



TRANSFORMATIVE CHANGE FOR ALL CHILDREN



Save the Children

Save the Children Fiji Annual Report 2022

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

SC Fiji's 2022-2024 Strategy guides all our work for children in Fiji and also in the region. The Strategy sets the parameters for all our programmes and ensures that our core programmes and projects are children rights based and child-centered. The Strategy's four main goals—Education, Protection, Health, and Safety Net & Resilience—are consistent with Save the Children's global goals. In order to ensure that SCF is prepared to confront the issues faced by children, gender equality and social inclusion, disability, climate change and humanitarian response are cross-cutting priorities across each of the Strategic Goals.

We have been creating sustainable and lasting change in the lives of children in Fiji for 50 years. Since our inception in Fiji in 1972, we are a non-government organization that continues to be dedicated to driving positive change for children across the region.

As a Child Rights Organization, we work to ensure children can realize their rights, particularly those children who are in the most vulnerable and marginalized environments. Currently, we work from ground level to policy level with direct work in 60 communities throughout 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 level. We take a holistic approach to our advocacy and programmatic work by working directly on key areas as

- **Education**
- **Health**
- **Child Protection**
- **Child Participation**
- **Safety Net and Resilience**
- **Climate Change**
- **Emergency Preparedness, Response and Recovery**

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Message from SC Fiji Board Chair, Lorraine Reiher



2022 was a year of recovery for Fiji following two years of COVID-19 lockdowns and lives interrupted for the children of Fiji. 2022 was a year of transition as Fiji's recovery from two years of hardship was gradual. Children and their families (in many cases) had to rebuild their lives and children had to catch up on two years of interrupted schooling, sport and play.

The statistics on children globally are grim. For example, in 2021, ILO and UNICEF released a report Child Labour: Global estimates 2020, trends and the road forward that indicated, for the first time in twenty years, the downward trend of child labour statistics had been reversed. The number of children in child labour globally rose to 160 million worldwide- a 13% increase in the previous four years- and millions more children were at risk due to the impacts of COVID-19. Child labour is just one scourge that plagues the children of Fiji. Save the Children Fiji works hard to keep abreast of opportunities and to secure funding for a full range of programs that meet the needs of children in Fiji. Save the Children Fiji is evolving and it must evolve to keep pace with the everchanging challenges that face the children of Fiji. Whereas ten years ago, Save the Children Fiji had two major donors, the organisation's range of donors and programs has transformed and it is a constant challenge- and reward- to keep pace with the most pressing of needs for children and to fund programs to fulfil those needs.

Save the Children International is focusing on increasing their scale and impact to support increased numbers of vulnerable children globally. Save the Children Fiji is working closely with Save the Children Australia and Save the Children New Zealand to reach and assist more children in Fiji and the Pacific region. In 2022, our three Save the Children organisations worked closely together to formalize a Pacific Regional Collaboration Agreement which was signed in early 2023. It will take time to effectively implement the Pacific Regional Collaboration Agreement, which aims to extend Save the Children's reach in Fiji and the Pacific and also build capacity of people from and in the Pacific, including the staff of Save the Children Fiji in the process.

Save the Children Fiji is fortunate to have been well supported by ongoing donors including the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade New Zealand and the New Zealand public, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Australia), META, the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives, the Fiji Water Foundation, Latter Day Saints Charities, the Francis Herbert Ryan Trust Fund, and individuals and businesses from Fiji and overseas. We are truly grateful. This funding has supported an ongoing range of programs which address child protection (which is always at the core of its work), food security, child-centred disaster risk reduction, positive discipline, natural disasters, digital online safety for children and WASH rehabilitation.

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Save the Children Fiji thanks its supporters including its staff, donors, volunteers, stakeholders, and key partners including Save the Children New Zealand, Save the Children Australia and Save the Children Asia Regional Office.

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2022 felt very much like a year of transition and hope and Save the Children Fiji will continue to build new partnerships, maintain its strong existing networks and continue to strive for opportunities to support children and families of Fiji.

Message from the Chief Executive Officer, Shairana Ali



Save the Children Fiji (SCF) celebrated its 50th anniversary and released its 2022–2024 Strategy in 2022, marking a significant year for the organization. Together, our staff, volunteers, stakeholders, and donors have worked tirelessly to support our Strategic Goals of Education, Health, Child Protection, Safety Net and Resilience. The year 2022 was devoted to reflections and re-strategizing for a renewed focus on child rights and long-term development of children in Fiji after more than two difficult years coupled with back-to-back emergencies, including the Covid-19 Pandemic, Tropical Cyclones Harold and Yasa.

The numerous beneficial changes we have brought about in Fijian children’s lives are highlighted in our 2022 Annual Report. Our case studies from the communities we have worked with show the results of our efforts and the various ways our staff and volunteers have collaborated with communities all throughout Fiji to advance and defend children’s rights. We have collaborated with government ministries, international and regional organizations, non-governmental organizations, faith-based and community-based organizations, community focal persons, and children to reach a remarkable 499,534 people (directly and indirectly), including 114,774 children. Many more children have benefited from our advocacy work and influence at the regional and national levels, particularly with regard to budget and policy transformation. This was made possible through cooperative partnerships with SC Fiji’s donors, Save the Children Association members Save the Children New Zealand and Save the Children Australia, as well as by the \$7,347,394 we were able to raise to fund the targets of our 2022 Strategy.

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We have incredible stories from children and their hopes for the future as we deliver our programs and services that changes their lives for the better. One such story is from a young girl I met during a field visit. She is twelve years old and lives in one of the largest informal settlements in Suva. Being the eldest of five siblings, she has many responsibilities and has faced horrific hardships which no child should ever face during their formative years. She thanked SC Fiji for helping her to get back to school and stated that without the school bag and stationary items, she would likely not have gone back to school and could have missed out on the first few important weeks of education. Her eyes lit up when she spoke about her dreams of becoming a teacher and helping her siblings to complete their education. There are thousands of children like her who are facing immense hardships which makes our ambition even more relevant to reach every child in need.

The years post Covid look very different for children in Fiji. They have lost almost a year of learning due to extended lockdowns and have a huge amount of learning to catch up on, the cases of child abuse and neglect have reached epidemic proportions, rising cost of living is impacting access to adequate and nutritious food and their health and well-being is compromised. The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions reported that between January to December 2022, there were 188 children who were victims of sexual offences with

the youngest being a three-year-old girl. In 2021, there were 136 victims below the age of 18 years with the youngest victim of sexual abuse being a three-year-old child. The figures for the period January to April 2023 is a staggering 66 children who have been victims of sexual abuse and exploitation. These shameful and heinous crimes against children in Fiji demand all of our attention and we must do things differently to end this epidemic that is destroying the future of children. Progress to protect children and end violence in all its forms is too slow and at the current rate, we fear that significant gains we have made to improve the lives of children will be lost.

In order to protect their future, SC Fiji must do more to meet the targets we have set for ourselves. We urgently need to accelerate action to generate evidence and provide better data for advocacy, programming and measuring impact; we need to fill gaps around staff capacity and technical expertise on important common approach programming such as Safe Families and Safe Schools; we need to make our systems and processes more efficient and we need to invest in bigger business development opportunities to generate more funds so that we are fit for purpose and are able to deliver on our mandate.

We have had the good fortune to work with highly qualified employees and volunteers, and I want to thank everyone who has worked for the organization—both those who are still here and those who have left—for their sacrifice, commitment, and belief in our mission and objectives. I genuinely believe that if we work as a team, we can boldly solve some of our major organizational difficulties and grow into a bigger and stronger organization that continues to place children at the heart of everything it does. I want to express my gratitude to our seasoned Board members for your selfless time and absolutely unrivaled contributions. We are grateful for the continuous assistance from all of our stakeholders and donors.

I will end here by sharing the inspiration of Eglantyne Jebb, Save the Childrens Founder who in 1924 attended the 1924 League of Nations convention in Geneva and presented her Declaration of the Rights of the Child to world leaders – asserting that every child had human rights. “The child that is hungry must be fed, the child that is sick must be nursed, the child that is backward must be helped, the delinquent child must be reclaimed, and the orphan and the waif must be sheltered...” The declaration was adopted a year later and adopted in an extended form by the United Nations in 1959. The declaration later inspired the 1989 UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, a landmark human rights treaty. Eglantyne Jebb continues to inspire Save the Childrens work throughout the world to this day and her legacy lives on in the millions of children who are touched by our work. I feel proud to have played a small role in her legacy and I have no doubt that we will continue to change the world to make it better and safer for all children.

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 2022, 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 Tuiketeti

Ms Meliki Tuinamuana

Dr Rosalina Sa'aga-Banuve- Child Safeguarding Trustee

In 2022, the Board had five Board meetings and the Annual General Meeting was held on the 25th of May 2022 . The Board has three sub-committees: The Finance Sub-Committee, Property Development Sub-Committee and the Human Resource Sub-Committee.

Senior Management Team 2022

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

Senior Management Team 2023

Shairana Ali	Chief Executive Officer
Raveen Chand	Finance Manager (resigned in Feb 2023)
Afsrin Ali	Program Manager
Renu Chand	Human Resources Manager

Locations

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

Program Update

In 2022, Save the Children's tireless efforts made a remarkable impact and we directly reached 249,302 individuals across our strategic thematic priority areas of Education, Health, Child Protection, Safety Net and Resilience. Among them were 78,934 girls and 72,359 boys, with a total reach of 151,293 children. The ripple effect of our work extended even further, embracing 49,033 women and 48,976 men, ultimately empowering a total of 98,009 adults. Yet the true measure of our reach lies not only in these direct interventions, but also in the indirect reach across communities. 114,774 children and 135,458 adults benefited from the transformative impact of Save the Children's efforts, culminating in a remarkable total of 250,232 lives indirectly impacted. A combined reach of 499,534 individuals in 2022, exemplify the unwavering commitment and profound impact of Save the Children's work for the betterment of children in Fiji.

Child Protection Program

In support of SCF's Child Protection Strategic priority area, the following projects were implemented:

- The Collective Action to End Violence Against Children (CAEVAC) Project is a five-year initiative from July 2020 to June 2025 and is funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the New Zealand Government (MFAT) and implemented in collaboration with Save the Children New Zealand.
- The Australian Humanitarian Partnership Shared Services project was implemented between October 2021 to June 2022 and funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Australia.
- Save the Childrens Fee for Service business model was promoted to enhance Child Safeguarding capacities of faith based and corporate partners.
- I Am Digital online safety educational campaign Phase 2 was launched in December 2021 and implemented until March 2022 and was funded by Meta (formerly Facebook).
- Canada Fund Local Initiatives which were implemented from 2021 to 2022 with funding from the Canada Fund for Local initiatives.

Collection Action to End Violence Against Children (CAEVAC) Project

The Collective Action to End Violence Against Children (CAEVAC) Project, funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) New Zealand and is implemented in partnership with Save the Children New Zealand, local stakeholders from the Department of Social Welfare – Child Services Unit, the ITaukeii Affairs Board, and the Fiji Police Force – Community Policing Division in 24 communities in the central division. The project includes initiatives that target formal systems through capacity building for the project partners; community behavior changes through child protection programming in communities and children's effective and meaningful participation through the facilitation of safe spaces that empower and support children to advocate for their safety and protection.



CAEVAC Project team conducting child safeguarding training in a community. Photo credit: Save the Children Fiji

Under Output 1:

National and provincial child protection systems strengthened, the Collective Action to End Violence (CAEVAC) against children project made a significant impact by providing crucial support to project partners and stakeholders, contributing to the collective efforts aimed at strengthening national child protection systems. A key aspect of this impact was the implementation of Child Safeguarding Training for the iTaukei Affairs Board (TAB) Operations Division and staff from nine provincial councils, (Lomaiviti PC, Nadroga PC, Ra PC, Ba PC, Macuata PC, Cakaudrove PC, Bua PC, Serua PC, and Namosi PC), through collaboration with the Department of Social Welfare and prepared these National Level entities for the anticipated enactment of the National Child Safeguarding Policy and enhanced the child protection technical capacities of the provincial councils and TAB Operations Division, aligning their efforts with the National Child Protection Strategic Plan, benefiting 103 staff members from the nine provincial councils and TAB Operations Division with a gender-mix participation of 55 male and 48 female staff.



Members of the Nadroga Provincial Council having a group discussion during their child safeguarding training that was facilitated by Save the Children Fiji



Staff of the Macuata Provincial Council presenting their group findings during their child safeguarding training that was facilitated by Save the Children.



iTaukei Affairs Board staff in action during the child safeguarding training that was carried out to the TAB Operations Division.



Officers from the Levuka Police Station who were part of the child safeguarding training that was carried out to the Lomaiviti Provincial Council staff posing with their group findings on what child safeguarding is about

Output 2: Communities Trained in Child Protection and Action Plans Designed and Implemented.

Child safeguarding is a key component of the child protection programming in communities which is aimed at strengthening communities and families in addressing challenges as they seek to ensure the safety and protection of their children as well as contribute to the ending of all forms of violence against children. Child Safeguarding Training delivered concepts and contexts of child safeguarding and child protection which was also the first approach of the child protection programming in the communities that will be preceded by the Children are a Precious Gift from God and the Parenting without Violence to the 24 communities targeting the local leadership platforms such as the Village Chief, Women's Leader(s), Youth Leaders, Religious Leaders, and community influential individuals. A total of 373 individuals participated in these programs, with 81 males and 292 females actively engaging in the initiatives and increased awareness, understanding, and action regarding child safeguarding and protection, ensuring the well-being and safety of children within the targeted communities, which also saw an increase in identifying and reporting of child protection issues from these communities as a result of these trainings.

Recognizing the importance of community focal points as gatekeepers between the project team and their communities and to enhance their capacities, the socialization of “Children is a Precious Gift of God” was conducted, serving as an initial step in establishing a cadre of community facilitators, which resulted in strengthening the focal points’ understanding of the resource’s contexts, which played a key role in the child protection programming within the communities.



Community Focal Points of the project pose after their session on child safeguarding with the Save the Children Child Protection Officer.

Under CAEVAC Project Output 3:

Children supported as champions of their own rights, the commemoration of special National events for children, such as the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect Day on November 19th and World Children’s Day on November 20th, served as safe platforms for children to advocate for the elimination of all violence against. In partnership with the Inter-Agency Committee of the Nasinu Division, the Department of Social Welfare, Fiji Police Force, Nasinu Town Council, and Ministry of Youth & Sports, the 2022 PCAN Day and World Children’s Day were celebrated with children, families, and communities. Providing children with the space to voice their concerns and interests, ensuring their safety and protection, is a vital aspect of their development and empowerment and output 3 holds significance for families and communities, as it encompasses activities designed to support families in enhancing their understanding and knowledge of children’s rights, facilitating the realization of these rights.



Save the Children’s CEO and Program Manager leading the 2022 PCAN Day march to the main venue at the Housing of Authority Fiji carpark.



