

Grants

One of the core functions of the Fund is to provide financial support to groups, organisations and networks working on women focused projects and programs. The Fund provides three types of grants.

Type	Duration	Indicative Range (FJD)
A	Multi-year, with contribution to core funding.	> 150,000
B	One year, with contribution to core funding.	50,000–150,000
C	Less than one year.	5,000–50,000

Application for Grants

The Fiji Women's Fund makes the call for Expressions of Interest (EOI) annually. The call is widely advertised in the newspapers, on radio and social media.

Capacity Development

Apart from providing direct grants, the Fund also provides capacity development support to grantees on financial management, fraud and anti-bribery, monitoring, evaluation and learning, gender equality and social inclusion and child protection.

For more information on the grants and how to apply please refer to the Fiji Women's Fund Grant Application Brochure.

The Fund provides capacity development support through seven priority activities; (1) co-mentoring; (2) ongoing support; (3) cross-learning; (4) connecting networks; (5) annual learning and reflection workshop; (6) community of practice; and (7) technical assistance.

The technical assistance delivered by the Fund and external providers within the seven priority activities, supports grantees move from a needs-based approach to a rights-based approach.

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Cover Image:

Ra Naari Parishad Project Officer Davenri Mudaliar at the Ra Naari bee-keeping project site in Wailevu, Ra. The Fiji Women's Fund supports Ra Naari's Rural Women's Lifeskills Program to strengthen economic empowerment, promote leadership and promote involvement of rural women and girls in decision - making processes.

ABOUT THE FUND



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Marisela Adivaiba, President of the Namarai Village Women's Club displays paper beads club members make and sell to Rise Beyond the Reef (RBTR). RBTR works to improve women's lives through ecologically sustainable income-generating projects using traditional skills and material. The Fiji Women's Fund supports RBTR's two year Economic & Leadership Development for Rural Remote Women program.

About the Fund

The Fiji Women's Fund (the Fund) is an initiative of the Australian Government's Pacific Women Shaping Pacific Development (*Pacific Women*) Program. The Fund has committed AU\$10.5 million from 2017 to 2022 for funding and capacity development support to women's groups, networks, and organisations in Fiji to expand and enhance their work on women's empowerment and gender equality. The aim of the Fund is to become an independently funded and managed women's fund by the end of 2022, and it seeks the following outcomes:

- Women's groups, organisations, or networks supported by the Fund are empowered and have the capacity (knowledge, skills, resources and relationships) to contribute to transformative change that improves women's lives.
- Women's groups, organisations, or networks supported by the Fund are having influence at different levels (individual / systemic and formal / informal) and are contributing to transformative change in women's lives.
- The Fund has transitioned to an independent local entity and has secured funding from donors, private sector, and local philanthropy.

The Fund works towards reaching women living in rural and remote locations and those who are marginalised, including women with disabilities and those facing discrimination based on their sexual orientation or gender identity.

The Fund complements Fiji's National Development Plan and contributes to the Fiji National Women's Plan of Action and the National Gender Policy, the Beijing Platform for Action, Pacific Leaders' Gender Equality Declaration (2012) and Sustainable Development Goals 2030.

Delivery Approach

The Fund has two mechanisms for reaching remote, rural and other marginalised women.

The *first mechanism* is through larger partnerships with organisations that work in rural and remote areas, or support networks of otherwise hard to reach women. These organisations may provide direct services or act as intermediaries for re-granting or capacity development assistance.

The *second mechanism* is direct financial and non-financial assistance from the Fund to women's groups, networks and organisations of various sizes.

The Fund's delivery approach is guided by the following key principles:

- » flexible, responsive and accessible in supporting women's groups, networks and organisations;
- » influence and encourage transformative shifts in existing power structures to contribute towards gender equality and women's empowerment;
- » foster collective action and movement building of women's groups, networks and organisations;
- » promote and practice action reflection and participatory learning processes; and
- » promote and practice accountability, transparency, inclusiveness and local ownership.



Fiji Women's Fund Program Officers- Kuini Rabo (first from left) and Devina Devi (fourth from left) meet with Ra Naari Parishad members. Fund staff provide support and training for grantees in the duration of their programs.

The Fund works across four key areas

WEE

Women's Economic Empowerment

EVAW

Eliminating Violence Against Women

WLDM

Improving women's participation in leadership and decision making

WCC

Strengthening women's groups and coalitions for change