) will plan and implement disaster resilience initiatives and incorporate disaster risk management plans into their CDPs. A third component is promoting nutrition in schools and community workshops to ensure that farmers can provide healthy food for schools and families and that vendors provide the right food to schools



Food Heroes establishing communal gardens during COVID-19 lockdown.

Photo Credit: Save the Children Fiji.

During the reporting period, KANA project communities have experienced loss of employment, reduced access to markets and reduced purchasing power which were all due to the impact of consecutive waves of Covid-19 pandemic. Impacts of Tropical Cyclone (TC) Harold, Yasa and Cody have also contributed to significant devastation in flooding of farms, destroyed crops, reduced land fertility, reduced income for farmers and contributed to food insecurity.

KANA Project adaptation to COVID -19 pandemic

Covid-19 pandemic had interrupted the implementation of project activities, as the government restrictions to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 pandemic included border closures, a nationwide curfew and closure of schools, churches and facilities across the country, which resulted in the project activities adapting its approach from face-to-face engagement to providing remote support to community focal points through phone and social media platforms.

On the plus side, COVID-19 pandemic has provided an opportunity to strengthen traditional food systems, re-evaluate and re-localize agricultural production strategies. KANA project has continued to sustain food security and provide nutritious food to children through distribution of seedlings from the two (2) established nurseries, continuation of school gardens despite school closure, establishment of communal gardens and own communal nurseries thus supporting household and communities' food security.

Listed are activities that KANA project provided during and despite the COVID -19 Pandemic lockdown period;

- Seed Distribution from the two (2) KANA nurseries cushioned communities from COVID-19 related food insecurity.
- KANA project scaled up responses in procuring more seeds for schools despite school closure the school caretakers and teachers continued planting and distributing it to nearby villages.
- KANA project also strengthened food security and promoted healthy eating during the lockdown through engagement of Food Heroes, who are trained children from our engaged schools, to be nutrition advocates on healthy eating, good nutrition and mobilise farming and school gardens). The food heroes during the lockdown comprehensively worked with communities especially mothers to establish communal gardens, individual gardens and also encouraged subsistence farming.
- KANA project teams also mobilized children's resources using food heroes' booklets to keep children engaged during the lockdown and encouraged continued healthy eating.
- Increased production & small holder incomes through the establishment of backyard gardens.

- KANA project has also witnessed an increased diversification in terms of crop type and yield, for example, previously the farmers were inclined to farm root crops but now through the training provided by the project, we have witnessed farmers also planting more cash crops a fruit tree, however there is still a need to strengthen this component.
- From the support provided by the KANA project, the farmers in the communities are now market driven and are planting commodities as per market demand .

In the early period of Year 2021, KANA project awarded 8 clusters out of which 3 were in Koro and 5 from Ra. Each clusters has approximate 10 to 15 farmers who received planting materials and hardware materials. The activity was delivered with aim of achieving two of our Medium-term outcomes one of which is Improved agricultural production and resilience and Increased family income.

KANA Beneficiary Feedback from one of the farmers from the Clusters in Koro -Yadale Cluster assisted in 2021

KANA project had its Midline Assessment finalized in July, 2021, which captured the progress made so far as detailed below:



"I am thankful to KANA Project for assisting the cluster with Dalo shoots and Dalo Ni Tana and also the past training and assistance we have been receiving. It's been 3 years now since they have been assisting us. The Taro shoots assistance have enabled us to maximize better. We work on this farm as a group and we have been supplying to exporters over the previous months. Now we have continued this cluster farming scheme and have our own goals to achieve. We request if there can be some support and further guidance from on financial literacy training as we now in our early stage of our commercial operation."

Farmer from Yandale Cluster, Koro Island
Photo Credit: Save the Children Fiji

- Farmers were able to sustain agricultural activities without continuous support provided in-person as the SCF team continued to work from home and provided guidance remotely through phone calls and virtual meetings.
- Farmers tapped onto ginger farming and raked in good income.
- Collaborated market link with Rise Beyond the Reef which bought their produce (Ra farmers).
- Koro farmers established small vegetable stalls in their villages and sold crops & veggies.

- Food Heroes stepped up efforts on nutrition advocacy and farming in their communities.

Impact is yet to be ascertained but what has been observed is that these beneficiaries have learnt to farm with little to no physical monitoring and support and this looks positive in terms of sustainability when MFAT funding comes to an end.

One of the significant changes observed was increased subsistence farming post COVID lockdown, there was an increased establishment of subsistence and communal vegetable gardens in Ra and Koro communities that resulted in influx abundant supply of vegetables and new vendors in local markets, this brought about competition within existing farmers and new farmers. Majority of our farmers quickly adopted to barter system to exchange vegetables, root crops and fruits with groceries and toiletries whilst other benefitted from Rise beyond the reef. KANA project has also conducted and completed its baseline report for the new design.

Demo Farms & Nurseries

It was also observed that there was an immediate demand for vegetable seedlings during Covid-19 related lockdowns and more communities were involved in farming. Two youth clubs have set up own nurseries to secure food source for the communities and also for children. This demo plots have been really useful for farmers and also to communities during the lockdown. It was observed that there was an immediate demand for vegetable seedlings during the lockdown and more youths were involved in farming. ***"In the village the spirit of working together has come out again strong, more solesolevaki where families look out for each other by farming together and supporting each other with the available resources from the farms. Fathers spend more hours as well in the farms now and are extending their farmlands as well"*** Majority of the households benefitted from the 3 nurseries established Nakodu, Mudu and Navaga Nursery during the COVID 19.



↑↑ The lush greenery of Nakodu Nursery
Photo Credit: Save the Children Fiji.



↑↑ Communal Garden set up by Food Heroes Women's Group in Navaga
Photo Credit: Save the Children Fiji.



↑↑ Mataivananu Youth in Ra setting up own nursery during COVID Lockdown with seedlings supported by KANA Project.
Photo Credit: Save the Children Fiji.

The project teams have also witnessed through our consistent visits to communities that production system is shifting to predominantly market driven rather than just subsistence. The primary crops were cassava and bele for household level consumption, and dalo, breadfruit, plantain (vudi), chillies, fruit and vegetable farming, mainly for sale. In Ra the dominant horticultural crops include tomatoes, lettuce, cabbages, ginger, cucumber, chillies and eggplant

Output 2: Communities trained and resourced to coordinate Disaster Risk Management and plan for agricultural resilience

Output 2- SC Fiji's KANA project engaged the CDRR team to facilitate five days of Community-based Hazard Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment (HVCA) training from the 6th – 18th December.

The training was conducted in three (3) villages in Ra and three (3) villages in Koro, and Identified communities farming risks and mechanisms for mitigating risks such as digging works to be conducted and installing sprinkler irrigation systems in farms in Ra in which the project is currently implementing however the communities have continued to use traditional farming skills as climate change adaptation methods. The overall goal of the training was to train and create awareness on hazard vulnerability capacity assessment in the target communities. This will help improve livelihoods, a better understanding of localized risks, preparedness events pre-cyclone season such as

simulations, and transform attitudes and behaviours towards managing disaster events and climate risks.

Moreover, activity sessions with 35 children on Disaster Risk Reduction was facilitated by Team CDRR using Iggy Vola advocating on Disaster Preparedness.

Output 3: Food security and nutritious eating promoted and implemented through schools, and community

Output 3- The school gardens cushioned families from COVID-19 related food insecurity. Despite school closure, Save the Children continued supporting school gardens with seedlings. One of the interesting achievements witnessed during the lockdown were the support of trained food heroes to maintain and mobilize communities, women in establishing communal gardens. The support from parents and food heroes have been evident in communities and schools in maintaining communal gardens, boosting subsistence farming, and majority of children were highly involved in most of the farming activities. Following support from school caretakers and teachers the harvested commodities from respective school gardens were distributed to nearby villages to supplement and support families whom children attending the schools. Though all training had been put on hold during the Covid lockdown period, the engagement from food heroes contributed towards increased awareness of healthy eating during this period.



Food Heroes in Ra presenting on few of their healthy eating activities
Photo Credit: Save the Children Fiji.

Furthermore, KANA project officers arranged Health promoting activities during the lockdown through using Food Heroes booklets. This was coordinated with village headman, few teachers and Project Officers remotely.

Currently, the project is in its third year of implementation, and the impact of the project has already started to

directly impact families, communities and children. This is further supported from findings of mid line survey evidencing the impact of work conducted have proven that communities have shown resiliency, improved family income following markets linkages between farmers and suppliers and improved disaster risk management. Through the remaining years of the Project, Save the Children would like to further enhance food security, improve livelihood to increase income levels, further upscale children wellbeing through providing more nutritious and healthy food and strengthen community disaster risk management.

Child-Centered Disaster Risk Reduction Project

Phase 2 of the Child Centred Disaster Risk Reduction (CDRR) project is being implemented by Save the Children Fiji (SC Fiji) over 2020- 2023. The project is supported by Save the Children New Zealand (SCNZ) and funded by the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT).

The overall goal three-year project is to ensure that fewer children die or are injured as a result of natural disasters in Fiji, and children will be more resilient and better able to recover from both natural disasters and the impacts of the climate emergency.

The First phase of CDRR ended in July 2020 after four years of implementation in thirty high-risk schools and communities in Fiji. During 2020, and in part in response to Covid-19, CDRR under the Negotiated Partnership Programme underwent a design refresh to streamline and scale-up activities to make a greater impact with a shift in focus to school safety.

The current project (Phase two) focuses on the Covid-19 adaptation and Safe School Common Approach which is an initiative of Save the Children International. Safe Schools is an all-inclusive, all-hazards approach to keep children safe in and around schools from violence, conflicts, natural and everyday hazards, including COVID-19 and is aligned to the Comprehensive School Safety Framework.

The project targets the national, district and local levels to reduce disaster risks and strengthen the resilience of children. The project works in 11 target schools (four primary and one secondary school each in the Ba and Macuata Province and one special school in Suva), 19 school clusters and 20 communities (predominantly in the Ba and Macuata province) that are vulnerable to disasters and is expected to reach 23,820 direct beneficiaries.

Despite beginning amid a pandemic, the CDRR Phase II project has made progress through Partnerships at the national, divisional and district levels, which was strengthened with key partners. The Project received approval from the Ministry of Education, Heritage and

Arts, which is one of the key stakeholders. During the course of the year, the project was presented to a number of key stakeholders for their engagement and support in implementation. These included the National Education Cluster which consists of representatives from the Ministry of Education; UNICEF; FACILITY/DFAT; SCF; etc. The team also held online presentations with the Divisional and District Education Officers (DEOs) and Heads of target Schools. The project team established a good relationship with the stakeholders through regular communication, consultations and updates.

Amplifying the voices of children

CDRR continued to advocate for the voices of children through the Pacific Resilience Partnership and other events organised through the same platform – for the first time, one of the DRR Club rep from CDRR Phase 1 participated as an opening speaker at the Pacific Youth Forum (Day 1 of the Inaugural Pacific Resilience Meeting). As an advocate for child rights and child participation, this was a milestone for Save the Children and the CDRR Project. The week-long event saw DRR and DRM practitioners from around the region (and even the world) share their ideas and experiences on what has been transpiring and the way forward in the DRM/DRR space. The child rep was also invited later to participate in a webinar on climate change/DRM. Two of the DRR club members were also invited to participate in SCF's Strategic Planning Meeting in late 2021. The project sets an example to have child participation and inclusivity in events of such scale and scope.