Save the Children's march led by the National Youth Band of Fiji and participated actively in by the children and communities, raised awareness among the public about the importance of dialogue with stakeholders to support children's protection and safety. Children and families actively participated in the march, displaying placards and posters calling for effective actions against violence and protection of children. The success of the 2022 PCAN Day established a benchmark for collective efforts in advocating for the elimination of violence against children on national platforms, with Save the Children utilizing such opportunities to urge policy reviews and increased commitment from authorities for enhanced child protection.



Nine communities including Batiniwai - Caubati, Veiraisi, Filafou - Caqiri, Nadera Reba Circle Public Rental Board, Manikoso, Vunibua, Vunisaleka, River Road Settlement, and Wainibuku HART took part in the 2022 PCAN day awareness, with children from these communities showcasing contemporary cultural and modern dances, as well as poetry renditions, highlighting the significance of freedom of expression for children, inline with the event's theme, "Empowering Young Minds," aimed at conveying the importance of providing children with creative platforms to express themselves, supporting their holistic development.

CAEVAC Community Feedback

As a young mother, parenting can sometimes be challenging especially when you're a first-time parent.

Inise a resident of River Road in Nasinu was one of the participants who attended the Child Safeguarding Training that was conducted by the Collective Action to End Violence Against Children (CAEVAC) project team in October this year.

With the project being implemented in 24 communities across the Central Division, the Child Safeguarding training aims to address child protection issues with locals and discuss ways of strengthening and improving child welfare.

For Inise, the one-day CSG training in her community was not just an eye-opener but an opportunity to learn about proper parenting and how to better protect children.

"It really encourages us as parents like me to learn more about the protection and safety of children. The rules regarding them. We just hear it but now we learn more in depth about child protection" she explained.



Inise said that the CAEVAC project team also highlighted ways in which parents can better help their children strive in their educational journey and to keep away from the wrong side of the law.

She says that many children in the area have been involved in glue sniffing due to peer pressure – an issue the young mother mentions distracts a lot of children from paving a brighter future for themselves.

"Basically, it's the peer pressure in this area that concerns me a lot. The glue sniffing that has been happening and having the Save the Children Fiji staff here with the Police will help residents in this area realize that children need to be guided properly."

"We need to be the protector of our children," she said.

The first-time participant while acknowledging Save the Children Fiji for bringing such needed training to the community level also commended the CAEVAC project facilitators for being patient with them during discussions and group activities. "The way they taught us was simple and they used very easy terms that we could understand. That's what I loved about this training. Some of us are not well-educated but they have explained it so well that even the young children paid attention."

After the CSG training, Inise says she now has a clear understanding of how to speak to children including her child, and the importance of listening to children and giving them a safe space to develop mentally and physically.

The young mother hopes such training will continue into other settlements across the four divisions so that child protection is widely given prominence by everyone.



16-year-old Mohammed of River Road settlement in Nasinu was part of the one-day Child Safeguarding Training conducted by the Collective Action to End Violence Against Children (CAEVAC) project team in their community in October this year.

In attendance with his family, Mohammed said it was a good session for both parents and children to learn from one another and discuss ideas on how to further develop a good relationship within the household.

“The training was something that our community needed especially the elderlies and our parents because it has to do with positive discipline and how to understand children” he explained.

Mohammed who also brought along his younger sibling, cousin and aunt to the training said it was an opportunity to spend quality time together as a family - learning about an issue that will benefit his whole household.

“I liked the training because it was easy to understand and we got to interact with the facilitators as well. I was able to speak my mind and ask questions. My family was able to get a better understanding on what they are supposed to do in terms of how to properly raise us.”

The teenager also pointed out some issues that people his age are facing such as drug abuse, peer pressure, exposure to community brawls, and domestic issues – which he says can have a long-term effect on children.

“Sometimes there are fights at home, between parents or family members, and harmful words are exchanged in the midst of children. This can sometimes trigger emotional abuse in children and have an impact on how we live our lives, so that’s why this training is important” he mentioned.



Seforesa Baleilau standing outside the Public Rental Board homes in Nabua. Photo credit: Save the Children Fiji.

“Being part of the Child Safeguarding (CSG) training has taught me that hitting my children when they were young was wrong and was a form of abuse that I wasn’t aware of”

62-year-old Seforesa Baleilau could not hold back her tears during the Child Safeguarding training as she openly shared her journey of raising five children – which she said was a challenge and involved a lot of physical punishment as a form of discipline.

She admitted that there were times when she disciplined her children using a belt or a wooden spoon.

“This training is really great. It touched my heart. Because before I didn’t know how to approach my children when they did something wrong. I always yelled and did not know how to control my anger towards them.”

The first-time participant also highlighted that the CSG training is timely as she now has 12 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren – a new set of generations she hopes to start a new light with in terms of positive parenting and discipline. “I used to hit my children because to me that was a form of expressing my love for them and it also showed that I cared for their future. I used to think if I didn’t discipline them enough, they would either end up in jail or the hospital” she explained.

The Child Safeguarding training she says is a much-needed session not only for residents of Nabua but for every community in Fiji.

Australian Humanitarian Partnership Shared Services Year 5 (2022)



Acting Director of Social Welfare and Assistant Director Child Services Unit and the Department of Social Welfare Staff under the Ministry of Women, Children, and Poverty Alleviation together with the Save the Children Fiji staff from the Logistics, KANA, CASH, CDRR, and Child Protection Teams. Photo credit: Save the Children Fiji

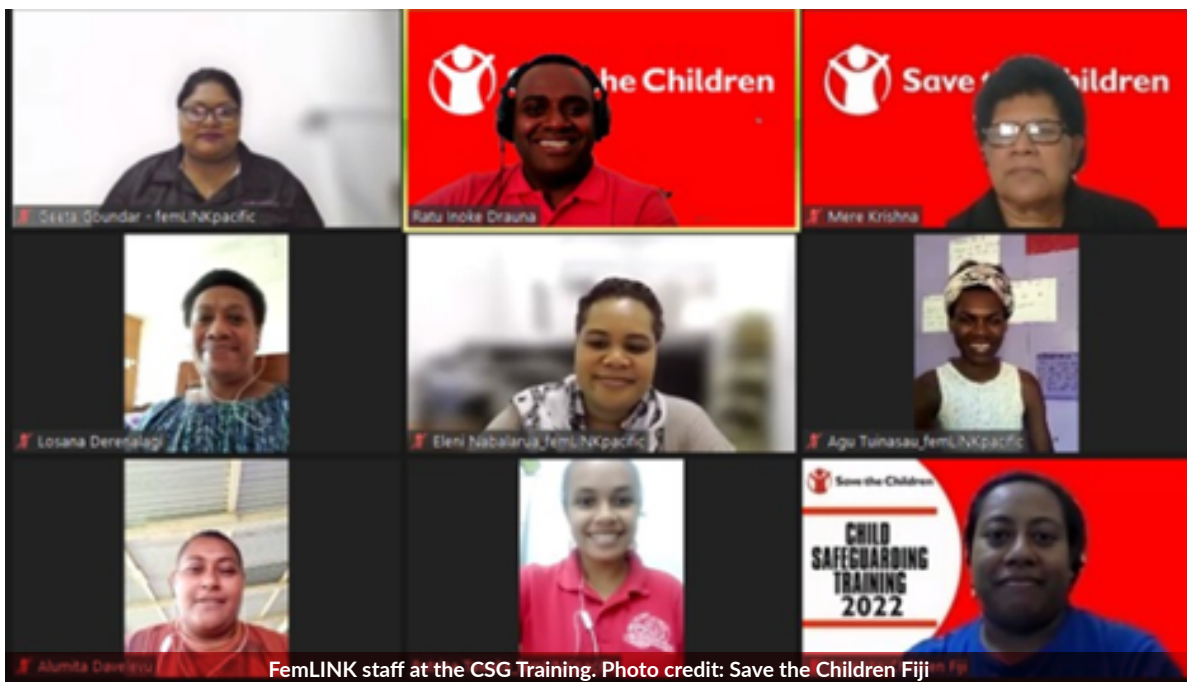
Funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Australia, with support from Save the Children Australia, the Shared Services Year 5 project directly benefited 15 key staff members of the Ministry of Women, Children, and Poverty Alleviation staff and Save the Children Fiji staff by providing Child Protection in Emergency Training (CPiE). Additionally, the training extended to five Australian Humanitarian Partnership (AHP) partners, namely Fiji Disabled Peoples Federation, The Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity Fiji, Rainbow Pride Foundation, and Live and Learn Environmental Education Fiji, while a Child Protection Focal Point Lessons Learnt activity, facilitated discussions and identified opportunities for further support within each organization through specifically designed activities and sessions, boosting the participant’s knowledge on strengthening partnerships, systems, and procedures needed to better protect children in times of emergencies, in Fiji and the outcome of the training enabled the participants to identify the major risks and needs of children, understand policies and systems that promote protection of children, and create an enabling environment for children to participate, and fulfill their rights.



Save the Childrens Fee for Service Business Model Overview

The Fee for Service Projects is funded by individual organizations and private sectors that are keen to understand Child Protection and Child Safeguarding. Save the Children Fiji was able to support 4 Organizations.

1. FemLINKpacific.



The 2 half-day training was attended by 13 staff working across Human Resources, Operations, Finance, Western Division Representative, and Media Personal of FemLINKpacific.

The training focused on child protection frameworks for children in Fiji including international and national legislations, FemLINK policies, and reporting processes as well as the importance of understanding and assessing child protection risks.

2. The Pacific Theological College

The Child Protection Team trained The Pacific Theological College on Child Protection and Child Safeguarding. There were 20 participants who were Teachers and key Management staff. The training focused 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 about the importance of understanding their Child Protection Policy.



The Child Safeguarding sessions covered the reporting procedures which was discussed and followed by scenarios with the levels of engagement to explore how confident they are in reporting and responding to child protection and safeguarding concerns and issues. Photo Credit: Save the Children Fiji

3. Digicel Fiji and Vodafone Fiji

Digicel Fiji and Vodafone Fiji key staff as part of the Fiji National Cash Assistance Program were enlightened about the importance of understanding the key risk in cash programming such as children needing to help their caregivers collect the cash or vouchers may become more vulnerable to attacks, exploitation and abuse. The participants were then provided some guidance documents as to how to manage risks.

Fee for Service Participant feedback

One participant mentioned “The sessions was amazing! It’s an eye opener for me and it makes me reevaluate myself and most importantly to be ATTENTIVE at all times. Another participant mentioned It was a great session, I learnt a lot especially on how to improve our Communications.

COVID-19 Phase 2 – Shared Services

Funding from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Australia and support from Save the Children Australia, the COVID-19 Phase 2 Shared Services has directly benefitted the Australian Humanitarian Partnership and its downstream partners to ensure that all partners are integrating appropriate approaches whilst conducting community-level activities.

The support provided to AHP partners involved capacity assessment of their organizational policies in relation to child protection and safeguarding, updating and/or creating a child protection and safeguarding policy for the organization, and finally providing training to 20 individuals in the organization.

At the end of May 2022, the Child Protection Team conducted basic Child Protection and Child Safeguarding to 19 AHP Partners reaching out to a total of 239 individuals with 151 Females and 76 Males with 12 who identified themselves as Transwomen. In addition, there were 12 individuals who had physical disabilities, vision impaired, and also have hearing impairment, with staff from Fiji Disable Peoples Federation, Empower Pacific, Rainbow Pride, Habitat for Humanity Fiji, Live and Learn Fiji, Olafou Fiji, Caritas Fiji, Salvation Army, Savusavu DCOSS, Field Ready, Oxfam in the Pacific, Seventh Day Adventist, Baptist Church, Methodist Church, Anglican Church, Fiji Council of Churches, Women in Fisheries, Fiji Council of Social Service have received training on Child Protection and Child Safeguarding in 2022;



Child Safeguarding Training to AHP partners, namely Methodist Church in Fiji and Rotuma, Habitat for Humanity Fiji, Fiji Council of Social Services, Women in Fisheries, FDFP.



Peoples Federation, and Rainbow Pride Foundation. Photo credit: Save the Children Fiji Child Safeguarding Training to Psychological First Aid Volunteers of Empower Pacific at the Macuata. Photo credit: Save the Children Fiji



House, Labasa. Focus Group Discussion on Case Scenarios to Understanding the Reporting Mechanism by Fiji Disabled Peoples Federation. Photo credit: Save the Children Fiji



Group Presentation and linking it to FDFP CP policies. Photo credit: Save the Children Fiji



Rainbow Pride Labasa participants at the Child Safeguarding workshop. Photo credit: Save the Children Fiji

COVID-19 Shared Services Participants feedback

Ms. Vuli Abby Rainbow Pride Foundation (Labasa Hub) stated the following comments after the two days of training.

“Whatever I have learned today, I will take back to my community. I will teach the parents not to neglect their children, and not to be abusive, and help them to come out and use the child helpline and to be constructive about their children. I would like to thank the facilitators for bringing this training, allowing us to learn and would urge them to come back again”.

Mr Ifereimi Tukula from Empower Pacific (Labasa) stated the following comments after the two days training.

“I enjoyed the group discussions and sharing of ideas through presentations of groups works and this had helped me learn about the child protection and the need to have a Child Safeguarding Policy to guide us in our work in the communities. I will go back to my community and share the truths about child protection and advocate on them. Thank you, Save the Children, for bringing the training to the North.”

Positive Discipline in Everyday Parenting 2021/2022

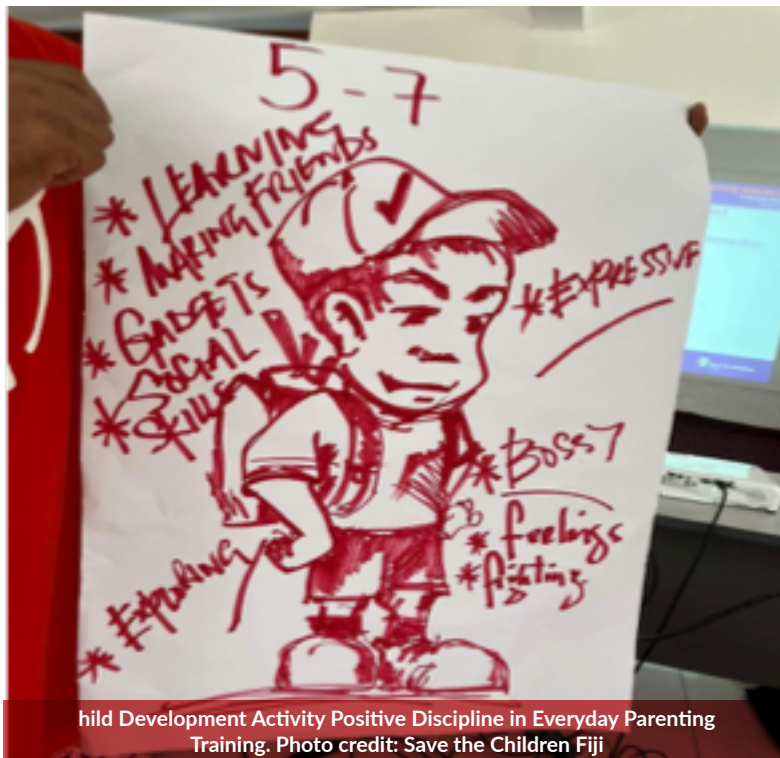
This project was funded by the Canada Fund Local Initiatives was implemented in 14 villages, training 305 adults in Positive Discipline in Everyday Parenting and 248 children in child rights and responsibilities. A refresher on Child Safeguarding Training was conducted at 9 focal points on Koro Island, including Navaga, Kade, Nabosovi, Tavua, Namucu, Naqaidamu, Sinuvaca, and Nacamaki, which promoted and strengthen Parenting without Violence methods, reducing violence against children through training sessions on child rights and healthy development practices on Koro Island.

The key objectives of the project included:

- Providing a valid and effective alternative to physical and emotional punishment
- Increasing parent’s knowledge of children’s rights in a non-threatening way
- Promoting concrete and constructive tools for resolving parent-child conflict
- Empowering women and girls’ capacity to equip them with knowledge and skills to prevent unwanted teenage pregnancy

Evaluation have shown positive results of increased awareness of Child Rights and Child Development and awareness and understanding of the reporting mechanisms for child abuse, having identified the Police and Save the Children Fiji as the most preferred place to report any concerns with Children.

The findings after the training on PDEP also suggested that there is a general overall positive change in behavior when it came to yelling at their children and all 15 villages have now established focal points, which has resulted in an increase in the number of child abuse cases being reported in the community especially on Koro Island. A recent case has been escalated to High Court. The Focal Points also received basic Child Safeguarding Training and are committed to reducing violence against children by signing the SCF Child Safeguarding Policies. Certain communities have now implemented consent forms for the rugby, netball and youth groups in the community, through a refresher training provided to the Focal Points in the Central Division.



Child Development Activity Positive Discipline in Everyday Parenting Training. Photo credit: Save the Children Fiji

The Child Safeguarding Training benefitted 13 participants (Male 8 Female 5) from the 9 communities and District officers. The contexts of the presentation emphasized different aspects of protecting children and/or preventing child abuse and neglect in communities, preparing for emergencies, assessing the risks to children, response measures and many other activities engaging the participant in preparing them.



Participants of the CSG Training gathered for a group photo, at the Agriculture Conference room in Koro Island.

The Canada Fund will continue to implement Parenting Without Violence in 9 communities in 2023.

Canada Fund Community Feedback

Serenia, a 17-year-old girl from Nakodu said, "I'm very reserved about things that I go through, in school and especially at home. After I attended the first positive discipline training, it taught me to try and share my problems with others whom I trust and not bottle it up inside of me. I feel so much better after expressing my opinions and thoughts about a particular situation to my parents and teachers. I now know my rights as a child and I'm grateful to Save the Children Fiji for shedding light on situations that we, teenagers or children these days are facing."

Participant Feedback on Child Protection and Safeguarding Training in Rakiraki



Kaveni Dau was one of the 31 participants that attended the Child Safeguarding training in Rakiraki.
Photo credit: Save the Children Fiji

Kaveni Dau has worked as a caretaker for Nakorotubu District School in Ra for the last three years and as a first-time participant in the Community Child Safeguarding (CSG) Training – he believes that all children have the right to be safe and feel safe.

The CSG training was a collaborative effort between Save the Children Fiji’s Knowledge and Action and Food Security (KANA) Project, the Child Protection team, and the Social Welfare Department.

For Kaveni Dau the one-day training was a self-reflect moment not only for him but for the other participants as well. Sharing his experience in dealing with children as a parent, uncle, and caretaker of a school – he highlighted that the biggest challenge is changing the mindset of the public, especially those in rural communities when it comes to raising a child and providing for their needs.

“Many times, we as parents are busy attending family or church functions that we forget about our children. Children should be our priority before anything else so we don’t neglect them” he mentioned.

The school caretaker shared that sometimes he witnessed students coming to school without lunch or feeling emotional because they did not receive the needed support from home.

Being absent from the lives of our children and not providing them with the guidance they need from a young age is a common issue that Kaveni Dau says is prevalent nowadays.

“We see it as a minor issue but our children need us”



Participants of the Child Safeguarding Training. Photo credit: Save the Children Fiji.

The participant added that many times it's easy for parents or guardians to physically punish children for misbehaving but this he says should not be the case.

"It all comes back to us parents. The majority of the time we blame our children for being on the wrong side of the law and getting into trouble when in fact it's us not doing our job or spending enough time with them and sometimes it's the domestic issues that they're exposed to that affects them."

Child negligence was also an issue that was strongly highlighted by Kaveni Dau. He says the training taught him about physical and emotional neglect. Respectively, this includes parents or caregivers failing to provide adequate food, clothing, shelter, supervision, and protection from potential harm. It also means failing to provide affection, support, or love to children.

"In the training, we were taught that it takes a village to raise a child and I agree. Because it takes the whole family unit and the community to ensure children develop into responsible citizens" he mentioned.

"I am grateful to Save the Children Fiji for providing this Child Safeguarding training. It's an area that needs a lot of attention, especially for those raising children."

For Kaveni Dau, children are precious gifts from God, and having to live in this age of endless opportunities – he believes it's the responsibility of parents and caregivers to help children reach their full potential to achieve their goals and dreams.

"There is a need for Child Safeguarding training in every community in Fiji because nowadays a lot of children are not cared for and left on their own without any parental guidance or supervision."

This was a sentiment shared by Nacanieli Koro of Bureiwei Village in Ra after attending the one-day Community Child Safeguarding Training in Rakiraki.

The CSG training was a collaborative effort between Save the Children Fiji's Knowledge and Action and Food Security (KANA) Project, the Child Protection team, and the Social Welfare Department.

As a focal point and representative for children and youth - Nacanieli Koro admits child abuse is a term that not everyone fully understands or takes seriously.

After learning about child protection through various group activities and hearing from facilitators during the CSG training, this participant says he is determined to take back the lessons learned to his communities.

He further adds that not reporting child abuse cases has turned into a norm for some communities and the well-being or welfare of children is being neglected by the very people who should be protecting them.

"What I have learned from this training is that child abuse is not only physical. It's also emotional like constant yelling, criticizing your child, and exposing them to domestic and family violence "he explained.



The first-time participant says children nowadays are going through behavioral changes and many parents are neglecting their children, leaving them in the care of other children, friends, relatives, or elders.

Nacanieli Koro says the one-day training was productive and full of engagement with participants and facilitators sharing their experiences of dealing with children. A session he mentioned allowed them to self-reflect on their responsibilities as parents as well.

"I will definitely take back the lessons from here and share them with the people in my community and make sure it ripples down to the grassroot level."

I AM DIGITAL Online Safety Campaign Project



Save the Children Fiji's facilitators are joined by the focus group members and key partners for a group photo after the workshop. Photo credit: Save the Children Fiji



Save the Children Fiji's team are joined by the focus group members and key partners at the Phase 2 project reflection workshop. Photo credit: Save the Children Fiji

The 2022 IAM Digital Online Safety Campaign, funded by META (formerly Facebook), achieved over 15 million (impressions the number of views resulting from ads, boosts, organic traffic and shares) and focused on the Pacific Hub, including Fiji, Tonga, Samoa, Papua New Guinea, Kiribati, Vanuatu, and Solomon Islands. Developed by Save the Children and Meta, this highly successful campaign delivered tailored social media online safety education to empower Pacific Island teenagers and young people for safer and more positive online experiences. Given the growing internet and social media use in the Pacific, the 'I Am Digital' campaign played a crucial role in addressing the escalating challenges of cyberbullying, sexual harassment, and exposure to violent online content in the region.

In December 2022, Phase 3 of the initiative was launched to address digital literacy, citizenship, and safety issues in the Pacific Islands. The program, developed in collaboration with local teenagers, youth, and stakeholders through feedback on Phase 2, aimed to combat misinformation and promote critical thinking skills in Fiji, Tonga, Samoa, PNG, Vanuatu, Kiribati, and the Solomon Islands, which included translation

of resource materials into local languages, dissemination through social media campaigns across all seven countries, and the implementation of a school-based I Am Digital pilot program in Fiji, and also explored the potential integration of the I Am Digital resources into the national education curriculum through preliminary discussions with the Ministry of Education.

An Update on KidsLink Activities and Child Participation

Children's meaningful participation is a critical aspect of their development. Save the Children as the leading child rights organization continues to support and create safe spaces that promote children's participation. The KidsLink Fiji (KLF) is a child led movement through the Save the Children child protection programs and projects. Over the years, members of the KLF have contributed to dialogue and research that have led informed advocacy from a child's perspective on national platforms in the call for change and diligence in child protection by Save the Children. The movement is led by a dynamic group of young people who have journeyed together since 2017 as they advocate for change to ensure that children are protected and supported in their development in all facets.

The 2020 to 2021 Covid 19 pandemic outbreak and the national restrictions to the public movement had dented progress of planned KLF activities. However, with the ease in restrictions as the world slowly returned to normalcy, the alumni members of KLF were engaged under the CAEVAC Project to continue to provide valuable insight into the contexts of child participation.

The highlights of the key activities for 2022 that the KLF has participated were;

- **Child Safeguarding Training**
 - o Members of the KLF Alumni were trained in child safeguarding as part of the preparatory pathways in working with the CAEVAC Team to carry out activities with children in the various child clubs of their communities.
 - o The outcome of the training is the strengthening of the KLF alumni members' technical knowledge and capacities in child safeguarding and protection that enables them to work effectively with children

- **SCF Strategic Planning**
 - o The alumni focal points were part of the SCF strategic planning activity resulting in a strengthened design of children’s participation programs based on the value of experience in being part of a movement of children advocating for the space and support to children to champion their own rights
- **Community Profiling Exercise**
 - o KLF alumni members supported the CAEVAC Team carry out a profiling exercise in the 24 communities of the project
 - o The key outcome from the profiling was the data on children’s situation in communities that have contributed to the mapping of strategies to engage communities in child protection programming through the Child Safeguarding Training, Children are a Precious Gift from God and Parenting without Violence training(s)
- **Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect Day**
 - o The alumni members played a pivotal role in supporting with the logistics of the event during the celebrations particularly with the ushering and chaperoning of children attending the event

Overall, the limited participation of KLF is attributed to the slow recovery from COVID 19 between the period of 2021 to 2022. A major challenge that is faced by KLF is the lack of funding opportunities that is available for children’s participation activities and this has also contributed to the stop-start situation the movement finds itself. Through the CAEVAC Project, plans are underway to revive the KLF movement through the initiative of establishing child clubs in the project communities that is aimed at strengthening the movement through child participation activities for children who are part of the movement. SCF will continue to work with the KLF alumni to ensure the voices of our children are heard and considered when addressing the plight of children.



Members of the KLF Alumni strike a pose during the 2022 PCAN Day celebrations.

In support of SCF’s Strategy Priority Goal on Health, the following projects were implemented:

- Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), implemented from March to December 2022 in five schools in Ra, funded through the Fiji Water Foundation (FWF)
- Knowledge and Action in Agriculture and Food Security (KANA) Project. Funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), the goal of the five-year KANA project, which ends in June 2023, 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.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

Save the Children Fiji (SCF) implemented the 2022 Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) project, a comprehensive initiative that provided safe and reliable WASH facilities for schoolchildren, supporting their education and health needs, in five target schools in remote locations in Ra Province, including Malake Village School, Navatu Primary, Sudha Primary, Waimari Primary, and Sudha ECE, funded by the Fiji Water Foundation (FWF).

The WASH project included a significant software component, wherein WASH training was provided to children in all five target schools, with, 10 students from each school selected and empowered as child health promoters and

enhanced their understanding of WASH as a preventive measure against WASH-related diseases. These young leaders are now capable of leading WASH activities in their schools, ensuring the project's long-term impact.

A total of 53 students, including 27 males and 26 females, directly benefited from the WASH training, with an additional 365 students indirectly benefiting from their newfound knowledge. The 418 children trained are now equipped to share their WASH learnings with their families and friends, multiplying the impact of the project.

Through the software component, children were trained on WASH practices and educated about the importance of good hygiene, thus increasing their knowledge of preventive measures against WASH-related diseases, affecting children including sores, Dhani, ringworm, scabies, and trachoma or conjunctivitis. Before the implementation of the WASH project activities in the five target schools, a school visit conducted by the public health team at Ra Medical last year revealed that 67% of children were affected by these diseases. However, the recent health data collected by the Ra Medical public health team showed a significant decrease of 33% in the number of children affected by WASH-related diseases in the same target schools. Additionally, the hardware component ensured that the school environment was suitable for supporting the implementation of these WASH practices. Through the continuous support of the Fiji Water Grant, Save the Children has made a significant impact in the lives of Fijian schoolchildren through their implementation of the WASH project at five new target schools, to address the WASH needs of these schools, working hand-in-hand with relevant government stakeholders, which has not only empowered these children with life-saving knowledge.





WASH Project Schools Feedback



Head Teacher of Navatu Primary School. Photo credit: Save the Children Fiji (Mr. Rajesh Kumar)

Navatu Primary School is located in Rakiraki. Navatu Primary is privileged to have been part of the WASH assistance from Save the Children Fiji, since it was one of the schools in Ra, that was not supported in the rehabilitation program during TC Winston, because of the minimal damage the school receive.

The school was fortunate to have the WASH facilities renovated and the construction of ceilings and bathrooms, ensuring the safety of female and male students.

Also, the training provided enables the students to be equipped with knowledge and skills in WASH preparedness during a disaster.



Waimari Primary School Head Teacher Mr Mohammed Shahil Mr Mohammed Shahil. Photo credit: Save the Children Fiji

“My name is Mohammed Shahil, the head teacher of Waimari Primary School, located 8km from Rakiraki town, and the school is classified as a rural school.

Before the assistance was provided, we didn't have a designated tap area, and the students had difficulty washing their hands and drinking water. There was a difficult experience during Covid, whereby, students must practice handwashing as a norm, and the school provided buckets to allow students to wash their hands and social distancing.

We are so thankful, for the current project from Save the Children Fiji (WASH Project), whereby students will be able to move around, and the facilities will benefit the current students and future students, including the teachers. The school is also an evacuation center, and this would better help the community during disasters.

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

The KANA project, implemented by Save the Children Fiji (SCF) with support from Save the Children New Zealand (SCNZ) and funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), is a five-year initiative set to conclude in June 2023, with the primary objective to improve community resilience and enhance the well-being of children impacted by Tropical Cyclone Winston in Nakorotubu Ra and Koro Island. The project focuses on agriculture and food security and operates in 20 rural communities located in the coastal areas of Ra and Koro Island, with a minimum target of benefiting 3,500 individuals.