Family Safety Plan App

The FSP app was developed in Phase 1 of CDRR, and is a mobile digital toolset and methodology to help families with children to prepare for emergencies and disasters by asking a set of child-centered questions and providing them practical guidance based on best practices. During 2021, following the Covid-19 pandemic and its global impacts, a decision was made that the App be reviewed to embed an additional module before rolling out with students and households in CDRR Phase 2. The team held discussions with the App developers on developing guidance notes and promotional videos for the app, as well as integrating a pandemic module into the FSP app. The development of new module is underway and the App will be rolled out in 2022. The current version of the app can be accessed at

Go Bag Kits and PPEs for disaster preparedness

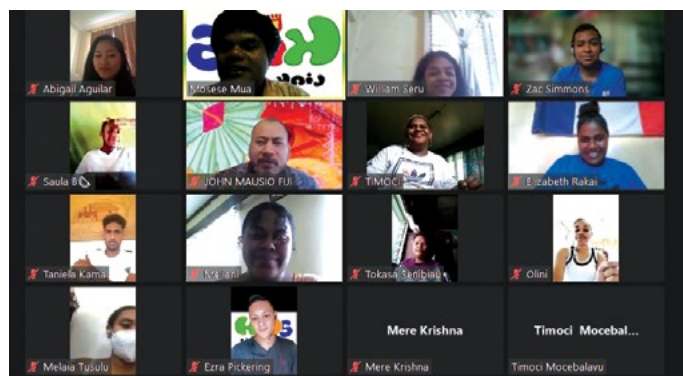
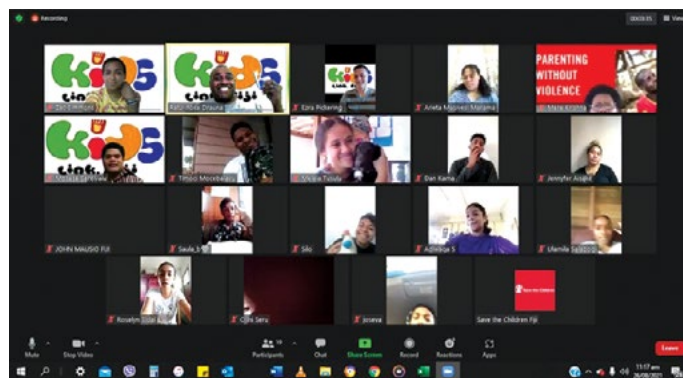
As an adaptation to Covid-19 Pandemic and to keep children and teachers safe in schools, 3417 Go-bag kits for the students; and 214 PPE kits for teachers were procured for the 11 target schools. The Project team worked closely with the HOS and suppliers to facilitate the procurement process. The Go-Bag-Kits contained emergency items and PPEs. It is anticipated that these will keep the students and teachers safe and protected from Covid-19 as they returned to schools. The Go-Bag-Kits will increase preparedness levels and resilience of students and their families during disasters.

School Support Visits

Lockdowns and school closures due to the Covid-19 pandemic caused limited project implementation on the ground and school visits were not possible until lockdowns were lifted. School support visits for all Northern schools were conducted for the first time after schools reopened. The Project Officer – North met with the Head of Schools to brief them on project updates, discuss and gather information on school safety issues, safety equipment needs and other support needed to strengthen disaster preparedness and resilience.

Child Participation

The Kids Link Fiji (KLF) participated to guide Save the Children Fiji vision. However, during this COVID-19 pandemic it was not safe to conduct any face-to-face consultations so the team used online platforms to ensure they actively participate with the consent of their parents.



Key Project Achievements (outcome based)

- Recruitment of Project officer under CAEVAC Project, Mosese Sereivalu who will be the acting focal point for Kids Link.
- Identified previous members through Kids Link Fiji Database
- Current KLF members were engaged through CAEVAC Baseline survey responses (June – August 2021)
- Valencina Child Club presented a video on Facebook sharing key messages on the Child Labour through SC Fiji Facebook Page
- Inclusion of Child participation at Regional Level: Tokasa Seinibiau a member of Child Club and DRR club Valencina, represented the voice of the children on “Why Youth Matters” in the Pre-Pacific Resilience Meeting Youth Forum on virtual interface.

- KLF members participating in Climate Change Survey access by Online Google Forms
- A virtual lessons learnt workshop was conducted on the 19th August 2021 to KLF Alumni's and current members to provide direction on Child Protection and on how to better have children participate. This platform will also allow KLF to voice their concerns on how SC Fiji can support them. Weekly Catch-up meeting for the progress on activities done.

Children active participation in SCF Strategic Planning Meeting

Children participated at the Save the Children's Strategic Planning Meeting for 2022-2024, to ensure that children's feedback guided our programs.



 **Members of the KANA Food Hero's Club and CDRR children's club as well as KLF Alumni at the SCF Strategic Planning workshop.**
Photo Credit: Save the Children Fiji

Child Safeguarding

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 audits, and support 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 and conducting 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

A Child Safeguarding Training was done to 35 SC Fiji staff members on the 27th March 2021 and in addition, the CP Team have successfully completed a Child Safeguarding Training for 3 volunteers, 8 new recruited SC Fiji staff and 5 consultants. The reporting process was also socialized face to face to the Cash Team in November and also virtually in December 2021.

Australian Humanitarian Partnership Project

i) Performance Partnership Fund

As part of the Australia Humanitarian Partnership, Save the Children Fiji, in partnership with Care in the

Pacific, Fiji Disabled Peoples Federation, and Rainbow Pride Foundation conducted Gender Inclusion in Emergencies to participants who were representatives of the District Office Savusavu under the Fiji Council of Social Services. 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.

Save the Children Fiji in partnership with Fiji Council of Social Services socialised the Gender and Protection for field personal and to ensure that field personnel apply inclusion and accountability to their Data Collection tools and CSO Code of Conduct.



 **GESI Inclusion in Emergencies Training with Savusavu DCOSS Participants**
Photo Credit: Save the Children Fiji



Jone Nasilasila, representing FDPF speaking on Disability and Diversity
 Photo Credit: Save the Children Fiji

Key recommendations for this initiative are below:

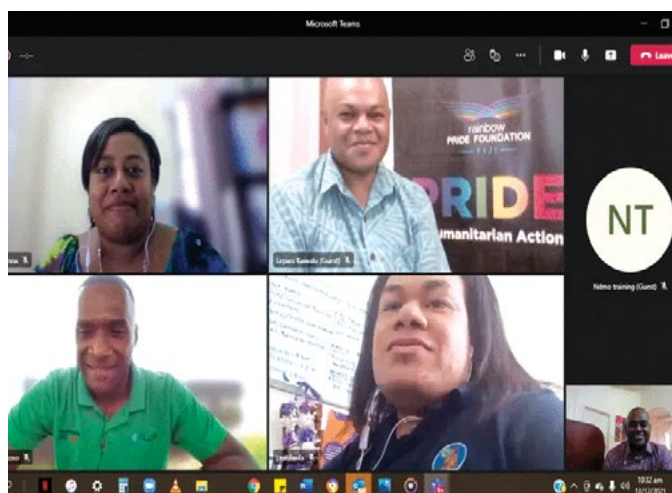
- DCOSS members have stated that they have been pushing for disability-friendly evacuation centres. This basically refers to schools that are being used as evacuation centres and are not disability friendly.
- Secondly, is strengthening disability networks during the preparedness phase, in which they can also identify capabilities of persons with

disabilities as well as the barriers faced in case of an emergency. Thirdly, if persons with disabilities can be involved in planning and managing inclusive and targeted early warning systems.

- Additionally, discussion was also made regarding community mapping where this should be carried out before a disaster and the best source of data can be from community health workers (Village Nurses). In that case, tools need to be available to train community health workers so that they are able to collect the right data. All issues identified are being referred to relevant authorities from which training is being done to parents where they are being guided those rights come with responsibilities.
- For community members who are in areas where they face challenges in connectivity, they are being advised that they should refer to their community leaders or to the nearest police station. In some communities, if standards are not being rolled out, then there is a high possibility that they are not ready or being prepared in times of disaster. For instance, even the CSO Protocol has not been applied in some areas. This is some of the issues being faced from the grassroots level where they are not able to raise it because of the spaces they are in.



AHP Inclusion Partners conducting GESI Inclusion training to Central and Eastern participants
 Photo Credit: Save the Children Fiji



Final activity was the socialization of those rights EOC Gender in Emergencies Guideline to the Western, Central and Eastern at their Divisional Disaster Awareness Training. This guideline will equip with members of the EOC the right set of skills and knowledge to effectively deliver on their roles as disaster coordinators with inclusion lens.

Shared Services

Save the Children also signed an MOU with Fiji Red Cross Crescent in 2020 to compile a Child Protection in Emergency Manual, which is still in draft stages. This manual has been tested with 13 Fiji Red Cross Volunteers representing 17 local branches and conducted this training to Habitat for Humanity Fiji staff representing Community Development, Shelter and Project Management, and the CANDO network through ADRA Fiji, a faith-based organization.

Save the Children Fiji has conducted an awareness with Habitat for Humanity Fiji staff and also to Live and Learn Fiji during this lock down period.




Live & Learn Environmental Education participants during a virtual Child Safeguarding Training
 Photo Credit: Save the Children Fiji

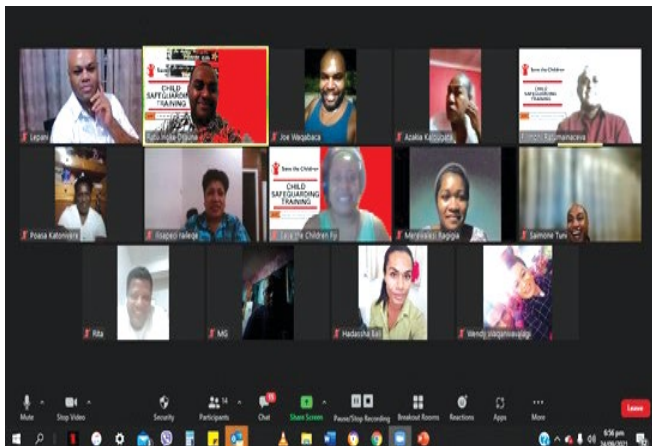



Ms. Tasianna Lulu the SCF Child Protection Manager conducting virtual training completed with 6 AHP partners.
 Photo Credit: Save the Children Fiji

Key Project Achievements

Since the second wave of the pandemic Child Protection team have supported the CANDO churches by providing the Child Protection virtual trainings and conducted Audit assessment.

Since 2021 we completed virtual trainings with Fiji Disable Peoples Federation, Empower Pacific, Rainbow Pride. A continuous support was also provided to CANDO partners.




Training completed with Rainbow Pride Foundation
 Photo Credit: Save the Children Fiji




Training completed with Olafou CANDO
 Photo Credit: Save the Children Fiji

Fee for Service

i) Facility

Assist the Facility staff in understanding the risks to children with the program/project

In partnership with COLAB, the training was attended by 68 staff on the 18th & 21st June and included Management level, Administration Staff, Advisers and Program staff from the Facility's Health, Education (Fiji and Tuvalu), Scholarships and Disaster Preparedness and Response. Topics covered included the context for children, child protection and child safeguarding, reporting using the Facility reporting procedures and Risk context and mitigation. This basic training program is aimed at:

- Raising awareness on Child Rights and Child Protection, issues, services in Fiji.
- Assisting the Facility staff in understanding Tetra Tech's Child Protection Policy and the Facility's Child Protection Plan.




Virtual Child Safe Guarding training to the Facility
 Photo Credit: Save the Children Fiji

ii) Pacific Theological College

SC Fiji raised awareness virtually to Pacific Theological College on Child Protection and Child Safeguarding for 1 day to 20 participants who were Teachers and key Management staff. This focusing discussion on national/Organizational frameworks, policies, procedures and services. Also prioritizing on providing practical local context on reporting and responding at the different levels within programming in Fiji. During the training the participants were also informed of their Child Protection Policy.



Pacific Theological College participants at the Child Protection and Child Safeguarding conducted by Ratu Inoke Drauna, Save the Children Fiji- Child Right Officer, Photo Credit: Save the Children Fiji

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Positive Discipline Training

Save the Children Fiji implemented Positive Discipline Training In everyday parenting and teaching to parents, teachers, and community members. The training sessions enhanced participants' knowledge and actively upheld an environment that aims to protect children, prevent and deter any actions that place children at risk of all forms of Child Abuse, Neglect, or Exploitation, and build a stronger relationship with their children.