The KANA project focuses on promoting resilient and reliable agriculture in Ra and Koro Island, ensuring food security and income for families to improve children's outcomes in education, nutrition, and health, while also strengthening Community Development Committees (CDCs) to implement disaster resilience initiatives and integrate risk management plans, and facilitating nutrition programs in schools and community workshops to enhance healthy food provision for schools and families.

Output 1- Subsistence and commercial agriculture developed, through capacity development and support to communities



Pictured above is Vilikesa's farm in Verevere Village, Ra. The project has supported with trays of chillies/capsicums and lemon trees. She is an active farmer and plants a diverse variety of root crops and vegetables. She is currently looking after some children, and the seedlings that she received will assist a lot in their day-to-day nutrition and food.

The project has also continued supporting nurseries, both in Ra and Koro which have benefitted the majority of families and farmers in enhancing food security and livelihood. The KANA project has also assisted farmers in the distribution of pawpaw and bongo chillies germinated shoots, towards ensuring that the project is only focused on market-driven commodities as it enables market linkages, increased income for families and also recognition for our clusters from markets.

KANA project has awarded another 13 clusters (6 in Ra & 7 in Koro), each clusters received planting materials and hardware materials



Nabukadra settlement - Duavata Cluster Lead receives Cluster Award and distribution of farming tools to Koro Island Cluster from KANA Project. Photo credit: Save the Children Fiji farmers



Participants during the practical session for sustainable land management exercise in Burewai, Ra.
Photo credit: Save the Children Fiji.

The KANA Project in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture and Biosecurity of Fiji trained cluster farmers in Ra & Koro on Farm Management, Crop Husbandry, Pest Control Management, and export of commodities including demo farms that were set up for the villages. The practical exercise was conducted reaching more than 70 farmers in Ra on demo farms, smart agriculture, and organic farming, as learned from the Climate Smart Agriculture training exercises conducted, were put into practice, and the sale of these products has also been helping boost the local economy. Farmers are practicing the diversification of different types of commodities reaching markets such as watermelon, bongo chilies, dalo, okra, eggplant, cabbages, cassava, lemon, a variety of beans, cucumber, and ginger.

The total production has increased between 10 to 30 tonne/month of dalo for export in Koro compared to 5157kg (5tonne/month) in the midline survey, with a unit price ranging from \$2.70 - \$3.50/kg depending on the market price. A total of 12 tons of dalo was recorded for September month alone.



Dalo & Vudi produce from the cluster groups on Koro Island supported by KANA project are collected by middleman and awaits shipment to Ben's Trading. Photo credit: Save the Children



Naisulau Scheme vatulele Koro Harvesting Dalo, this group is the sub cluster of yadale cluster farmers in Vatulele Village, Koro.
Photo credit: Save the Children Fiji

The total production of Cassava in Ra has increased from 698kg/month in the midline survey to 800kg per month at \$40 a bag.

The average household income for Koro has increased from \$176.00 from the midline survey report to FJD 277.00 whereas Ra recorded an average household income increase to \$239.30 from \$170 in the midline survey.

KANA has also contributed to greater community collaboration by emphasizing and building on community involvement through the solesolevaki concept of merging farmers into clusters.



Delaiyadua Communal Farm in Ra harvested watermelon & ginger supported by SC Fiji KANA Project.
Photo credit: Save the Children Fiji

- Collaboratively engage with vulnerable youth groups that are susceptible to criminal activity to be engaged in farming.
- Through the increase in income from their farms as a direct result of increased production, farmers are also contributing to community development plans such as enabling farmers to extend the family house, having canteens in their village, investing in fishing gears and meeting their children's needs.

Output 2- Communities trained and resourced to co-ordinate Disaster Risk Management and plan for agricultural resilience



Participants during HVCA training at Navesivindra Village, Ra.
Photo credit: Save the Children Fiji



Community Development Committee from Narikoso Village, Ra with the DRR kits supplied during the Disaster simulation exercise. Photo credit: Save the Children Fiji

The Hazard Vulnerability & capacity Assessment (HVCA) Training was conducted at Navesivindra Village with 32 participants, Identify community and farming risks and mechanisms for mitigating risks. Developed and strengthened plans for community DRM and Climate Change Adaptation. The HVCA was facilitated in communities to develop Community Action Plan (CAP) for Disaster Risk Reduction in Agriculture. This Plan of Action is designed as a practical guidance document, a working agenda, and a roadmap to include key aspects of disaster risk reduction (DRR) in the sustainable development of agriculture, especially for crop production and sustainable land management.

The project also ensures to provide further support to farmers experiencing drought to install basic irrigation systems in farms to boost production

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

The KANA project has successfully reached 407 students in Ra and 1001 students in Koro through school garden activities, nutrition training, and awareness programs targeting school caterers, parents, and communities to emphasize the importance of balanced meals and proper nutrition.

30 food heroes in three schools in Ra and 80 food heroes in 8 schools in Koro have been established to be young advocate leaders on healthy eating and also participate and lead their peers on school garden activities. The purpose of the students as Food Heroes initiative is to engage and empower students to become advocates for healthy eating and nutrition in their schools and communities. This program aims to educate students about the importance of making nutritious food choices, understanding food systems, and promoting sustainable and healthy eating habits. By encouraging students to take an active role in promoting healthy food options, the Students as Food Heroes initiative aims to create a positive impact on students' health, well-being, and overall lifestyle choices.



Photo credit: Save the Children Fiji

My name is Peniasi Tani, I am 12 years old and I attend Qalivakabau District School. I am in class 7, I have a sister and four brothers and I live with my parents here in Sinuvaca village.”

“Every morning when I wake up, I help my father by doing small chores like feeding the pigs, washing dishes or tidying the house. Then I help my brothers get ready for school, we have our breakfast and then leave for school. We walk to school since the school is just opposite our house.”

Peniasi said, for the past few months his mother was not with them and his father has been looking after them all by himself. Seeing how his father struggles to provide for them every day has motivated him to do well in school; - so that someday he can achieve his dream of becoming a naval officer and can better take care of his parent and siblings. “I learnt from our teacher in the middle of term one that Save the Children Fiji had donated some seeds and gardening tools for our gardens as a part of its KANA project. He also told us that we needed to prepare and plant school gardens to plant vegetables that could be used by our parents to prepare our lunches at school.”

Peniasi states, that the project at school was led by his class teacher, Mr Emosi Torosi, so as the senior students at the school, they were tasked to prepare the gardens. They also helped to make the seedbeds, and plant the seedlings, helped to water the gardens every day and cleaned the gardens once the weeds started growing.

“We planted a lot of vegetables like cucumbers, long beans, French beans, zucchini, tomatoes, Chinese cabbages, watermelons, eggplants and English cabbages. I got to learn how to plant some vegetables that I have never planted before like watermelons, zucchini and English cabbages. I also learnt how properly spread dried grass on the vegetable plot to help control the growth of weeds in the garden.”

Peniasi said, once the vegetables matured, they would harvest them and sell them in the village. The villages liked buying vegetables from the school garden because the vegetables were very cheap, and they were able to get a lot of money from selling all the vegetables.

“Using what had learnt at school I went home and made my own garden. Every time we would have some seedlings left in our seedbeds at school, our teacher would give us these seedlings to take home and plant in our own gardens. I was always the first one to take my share of the seedlings.”

“I love working in my garden, seeing how well my vegetables and crops are growing makes me really happy and when the vegetables mature and seeing my father smile when I bring the vegetables home, warms my heart. The vegetables that I am growing have helped to feed my family for weeks and I am always happy because I was able to help my father.

Peniasi also states; that he had also sold some of the vegetables and the money he earned was given to his father to help him buy the things that our family needed.

“I would like to thank Save the Children Fiji for giving the opportunity to be part of their KANA project because I have learnt many things that will be helpful to me when I grow up. Thank you for giving me a chance to help my father provide for my family during these very hard times.”

Additionally, the project provided kitchen materials to support children’s meals in three schools in Ra and eight schools on Koro Island. The impacts of the project include improved nutrition and overall health of the children, increased attendance rates due to the provision of meals at school, enhanced academic performance attributed to proper nutrition, and strengthened relationships between schools and communities, fostering greater parental engagement in children’s education.



Promotion of Healthy Eating to Communities and Food Heroes at Narikoso Village, Ra.
Photo credit: Save the Children Fiji



Food Heroes from Burewai District School participating in Nutrition Awareness.
Photo credit: Save the Children Fiji



Food Hero participating in garden activities in Nakorotubu District School, Ra.
Photo credit: Save the Children Fiji



Mothers support school gardens at Burewai District School in Ra and prepare meals from the vegetables harvested. Photo credit: Save the Children Fiji

KANA project aided schools with school gardens, offering children access to nutritious food, and collaborated with Koro schools to celebrate World Food Day on October 16th, aligning with the global theme “Safer food, better health.” and actively participated in the Ministry of Agriculture’s World Food Day celebration, showcasing successful activities in the Nakorotubu area, aimed to raise public awareness, engage children, and unite communities in the fight against hunger and malnutrition through advocacy and awareness.



Group Photo: Participants from Narikoso Women's Group attending Good Hygiene Practices Training.
Photo credit: Save the Children Fiji.

A 1-day workshop was delivered to food handlers in all 3 schools in Ra reaching 75 mothers or food handlers with the training focused on promoting food security and healthy eating habits, the importance of food safety, and good hygiene practices. The participants learned how to handle, store, cook and serve food fit for consumption, especially for children. Educating food handlers is the best way to protect the communities, food handlers themselves, and their families. Properly trained food handlers can improve food safety and reduce risks and behaviors commonly associated with foodborne illness and outbreaks.

KANA Community Feedback



“Save the Children has done a lot from the gardening tools from seedlings and then in the kitchen tools they have supported is and have well equipped our kitchen until today as we speak”

Mr Emori Cagilevu is a teacher at Burewai District school and had stated that the assistance from save the children has boosted the moral of the teachers in trying to build up a healthy environment and eating health foods for the children. He also stated that he noted changes in the children’s eating habits and the meals schedules for the days have been nicely adapted and that the children did enjoy the meals. He stated that the major plan at Burewai District School was to try to build their garden in an way that is productive and at the same time assist the children so that when they leave Burewai, they know that eating healthy food should be part of their daily life



“I have learnt a lot through the KANA project”

Mr Semesa Baseresere is the cluster leader for the Logani cluster and he described life in the village as centred around farming. He stated that he had learnt a lot of good things from the training and awareness he received, especially farming so that our children can eat healthy. He stated that there have been following the method taught to them and has harvested chillis and long beans, which they have sold and were able to support the children in the community. We have harvested them (Chillies and ling beans) so that could buy school stuff for the children and that has helped a lot because of the KANA project. He shared that they had received and planted seedlings like avocado, long bean, French bean and cucumber and have learnt about time management and the different crops that can help the children, Mr Baseresere reported that they plan to build a small farm house and hope to construct a proper irrigation system as access to water is sometimes a challenge.

Mr. Kaveni is an individual with a disability and is also currently the farm manager/caretaker and treasurer for the Nakorotubu District School located in Saioko village Nakorotubu Ra.

He is originally from Saioko Village and was appointed to take up his role in 2018. Mr. Kaveni in sharing his experience stated “KANA project has impacted me in so many ways through enhancing livelihood, increasing my income capacity and have taught me so many ways of farming even the training offered have always assisted me in so many ways. I have a 5acres farm and also work as a caretaker in Nakorotubu school. I have benefitted through the small grant and also from their nurseries. I utilised the seedlings and generated income for the school and even for my household by selling vegetables to the communities. In the School AGM report for 2019, I also included the report that I sold \$500 worth of vegetable sales (Kaveni 2021).



The sales directly helped the school to purchase fish and chicken for students’ meals that live in the hostel. Fish was bought from the village and chicken was bought from the school, which in turn helps the school business and rotate the money within.”

In support of Save the Children Fiji's Education Strategic priority area, the Child-Centred Disaster Risk Reduction (CDRR) Project was implemented:

The Child-Centred Disaster Risk Reduction (CDRR) Project (July 2020 to March 2023), was implemented in partnership with Save the Children New Zealand with funding from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade New Zealand, in 11 schools in Fiji, one of which is a special school, Fiji School for the Blind and focused on 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 targeted strengthening national-level systems as well as building capacities and resilience of schools and communities that are vulnerable to disasters, with the long-term outcome that Children in Fiji live and learn in environments that are safe from disasters, climate risks and COVID-19.

The project was significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic in 2021, resulting in lockdowns, curfews, school closures, work from home arrangements, and virtual meetings and after the ease of covid restrictions and opening of schools and communities, CDRR made significant progress towards the achievement of the Project's short-term outcomes through activity implementations, community and stakeholder consultations and strengthening partnerships. A total of 14,377 direct beneficiaries have been reached through various activities including the distribution of Go-Bag kits to 3417 student families thereby benefiting approximately 13,668 individuals; 214 teachers and staff received PPEs to keep them safe from the Covid-19 pandemic after school reopening; 28 school DRM Committee members and community, PTA reps benefited from the School DRR training; 420 community members from the Ba and Macuata Province benefited from the learning and sharing during the DRR Awareness sessions conducted in their respective communities; and a total of 47 community focal points from Ba and Macuata Province also underwent a 2-day training on DRR and climate resilience to build their capacities.



School Students pose with their Go Bag Kits with the Save the Children CEO Ms. Shairana Ali (Centre), Programs Manager Ms. Afsrin Ali (Left) and the CDRR Project Officer North Ms. Alita (Right). Photo Credit: Save the Children Fiji

Equipping students with Go Bag Kits – In late Feb to early March, a total of 3417 Go- Bag kits were distributed to all student families in the 11 target schools which benefited almost 13,668 individuals. The Go bag kits contained disaster ready items such as torch with batteries, reflector vests, drawing books and crayon, playing cards, emergency contact numbers and Go Bag Kit guidelines that would help families prepare for and keep them safe from disasters and emergencies. It also included Personal Protective Equipment such as reusable masks and sanitizers to keep students safe from Covid-19 as they returned to schools. Two hundred and fourteen teachers and school support staff also received Covid safety PPEs.

Feedback on the Go Bag Kits

“As a father I am very happy and thankful to Save The Children for the Go Bag Kits that was given to my child, it has all the basic items that we really need before we move to our evacuation centre. With this, we have discussed as a family that we need to have our disaster ready kit purchased to prepare ourselves before an emergency especially during flooding. I was part of the two trainings conducted by Save The Children and I have learned new things and I will be putting together plans in my family to keep my children safe from harm and disasters.

Lastly, I am very thankful that Save The Children is doing a great job in schools and now in the community in making sure that children are safe in and around their schools, homes and in their community. Once again Vinaka Vakalevu Save The Children”

Jone Maqa Ganilau, Age 49, Vitogo Village Focal Point

“The Go Bag Kits was appreciated by all students and parents. They found it very useful and the contents were of great importance to all. Also, the training conducted by SCF was very informative and timely and the involvement of all stakeholders would assist in keeping our school and community safe”

Mr Arvind Kumar, Head of School – Namaka Public School

Family Safety Plan (FSP) App – The team reached out to SC Fiji staff and key partners such as NDMO, steering committee to review the App questions; and the Ministry of Health for the review of Pandemic Module questions. Feedback was consolidated and currently with Risk Red (consultant) to make the necessary changes. This is currently in progress and the App will be finalised by early 2023 for in-house and field testing.



The Family Safety App Posters can also be scanned through the QR Code given on the Poster and families are urged to scan and use the FSP plan to better prepare themselves and their families for disasters

School Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience Training - A 2-day School Disaster Risk Reduction (SDRR) and Resilience Building Training was conducted in partnership between SC Fiji and MEHA for 5 target schools in the Western Division using the MEHA’s standard SDRR Manual, training content covered Disaster Risk Management, Comprehensive School Safety, and Climate Change Adaptation and training allowed the School Disaster Risk Management Committee (SDRMC) to have an understanding and fair knowledge in ensuring that School disaster management planning is a part of all good education practices and ensures children and staff are safe in and around the school. This training was attended by the SDRMC consisting of Teachers, Parents, Community leaders and Children. A total of 28 participants attended the training

“I very much liked the training because we learn the importance of determining the best evacuation routes for my villagers, locating the best safe places to shelter, assembling a disaster supply kit in case of injuries and the need to be well trained in first aid.” TNK - Buavou Village

Community DRR and Climate Resilience Training for Community Focal Points were completed for the Western and Northern Divisions, attended by 93 CDRR communities and stakeholders, to train community focal points and identify the different hazards and disasters and risks that may affect a child's development, safety and growth in a community; to recognise the available resources and services to address a solution to the risk identified; to build capacities of participants and create awareness on Positive Parenting that will enable them to promote/advocate it in their communities; and to use IGGY Vola in promoting and implementing DRR and Climate Change activities with the children. Below are the details of the training participants at both Divisions. The training will continue in 20 target communities for the CDRR Project.



The project also enabled child participation on DRR at the National level events and enabled Fiji School for the Blind students to participate for the first time at the National NDMO Disaster Awareness activities
Photo Credit: Save the Children Fiji

Customization of DRR Resources for Students of the Fiji School for the Blind



The IggY Vola DRR awareness books were customized into larger font print and also braille to ensure accessibility and inclusivity for visually impaired children. By providing books in Braille, which is a tactile writing system, children who are blind or have visual impairments can read and enjoy the same stories as their sighted peers.



Fiji School for the blind students reading from the customized Braille Iggy Vola Books. Customization of children's books in Braille ensured that visually impaired children can participate fully in the joy of reading, fostering their intellectual growth, emotional development, and fostering a sense of inclusivity and equality. Photo Credit: Save the Children Fiji.



School Students visiting Save the Children Awareness booth at the National Disaster Awareness week, held in November 2022 Photo Credit : Save the Children Fiji

In support of Save the Children Fiji's Safety Net and Resilience Strategic priority area, a Cash Preparedness Project was implemented:

- AHP Regional CASH Grant, funded through the Australian Humanitarian Partnership and implemented from 2021 to 2022.

AHP Regional CASH Grant

The project focused on building CVA capacity within Save the Children Fiji while also strengthening the overall role of the Cash Working Group in Fiji, ensuring that collaborative work is done with CVA. The project focuses on building CVA capacity within Save the Children Fiji while also strengthening the overall role of the Cash Working Group in Fiji, ensuring that collaborative work is done with CVA.

Organisational Cash Readiness Tool (OCRT) Assessment Workshop (May) - the new tool was specifically developed by Monash University for Save the Children, and was sent to all relevant sections/department heads for input or self-assessment of their section/department cash readiness. The different sections/department were divided amongst the SMT, Logistics, Finance and Cash Response Teams. Once all departments had confirmed their input into the tool, a workshop was organized to go over the complete tool and to review all responses collectively before submitting to Save the Children Australia as a final.

Through the workshop, the SCF office was able to finalize responses for each section in the OCRT tool and this can now be used as guiding tool for future preparedness work to be carried out in conjunction with SCA.

Child Safeguarding Training for CVA Partners - Vodafone Fiji and Digicel Fiji are key partners in the Regional Cash Preparedness Project as they provide Financial Services related to Cash Transfer Programming within Save the Children Fiji. According to internal Child Protection and Safeguarding measures, a Training was held, hosting staff from both partners and ensuring they were trained on the essentials of SCFs Child Safeguarding Policy.

This activity contributed to the building and strengthening of technical knowledge and capacities in child safeguarding for the partners, enabling them to contextualize child safeguarding and child protection in their work environments, especially when dealing with children.

Market Assessment Review - Following on from the previous market assessment done in 2021, a review of the assessment was required to see if there had been any changes to the market situation especially post pandemic and with the effects of the current hike in fuel and food prices. This exercise was an extension to the earlier full Rapid Market Assessment carried out in August 2021, comparing the findings from then to now. It also identified the reasons for the changes and the challenges that have been faced in the markets from the time of the last assessment. From the activity SCF was able to identify the extent to which food prices have increased in the market. It also informed SCF of the relevance of the FINCAP Phase 2 intervention, which was also able to 'shift the needle' in relation to the status of beneficiaries and their ability to meet basic needs and access basic services.

The activity will also assist future response plans, as full assessment details are readily available to work off in the immediate need for response.

Save the Children Fiji implemented the following humanitarian projects as part of its humanitarian response in 2022:

- Fiji Cash Assistance Project (FiNCaP) was funded by an anonymous private donor who provided financial assistance to over 39,000 families in Fiji to support response and recovery from the impact of Covid-19.
- Covid Food Appeal, funded through the generosity of its local and international donors, including majorly Save the Children New Zealand through the generosity of the people of New Zealand.
- AHP Regional CASH Grant, funded through the Australian Humanitarian Partnership and implemented from 2021 to 2022.
- The AHP COVID-19 Livelihood Phase 2 Project was established in light of the impacts of Tropical Cyclone Harold and the COVID-19 Pandemic on the subsistence living of farming households in the Nakasaleka district of Kadavu province and was successfully completed after a no cost extension in June of 2022, and was funded by DFAT (Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade) and supported by Save the Children Australia (SCA).
- AHP Tropical Cyclone Yasa Livelihood Response Project, funded through the Australian Humanitarian Partnership and implemented from 2021 to 2022, in Macuata, Bua & Cakaudrove Provinces and was funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Australia Government (DFAT) and supported by Save the Children Australia (SCA).

Fiji Cash Assistance Project (FiNCaP)

Between 2021 and 2022 Save the Children Fiji (SCF), in partnership with Save the Children Australia (SCA) and the Flu Lab, expanded the Fiji Cash Assistance Project (FiNCAP) to provide cash transfers to 39,000 Fijian households experiencing increased vulnerability and hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and recent cyclones. The project was also designed to continue capacity development within Save the Children and the wider sector to provide long-term sustainability to cash program delivery.

Under Part 1, the project was successful in providing critically-needed cash payments to 41,355 households, an estimated 22% of the Fijian population. 39,000 households received three payments of \$200 FJD (approximately \$90 USD, based on the exchange rate at transfer). These 39,000 households were comprised of 16,772 households supported under Phase 1 (exceeding the original target of 14,000), plus an additional 22,228 households who were added in Phase 2. A smaller cohort of 7,598 of the most vulnerable households was supported with a final payment of \$200 FJD (comprised of 5,243 out of the existing 39,000 households and 2,355 new households).

Under Part 2, key investments were made in capacity development for cash program delivery. A week-long Pacific Cash Learning Event in October 2022, brought together 149 attendees from across the Pacific, 6 e-learning modules on cash and voucher assistance (each in 5 languages) were produced and published, the creation of a toolbox was supported, and an internationally recognized cash and voucher assistance training program was delivered to 28 participants from 9 organizations.



“I had a call that my wife gave birth. I don’t even have one dollar in my pocket.” It was only when he got to the hospital that Saimone was able to breathe a sigh of relief. “I picked up my phone then I saw the message that I got the \$200,” he remembers.

“That cash, I spent on the baby,” he says, explaining that he purchased nappies and paid for a taxi to bring Marica and baby Saula home. “During those three or four days, they were in the hospital I could go and look after them and bring food for them during lunch hour and at dinner time.”
– Simone, Fiji.

PART 1- COVID-19 Fijian Response

Between 2021 and 2022, the FiNCAP project provided cash assistance to 41,355 households. 39,000 households received three payments of FJD\$200 (USD\$90). A fourth and final payment of FJD\$200 (USD\$90) was made in December 2022 to 7,598 households (2,355 new households and 5,243 existing households). Overall, the project has delivered FJD\$ 24,919,600 (USD\$11,500,000) to vulnerable families and households in Fiji.

The project focused on supporting vulnerable families to meet their basic needs. Post Distribution Monitoring (PDM) confirmed household expenditure has primarily been directed toward addressing these basic needs. Throughout the multiple transfers, 94% of people used the funds to purchase food for themselves and their families, 32.2% of people paid for water, electricity, and other bills, 21.9% purchased hygiene items and 20.6% used their payments for school fees



Every month I buy my recharge cards so I can join the online classes, and now after getting my result, I am so excited. I want to thank Save the Children for the cash assistance as it made it possible for me to score this mark. I have made my mum and family proud

and education materials. Recipient households increasingly used their payments to stock up on essential food rations such as oil, rice, and sugar. While meeting basic needs was a key focus for households, many respondents utilized the cash assistance to support food production, both at the household and community level; and as an income-generating activity, as noted in the preliminary findings of the evaluation. According to those findings, other income-generating activities included increasing stock in small canteens/minimarts, sewing, baking, and making handicrafts. Further positive impacts were experienced in the wider Fijian economy, with the final evaluation finding that preliminary analysis indicated a multiplier effect of 2.05 FJD – that is, each Fijian dollar of cash assistance created an additional 2.05 FJD for the Fijian economy.



“The night I received the text message – to tell you the truth, at home we had nothing at all,” he explains, gesturing to the kitchen. “My water and electricity bills were piled up. The next day we went out to buy things that we did not have at home, especially the basic needs for every day,” he says. “I took that \$200FJD to do the shopping for my family. I paid for my bills as - Kiniviliame, Fiji.

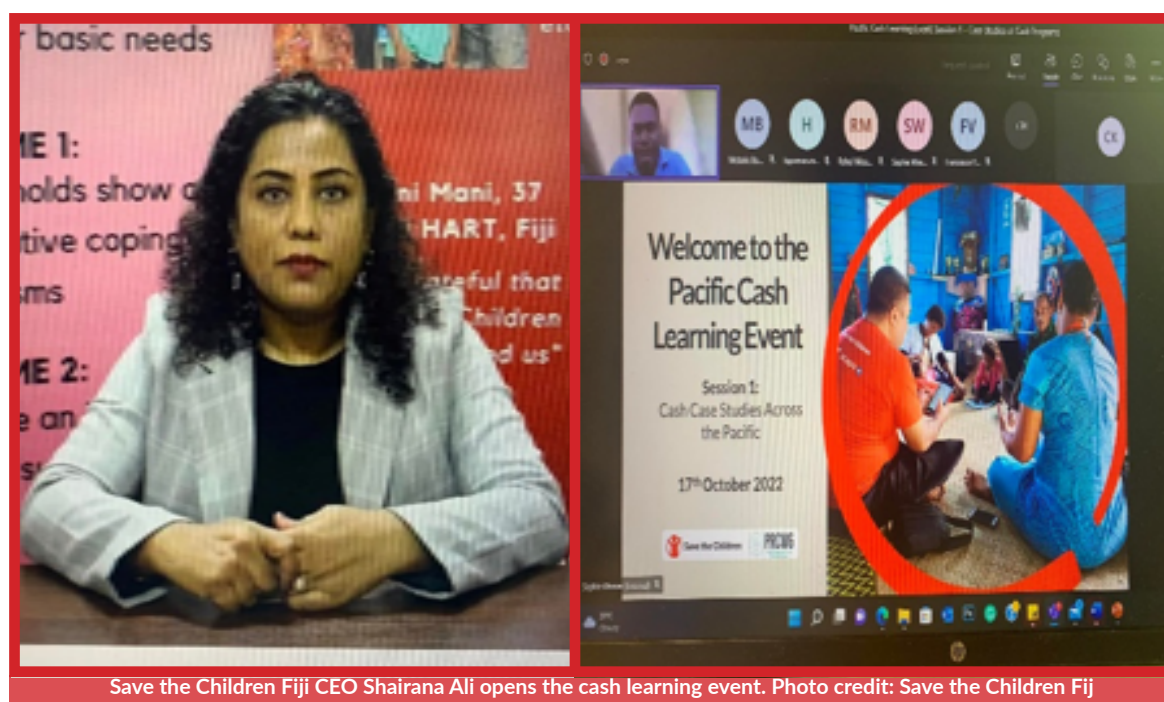
The FiNCAP expansion program has provided unprecedented support to vulnerable Fijian households through cash payments. The FiNCAP program has demonstrated the extraordinary value of delivering cash assistance at scale via the Fijian mobile network and cemented its use as an effective modality for humanitarian assistance. Moreover, the FiNCAP program has reached an estimated 22% of all Fijian households, allowing a diverse range of people, families, and groups to benefit from cash assistance, including single mothers, survivors of domestic violence, children youth without guardians or homes, members of the LGBTQIA+ community, and people living with disability (PLwD).

Part 2 – Capacity Development for Long-Term Impact

Cash Toolbox

The FiNCAP project under its regional deliverables has worked with the Pacific Regional Cash Working Group (PRCWG) to establish a toolbox for CVA practitioners and other agencies looking to introduce cash programming in the Pacific. The toolbox was produced through consultation with all member organizations of the PRCWG, who when surveyed, identified that a considerable

number of tools, templates, and resources for cash programming existed within the agencies that have experience in CVA throughout the Pacific. For this reason, it was decided that the best way forward was not to create a new set of ‘customized’ Pacific tools, but to further consult with the organizations whose tools were already in place and upload them to the PRCWG Relief Web page so that they are publicly available to all. Save the Children Fiji and other organizations, including the Red Cross and Oxfam, have shared their tools with the PRCWG to enhance and support cash programming capacity throughout the Pacific.



Pacific Cash Learning Event

Recognizing the need for greater learning and knowledge on cash programming across Fiji and the region, between 17th – 21st October 2022, Save the Children held the first Pacific Cash Learning Event, in partnership with the Pacific Regional Cash Working Group (PRCWG). The event brought together a variety of key cash and voucher assistance (CVA) stakeholders, with 149 participants from at least 49 organizations, including Pacific and international non-governmental organizations (NGOs), governments, service providers, and civil society organizations. The aim of the Pacific Cash Learning Event was to share, learn, address gaps, identify future strategies, and make recommendations for quality CVA implementation throughout the Pacific.