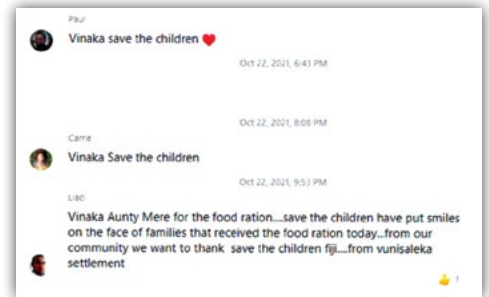
As a COVID-19 contingency measure, the project also aims to build resilience, support community wellbeing and local efforts to prepare for, and respond to COVID 19, with the provision of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) for staff and community as well as the provision of Food packs for the Central division communities which are currently in the red zones of COVID-19 in Fiji.



Some of the beneficiaries assisted with Food packs as part of the Positive Discipline COVID-19 contingency measure. Photo Credit: Save the Children Fiji

Provision of 58 Food packs to central communities that were identified by the Department of Social Welfare (DSW) as red zones (as per child abused reported cases under the Child Welfare Act) who had gone through Positive Discipline training in Everyday Parenting (PDEP).

This is a small note of appreciation from beneficiaries that have received the COVID-19 food packs.



All the participants in the respective sessions found Positive Discipline training beneficial in learning non-violent disciplinary approaches and how they can be applied in their daily work with children. The strategy would, in turn, protect children from being hurt and from abuse.

In partnership with Child Services Unit, Positive Discipline in Everyday Parenting Training targeted 5 communities on Koro Island, and a total of 75 individuals have been trained which was completed in December 2021.

There is an M&E component of this training that is scheduled in February 2022, where impact stories can be then shared after 75 participants in 5 communities are then trained with the help of the Focal Points



Child participation activity on Positive Discipline in Everyday Parenting Training in Koro Island Children. Photo Credit: Save the Children Fiji

Collective Action to End Violence against Children (CAEVAC)

The CAEVAC Project implementation timeline is from February 5th 2021 to June 30th, 2025 and is aimed at working in partnership with the local authorities, CSO/ NGO(s), target communities and children, on building collective action to end violence against children in Fiji and is supported by Save the Children New Zealand and funded by the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT).

With the long-term outcome of children in Fiji facing less harm from all forms of violence and is aligned to the MFAT objectives of the Negotiated Partnership grant with SCNZ/SCF. There are 3 outputs that will

steer the project towards the long-term outcome and these are;

1. Output 1: National and provincial child protection systems strengthened
2. Output 2: Community trained in child protection and action plans designed and implemented
3. Output 3: Children supported as champions of their own protection

The national lockdown initiated by the government from April to August 2021 had affected the project particularly for the baseline activity which impeded any form of physical data collection in communities. This compelled the team and consultant to carry out the baseline digitally through online survey(s).

Output 1: National and provincial child protection systems strengthened



Children participants with SCF CEO Ms Shairana Ali, Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Women Children and Poverty Alleviations Ms. Jennifer Poole and Ms. Ashna Shaleen – Director of Medical Services Pacific on PICAN Day Celebration
Photo Credit: Save the Children Fiji



John Mausio, CAEVAC Project Manager, with one of the children from PICAN Day Celebration
Photo Credit: Save the Children Fiji

Child Protection campaign and advocacy work conducted – the project Team in partnership with the Child Services Unit of the Ministry of Women, Children & Poverty Alleviation and the Medical Services Pacific, commemorated the Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect Day together with the World Children’s Day on 20th November, 2021 with children from Valencina, Qauia and Kalekana communities in which the key outcome of the event saw the children develop messages on child protection, child participation and child rights through posters, drama, poetry and song. These messages will be used to update existing SCF Child Protection IEC(s). A total of 66 person(s) were part of the celebrations.

Qauia

- The children worked on child protection messages through the medium of posters
- The common messages that came out of the children's creation was; 1.) the right to be love and 2.) the right to go to school – whilst these two messages did not resonate with the exact wordings of the UNCRC, they indirectly referred to the UNCRC's four core principles; non-discrimination, best interests of the child, the right to survival and development & the views of the child.

Valenicina

- The children of Kalekana presented their thoughts on child participation through a drama that depicted a community meeting where discussions did not include children's needs as well as the needs of people with disabilities.
- Observations of the drama, indicated that children were aware that their communities did not prioritize their needs during meetings and this information will be used during the project's engagement with the communities for the Parenting without Violence programming later in the course of the project



Valenicina Kids Club brainstorming the SWOT analysis of the PCAN event

Photo Credit: Save the Children Fiji

to achieve the objectives of Output 3.3; Child clubs established or strengthened in target communities

Output 2: Children Supported as Champions of their own Protection

Kids Link Fiji (KLF) has been an integral component of SCF particularly in the contexts of child centeredness and child participation. The KLF was established in 2002 and has contributed to various activities and projects with the key objectives of; raising awareness and understanding on the UNCRC to children and adults in Fiji as well as empowering children by providing them with opportunities to participate in discussions

on issues which concern their well-being. A 3-day re-strategizing workshop was carried out with 11 KLF Alumni members to map out the way forward for the group and working in partnership with the Project Team to achieve the objectives of Output 3.3; Child clubs established or strengthened in target communities

Kalekana

- The children presented their messages through a poem that they recited – the poem talked about the value of a child and the importance of parents and guardians in facilitating their needs and ensuring their safety
- The children also sang a rendition of the song, Strings of Life (Stronger on My Own) by Soul Central – the song spoke about being strong despite the challenges experienced in life

The **KLF Re-Strategizing Activity** was based on the findings from the Lessons Learned activity and was primarily aimed at mapping out KLF focus areas using information on the history of KLF and SCF. During the Lessons Learned, there were key areas that shed light on the need to develop a road map for KLF for the next 3 to 5 years. A 3-day re-strategizing workshop was carried out with 11 KLF Alumni members to map out the way forward for the group and working in partnership with the Project Team



I am Digital Online Campaign



Minister for Women, Children & Poverty Alleviation, Hon. Rosy Akbar, listens attentively as Mosese Sivo, a member of the Focus Group, delivers his statement. Photo Credit: Save the Children Fiji

Save the Children Fiji in partnership with Meta, have continued to expand the online safety educational campaign, 'I Am Digital', in the two original pilot countries Fiji and Samoa, and will expand to Kiribati for phase 2.

The project targeted digital literacy, citizenship, and safety issues identified by the Pacific Islands Digital Citizenship and Safety Advisory Group, comprising key regional leaders, actors, and researchers in this area.

In Phase 2 of the campaign, Save the Children Fiji, in partnership with Facebook have continued to expand the 'I Am Digital' online safety campaign in the three original pilot countries, Fiji, Tonga and Samoa and as well as newly introduced countries, Kiribati, Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea and Vanuatu. Inclusive key messages were developed and dealt with sensitive and difficult issues that children and young people face while engaging online.

For Fiji and Samoa, the focus was to further the reach of the existing I Am Digital resources, through other media including radio, and expanding the learning resources to include material specifically supporting youth and children with disabilities, and LGBTQI youth and children.

To ensure inclusivity campaign materials have been designed in close consultation with differently-abled individuals and children and those from the marginalized communities to address the harassment and bullying these groups face both online and in the real world.

For Kiribati, the focus was to deliver the complete suite of the I Am Digital resources and campaign material to target teenagers, youth and parents in the country, including the new material designed to support youth and children with disabilities and LGBTQI youth and children.

Climate Change Displacement Survey

Save the Children's Migration and Displacement Initiative (MDI) contracted a consultant to carry out climate-related child mobility research across several communities, including Fiji. Four locations were chosen including Rakiraki, Bua, Suva, and Kadavu to survey children that live in high-risk areas, have been displaced, have migrated, or have been relocated because of climate-related issues.

"I don't think about leaving. It would be hard for us to adapt to a new environment away from the coast because we mostly depend on the sea for our source of food and income."

**Girl aged 14
Rakiraki**

Key Project Achievements (outcome-based)

- All 4 areas have been surveyed and have presented some very interesting findings. These have all been forwarded to the MDI team and they are compiling a report and a case study which will be shared with the team.
- The findings could provide a stepping stone on the situation analysis for Fiji and inform on the challenges faced by children under specific mobility situations.
- 20 children from Suva, 16 from Bua, 18 from Rakiraki, and 12 from Kadavu participated in the survey with their ages ranging from 8 to 18 years



Litea lives in a low-lying informal settlement on the outskirts of Suva. When category 5 Cyclone Yasa was announced in December 2019, her family made the decision not to move to the evacuation centre.

"When Cyclone Yasa was about to hit Fiji we were told to evacuate, but my family decided it was not safe to move to the evacuation centre. We stayed home and prepared to hide under the bed if the winds picked up. A few days later we learnt that a girl from my settlement was raped at the centre."

**Litea
15 years old**

Advocacy

An alternative Report to the UNCRC Committee on the rights of the child in accordance to the 5th Periodic Report to state parties of the Government of Fiji was submitted in May 2021.



Children Participating in the workshop to ensure their views are captured in the UNCRC report
Photo Credit: Save the Children Fiji

The compilation of the report was funded and led by Save the Children Fiji. The process to formulate the

report was also funded by the Fiji Women's Rights Movement. It has been developed jointly by the National CSO Working Group which includes: Fiji Association for the Deaf, Fiji Women's Rights Movement, Plan International Pacific, Alliance for Future Generations, The Reproductive and Family Health Association for Fiji, Adventist Development and Relief Agency Fiji and Save the Children Fiji with the technical support from the Pacific Community (SPC). 5 KLF Alumni's and 5 Child Representatives from Positive Discipline Training participated at the CRC Consultation to provide feedback on their experience so far with the CRC in Fiji 27th Mar 2021.

- Supported the Police Force by providing IEC materials 5th Mar 2021.
- 31st March 2021 Child Protection attended the Launching of the Child Bench that will be used to assist in court proceedings as part of the efforts to ensure the best interest of children are taken into consideration at all levels
- Highlighted the Positive Discipline in Everyday Parenting at the Leadership Fiji Seminar on Human Rights and Media session to the Leadership Fiji 2021 participants

- The Child Protection Team presented the Save the Children Action Pledge to the International Labour Organization and partners such as the Ministry of Women Children and Poverty Alleviation, Ministry of Youth, Fiji National University, Fiji Trade Union Congress and other Civil Society organizations to raise awareness on Elimination of Child Labour. In June-July SC Fiji using social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram by providing key messages of ending violence child labour using the hashtag #EndChildLabour2021.
- Human Trafficking: Child Protection team has been actively engaged with the Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) Taskforce group on the Human trafficking in person (TIP) coordinated by the Homes of Hope. Trainings on TIP has also been part of the capacity building which is done weekly for an hour virtually.
- Child Protection Team provided a virtual training to the DRP and MEAL team on Psychological First Aid, Child Protection in Emergency and Child Friendly Space Training.

AHP Regional CASH Grant

The Pacific Cash Preparedness Partnership (PCPP) collaborates with 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 goal of the Cash Project is envisioned to improve country-level cash preparedness to enable faster, more efficient, and effective emergency cash transfer programming at scale in Pacific Island Countries (PICs). The PCPP aims to 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 as an enabler for Save the Children to lead on cash preparedness work in Fiji.

Staff Capacity Building through Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA) Training saw a series of CVA fundamentals and other CVA related training conducted for the Fiji CVA staff and management team on November 8th 2021. The workshop was facilitated by Cash Technical Advisor Nashrudin Modin and the training courses were based on the Cash Learning Partnership (CaLP) training modules for CVA beginners. The Outcome of the training provided the participants, who comprised of the 23 SCF staff that included CVA project staff and project managers and Senior Management team, and equipped them with the basic understanding of CVA and the role it plays in all sectors of humanitarian intervention.