The event featured six sessions over five days which included presentations from Save the Children Fiji in addition to organizations such as the World Food Programme (WFP), USAID’s Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance, the Tongan National Emergency Management Office, the Fiji Council of Social Services (FCOSS), the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and the Cash and Learning Partnership (CALP), among many more. Sessions addressed topics such as ‘Case Studies of Pacific Cash Programs’, ‘Cash and Social Protection’, and ‘Locally led Cash Initiatives’.

Following the event, a report was produced by the Humanitarian Advisory Group (HAG) which highlighted the successes of the event and five key learnings were identified, namely 1) More innovation can drive stronger accountability and inclusion, 2) Effective cash programming relies on local leadership, 3) Strengthening partnerships and coordination is essential, 4) Underinvestment in preparedness is holding us back and 5) CVA can be leveraged to strengthen social protection systems throughout the Pacific. These learnings provide a strong platform from which to galvanize further support and set strategic direction for cash programming in Fiji and across the region.

“One of the biggest challenges is that we don’t invest in preparedness. Cash seems easy, but if we don’t invest in preparedness unless we reposition our fundamentals, we can’t do cash at scale; it will affect our cash operations at many different levels. Investment in preparedness is the key”.

– Mulugeta Handino, World Food Programme, Pacific Cash Learning Event, 2022.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the impact of cyclones, and underlying poverty, many households employed negative coping strategies including eating less preferred, or expensive food items, reducing the number of meals eaten in a day, and adults eating less so that their children have more. After receiving payments under FiNCAP, the use of negative coping strategies was reduced, for example, the evaluation notes that eating less preferred or expensive foods decreased in use from 78.6% of beneficiaries to just under 40.0% by the endline. However, after the transfers were concluded, households reported that their use of these strategies began to increase again. While this demonstrates the beneficial impact of cash programming when used as an emergency intervention, it also highlights the opportunity to couple such with longer-term food security and livelihood interventions in order to support the longer-term sustainability of cash programming outcomes. Save the Children will continue to advocate for a combination of short-term and long-term approaches to support vulnerable families.

FiNCAP Case Study

75-year-old Viliame lives in Kadavu, an island on the Eastern side of Fiji famous for its resilient communities, agricultural land, and rich diversity of underwater life. But it also lies in the path of many tropical cyclones. Viliame’s household consists of his wife and his 11 grandchildren, who are aged between two and 17.

Viliame’s three children are all married and work in other divisions. Viliame elderly brother also lives with Viliame, struggling with a physical disability. Viliame’s family lives on very little, generating income from Kava farming and fishing. Both industries were affected by Tropical Cyclone Ana in 2021 and the family doesn’t make as much income as they used to.

In November, Viliame received his first cash transfer from Save the Children; \$200FJD sent through Mpaisa. “When the money came, I had debt at our village canteen. I had taken some basic food items and necessities like soap and nappies for my grandchildren during the Covid-19 period because we couldn’t go out of here,” said Viliame, explaining that they were not able to go sell their produce at the nearest market.

The family had bought sugar, flour, rice, and milk for his grandchildren, as well as hand sanitizer and face masks. When Viliame received the remaining funds in December and January, he was able to continue providing for his family and meet some of the village’s expectations. “[the money] was a big help because, on behalf of my family, I was able to contribute to developments in the village and give in my tithe for the church,” the elderly man explained. An emotional Viliame said he was not expecting to be part of the program.





54-year-old Maheshwari lives in the Western division of Fiji with her husband, Krishna. Together they look after their two grandchildren aged 11 and 13 who live with them. Maheshwari has been selling traditional Indian sweets at her stall in the local municipal market for seven years. Covid-19 restrictions meant vendors couldn't sell their produce in the market.

They were asked to stay home. “Covid period it was very bad because we can't come and sell the things,” Maheshwari says. The restrictions left Maheshwari with no other choice but to look for other ways to earn money, so she picked up some casual work at a second-hand clothing shop. The income she earned didn't compare to what she had been taking from her market stall, but with her husband unemployed, Maheshwari was forced to make ends meet.

“It was something to us. Better to get something rather than nothing,” Maheshwari remembers. Maheshwari learned about the Save the Children's Fiji Cash Assistance Project from a neighbor and contacted the office to ask for support.

Over 3 months, she received a total of \$600FJD to help her cover their living expenses. The family used the money to buy groceries and food for their grandchildren. “It was during Covid-19 so it was very hard to manage everything, so when you people gave us the money it was the right time,” Maheshwari says.

A few weeks after the family received their last cash transfer, the market master informed Maheshwari that it was safe to return and sell her produce.

She used what remaining money she had to buy ingredients to make sweets, as well as purchase other supplies for the stall. “I bought the flour, oil, cornflakes, semolina, and coconut,” she says, explaining how the cash transfer helped kick-start her business again.

Covid Food Appeal Project

Through the support of generous donors, both locally and internationally, Save the Children Fiji launched the COVID-19 Food Appeal, providing immediate food security to over 33,000 individuals affected by job losses and economic uncertainty during the COVID-19 lockdowns. The appeal specifically targeted single parents, families with young children, families with children with special needs, and grandparents caring for their grandchildren. Recognizing the significant challenges faced by families in Fiji during the pandemic, Save the Children Fiji received overwhelming support from individuals and organizations worldwide, including Save the Children New Zealand, which launched its own appeal to assist families in Fiji. The outpouring of donations made a tangible difference in meeting the urgent needs of vulnerable families in Fiji. To identify those in need, Save the Children Fiji used various channels, including its Facebook page and referrals from other NGOs, to collect beneficiary data. Requests were screened to ensure that priority is given to families with infants and children, the elderly, those with disabilities, pregnant or lactating mothers, and those who are currently unemployed and matched according to key selection criteria. The team then grouped these families according to location, making it easier to distribute food packs within a specific radius on any given day.

The impact of this program cannot be overstated. For many families in Fiji, the food packs provided by Save the Children Fiji have been a lifeline during these difficult times, ensuring that parents can feed their children and keep their families healthy. The success of this initiative is a testament to the resilience and determination of the Save the Children Fiji team, as well as the generosity of donors both locally and around the world who have supported this appeal including our largest donor, Save the Children New Zealand through the generosity of the kind hearted people of New Zealand.



SCF's Heroes on the ground. Boxes of Food Packs are being distributed to informal settlements by SCF Distribution Staff in the midst of the Covid Pandemic. Photo Credit SC Fiji

However, this was not always possible and most days the distribution team had to cover quite a distance to deliver the food packs depending on the urgency of the requests. Save the Children Fiji staff were put into bubbles of two, to distribute Food Kits to affected families in the safest way possible. Two teams were on the go daily reaching out to Children and their families for their basic needs. Included in the overall team was also the logistics team of staff for facilitating the procurement necessities and also the Program Manager overseeing the distribution, with constant support and advice from the CEO.

An average of around 25 food packs per team per day, was distributed and some days the distribution lagged a bit due to more distance of travel and covid restriction which made the distribution team navigate various checkpoints and also unfavorable weather, all of which contributed to distribution lag time. Despite these adversities, the team persevered



A woman picking up grocery supplies for her family from Save the Children in Fiji. Photo: Supplied / Save the Children Fiji

Covid Food Appeal beneficiary requests and feedbacks



“YOU ARE GOD SENT” ARE ONE OF THE COMMON RECEPTIONS WE RECEIVE FROM OUR FELLOW FIJIANS.

“YOU DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH THIS MEANS TO US.”

A single mother couldn't control her emotions in front of her daughter and sobbed when we arrived at her doorstep with a groceries pack. One of the sights our distribution team will never forget was driving away from this mother and daughter as they waved gratefully with tears streaming down her face.

Save the Children Fiji, on behalf of the families and children of Fiji, convey our sincere and heartfelt appreciation to Save the Children New Zealand and the generous New Zealand Public and to all the other donors both local and international for helping to provide essential needs to the families and children of Fiji, that needed it the most during one of the world's most challenging times.

THANK YOU, VINAKA VAKA LEVU, SHUKRIA AND DANYAVAAD FROM THE PEOPLE AND CHILDREN OF FIJI !

TC Harold/Covid-19 Response

The AHP COVID-19 Livelihood Phase 2 Project was established in light of the impacts of Tropical Cyclone Harold and the COVID-19 Pandemic on the subsistence living of farming households in the Nakasaleka district of Kadavu province. As a replica of the KANA livelihood Project on the Island of Koro and in the Province of Ra, the project was designed to address the needs of 300 farmers in 14 communities (Nakasaleka – Lomanikoro, Nakoronawa, Nakaunakoro, Nakaugasele, Kavala, Lawaki, Solotavui, Tiliva, Lagalevu, Matasawalevu, Nukuvou, Vacalea, Lavidid and Namatiu) and was successfully completed after a no cost extension in June of 2022 and was also designed to assist 14 Women's groups and 14 Young farmer's clubs for each community listed above with direct affiliates to the community cluster of farmers, and was funded by DFAT (Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade) and supported by SCA (Save the Children Australia).

Through the project, the provision of support, through training, consultations, awareness and the supply of farming implements and seeds were done to assist farmers in diversifying and improving their agricultural production through new and adaptive farming techniques, to help mitigate income losses and assist them in identifying platforms to deliver to market for sale. This was intended to strengthen and empower targeted communities with opportunities to set up activities to help cope with the social and economic stresses posed by disasters and COVID-19, as well as build their resilience to future disasters.

Project activities included the distribution of farming tools and seeds, as well as the training of farmers in Farming techniques and best practices, and the communal assessment of Hazards, Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment (HVCA) training of the trainers (TOTS) to enable communities to not only identify hazards and risks to their livelihoods but to also ensure that they were taking ownership in being able to address them communally and with the support of district, divisional and national government and non-government stakeholders, where needed.





Agriculture officer Kavala, facilitates the Farmers training in Vacalea community hall, Nakasaleka.
Photo Credit: Save the Children Fiji



Young men assisting in the offloading of HVCA materials from the truck, onto the fiber-glass boats.
Photo Credit: Save the Children Fiji



water tank, being transported into one of the communities. Photo Credit: Save the Children Fiji



Some of the Taro tops that had been distributed, waiting planting. A cluster of farmers in Lavidi village, Nakasaleka planting their share of taro suckers. Photo Credit: Save the Children Fiji



Youth cluster in Nakasaleka extended their taro farm with the distributed taro suckers. Photo Credit: Save the Children Fiji

Women's participation in agriculture and communal farming practices

The project ensured to have women not only participating in its trainings but also in taking lead roles in the implementation of key project components throughout the duration of the project. Being highly involved in farming and gardening activities, with lead roles in training facilitation within community facilitated trainings as well as in playing lead roles in nursery management for their communities. Through the project a portion of funding had also been added on to the Small Grant for Farmers to boost the participation of women in sustaining livelihoods and subsistence farming practices across all 14 communities. The women and mothers in these villages had long been part of the agriculture and food production machinery. Their involvement had boosted the entire morale in the community, which will be felt in the district in time to come.

As co-leads in farm management, women gleaned understanding on how to manage the farm with their husbands, simply by planning on crops that need to be planted, the numbers needed, the duration of growth until harvest and the anticipated outcomes of these crops. With the procurement of farming tools, women had also been involved and had attested to the improvements in quantity and quality of food they put on the table for their families. Across all communities, women being nursery managers, simply means, the type of crops grown and its timing will depend heavily on the judgments and plans made by the individual groups of women in each community.



Encouraging number of women participating from four neighboring villages in the training in Kavala and Vacalea.
Photo Credit: Save the Children Fiji



Lomanikoro Village - Ratu Inoke Loganimoce Dokonivalu

“Greetings to everyone, I am Ratu Inoke Dokonivalu, the Chief of the Tutua Clan, in Lomanikoro in Nakasaleka. I am also one of the District Representatives to the Kadavu Provincial Council Meeting”.

“On behalf of everyone in my village, Lomanikoro and the people I represent in the entire district, I wish to convey our most heartfelt appreciation, and thank you to Save the Children Fiji and the donor of the project for the biggest ever gifts of love we had experienced during the last two and a half years”

“Beginning from your response and humanitarian work soon after Tropical Cyclone Harold in 2020, Save the Children had been faithful from Day 1. We received our family hygiene kits (FHK), children received their school bags and book packs, as well as the hygiene kits for children”.

“This followed a massive Child Protection Training and WASH programming in each of the fourteen communities, with a follow-up visit and refresher training”.

“And as soon as the CP and the WASH component of your work phased out, we were blessed to have been through the livelihood experience with Save the Children Fiji again. We really went through alot after the cyclone, and food supply was the biggest one we faced apart from house repairs and other obligations which we could not attend to. We suffered so much, our children did too”.

“The livelihood project began with the distribution of taro tops together with farming tools which allowed each one of us to dig using his own tool to plant food. The tools supplied included digging forks, spades, post-hole digging spade, knives and knife sharpening files. It is the first time in history that at once, all men in the village are in the mountains, in the bush planting food. The borrowing of farming tools here in my village, as well as other villages is a normal practice. It means that once your tool is borrowed, you are basically staying in the village the whole day, or two, depending on the number of days your farming tools are on loan”. “We had harvested the taro just before Christmas of 2021, and the farmers had extended their taro farms and also shared the taro shoots to others who had returned to the village during the COVID-19 crisis”.

“We are a farming community, as well as a fishing community, and we have Save the Children Fiji coming to assist us with tools, seedlings, personal protective equipment, assisting our women and children with nursery items, is a very new thing to us. We need the agriculture ministry to assist us with these. “We in Nakasaleka, especially myself, had never seen such massive assistance from anyone”.

“Thank you so much Save the Children Fiji. You have allowed us a chance to live again, for now and for a prosperous future.”

Lagalevu Village - Vilisi Sukanabose (Women’s Group Leader)

“My name is Vilisi Sukanabose of Lagalevu village and I am 38 years of age. As a woman and mother, my priority is to ensure the food is put on the table with the help of my husband”.

“Ever since Save the Children Fiji came on board and assisted us, a lot have changed in our family - especially with the amount of food we put on our table. The tools that arrived with the taro shoots have been put to good use, and the taro have been harvested and used”.

“The tools have allowed for more farming activities. As usual, the borrowing of farming tools has been a part of life here. The tools which we have been given, have given a boost on the farms, as men in the village love to work with their new tools. The tools had been widely appreciated by the men”.

“We attended the farmers training and it has been so useful. Organic farming and back yard gardening is the way forward to fight Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) and it also helps in the sustainability of the natural farming system”.



Vilisi Sukanabose, Women’s Group Lead for Lagalevu Village at their Community nursery. Photo Credit: Save the Children Fiji

“Now that we have also been assisted with the nursery, I must thank Save the Children for thinking about the Women’s Group and their ability to contribute to the improvement of the well-being of our people. We have always wanted to do everything, but we had no resources and the know-how”.