The course was also an entry point for CVA practitioners who will engage in broader capacity-building activities with CaLP.



Day 1 of the CVA workshop in progress

Photo Credit: Save the Children Fiji

As part of the Organisational Cash Readiness Assessment, there was a review of the 2019 OCRT to monitor the progress of the cash readiness of the office and staff, which was included as part of the CVA Training.

Given that the OCRT has to be reviewed every 2 years, an update was required in 2021 and as such, Nash introduced the team to the new tool that was specifically developed by Monash University for Save the Children.

The new tool is supposed to be a more simple and direct approach to doing self-assessment for any Organisation. The tool was discussed in sections and Nash detailed the logic behind the weighting and scoring mechanism used.

Outcome of the training provided participants with the understanding of the importance of doing an OCRT exercise in determining the action plans required to becoming a Cash – ready NGO.

SCF will maintain the OCRT activity across the country office to monitor the progress of cash readiness activities in Fiji. As part of the assessment, recommendations to improve capacity and capability are made and then incorporated into the Country Office (CO) workplans.

As part of Save the Children's Accountability & Feedback Mechanism, SCF developed a CVA complaint and feedback mechanism that was launched during the FINCAP Cash response as part of our cash preparedness activity. This involved the establishment of a Toll-Free hotline that can be accessed by our beneficiaries in case of any complaints or feedback regarding our ongoing Cash Response.

As part of the CORE Humanitarian Standards – Accountability is one of the achievements of this project. As we are obliged to have a toll-free line to assist the vulnerable groups in reaching us for further assistance and also to provide feedback on our programs so that we can improve in the future.

A Market Assessment was carried out for the FINCAP Phase 2 project. SCF had re-engaged the services of Fiji Council of Social Services (FCOSS) for carrying out assessments during COVID lockdown period.

The major activities outcomes were the Vulnerability Assessment and Market Assessment. The baseline for the vulnerability assessment was derived from our existing FINCAP Phase 1 beneficiaries and FCOSS was engaged to conduct interviews on a random sample of these.

As part of the Market Assessment, interviews were carried out with market vendors and suppliers as per the then current situation during COVID and the resulting data from the vulnerability survey helped the SCA team identify the coping strategies of the affected households. It also helped us to understand the access to markets for disadvantaged communities, and enabled the team to ascertain the vulnerability of the existing beneficiaries and to continue with our assistance for a second round for this cohort. The market assessment also helped us to ascertain the delivery mechanism to be used and it was clear that mobile money was the best option to take the second time around.

The Market Assessment also helped in determining the extra number of people that needed to be assisted in the second round of distribution, which saw the total number of beneficiaries assisted in the second round to 39,000 households.

AHP Regional CASH Grant Adaptation to COVID- 19 Pandemic

The COVID-19 restrictions for travel and public gatherings affected project implementation, particularly those that involve direct community engagement. The workplan needed to be reviewed with a greater focus on undertaking activities that can be done either remotely or taking into account social distancing such as tabletop exercises.

SCF will continue to use technology to engage virtually with SC Staff and stakeholders by using a common platform for conferencing, communications, team management and external engagement.

The SCF cash preparedness delivery mechanism promoted the use of mobile money platforms. SCF conducted financial platform information training and registration. This approach allowed registered individuals to receive cash electronically and use mobile money for other purposes or transaction such as “cashless payment” for utilities, cash transfers to other persons as well as receiving emergency alerts, including COVID-19 alerts. Electronic transfers also reduce the need for large gatherings of people.

Since recognising that climate change is a major driver of disasters and it amplifies risks to communities and economies across the Pacific, SCF will work with stakeholders, including donors, to identify opportunities to undertake providing cash transfers as part of disaster risk reduction activities or forecast-based financing that uses a combination of weather predictions and historical data to fix triggers for the automatic release of money for pre-agreed early action plans.

AHP Projects – Humanitarian Interventions

AHP COVID-19 Activation 2 – Kadavu

As a result of the impacts from TC Harold and the COVID-19 pandemic, the AHP COVID-19 Livelihood Phase 2 Project was established. As a replica of the KANA Project approach, the project targets 300 farmers, 14 Women's group and 5 Schools, in the district of Nakasaleka, Kadavu - that consists of 14 Communities. The main aim of this project is to provide support to farmers with training, consultations, awareness and livelihood assistance to allow them to diversify and improve their agricultural production in order to mitigate income losses and assist them in identifying platforms to deliver to market for sale. The project is aimed at strengthening and empowering targeted communities with opportunities to set up activities to help cope with the social and economic stresses of COVID-19, as well as build their resilience to future disasters.

Despite the COVID-19 outbreak, initial components of the project were carried out in the month of February to April, these began with the Cultural protocols which were conducted for all 14 villages within the district, and to the Provincial Administrator Kadavu, existing Church leaders and the Agriculture Officer for the Ministry of Agriculture overseeing agricultural practices within the district. These were done to inform them about the purpose of the project and to acquire their approval and support towards the project. Positive feedback and acceptance from the communities was acquired in order to ensure safe passage of the implementation of activities in each of these locations.

Following the Cultural protocols, a Stakeholders sensitization meeting was conducted, the outcome of which was the establishment of a Steering committee,




 **AHP COVID-19 Activation 2 – Kadavu Stakeholder Sensitisation Meeting**
Photo Credit: Save the Children Fiji

to enable the support of stakeholders into existing and upcoming agricultural initiatives that were taking place in communities. This meeting included representatives

from the Provincial Administrators office, the district offices and representatives from the Ministry of Agriculture who are based on the Island. These enabled the platform for the execution of a Baseline survey, which took place across all 14 communities, with the random selection of individuals to ascertain existing farming practices and the impacts of Tropical cyclones Harold and Yasa, as well the COVID-19 outbreak on the Island.



 **Taro suckers supplied to communities in Kadavu, being immediately planted.**
Photo Credit: Save the Children Fiji

With indication of the needs on the ground from the Baseline survey, a first round of livelihood assistance was conducted and included the distribution of Taro suckers.

A total of 14,000 taro suckers were procured from Wainibuku, Nasinu and transported via truck and boat to Kadavu for distribution. The provision of the taro suckers was timely assistance in a period where movement was becoming difficult due to COVID-19 restrictions. From the 14000 taro suckers that were procured, 11900 were distributed to the farmers while 2100 were spoilt or damaged within the period of transportation. Thirteen communities were assisted



Farming tools being offloaded at the Kavala Jetty in Kadavu, for distribution to communities
Photo Credit: Save the Children Fiji

with 11,900 taro suckers which benefitted 305 farmers. These were immediately planted in the communities, ensuring they had sustenance within the later stages of the COVID-19 pandemic in-country, when borders and maritime travel were still closed.

In April, the first distribution for farming tools were procured and distributed, as part of the small grant assistance available through the project. A total of 250 spades, 250 files, 250 knives, 104 forks were procured and transported to Kadavu. Ten communities received their farming tools in this distribution. With the COVID-19 restrictions coming into full effect for the country and for the island, the distribution of items to the remaining four communities had to be postponed. The COVID-19 restrictions throughout the country meant that project assistance through further procurement, distributions and trainings could not take place as Kadavu also became a COVID-19 hot spot in the later months of 2021. The closure of borders and inevitably, maritime travel, also resulted in the shortage of materials in Hardware stores and this only further delayed the project implementation. However, with continued dialogue and discussions with regional partners such as Save the Children Australia, the project was able to attain a 'No Cost Extension' from December, 2021 to May, 2022, to enable opportunity for the completion of all activities and assistance in the district.

AHP TC Yasa Response – Vanua Levu

Tropical Cyclone Yasa, the strongest tropical cyclone in the South Pacific since Winston in 2016, made landfall in Vanua Levu, Fiji as a Category 5 storm on December 17, 2020, bringing sustained winds of 240 km/hr and momentary gusts of 345 km/hr. While it made landfall over the province of Bua, causing extensive damages, it also affected parts of the Macuata and Cakaudrove provinces. Other parts of Fiji that were also affected included Yasawa, Lomaiviti and the Lau group of islands.

The cyclone led to significant flooding and the destruction of homes, schools, infrastructure and

crops. Damage estimates in Fiji were calculated at a minimum total of FJ\$500 million, or US\$246.7 million. Through the Australian Humanitarian Partnership, Save the Children Fiji, through the TC Yasa Response project is working to engage informal settlements in Macuata, Bua, and Cakaudrove, to provide 250 farming households with livelihood assistance and farmers training in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture.



Ashneel Kumar, TC Yasa Project Coordinator sitting with Farmers in Bua for the Livelihood Assessment Survey.
Photo Credit: Save the Children Fiji

The identification of 250 farmers was done through the provision of a beneficiaries list provided by the Department of Social Welfare, through which a Livelihood assessment was conducted, with the support of the Ministry of Agriculture - to assess the most vulnerable within the given group. Through the assessment, it was confirmed that the farmers to benefit from the project have in fact not received any form of assistance from Government or other donor agencies – making them the absolute least assisted and the most susceptible to the impacts of the pandemic and the recent tropical cyclone.

Due to the enforced COVID-19 restrictions in-country, a good portion of the project was on hold as community visitations and distributions could not be made. The closure of maritime travel and borders between Islands, also meant a shortage of farming tools and materials at suppliers and inevitably meant that livelihood assistance could not be made immediately.


AHP TC YASA Project Adaptation to COVID-19 Pandemic

Due to restrictions of movement and as a means to provide assistance to the affected famers, discussions were held with the project partners and donors for a project pivot to Cash from hr. the initial proposed assistance of farming tools and for this assistance to be in the form of unconditional CASH assistance, as the farmers themselves would be best placed to purchase what they needed. Amongst these dialogues, discussions with regional partner, Save the Children Australia, enabled a 'No Cost Extension' for the project from December, 2021 to May, 2022 to allow for sufficient time to complete pending project activities and assistance in all three provinces.

WASH

The 2021 Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) project with funding from Fiji Water Grant was rolled out with the goal of improving WASH facilities in schools project within the Ra Province. With the partnership with Ra District Education Office, 4 target schools - 3 were Early Childhood Education (ECE) and 1 primary school were identified that had WASH needs. Project's overall objective was to provide access to sufficient water and safe sanitation facilities to ensure children's access to an environment that supports their educational and health needs. Part of the project activities was to conduct WASH training to increase knowledge, change attitudes, and improve hygiene practices in feeder school communities in the Province of Ra, which included 3 Early Childhood Education (ECE); Rokovuaka ECE, Naovalau ECE, and Malake ECE and 1 primary school; Navunibitu Primary School and 4 communities; Naovalau Village, Malake Village, Dreketi Settlement, Wailevu Settlement



 **Children of Malake Early Childhood Education (ECE) using the newly built WASH facility by Save the Children Fiji (WASH Project)**
Photo Credit: Save the Children Fiji

For the Software component of the project, Save the Children Fiji WASH Team carried out WASH training in leptospirosis, typhoid, and dengue (LTD) hotspot communities identified by Ra Health Office and school feeder communities. The target communities were Wailevu Settlement, Dreketi Settlement, Naovalau Village and Malake Yokosuka Village and through the training impacted 206 direct beneficiaries and 1444 indirect beneficiaries and through the WASH training the communities were able to develop WASH action plan capturing WASH issues in their various communities.

The Hardware Activity aimed at improving access to WASH facilities in target schools in the following schools.

Rokovuaka ECE

Rokovuaka ECE is a standalone ECE consisting of 14 students and is located in Rokovuaka Village which is 52.4km away from Rakiraki Town. Due to water shortages faced by the school which shares water source with the community SC Fiji installed a water tank with proper stand and rain water harvesting.



↑↑ The above picture depicts the completed secondary water sources installed in Rokovuaka ECE with proper tank stand. The tank is connected to the gutter for rain water harvesting during rainy season and it is also connected to the main water supply line to automatically fill in the tank once empty.
 Photo Credit: Save the Children Fiji

Navunibitu Primary School Project

Navunibitu Primary School is located 31km away from Rakiraki Town consisting of 150 students. During the WASH needs assessment it was observed that the existing ablution block for both the genders (male and female) needs improvement. Few defaults that were found were overflowing of water from the toilet bowl to the floor, and considering that 80% of the students go to school without shoes, this poses a great threat of disease-causing pathogen or bacteria transmitting to the body of a child. As mitigation against this risk, works done in Navunibitu Primary was to fix the defaults found in the existing toilet structure for both female and male students.

Navolau ECE

Navolau ECE is attached to Navolau Primary School and is located approximately 16km from Rakiraki Town consisting of 20 children. Outcome of WASH needs assessment found that the ECE children do not have access to handwashing facilities, the existing toilet and bathroom structure was incomplete and the school was facing water shortages during normal days. The project mitigated these issues in Navolau ECE through installation of a new hand washing facility, made improvement to existing toilet and bathroom structure and installed a water tank with proper tank stand connecting the pipe to the main water line to automatically fill the water tank.

Malake ECE

Malake ECE is attached to Malake Village School, which is located 11.7km from Rakiraki Town, travel by boat from Malake Jetty to Malake Island where the school is located. During the WASH needs assessment it was found that the ECE children share the WASH facility with the Primary School students and as a result ECE children found it difficult to access the ablution block due to the distance and overcrowding. As a mitigation measure, the project for Malake ECE resulted in building a new toilet, and bathroom and installing a handwashing facility just beside the ECE classroom for easy access and safety of the children.

Fencing of Water Source

The water source that supplies water to Wailevu Settlement, Saint Parish Compound, Ra Maternity Hospital, Navunibitu Primary School, and Saint Francis College is located 11km away from the listed communities and is near a cattle farming. Through the Fiji Water Grant WASH project, materials needed to fence the water source area were purchased and built by the Wailevu Settlement community to prevent animals from entering the water source and contaminating the water supply for the community.



The picture above illustrates the fencing of the water source that supplies water to 3 communities and 2 schools in Ra.
Photo Credit: Save the Children Fiji

Fiji Water WASH Project adaptation to COVID - 19 Pandemic

The COVID - 19 pandemic has disrupted the planned activities in place, mainly due to the closure of schools, limited or no access to the communities and school. As a means of adaptation, instead of having face to face WASH training in target schools as initially planned, training was conducted in the school's feeder communities and high-risk communities identified by the Ra Health Office.

Covid Food - 19 Appeal

On 5th May 2021, medical authorities declared Fiji was 'at war' with the COVID-19 Pandemic virus. Lautoka Hospital, Fiji's second-largest hospital, was placed under quarantine with the country's first community transmitted case and third death due to COVID-19.

Save the Children Fiji immediately launched an international appeal, to help feed families that were laid off from work due to lockdowns. Aimed at helping single parents, families with young children, families who have children with special needs and grandparents looking after their grandchildren, the organisation has had more than 3,000 requests for assistance, and with limited supplies, Save the Children New Zealand launched an appeal to help reach more families in need in Fiji.

The New Zealand public gave generously towards this appeal and the first phase of Distribution for 1800 food kits and 500 Infant Kits was funded by Save the Children New Zealand (SCNZ) through a generous donation of NZD 130,000, approximately FJD 198,280.00

Fiji Water WASH Project Beneficiary Feedback received after the completion of Malake ECE project, the school Manager stated:

"Quite a number of children do not have access to proper WASH facilities in their own homes, with the newly WASH facilities built, it will change the mindset of the current and future young children of Malake Village. I believe with the facility provided our children will continue to practice good hygiene practices. Thank you, Save the Children Fiji!"

Save the Children Fiji through its local and International Covid-19 Food Appeal has managed to provide immediate food security to more than twenty-two thousand individuals, assisting families that were laid off from work due to Covid imposed lockdowns and also aimed at helping single parents, families with young children, families who have children with special needs and grandparents looking after their grandchildren.

Completed Total Distribution for current Covid -19 Food Appeal saw a roll out of 4057 Food Packs and 1700 Infants Packs, benefiting more than 22,000 individuals, including 1700 infants.

Ongoing distribution of SCNZ phase 2.0 will see another 3000 food packs distributed and the preceding SCNZ phase of 2.1 will see 1974 food packs being distributed, with a total of 4974 food packs yet to be distributed based on funding received. SCNZ 2.0 and 2.1 is envisioned to benefit approximately more than 24,870 individual including children.



Save the Children Fiji CEO, Shairana Ali (pictured right) provides support during COVID-19 relief distribution. Photo credit: SC Fiji

Fundraising

Save the Children Fiji was able to mobilise more support to assist children with their needs in 2021. In 2021, we were able to secure \$179,347.00

1. Donation - \$84,979.00
2. Funding & other fundraising \$94,368.00

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Our Partnerships

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

LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL DONORS

- Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) Australia
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) New Zealand
- People of New Zealand who donated towards the Covid Food Appeal
- Canada Fund
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- The Prem Rawat Foundation
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- Macquarie University
- Massey University
- United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
- World Food Program (WFP)
- International Organization for Migration (IOM)

Save the Children Fiji Team

Management

Shairana Ali	Chief Executive Officer
Ardarsh Chettiar	Program Manager – Resigned Apr 2021
Afsrin Ali	Program Manager – Joined Aug 2021
Raveen Chand	Finance Manager
Roshni Mala	Human Resource Manager

Finance

Loata Seru	Finance Officer – Resigned Dec 2021
Jessica Sukhu	Finance Officer
Ashika Prasad	Finance Officer
Ashwini Prakash	Finance Officer – Resigned Mar 2021
Shaheel Noman	Office Assistant

Logistics

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Jalesi Young	Logistics Officer
Takape Kamunaga	Logistics Officer
Inoke Dauniseka	Volunteer Driver

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Project CDRR

Irene Prasad	Project Manager
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James Sinclair	MEAL Officer

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Nadia Bano	MEAL Officer
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Project WASH

Anaseini Dimate	Project Officer
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Project CASH Preparedness

Akash Anand	CASH Coordinator
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Humanitarian Response

Monisha Singh	Humanitarian Coordinator – Resigned Oct 2021
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Ratu Wame Ravubale	CVA Officer
Julie Tuikubulau	CVA Officer

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Vika Ramara	Communications Officer
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Sofaia Koroitanoa	Communications Officer
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Save the Children Fiji
Audited Financial Statements
31 December 2021

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NATURE OF THE ORGANIZATION	: Creating lasting and sustainable change for the lives of children in Fiji while innovating breakthroughs that drive children's rights in the Pacific.
TRUSTEES	: Mr. Kaliopate Tavola Mr. Vijay Naidu Ms. Gina Houg Lee - (Appointed in November 2021)
BOARD MEMBERS	: Ms. Lorraine Reiher - Board Chairperson Mr. Garry Wiseman - Vice Board Chairperson Ms. Shairana Ali - Ex-officio Member Ms. Sushil Narayan Mr. Romulo Nayacalevu Mr. Donald John Wilson Ms. Veena Singh - Board Secretary Ms. Karen Sorby Ms. Ana Tuiketeti Ms. Meliki Tuinamuana Dr. Rosalina Sa'aga-Banuve - Child Safeguarding Trustee - (Appointed in April 2021)
AUDITORS	: PKF aliz pacific Chartered Accountants & Business Advisors Suva & Nadi
LOCATION	: 25 Pender Street Suva
BANKERS	: ANZ Banking Group Limited Suva

SAVE THE CHILDREN FIJI
EXECUTIVE MEMBERS' STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

We, being the executive members of Save the Children Fiji, state that in our opinion, the accompanying financial statements are drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of Save the Children Fiji ("the organisation") as at 31 December 2021 and of the results, movement of funds and cash flows for the year ended at that date.

Executive Board

The executive board members in office during the year and up to the date of this report are:

Ms. Lorraine Reiher	Board Chairperson
Mr. Garry Wiseman	Vice Chairperson
Ms. Shairana Ali	Ex- officio Member
Ms. Sushil Narayan	Board Member
Mr. Romulo Nayacalevu	Board Member
Mr. Donald John Wilson	Board Member
Ms. Veena Singh	Board Secretary
Ms. Karen Sorby	Board Member
Ms. Ana Tuiketel	Board Member
Ms. Meliki Tuinamuana	Board Member
Dr. Rosalina Sa'aga-Banuve	Child Safeguarding Trustee - (Appointed in April 2021)

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the organisation during the financial year were to promote and defend children's rights and deliver immediate and lasting improvements to children's lives. There was no significant change in the nature of the activities of the organisation during the year.

Operating Results	31 December 2021 \$FJ	31 December 2020 \$FJ
Total Income	6,366,130	2,864,825
Total Expense	5,992,632	2,536,649
Net Surplus	<u>373,498</u>	<u>128,176</u>

Non Current Assets

Prior to the completion of the organisation's financial statements, the executive board members took reasonable steps to ascertain whether any non current assets were unlikely to be realized in the life of the organisation compared to their values as shown in the accounting records of the organisation.

As at the date of this report, the executive members are not aware of any circumstances which would render the values attributed to non current assets in the organisation's financial statements misleading.

Unusual Transaction

In the opinion of the executive board members, the results of the operations of the organisation during the financial year were not substantially affected by any item, transaction or event of a material unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the executive members, to affect substantially the results of the operations of the organisation in the financial year, other than those reflected in the financial statements.

Subsequent Events

No matter or circumstance has arisen since the end of the financial year that has significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the organization, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the organization in financial years subsequent to the financial year.

Significant Event During the Year

During the financial year, on 25 April 2021, the Fijian Government announced a number of measures including lockdown of certain containment areas within Viti Levu in the wake of the second outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic. Under the lockdown restrictions due to the highly contagious Delta variant, all non-essential organisations were required to be closed unless the workplace was deemed part of a permitted industry as set out by the Government.

The coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak has developed rapidly, bringing a significant health impact globally. Measures taken to contain the virus are already having a significant impact on global markets and economic activity. Fiji is also feeling the impact with organisation disruption and levels of activity already reducing in several market sectors, particularly from the second wave of the pandemic due to the Delta variant.

There has been a significant impact on our organisation to date. It is not possible to estimate the impact of the outbreak's near-term and longer effects or Governments varying effort to combat the outbreak and support organisations. This being the case, it is not considered practicable to provide a quantitative or qualitative estimate of the potential impact of this outbreak on the organisation at this time.

Other Circumstances

As at the date of this report:

- (i) no change on the accounts has been given since the financial year to secure the liability of any other person;
- (ii) no contingent liabilities have arisen since the end of the financial year for which the organisation could become liable; and
- (iii) no contingent liabilities or other liabilities of the organisation have become or likely to become enforceable within the period of twelve months after the end of the financial year which, in the opinion of the executive members, will or may substantially affect the ability of the organisation to meet its obligations as and when they fall due.

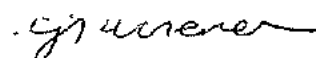
As at the date of this report, the executive board members are not aware of any circumstances that have arisen, not otherwise dealt with in this report or the organisation's financial statements, which would make adherence to the existing method of valuation of assets or liabilities of the organisation misleading or inappropriate.

Signed for and on behalf of the Executive Committee of Save the Children Fiji.

Dated at Suva, this 2nd day of May 2022.