“Our nursery, and the training - the knowledge of both will be put to very good use. We have big plans, and starting small as such will ensure ideas are put into good use”.

“Our children will help us in the gardening activities, and this will teach them a great deal about fresh food. They will also have fresh vegetables every day, and this is something we look forward to”.

“We also have plans to have flowers and other plants brought in for nursing here in the nursery and intend to sell them as part of developing our community”.

Australian Humanitarian Partnership -Tropical Cyclone Yasa Livelihood Response Project – 2021-2022

Through funding from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Australia Government (DFAT) and through the support from Save the Children Australia (SCA), 250 farmers and 1039 individuals, become direct and indirect beneficiaries of the assistance that have been offered through the Australian Humanitarian Partnership -Tropical Cyclone Yasa Livelihood Response Project – 2021-2022 in Macuata, Bua & Cakaudrove Provinces.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the project initially planned to deliver farming implements to farmers but experienced delays. A six-month no-cost extension was granted from December 2021 to May 2022. In response to the shifting priorities of farmers after the pandemic, the project pivoted to cash assistance. Climate Smart Agriculture Husbandry trainings were implemented, equipping farmers and beneficiaries with knowledge to sustain their livelihoods and improve their income despite future unfavorable climate conditions. The unconditional cash assistance provided post-Tropical Cyclone Yasa and COVID-19 enabled farmers to rebuild their lives, attain food security, and establish sustainable income sources. The trainings also educated beneficiaries on hazards and risks and how to address them communally and individually for sustainable livelihoods. Though challenges persist, farmers and beneficiaries are now better equipped to utilize the assistance received and address their immediate needs, placing them in a more stable position for self-sufficiency in the future.



sim cards registration in Tuvurara community for project beneficiaries. Photo credit: Save the Children Fiji

The Sim-registration process was conducted to ensure that all project beneficiaries had access to the M-PAiSA platform, thereby granting them access to the unconditional cash assistance being disbursed. This registration also provided the beneficiaries with access to other cash assistance programs that were available from government and other non-governmental organizations.

The unconditional cash assistance component of the project provided beneficiaries with the flexibility to address specific needs related to their livelihoods. Although a departure from the original project design which involved distribution of farming tools and seeds, the cash assistance allowed farmers to determine the type of support they required. This could range from purchasing groceries for immediate food needs, buying farming tools and seeds, or investing in small businesses. Ultimately, the cash assistance empowered farmers to make informed decisions regarding their livelihoods.

Fundraising

Save the Children Fiji was able to mobilize more support to assist children with their needs in 2022. In 2022, we were able to secure \$10,388.63 in total donations.

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Our deepest appreciation to the Fiji Government, Regional and local Civil Society Organisations for their support.

Save the Children Fiji Team 2022

Management

Shairana Ali	Chief Executive Officer
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Jessica Sukhu	Finance Officer
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Irene Prasad	Project Manager
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Project WASH

Anaseini Dimate	Project Coordinator
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Niumai Kavoa	Humanitarian Coordinator
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Sofaia Koroitanao	Communications Officer
Kelly Vacala	Communications Officer

Save the Children Fiji
Audited Financial Statements
31 December 2022

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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
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 Saaga-Banuve - Child Safeguarding Trustee
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 2022

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 2022 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 Tuiketeki	Board Member
Ms. Meliki Tuinamuana	Board Member
Dr. Rosalina Saāqa-Baruve	Child Safeguarding Trustee

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 2022 \$FJ	31 December 2021 \$FJ
Total Income	7,347,394	6,366,130
Total Expense	5,705,987	5,992,632
Net Surplus	1,641,407	373,497

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

There were no significant changes in the operations of the organisation during the financial period.


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 5th day of May 2023.


Chairperson


Vice Chairperson

SAVE THE CHILDREN FIJI
STATEMENT BY BOARD OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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 2022;
- (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 2022;
- (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 2022;
- (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 2022; 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 5th day of May 2023.


Chairperson


Vice Chairperson

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 2022, the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of accumulated funds, and the 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 2022, 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 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 scepticism 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: 5th May 2023
SUVA, FIJI.

SAVE THE CHILDREN FIJI
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	31 December 2022 \$FJ	31 December 2021 \$FJ
Revenue	3	4,831,562	4,499,673
Other Income	4	2,515,832	1,866,457
		<u>7,347,394</u>	<u>6,366,130</u>
Less Expenses			
Project Expense	5	3,018,262	3,813,931
Administrative Expense	7	2,597,354	2,109,053
Advertising and Marketing Expense	6	22,423	11,112
Profit from Operations		<u>1,709,355</u>	<u>432,034</u>
Depreciation Expenses		67,948	58,536
Operating Surplus for the year		<u>1,641,407</u>	<u>373,497</u>
Other Comprehensive Income		-	-
Total Comprehensive Income		<u><u>1,641,407</u></u>	<u><u>373,497</u></u>

The Statement of Comprehensive Income is to be read in conjunction with the Accounting Policies and notes to the Financial Statements set out on pages 11 to 24.

SAVE THE CHILDREN FIJI
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACCUMULATED FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Asset Revaluation Reserve \$FJ	Accumulated Funds \$FJ	Total \$FJ
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	-	373,497	373,497
Total Comprehensive Income for the year	-	373,497	373,497
Balance as at 31 December 2021	1,000,000	1,456,957	2,456,957
Total Comprehensive Income for the year			
Surplus for the year ended 31 December 2022	-	1,641,407	1,641,407
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	1,641,407	1,641,407
Balance as at 31 December 2022	1,000,000	3,098,364	4,098,364


The Statement of Changes in Accumulated Funds is to be read in conjunction with the Accounting Policies and Notes to the Financial Statements set out on pages 11 to 24.

SAVE THE CHILDREN FIJI
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	31 December 2022 \$FJ	31 December 2021 \$FJ
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	8	3,374,516	3,409,142
Project Inventory	9	256	256
Trade and Other Receivables	10	574,660	414,695
Financial Assets	11	1,003,873	986,078
Total Current Assets		4,953,305	4,810,171
Non Current Assets			
Property Plant and Equipment	12	1,276,169	1,320,107
Available for Sale Financial Assets	13	8,496	8,496
Total Non Current Assets		1,284,665	1,328,603
Total Assets		6,237,970	6,138,774
Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables	14	170,256	548,239
Deferred Income	16 (c)	1,903,723	3,083,226
Employee Entitlement	15	65,627	50,352
Total Liabilities		2,139,606	3,681,817
Net Assets		4,098,364	2,456,957
Accumulated Funds			
Opening balance		1,456,957	1,083,459
Asset Revaluation Reserve		1,000,000	1,000,000
Accumulated Surplus		1,641,407	373,497
Total Accumulated Funds		4,098,364	2,456,957

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

The Statement of Financial Position is to be read in conjunction with the Accounting Policies and Notes to the Financial Statements set out on pages 11 to 24.

SAVE THE CHILDREN FIJI
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	31 December 2022 \$FJ	31 December 2021 \$FJ
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Cash Receipts from Grants and Donations		7,347,394	6,366,130
Payments to Suppliers and Employees		(7,340,215)	(4,078,824)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	17 (ii)	7,179	2,287,305
Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
(Acquisition) of Property, Plant and Equipment		(24,023)	(138,393)
(Increase) in Investments		(17,795)	(36,369)
Net Cash (Used in) Investing Activities		(41,818)	(174,762)
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents		(34,639)	2,112,544
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the beginning of the year		3,409,142	1,296,598
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the end of the year	17 (i)	3,374,516	3,409,142

The Statement of Cash Flows is to be read in conjunction with the Accounting Policies and Notes to the Financial Statements set out on pages 11 to 24.

1. General Information

Save the Children Fiji ("STC Fiji" or "the organisation") is an autonomous and independently funded non governmental organisation, affiliated to the International Save the Children Alliance (ISAC). STC 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 statements are prepared by Save the Children Fiji in accordance with the 'IFRS for Small and Medium-sized Entities' (IFRS for SME's) 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 Save the Children Fiji have been prepared in accordance with the 'International Financial Reporting Standards for Small and Medium' (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 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 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 the provisions of Income Tax (Exempt Income) Regulations 2016.

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 2021 and have been regrouped where considered necessary.

SAVE THE CHILDREN FIJI
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

3. Grant Income	31 December 2022 \$FJ	31 December 2021 \$FJ
MEHA Wash Grant 19/20 - Fiji Program Support Facility	-	43,670
Child-Centred Disaster Risk Reduction - MFAT Funded	427,385	407,761
Resilience through Knowledge & Action in Agriculture and Food Security (KANA) - MFAT Funded	515,430	422,782
WASH Improvement Works 2020 - 2021 - Fiji Water Foundation Funded	-	74,546
Education Assistance 2019 - Westpac Australia Funded	-	363
AHP Disaster Ready : Shared Service Project - DFAT Funded	17,585	29,656
AHP PPF 1 - DFAT funded	(797)	59,281
The Prem Rawat Foundation - TPRF	-	6,279
AHP TC Harold Response	-	62,809
DRP TC Harold Response - MFAT Funded	-	66,081
Positive Discipline - Canada Fund	-	43,897
AHP Covid 19 Recovery Pacific Package Proposal July 2020 - Whitelum Group	437,931	361,518
Fiji NPT Cash Programme 2020-21 (FinCAP 1) - National Philanthropic Trust	202,599	710,462
I am Digital Phase 1 - Facebook	-	79,250
Humanitarian Response Strategy TC Yasa- ARO - Seed Fund	445	253,128
TC Yasa - Start Fund	-	531,191
Collective Action to Fund Violence Against Children in Fiji - MFAT Funded	237,290	79,042
Positive Discipline P2 - Canada Fund	33,033	56,687
AHP TC Yasa Recovery in Vanua Levu	155,702	52,939
TC Yasa Vanua Levu - Facebook	796	33,833
DRP TC Yasa Vanua Levu	32,254	260,892
Fiji NPT Cash Programme 2020-21 (FinCAP 2) - National Philanthropic Trust	2,443,681	303,649
Covid 19 Response Food Pack - SCNZ	893	171,962
Covid 19 Appeal -LDS funded	-	207,908
I am Digital Online Safety Campaign Phase 2 - Facebook	88,587	55,731
Covid 19 Response Appeal	57,000	114,000
Fiji Water	89,098	-
Canada Fund Phase 3	33,531	-
I am Digital Phase 3	30,196	-
Other minor projects	28,923	10,356
	4,831,562	4,499,673
4. Other Income	31 December 2022 \$FJ	31 December 2021 \$FJ
Activities	2,544	74,888
Administration	2,472,080	1,524,973
Donations	10,342	84,979
Interest Income	16,429	40,397
Amortisation of Deferred Income	24,023	46,137
Refund	-	101
Funding and Other Fundraising	(10,227)	94,368
Dividend	640	614
	2,515,832	1,866,457

SAVE THE CHILDREN FIJI
 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

5. Project Expenditure	31 December 2022 \$FJ	31 December 2021 \$FJ
School Meals and Supplies Project	77,286	144,512
Project Allowances	181,693	154,403
Project Printing Expenses	16,368	-
Project Contractors and Consultants	177,390	629,405
Project Materials and Equipment	382,880	1,059,939
Training Cost	215,384	169,535
Transportation	158,644	96,880
Wages and Salaries	1,509,426	1,370,650
Other Project Expenditure	299,191	188,607
	3,018,262	3,813,931
6. Advertising and Marketing Expense	31 December 2022 \$FJ	31 December 2021 \$FJ
Advertisement and Marketing	22,423	11,112
7. Administrative Expense	31 December 2022 \$FJ	31 December 2021 \$FJ
Administration Expense	2,313,189	1,894,389
Auditors remuneration	-	11,222
Other Administration Expenses	284,165	203,442
	2,597,354	2,109,053
8. Cash and Cash Equivalents	31 December 2022 \$FJ	31 December 2021 \$FJ
Cash on Hand	3,175	23,025
Cash at Bank - Flood Response - ANZ	963,779	2,506,777
Cash at Bank - Main account - ANZ	2,186,670	620,364
Cash at Bank - Nutrition - ANZ	286,076	195,374
Cash at Bank - SDF - ANZ	1,591	1,587
Cash at Bank - CDORR - ANZ	(66,775)	62,015
	3,374,516	3,409,142
9. Project Inventories	31 December 2022 \$FJ	31 December 2021 \$FJ
Christmas Cards	12	12
Merchandise	244	244
	256	256

SAVE THE CHILDREN FIJI
 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

10. Trade and Other Receivables		31 December 2022 \$FJ	31 December 2021 \$FJ	
Trade Receivables		472,886	286,180	
Interest Receivable		18,836	16,551	
Other Receivables		82,938	111,965	
		574,660	414,695	
11. Financial Assets		31 December 2022 \$FJ	31 December 2021 \$FJ	
ANZ Bank - Term Deposit		722,409	713,362	
HFC - Term Deposit		276,464	272,716	
ANZ Term Deposit- 13608356		5,000	-	
		1,003,873	986,078	
Held to maturity investments are as follows:				
Term Deposits	Account Number	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Amount
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited	12388512	8/18/2023	0.50%	722,409
Home Finance Company PTE Limited	100017381	14/09/2023	1.75%	124,326
Home Finance Company PTE Limited	15240i1.2	10/30/2023	1.00%	44,672
Home Finance Company PTE Limited	15240i1.3	07/10/2023	1.00%	107,465
				998,873
12. Property, Plant & Equipment		31 December 2022 \$FJ	31 December 2021 \$FJ	
Land and Building		1,200,000	1,200,000	
Less Provision for Depreciation		(101,000)	(90,500)	
		1,099,000	1,109,500	
Motor Vehicles at Cost		183,209	118,209	
Additions		-	65,000	
Less Provision for Depreciation		(110,950)	(83,469)	
		72,259	99,740	
Computer Equipment		156,040	101,303	
Additions		11,656	54,737	
Less Provision for Depreciation		(93,660)	(70,198)	
		74,037	85,842	
Furniture and Fittings		17,721	21,477	
Additions		1,180	-	
Less Provision for Depreciation		(15,654)	(18,015)	
		3,247	3,462	

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12. Property, Plant & Equipment (Continued)	31 December 2022 \$FJ	31 December 2021 \$FJ
Office Equipment	111,064	92,408
Additions	11,187	18,656
Less Provision for Depreciation	(94,624)	(89,500)
	<u>27,627</u>	<u>21,564</u>
Net Written Down Value	<u>1,276,169</u>	<u>1,320,107</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	1,109,500	-	-	(10,500)	1,099,000
Motor Vehicles	99,740	-	-	(27,481)	72,259
Computer Equipment	85,842	11,656	-	(23,461)	74,037
Furniture and Fittings	3,462	1,180	-	(1,395)	3,247
Office Equipment	21,564	11,187	-	(5,124)	27,627
Net Written Down Value	<u>1,320,107</u>	<u>24,023</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(67,962)</u>	<u>1,276,169</u>