Chairperson



Vice Chairperson


SAVE THE CHILDREN FIJI
STATEMENT BY BOARD OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

On behalf of the Board of Executive Committee:-

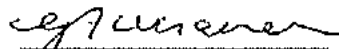
- (a) the accompanying Statement of Comprehensive Income is drawn up to give a true and fair view of the operations of the organization for the year ended 31 December 2021;
- (b) the accompanying Statement of Changes in Accumulated Funds is drawn up to give a true and fair view of the operations of the organization for the year ended 31 December 2021.
- (c) the accompanying Statement of Financial Position is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of the organization's affairs as at 31 December 2021;
- (d) the Statement of Cash Flows is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the cash flows of the organization for the year ended 31 December 2021; and
- (e) at the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that the organization will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due;

Signed for and on behalf of the Executive Committee of Save the Children Fiji.

Dated at Suva, this *2nd* day of *May* 2022.



Chairperson



Vice Chairperson



chartered accountants
& business advisers

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Trustees of Save the Children Fiji

Report on the Audit of Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Save the Children Fiji (the organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2021, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of accumulated funds, and statement of cash flow for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Organization as at 31 December 2021, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities (IFRS for SMEs).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISA). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the entity in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountant's Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Fiji and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Board of Trustees' for the Financial Statements

The Management and Board of Trustees' are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRS for SMEs and for such internal control as the Management and Board members determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the management and executive board members are responsible for assessing the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the management and executive board members either intend to liquidate the entity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so the management and executive board members are responsible for overseeing the entity's financial reporting process.

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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISA will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud and error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISA, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management and executive board members.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the management and executive board members use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures, are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the management and executive board members regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.


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CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
DATE: 2nd May 2022
SUVA, FIJI.


Sunil Sharma
PARTNER

SAVE THE CHILDREN FIJI
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	31 December 2021 \$FJ	31 December 2020 \$FJ
Revenue	3	4,499,673	1,712,111
Other Income	4	1,866,457	952,714
		<u>6,366,130</u>	<u>2,664,825</u>
Less Expenses			
Project Expense	5	3,813,931	1,713,642
Administrative Expense	7	2,109,053	773,522
Advertising and Marketing Expense	6	11,112	8,359
Profit from Operations		<u>432,034</u>	<u>169,302</u>
Depreciation Expenses		58,536	41,125
Operating Surplus for the year		<u>373,498</u>	<u>128,176</u>
Other Comprehensive Income		-	-
Total Comprehensive Income		<u><u>373,498</u></u>	<u><u>128,176</u></u>

SAVE THE CHILDREN FIJI
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACCUMULATED FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021


	Note	Asset Revaluation Reserve \$FJ	Accumulated Funds \$FJ	Total \$FJ
Balance as at 31 December 2019		-	930,823	930,823
Total Comprehensive Income for the year				
Prior Period adjustment		-	24,460	24,460
Balance as at 01 January 2020, as restated		-	955,283	955,283
Surplus for the year ended 31 December 2020		-	128,176	128,176
Revaluation Surplus on Land and Building		1,000,000	-	1,000,000
Total Comprehensive Income for the year		1,000,000	128,176	1,128,176
Balance as at 31 December 2020		1,000,000	1,083,459	2,083,459
Total Comprehensive Income for the year				
Surplus for the year ended 31 December 2021		-	373,498	373,498
Total comprehensive income for the year		-	373,498	373,498
Balance as at 31 December 2021		1,000,000	1,456,957	2,456,957

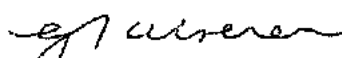
SAVE THE CHILDREN FIJI
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	31 December 2021 \$FJ	31 December 2020 \$FJ
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	8	3,409,142	1,296,598
Project Inventory	9	256	256
Trade and Other Receivables	10	414,695	156,712
Financial Assets	11	986,078	949,709
Total Current Assets		4,810,171	2,403,274
Non Current Assets			
Property Plant and Equipment	12	1,320,107	1,240,251
Available for Sale Financial Assets	13	8,496	8,496
Total Non Current Assets		1,328,603	1,248,747
Total Assets		6,138,774	3,652,021
Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables	14	548,239	104,228
Deferred Income	16 (c)	3,083,226	1,436,021
Employee Entitlement	15	50,352	28,313
Total Liabilities		3,681,817	1,568,562
Net Assets		2,456,957	2,083,459
Accumulated Funds			
Opening balance		1,083,459	965,283
Asset Revaluation Reserve		1,000,000	1,000,000
Accumulated Surplus		373,498	128,176
Total Accumulated Funds		2,456,957	2,083,459

These Financial Statements have been audited.

Signed for and on behalf of the Board of Trustees and in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Trustees.


Chairperson


Vice Chairperson

SAVE THE CHILDREN FIJI
 STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	31 December 2021 \$FJ	31 December 2020 \$FJ
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Cash Receipts from Grants and Donations		6,366,130	2,664,825
Payments to Suppliers and Employees		(4,078,824)	(1,802,945)
Net Cash Provided by/(Used in) Operating Activities	17 (ii)	2,287,306	861,880
Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
(Acquisition) of Property, Plant and Equipment		(138,393)	(19,928)
(Increase) in Investments		(36,369)	(38,274)
Net Cash (Used in) Investing Activities		(174,762)	(58,202)
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents		2,112,544	803,678
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the beginning of the year		1,296,598	492,920
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the end of the year	17 (i)	3,409,142	1,296,598

1. General Information

Save the Children Fiji ("SC Fiji" or "the organisation") is an autonomous and independently funded non governmental organisation, affiliated to the International Save the Children Alliance (ISCA). SC Fiji is a charitable organisation formed in 1972. Their principal activities are to promote children's rights and respond to their needs by facilitating lasting improvements that enable children to become responsible citizens.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

These financial statement are prepared by SC Fiji in accordance with the ' IFRS for Small and Medium-sized Entities' ("IFRS for SMEs") issued by the International Accounting Standards Board. The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

a). Basis of Presentation

The financial statements of SC Fiji have been prepared in accordance with the (IFRS for SMEs). They have been prepared under the historical cost, as modified by the revaluation of investments property and derivative financial instruments at fair value.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the IFRS for SMEs requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgment in the process of applying the Organisation's accounting policies.

The amount reflected in the financial statements are stated in Fijian currency.

b). Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents in the statement of financial position comprise of cash at bank and in hand. For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents consist of cash and cash equivalents as defined above, net of any outstanding bank overdrafts.

c). Inventories

Inventories consist of Christmas cards and Merchandise and are measured at the lower of cost and net realizable value.

d). Other Receivables

Other receivables are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method less provision for impairment. A provision for impairment of trade receivables is established when there is objective evidence that the organization will not be able to collect all amount due according to the original terms of the receivables.

e). Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment is stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by the Management.

The organisation adds to the carrying amount of an item of property, plant and equipment the cost of replacing parts of such an item when that cost is incurred if the replacement part is expected to provide incremental future benefits to the organization. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to profit and loss during the year in which they are incurred.

Depreciation on the other assets is charged so as to allocate the cost of assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight line method.

Assets	Rates
Building	2.5%
Office Equipment	15%
Motor Vehicles	15%

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

f). Deferred Income

Property, Plant and Equipment acquired with the aid of specific grants or through donations are capitalised and depreciated in accordance with the above policy, with the related grant being credited to Deferred Income (donated assets). Deferred income is released to the Statement of Comprehensive Income over the expected useful economic life of the related property, plant and equipment. The exception to this is when the acquisition of property, plant and equipment is financed either through the organisation's own funds or a loan or finance lease, when no revenue is deferred.

g). Unexpended Funds

Grants and funds received for a specific end purpose is recognised as revenue when the conditions attached to the grants and funds have been met. Until those conditions are met, receipt of grant and funds in advance is accounted for as unexpended funds and recognised as a liability.

h). Trade and Other Payables

Liabilities for trade creditors and other amounts are carried at cost (inclusive of VAT where applicable) which is the fair value of the consideration to be paid in the future for goods and services received whether or not billed to the organisation. Payables to related parties are carried at the principal amount. Interest when charged by the lender, is recognised as an expense when incurred.

i). Employee Entitlements

Provision is made for annual leave estimated to be payable to employees on the basis of statutory and contractual requirements.

j). Revenue Recognition

Grants received

Grants received are recognised in profit and loss on a systematic basis over the periods in which the entity recognises expenses for the related costs for which the grants are intended to compensate, which in the case of grants related to assets requires setting up the grant as deferred income or deducting it from the carrying amount of the asset. These grants are restricted income.

k). Income Tax

The organization is a Not-for-Profit institution, and in accordance with section 20(1) of the Income Tax Act is exempt from income tax. This exemption has been confirmed by the Fiji Revenue and Customs Service.

l). Available for sale financial assets

The organisation's financial assets have been designated as available for sale. After initial measurement, available for sale financial assets are recorded at cost. Gains or losses are recognised on disposal of the asset.

m). Investments

The investments recorded at market value and any income derived from these investments are recorded in the Profit and Loss.

n). Comparatives

The comparative figures are the for the year ended 31 December 2020 and have been regrouped where considered necessary.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

3. Grant Income	31 December 2021 \$FJ	31 December 2020 \$FJ
MEHA Wash Grant 19/20 - Fiji Program Support Facility	43,670	109,429
Child-Centred Disaster Risk Reduction - MFAT Funded	407,761	400,075
Resilience through Knowledge & Action in Agriculture and Food Security (KANA) -MFAT Funded	422,782	462,945
WASH Improvement Works 2020 - 2021 - Fiji Water Foundation Funded	74,546	95,678
Education Assistance 2019 - Westpac Australia Funded	363	11,484
AHP Disaster Ready : Shared Service Project - DFAT Funded	29,656	30,849
AHP PPF 1 - DFAT funded	59,281	52,469
The Prem Rawat Foundation - TPRF	6,279	60,685
AHP TC Harold Response	62,809	37,859
DPR TC Harold Response - MFAT Funded	66,081	83,294
Positive Discipline - Canada Fund	43,897	26,206
AHP COVID-19 Recovery Pacific Package Proposal July 2020 - Whitelum Group	361,518	15,594
Fiji NPT Cash Programme 2020-21 (FinCAP 1) - National Philanthropic Trust	710,462	35,582
Iam Digital Phase 1 - Facebook	79,250	63,678
Humanitarian Response Strategy TC Yasa- ARO - Seed Fund	253,128	-
TC Yasa - Start Fund	531,191	-
Collective Action to Fund Violence Against Children in Fiji - MFAT Funded	79,042	-
Positive Discipline P2 - Canada Fund	56,687	-
AHP TC Yasa Recovery in Vanua Levu	52,939	-
TC Yasa Vanua Levu - Facebook	33,833	-
DRP TC Yasa Vanua Levu	260,892	-
Fiji NPT Cash Programme 2020-21 (FinCAP 2) - National Philanthropic Trust	303,649	-
COVID 19 Response Food Pack - SCNZ	171,962	-
COVID 19 Appeal -LDS funded	207,908	-
Iam Digital Online Safety Campaign Phase 2 - Facebook	55,731	-
COVID 19 Response Appeal	114,000	-
Other minor projects	10,356	226,284
	4,499,673	1,712,111
4. Other Income	31 December 2021 \$FJ	31 December 2020 \$FJ
Activities	74,888	49,893
Administration	1,524,973	783,535
Donations	84,979	23,652
Interest Income	40,397	38,561
Amortisation of Deferred Income	46,137	37,107
Refund	101	(309)
Funding and Other Fundraising	94,368	19,968
Dividend	614	307
	1,866,457	952,714

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5. Project Expenditure	31 December 2021 \$FJ	31 December 2020 \$FJ
School Meals and Supplies Project	144,512	3,386
Project Allowances	154,403	101,305
Project Contractors and Consultants	629,405	121,164
Project Materials and Equipment	1,059,939	294,809
Training Cost	169,535	79,775
Transportation	96,880	43,256
Wages and Salaries	1,370,650	932,616
Other Project Expenditure	188,607	137,331
	<u>3,813,931</u>	<u>1,713,642</u>
6. Advertising and Marketing Expense	31 December 2021 \$FJ	31 December 2020 \$FJ
Advertisement and Marketing	11,112	8,359
	<u>11,112</u>	<u>8,359</u>
7. Administrative Expense	31 December 2021 \$FJ	31 December 2020 \$FJ
Administration Expense	1,894,389	634,806
Auditors remuneration	11,222	12,145
Bad Debts	-	200
Other Administration Expenses	203,442	126,371
	<u>2,109,053</u>	<u>773,522</u>
8. Cash and Cash Equivalents	31 December 2021 \$FJ	31 December 2020 \$FJ
Cash on Hand	23,025	7,374
Cash at Bank - Flood Response - ANZ	2,506,777	751,841
Cash at Bank - Main account - ANZ	620,364	295,224
Cash at Bank - Nutrition - ANZ	195,374	91,493
Cash at Bank - SDF - ANZ	1,587	39,463
Cash at Bank - CDRR - ANZ	62,015	110,403
	<u>3,409,142</u>	<u>1,296,598</u>
9. Project Inventories	31 December 2021 \$FJ	31 December 2020 \$FJ
Christmas Cards	12	12
Merchandise	244	244
	<u>256</u>	<u>256</u>

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10. Trade and Other Receivables	31 December 2021 \$FJ	31 December 2020 \$FJ
Trade Receivables	286,180	45,524
Interest Receivable	16,551	15,057
Other Receivables	111,965	96,131
	<u>414,695</u>	<u>156,712</u>

11. Financial Assets	31 December 2021 \$FJ	31 December 2020 \$FJ
ANZ Bank - Term Deposit	713,362	680,299
HFC - Term Deposit	272,716	183,376
Westpac Bank - Term Deposit	-	106,034
	<u>986,078</u>	<u>949,709</u>

Held to maturity investments are as follows:

Term Deposits	Account Number	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Amount
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited	12388512	18/08/2022	1.25%	713,362
Home Finance Company PTE Limited	100017381	14/09/2022	1.50%	122,670
Home Finance Company PTE Limited	15240i1.2	30/10/2022	1.50%	44,012
Home Finance Company PTE Limited	15240i1.3	07/10/2022	1.50%	106,034
				<u>986,078</u>

12. Property, Plant & Equipment	31 December 2021 \$FJ	31 December 2020 \$FJ
Land and Building	1,200,000	200,000
Fair Value Adjustments	-	1,000,000
Less Provision for Depreciation	(90,500)	(80,000)
	<u>1,109,500</u>	<u>1,120,000</u>
Motor Vehicles at Cost	118,209	168,959
Additions	85,000	-
(Deletions)	-	(50,750)
Less Provision for Depreciation	(83,469)	(57,612)
	<u>99,740</u>	<u>60,597</u>
Computer Equipment	101,303	184,748
Additions	54,737	18,061
(Deletions)	-	(101,507)
Less Provision for Depreciation	(70,198)	(52,487)
	<u>85,842</u>	<u>48,815</u>
Furniture and Fittings	21,477	20,910
Additions	-	567
(Deletions)	-	-
Less Provision for Depreciation	(18,015)	(18,854)
	<u>3,462</u>	<u>4,623</u>

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12. Property, Plant & Equipment (Continued)	31 December 2021 \$FJ	31 December 2020 \$FJ
Office Equipment	92,408	95,620
Additions	18,656	1,300
(Deletions)	-	(4,512)
Less Provision for Depreciation	(89,500)	(86,192)
	<u>21,564</u>	<u>6,216</u>
Net Written Down Value	<u><u>1,320,107</u></u>	<u><u>1,240,251</u></u>

(ii) Reconciliations

Reconciliations of the carrying amounts for each class of property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year.

	Carrying Amounts	Additions	Disposals	Depreciation	Total
Land & Building at Cost	1,120,000	-	-	(10,500)	1,109,500
Motor Vehicles	60,597	65,000	-	(25,856)	99,740
Computer Equipment	48,815	54,737	-	(17,711)	85,842
Furniture and Fittings	4,623	-	-	(1,161)	3,462
Office Equipment	6,216	18,656	-	(3,308)	21,564
Net Written Down Value	<u><u>1,240,251</u></u>	<u><u>138,393</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>(58,536)</u></u>	<u><u>1,320,107</u></u>

13. Available for Sale Financial Assets		31 December 2021 \$FJ	31 December 2020 \$FJ
At cost			
i). Unit Trust of Fiji	10,236 units @ \$0.83	<u>8,496</u>	<u>8,496</u>
At market value			
ii). Unit Trust of Fiji	10,236 units @ \$2.36 (2020:\$2.26)	<u>24,157</u>	<u>23,133</u>

14. Trade and Other Payables		31 December 2021 \$FJ	31 December 2020 \$FJ
Trade Creditors		302,893	26,298
Other Payables and Accruals		245,346	77,929
		<u>548,239</u>	<u>104,228</u>

15. Employee Entitlement Liability		31 December 2021 \$FJ	31 December 2020 \$FJ
Annual leave		<u>50,352</u>	<u>28,313</u>

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16. Unexpended Funds	31 December 2021 \$FJ	31 December 2020 \$FJ
a). Unexpended funds from various projects		
(i) Health Grant - Fiji Program Support Facility		
Balance as at 1 January	1,834	10,550
Funds received during the year	-	-
Funds utilised during the year	-	(8,716)
Balance as at 31 December 2021	<u>1,834</u>	<u>1,834</u>
(ii) MEHA Wash Grant 19/20 - Fiji Program Support Facility		
Balance as at 1 January	36,787	137,500
Funds received during the year	5,039	-
Funds utilised during the year	(36,282)	(100,713)
Funds refunded to Donor	(7,388)	-
Balance as at 31 December 2021	<u>(1,844)</u>	<u>36,787</u>
(iii) Child-Centred Disaster Risk Reduction - MFAT Funded		
Balance as at 1 January	283,601	63,643
Funds received during the year	181,419	620,034
Funds utilised during the year	(407,761)	(400,075)
Funds released to procure capital asset	-	-
Balance as at 31 December 2021	<u>57,259</u>	<u>283,601</u>
(iv) Resilience through Knowledge & Action in Agriculture and Food Security (KANA) -MFAT Funded		
Balance as at 1 January	17,400	46,749
Funds received during the year	545,388	435,490
Funds utilised during the year	(422,782)	(462,945)
Funds released to procure capital asset	-	(1,894)
Balance as at 31 December 2021	<u>140,007</u>	<u>17,400</u>
(v) AHP Disaster Ready : Regional Cash Preparedness Project Fiji - DFAT Funded		
Balance as at 1 January	(2,655)	(2,655)
Funds received during the year	-	-
Funds utilised during the year	2,655	-
Balance as at 31 December 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,655)</u>
(vi) Fiji Water Grant 2018 - Fiji Water Foundation Funded		
Balance as at 1 January	2,550	2,550
Funds received during the year	-	-
Funds utilised during the year	(2,550)	-
Balance as at 31 December 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>2,550</u>

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16 a). Unexpended funds from various projects (Continued)	31 December 2021 \$FJ	31 December 2020 \$FJ
(vii) Fiji Water Grant 2019 - Fiji Water Foundation Funded		
Balance as at 1 January	545	91,400
Funds received during the year	-	-
Funds utilised during the year	(545)	(90,483)
Funds released to procure capital asset	-	(373)
Balance as at 31 December 2021	-	545
(viii) Promoting positive discipline methods to help reduce violence against children through training sessions on child rights, and health development practices in rural communities in Viti Levu and Koro Island - Canada Fund		
Balance as at 1 January	-	39
Funds received during the year	-	-
Funds utilised during the year	-	(39)
Balance as at 31 December 2021	-	-
(ix) Education Assistance 2019 - Westpac Australia Funded		
Balance as at 1 January	363	11,848
Funds received during the year	-	-
Funds utilised during the year	(363)	(11,484)
Balance as at 31 December 2021	-	363
(x) Frances Ryan Herbert Trust Fund		
Balance as at 1 January	-	603
Funds received during the year	-	-
Funds utilised during the year	-	(603)
Balance as at 31 December 2021	-	-
(xi) Fiji Negotiated Partnership (NP) Design Member 20 Member (M2M) Agreement- MFAT Funded		
Balance as at 1 January	-	844
Funds received during the year	-	-
Funds utilised during the year	-	(844)
Balance as at 31 December 2021	-	-
(xii) AHP Shared Service 2019		
Balance as at 1 January	-	21,357
Funds received during the year	-	-
Funds utilised during the year	-	(21,357)
Balance as at 31 December 2021	-	-
(xiii) AHP PPF 1 - DFAT funded		
Balance as at 1 January	38,289	90,758
Funds received during the year	50,798	-
Funds utilised during the year	(59,281)	(52,469)
Balance as at 31 December 2021	29,806	38,289

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16 a). Unexpended funds from various projects (Continued)	31 December 2021 \$FJ	31 December 2020 \$FJ
(xiv) Start Fund 2019		
Balance as at 1 January	-	16,017
Funds received during the year	-	-
Funds utilised during the year	-	(16,017)
Balance as at 31 December 2021	-	-
(xv) Department of Social Welfare Yasawa Training		
Balance as at 1 January	244	14,907
Funds received during the year	-	-
Funds utilised during the year	(244)	(14,664)
Balance as at 31 December 2021	-	244
(xvi) AHP Disaster Ready Cash Preparedness		
Balance as at 1 January 2020 - Audited figures	(13,108)	-
Funds received during the year	-	52,892
Funds utilised during the year	13,108	(66,000)
Balance as at 31 December 2021	-	(13,108)
(xvii) WASH Improvement Works 2020 - 2021 - Fiji Water Foundation Funded		
Balance as at 1 January 2020	94,805	-
Funds received during the year	-	100,000
Funds utilised during the year	(71,452)	(5,195)
Balance as at 31 December 2021	23,353	94,805
(xviii) AHP Disaster Ready : Shared Service Project - DFAT Funded		
Balance as at 1 January 2020 - Audited figures	12,330	-
Funds received during the year	42,252	21,822
Funds utilised during the year	(29,656)	(9,493)
Balance as at 31 December 2021	24,925	12,330
(xix) AHP TC Harold/COVID 19 Phase 1 PPE - Plan International Australia		
Balance as at 1 January 2020	(529)	-
Funds received during the year	-	7,904.17
Funds utilised during the year	529	(8,433)
Balance as at 31 December 2021	-	(529)
(xx) TC CSF Response Fund -Seed Fund		
Balance as at 1 January 2020	-	-
Funds received during the year	-	127,910
Funds utilised during the year	-	(119,685)
Funds released to procure capital asset	-	(8,226)
Balance as at 31 December 2021	-	-

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16 a). Unexpended funds from various projects (Continued)	31 December 2021 \$FJ	31 December 2020 \$FJ
(xxi) The Prem Rawat Foundation - TPRF		
Balance as at 1 January 2020	6,279	-
Funds received during the year	-	66,954
Funds utilised during the year	(6,279)	(60,685)
Balance as at 31 December 2021	-	6,279
(xxii) AHP TC Harold Response		
Balance as at 1 January 2020	15,988	-
Funds received during the year	46,821	53,847
Funds utilised during the year	(62,809)	(37,859)
Balance as at 31 December 2021	-	15,988
(xxiii) DPR TC Harold Response - MFAT Funded		
Balance as at 1 January 2020	66,081	-
Funds received during the year	-	149,375
Funds utilised during the year	(66,081)	(83,294)
Balance as at 31 December 2021	-	66,081
(xxiv) Positive Discipline - Canada Fund		
Balance as at 1 January 2021	43,371	-
Funds received during the year	-	70,842
Funds utilised during the year	(43,897)	(26,206)
Funds released to procure capital asset	-	(1,265)
Balance as at 31 December 2021	(525)	43,371
(xxv) AHP COVID-19 Recovery Pacific Package Proposal July 2020 - Whitelum Group		
Balance as at 1 January 2021	540,091	-
Funds received during the year	-	560,680
Funds utilised during the year	(361,518)	(15,594)
Funds released to procure capital asset	-	(4,995)
Balance as at 31 December 2021	178,573	540,091
(xxxi) Fiji NPT Cash Programme 2020-21 (FinCAP 1) - National Philanthropic Trust		
Balance as at 1 January 2021	(36,882)	-
Funds received during the year	756,320	-
Funds utilised during the year	(710,462)	(35,582)
Reversal	-	(1,300)
Balance as at 31 December 2021	8,976	(36,882)