13. Available for Sale Financial Assets	31 December 2022 \$FJ	31 December 2021 \$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 @ \$3.35 (2021:\$2.36)	<u>34,291</u>	<u>24,157</u>
14. Trade and Other Payables	31 December 2022 \$FJ	31 December 2021 \$FJ
Trade Creditors	61,387	302,893
Other Payables and Accruals	108,870	245,346
	<u>170,256</u>	<u>548,239</u>
15. Employee Entitlement Liability	31 December 2022 \$FJ	31 December 2021 \$FJ
Annual leave	<u>65,627</u>	<u>50,352</u>

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16. Unexpended Funds	31 December 2022 \$FJ	31 December 2021 \$FJ
a). Unexpended funds from various projects		
(i) Health Grant - Fiji Program Support Facility		
Balance as at 1 January	1,834	1,834
Funds utilised during the year	10	-
Balance as at 31 December 2022	1,844	1,834
(ii) MEHA Wash Grant 19/20 - Fiji Program Support Facility		
Balance as at 1 January	(1,844)	36,787
Funds received during the year	-	5,039
Funds utilised during the year	-	(36,282)
Funds refunded to Donor	-	(7,388)
Balance as at 31 December 2022	(1,844)	(1,844)
(iii) Child-Centred Disaster Risk Reduction - MFAT Funded		
Balance as at 1 January	57,259	283,601
Funds received during the year	394,144	181,419
Funds utilised during the year	(427,385)	(407,761)
Balance as at 31 December 2022	24,018	57,259
(iv) Resilience through Knowledge & Action in Agriculture and Food Security (KANA) -MFAT Funded		
Balance as at 1 January	140,007	17,400
Funds received during the year	635,074	545,388
Funds utilised during the year	(515,430)	(422,782)
Balance as at 31 December 2022	259,650	140,007
(v) AHP Disaster Ready : Regional Cash Preparedness Project Fiji - DFAT Funded		
Balance as at 1 January	-	(2,655)
Funds utilised during the year	-	2,655
Balance as at 31 December 2022	-	-
(vi) Fiji Water Grant 2018 - Fiji Water Foundation Funded		
Balance as at 1 January	-	2,550
Funds utilised during the year	-	(2,550)
Balance as at 31 December 2022	-	-

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16 a). Unexpended funds from various projects (Continued)	31 December 2022 \$FJ	31 December 2021 \$FJ
(vii) Fiji Water Grant 2019 - Fiji Water Foundation Funded		
Balance as at 1 January	-	545
Funds utilised during the year	-	(545)
Balance as at 31 December 2022	-	-
(viii) Education Assistance 2019 - Westpac Australia Funded		
Balance as at 1 January	-	363
Funds utilised during the year	-	(363)
Balance as at 31 December 2022	-	-
(xi) AHP PPF 1 - DFAT funded		
Balance as at 1 January	29,806	38,289
Funds received during the year	-	50,798
Funds utilised during the year	797	(59,281)
Balance as at 31 December 2022	30,603	29,806
(xii) Department of Social Welfare Yasawa Training		
Balance as at 1 January	-	244
Funds received during the year	-	-
Funds utilised during the year	-	(244)
Balance as at 31 December 2022	-	-
(xii) AHP Disaster Ready Cash Preparedness		
Balance as at 1 January 2020 - Audited figures	-	(13,108)
Funds received during the year	-	-
Funds utilised during the year	-	13,108
Balance as at 31 December 2022	-	-
(xiii) WASH Improvement Works 2020 - 2021 - Fiji Water Foundation Funded		
Balance as at 1 January 2021	23,353	94,805
Funds utilised during the year	-	(71,452)
Balance as at 31 December 2022	23,353	23,353
(xiv) AHP Disaster Ready : Shared Service Project - DFAT Funded		
Balance as at 1 January 2021 - Audited figures	24,925	12,330
Funds received during the year	17,585	42,252
Funds utilised during the year	(17,585)	(29,656)
Balance as at 31 December 2022	24,925	24,925

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16 a). Unexpended funds from various projects (Continued)	31 December 2022 \$FJ	31 December 2021 \$FJ
(xv) AHP TC Harold/Covid 19 Phase 1 PPE - Plan International Australia		
Balance as at 1 January 2021	-	(529)
Funds utilised during the year	-	529
Balance as at 31 December 2022	-	-
(xvi) The Prem Rawat Foundation - TPRF		
Balance as at 1 January 2021	-	6,279
Funds received during the year	-	-
Funds utilised during the year	-	(6,279)
Balance as at 31 December 2022	-	-
(xvii) AHP TC Harold Response		
Balance as at 1 January 2021	-	15,988
Funds received during the year	-	46,821
Funds utilised during the year	-	(62,809)
Balance as at 31 December 2022	-	-
(xviii) DRP TC Harold Response - MFAT Funded		
Balance as at 1 January 2021	-	66,081
Funds received during the year	-	-
Funds utilised during the year	-	(66,081)
Balance as at 31 December 2022	-	-
(xix) Positive Discipline - Canada Fund		
Balance as at 1 January 2021	(525)	43,371
Funds received during the year	525	-
Funds utilised during the year	-	(43,897)
Balance as at 31 December 2022	-	(525)
(xx) AHP Covid 19 Recovery Pacific Package Proposal July 2020 - Whitelum Group		
Balance as at 1 January 2021	178,573	540,091
Funds received during the year	314,207	-
Funds utilised during the year	(437,931)	(361,518)
Funds released to procure capital asset	-	-
Balance as at 31 December 2022	54,849	178,573
(xxi) Fiji NPT Cash Programme 2020-21 (FinCAP 1) - National Philanthropic Trust		
Balance as at 1 January 2021	8,976	(36,882)
Funds received during the year	198,732	756,320
Funds utilised during the year	(202,599)	(710,462)
Balance as at 31 December 2022	5,109	8,976

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16 a). Unexpended funds from various projects (Continued)	31 December 2022 \$FJ	31 December 2021 \$FJ
(xxii) Iam Digital Phase 1 - Facebook		
Balance as at 1 January 2021	25,571	85,229.26
Funds received during the year	-	19,592
Funds utilised during the year	-	(79,250)
Balance as at 31 December 2022	25,571	25,571
(xxiii) Francis Ryan Herbert Fund Trust		
Balance as at 1 January 2021	28,959	20,936
Funds received during the year	-	28,703
Funds utilised during the year	(28,700)	(20,680)
Balance as at 31 December 2022	259	28,959
(xxiv) Humanitarian Response Strategy TC Yasa- ARO - Seed Fund		
Balance as at 1 January 2021	10,153	-
Funds received during the year	-	263,281
Funds utilised during the year	(445)	(253,128)
Balance as at 31 December 2022	9,708	10,153
(xxv) 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 2022	-	-
(xxvi) Collective Action to Fund Violence Against Children in Fiji - MFAT Funded		
Balance as at 1 January 2021	55,519	-
Funds received during the year	78,216	134,561
Funds utilised during the year	(237,290)	(79,042)
Balance as at 31 December 2022	(103,555)	55,519
(xxvii) Positive Discipline P2 - Canada Fund		
Balance as at 1 January 2021	16,548	-
Funds received during the year	18,389	73,235
Funds utilised during the year	(33,033)	(56,687)
Balance as at 31 December 2022	1,904	16,548
(xxviii) AHP TC Yasa Recovery in Vanua Levu		
Balance as at 1 January 2021	71,145	-
Funds received during the year	120,850	124,085
Funds utilised during the year	(155,702)	(52,939)
Balance as at 31 December 2022	36,293	71,145

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16 a). Unexpended funds from various projects (Continued)	31 December 2022 \$FJ	31 December 2021 \$FJ
(xxx) TC Yasa Vanua Levu - Facebook		
Balance as at 1 January 2021	43,921	-
Funds received during the year	-	77,754
Funds utilised during the year	(796)	(33,833)
Balance as at 31 December 2022	43,125	43,921
(xxxii) DRP TC Yasa Vanua Levu		
Balance as at 1 January 2021	63,316	-
Funds received during the year	-	324,207
Funds utilised during the year	(32,254)	(260,892)
Funds refunded to Donor	(28,210)	-
Balance as at 31 December 2022	2,852	63,316
(xxxiii) FDG Child Displacement Survey -SCI		
Balance as at 1 January 2021	2,564	-
Funds received during the year	-	3,839
Funds utilised during the year	-	(1,275)
Balance as at 31 December 2022	2,564	2,564
(xxxiiii) CP Training - Fiji Program Support Facility		
Balance as at 1 January 2021	451	-
Funds received during the year	-	4,900
Funds utilised during the year	-	(4,449)
Balance as at 31 December 2022	451	451
(xxxv) Fiji NPT Cash Programme 2020-21 (FinCAP 2) - National Philanthropic Trust		
Balance as at 1 January 2021	1,465,918	-
Funds received during the year	1,352,285	1,769,567
Funds utilised during the year	(2,443,681)	(303,649)
Balance as at 31 December 2022	374,522	1,465,918
(xxxvi) Covid 19 Response Food Pack - SCNZ		
Balance as at 1 January 2021	15,578	-
Funds received during the year	-	187,540
Funds utilised during the year	(893)	(171,962)
Balance as at 31 December 2022	14,685	15,578
(xxxvii) 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 2022	-	-

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16 a). Unexpended funds from various projects (Continued)	31 December 2022 \$FJ	31 December 2021 \$FJ
(xxxvii) Iam Digital Online Safety Campaign Phase 2 - Facebook		
Balance as at 1 January 2021	121,168	-
Funds received during the year	-	176,899
Funds utilised during the year	(88,587)	(55,731)
Balance as at 31 December 2022	32,581	121,168
(xxxviii) Safe School - OMEP Australia Ltd Funded		
Balance as at 1 January 2021	3,985	-
Funds received during the year	-	3,985
Funds utilised during the year	-	-
Balance as at 31 December 2022	3,985	3,985
(xi) Covid 19 Response Appeal		
Balance as at 1 January 2021	226,739	-
Funds received during the year	-	340,739
Funds utilised during the year	(57,000)	(114,000)
Balance as at 31 December 2022	169,739	226,739
(xli) Fiji Water		
Balance as at 1 January 2021	-	-
Funds received during the year	100,000	-
Funds utilised during the year	(89,098)	-
Balance as at 31 December 2022	10,902	-
(xlii) I am Digital Phase 3		
Balance as at 1 January	-	-
Funds received during the year	185,792	-
Funds utilised during the year	(30,196)	-
Balance as at 31 December 2022	155,596	-
(xliii) Canada Fund Phase 3		
Balance as at 1 January	-	-
Funds received during the year	123,627	-
Funds utilised during the year	(33,531)	-
Balance as at 31 December 2022	90,096	-
Total Deferred Income	1,293,786	2,613,900

16 b). Reconciliation of Deferred Income on Capital Asset procured from the Grant Funding

	31 December 2022 \$FJ	31 December 2021 \$FJ
Balance as at 1 January	469,326	222,470
Additions	24,023	58,201
Grant unutilised during the year	375,402	234,791
Less: amortisation during the year	(258,814)	(46,137)
Balance as at 31 December 2022	609,937	469,326

c). Reconciliation of Deferred Income

	31 December 2022 \$FJ	31 December 2021 \$FJ
Unexpended Funds from various projects (16 a)	1,293,786	2,613,900
Deferred Income on capital asset procured from the grant funding (16 b)	609,937	469,326
	1,903,723	3,083,226

17. Notes to the Statement of Cash Flows

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

	31 December 2022 \$FJ	31 December 2021 \$FJ
Cash at Bank	3,371,342	3,386,117
Cash on Hand	3,175	23,025
	3,374,516	3,409,142

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

	31 December 2022 \$FJ	31 December 2021 \$FJ
Net Surplus	1,641,407	373,497
Add Non-Cash Items		
Depreciation	67,948	58,536
Employee Entitlement	15,274	22,039
Amortisation of Deferred Income	140,611	246,855
	1,865,241	700,928
Change in Assets and Liabilities		
(Increase) in inventories	-	-
(Increase) in Trade and Other Receivables	(159,965)	(257,983)
Increase/(Decrease) in Trade and Other Payables	(377,983)	444,010
Increase in Unexpended Funds	(1,320,114)	1,400,350
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	7,179	2,287,305

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. Rosalina Saâga-Banuve	Child Safeguarding Trustee

19. Contingent Liabilities

Contingent Liabilities as at 31 December 2022 amounted to \$Nil (2021: \$Nil).

20. Capital Commitments

Capital Commitments as at 31 December 2022 amounted to \$Nil (2021 : \$Nil)

21. Organisation details

i). Principal place of business

25 Pender Street
Suva

ii). Number of Employees

As at balance date, the organisation employed a total of 49 Employees (2021: 49 employees)

22. Approval of Financial Statements

These financial statements were approved by the organisation's executive board members and authorized for issue on

G. W. Wiseman
: *5th May 2023*
[Signature]

23. Significant Event During the Year

There were no significant changes in the operations of the organisation during the financial period.

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 2022. It should be appreciated that our statutory audit did not cover all the 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.

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 DETAILED STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	31 December 2022 \$FJ	31 December 2021 \$FJ
Income		
Grant income	4,831,562	4,499,673
Other Income	2,515,832	1,866,457
Total Income	7,347,394	6,366,130
Expenses		
Administration Expense	2,313,189	1,894,389
Advertising	22,423	11,112
Audit Fees	-	11,222
Bank Charges	2,635	2,377
Board Meeting Expenses - Local	1,269	107
Depreciation	67,948	58,536
Dues and Subscription	5,882	5,817
Electricity	12,626	9,121
General Expense	18,309	23,082
Housing Allowance	120,239	97,274
Insurance	60,699	52,175
Motor Vehicle Expenses	42,535	29,043
Office Cleaning and Maintenance	46,762	9,629
Printing, Postage and Stationery	57,734	45,553
Project Printing Expense	16,368	-
Project Contractors and Consultants	177,390	629,405
Project Materials and Equipment	382,880	1,059,939
Project Travel and Allowances	181,693	154,403
Project Hosting and Catering	60,256	-
Project Local Training	360	4,313
Property Rates	1,252	1,785
Rent	101,549	67,680
Staff Clearance	3,605	2,331
School Meals	57,078	144,512
School Supplies and Fees	20,208	-
Security	495	645
Telephone, Fax and Internet	33,573	38,679
Training Costs	215,384	169,535
Transportation	158,644	96,880
Wages and Salaries	1,509,426	1,370,650
Water	3,178	2,436
Total Expenses	5,705,987	5,992,632
Net Surplus for the year	1,641,407	373,497

The Detailed Statement of Profit & Loss is to be read in conjunction with the Disclaimer to Supplementary Information set out on pages 24.

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.

Our Values

are
Accountability
Ambition
Collaboration
Creativity
Integrity

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

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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