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16 a). Unexpended funds from various projects (Continued)	31 December 2021 \$FJ	31 December 2020 \$FJ
(xxvii) Iam Digital Phase 1 - Facebook		
Balance as at 1 January 2021	85,229	-
Funds received during the year	19,592	149,857
Funds utilised during the year	(79,250)	(63,678)
Funds released to procure capital asset	-	(949)
Balance as at 31 December 2021	25,571	85,229
(xxviii) Francis Ryan Herbert Fund Trust		
Balance as at 1 January 2021	20,936	-
Funds received during the year	28,703	20,936
Funds utilised during the year	(20,680)	-
Balance as at 31 December 2021	28,959	20,936
(xxix) Humanitarian Response Strategy TC Yasa- ARO - Seed Fund		
Balance as at 1 January 2021	-	-
Funds received during the year	263,281	-
Funds utilised during the year	(253,128)	-
Balance as at 31 December 2021	10,153	-
(xxx) TC Yasa - Start Fund		
Balance as at 1 January 2021	-	-
Funds received during the year	531,191	-
Funds utilised during the year	(531,191)	-
Balance as at 31 December 2021	-	-
(xxxi) Collective Action to Fund Violence Against Children in Fiji - MFAT Funded		
Balance as at 1 January 2021	-	-
Funds received during the year	134,561	-
Funds utilised during the year	(79,042)	-
Balance as at 31 December 2021	55,519	-
(xxxii) Positive Discipline P2 - Canada Fund		
Balance as at 1 January 2021	-	-
Funds received during the year	73,235	-
Funds utilised during the year	(56,687)	-
Balance as at 31 December 2021	16,548	-
(xxxiii) AHP TC Yasa Recovery In Vanua Levu		
Balance as at 1 January 2021	-	-
Funds received during the year	124,085	-
Funds utilised during the year	(52,939)	-
Balance as at 31 December 2021	71,145	-

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16 a). Unexpended funds from various projects (Continued)	31 December 2021 \$FJ	31 December 2020 \$FJ
(xxxiv) TC Yasa Vanua Levu - Facebook		
Balance as at 1 January 2021	-	-
Funds received during the year	77,754	-
Funds utilised during the year	(33,833)	-
Balance as at 31 December 2021	43,921	-
(xxxv) DRP TC Yasa Vanua Levu		
Balance as at 1 January 2021	-	-
Funds received during the year	324,207	-
Funds utilised during the year	(260,892)	-
Balance as at 31 December 2021	63,316	-
(xxxvi) FDG Child Displacement Survey -SCF		
Balance as at 1 January 2021	-	-
Funds received during the year	3,839	-
Funds utilised during the year	(1,275)	-
Balance as at 31 December 2021	2,564	-
(xxxvii) CP Training - Fiji Program Support Facility		
Balance as at 1 January 2021	-	-
Funds received during the year	4,900	-
Funds utilised during the year	(4,449)	-
Balance as at 31 December 2021	451	-
(xxxviii) Fiji NPT Cash Programme 2020-21 (FinCAP 2) - National Philanthropic Trust		
Balance as at 1 January 2021	-	-
Funds received during the year	1,769,567	-
Funds utilised during the year	(303,649)	-
Balance as at 31 December 2021	1,465,918	-
(xxxix) COVID 19 Response Food Pack - SCNZ		
Balance as at 1 January 2021	-	-
Funds received during the year	187,540	-
Funds utilised during the year	(171,962)	-
Balance as at 31 December 2021	15,578	-
(xl) COVID 19 Appeal -LDS funded		
Balance as at 1 January 2021	-	-
Funds received during the year	207,908	-
Funds utilised during the year	(207,908)	-
Balance as at 31 December 2021	-	-

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16 a). Unexpended funds from various projects (Continued)	31 December 2021 \$FJ	31 December 2020 \$FJ
(xli) Iam Digital Online Safety Campaign Phase 2 - Facebook		
Balance as at 1 January 2021	-	-
Funds received during the year	176,899	-
Funds utilised during the year	(55,731)	-
Balance as at 31 December 2021	<u>121,168</u>	-
(xlii) Safe School - OMEP Australia Ltd Funded		
Balance as at 1 January 2021	-	-
Funds received during the year	3,985	-
Funds utilised during the year	-	-
Balance as at 31 December 2021	<u>3,985</u>	-
(xliii) COVID 19 Response Appeal		
Balance as at 1 January 2021	-	-
Funds received during the year	340,739	-
Funds utilised during the year	(114,000)	-
Balance as at 31 December 2021	<u>226,739</u>	-
Total Deferred Income	<u>2,613,900</u>	<u>1,213,550</u>
b). Reconciliation of Deferred Income on Capital Asset procured from the Grant Funding		
	31 December 2021 \$FJ	31 December 2020 \$FJ
Balance as at 1 January	222,470	240,576
Additions	58,201	19,001
Grant unutilised during the year	234,791	-
Less: amortisation during the year	(46,137)	(37,107)
Balance as at 31 December 2021	<u>469,326</u>	<u>222,470</u>
c). Reconciliation of Deferred Income		
	31 December 2021 \$FJ	31 December 2020 \$FJ
Unexpended Funds from various projects (16 a)	2,613,900	1,213,550
Deferred Income on capital asset procured from the grant funding (16 b)	469,326	222,470
	<u>3,083,226</u>	<u>1,436,021</u>

17. Notes to the Statement of Cash Flows

(i) Cash and cash equivalents include the following for the purpose of the Statement of Cash Flows:

	31 December 2021 \$FJ	31 December 2020 \$FJ
Cash at Bank	3,386,117	1,289,224
Cash on Hand	23,025	7,374
	3,409,142	1,296,598

(ii) Reconciliation of Net Cash provided by Operating Activities to Net Surplus

	31 December 2021 \$FJ	31 December 2020 \$FJ
Net Surplus	373,498	128,176
<u>Add Non-Cash Items</u>		
Depreciation	58,536	41,126
Employee Entitlement	22,039	13,213
Amortisation of Deferred Income	246,855	(18,105)
Loss on Disposal	-	4,634
Adjustment of Prior Year Errors	-	24,460
	700,929	193,503
<u>Change in Assets and Liabilities</u>		
(Increase) in inventories	-	(3)
(Increase) in Trade and Other Receivables	(257,983)	(6,915)
Increase/(Decrease) in Trade and Other Payables	444,010	(32,145)
Increase in Unexpended Funds	1,400,350	707,441
	2,287,306	861,880

18. Related Party Transactions

The executive board members in office during the year and up to the date of this report are:

Ms. Lorraine Reiher	Board Chairperson
Mr. Garry Wiseman	Vice Chairperson
Ms. Shairana Ali	Ex-officio Member
Ms. Sushil Narayan	Board Member
Mr. Romulo Nayacalevu	Board Member
Mr. Donald John Wilson	Board Member
Ms. Veena Singh	Board Secretary
Ms. Karen Sorby	Board Member
Ms. Ana Tuiketeti	Board Member
Ms. Meliki Tuinamuana	Board Member
Dr. Rosalini Saaga-Banuve	Child Safeguarding Trustee - (Appointed in April 2021)

19. Contingent Liabilities

Contingent Liabilities as at 31 December 2021 amounted to \$Nil (2020: \$Nil).

20. Capital Commitments

Capital Commitments as at 31 December 2021 amounted to \$Nil (2020 : \$Nil)

21. Organisation details

i). Principal place of organisation

25 Pender Street
Suva

ii). Number of Employees

As at balance date, the organisation employed a total of 49 Employees (2020: 47 employees)

22. Approval of Financial Statements

These financial statements were approved by the organisation's Executive Board Members and authorized for issue on 28/04/22

23. Significant Event During the Year

During the financial year, on 25 April 2021, the Fijian Government announced a number of measures including lockdown of certain containment areas within Viti Levu in the wake of the second outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic. Under the lockdown restrictions due to the highly contagious Delta variant, all non-essential organisations were required to be closed unless the workplace was deemed part of a permitted industry as set out by the Government.

The coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak has developed rapidly, bringing a significant health impact globally. Measures taken to contain the virus are already having a significant impact on global markets and economic activity. Fiji is also feeling the impact with business disruption and levels of activity already reducing in several market sectors, particularly from the second wave of the pandemic due to the Delta variant.

There has been an significant impact on our organisation to date. It is not possible to estimate the impact of the outbreak's near-term and longer effects or Governments varying effort to combat the outbreak and support organisations. This being the case, it is not considered practicable to provide a quantitative or qualitative estimate of the potential impact of this outbreak on the organisation at this time.

The financial statements have been prepared based upon conditions existing as at 31 December 2021 and considering those events occurring within and subsequent to that date, that provide evidence of conditions that existed at the end of the reporting period. As the outbreak of COVID-19 occurred within the financial year, its impact is considered an event that is indicative of conditions that arose after the reporting period and accordingly, no adjustments have been made to financial statements as at 31 December 2021 for the impacts of COVID-19.



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DISCLAIMER TO SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

The additional financial data presented in the following pages is in accordance with the books and records of Save the Children Fiji, which have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our statutory audit of the entity for the year ended 31 December 2021. It should be appreciated that our statutory audit did not cover all details of the additional financial data. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on such financial data and no warranty of accuracy or reliability is given.

In accordance with our firm's policy, we advise that neither the firm nor any member or employee of the firm undertakes responsibility arising in any way whatsoever to any person (other than the entity) in respect of such data including any errors or omissions therein arising through negligence or otherwise however caused.

DATE: 2 May 2022
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 DETAILED STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	31 December 2021 \$FJ	31 December 2020 \$FJ
Income		
Grant income	4,499,674	1,712,111
Other Income	1,866,457	952,714
Total Income	6,366,131	2,664,825
Expenses		
Administration Expense	1,894,389	634,806
Advertising	11,112	8,359
Audit Fees	11,222	12,145
Bank Charges	2,377	2,681
Bad Debts	-	200
Board Meeting Expenses - Local	107	320
Christmas Card Expenses	-	12
Depreciation	58,536	41,125
Dues and Subscription	5,817	11,452
Electricity	9,121	7,764
General Expense	23,082	916
Housing Allowance	97,274	73,461
Insurance	52,175	11,988
Loss on Disposal of Fixed Assets	-	4,634
Motor Vehicle Expenses	29,043	24,822
Office Cleaning and Maintenance	9,629	6,494
Other Program Supplies	-	1,951
Printing, Postage and Stationery	45,553	41,154
Project Contractors and Consultants	629,405	121,164
Project Materials and Equipment	1,059,939	294,809
Project Travel and Allowances	154,403	101,305
Project Local Training	4,313	988
Property Rates	1,785	1,142
Rent	67,680	52,512
Staff Clearance	2,331	2,000
School Meals	144,512	1,000
School Supplies and Fees	0	2,386
Security	845	620
Telephone, Fax and Internet	38,679	16,838
Training Costs	169,535	79,775
Transportation	96,880	43,256
Wages and Salaries	1,370,650	932,616
Water	2,438	1,955
Total Expenses	5,992,632	2,536,649
Net Surplus for the year	373,498	128,176

Our Vision

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



Save the Children

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.

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