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Sub-Grant Application Form

Asia-Pacific Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) Capacity Building on REDD+ (for Indigenous Peoples)

Section 1: Contact Details

Legally registered name of the organization, official address including telephone number/s, website, skype			
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1.b Names of persons to be involved in sub-project implementation (iii should be different from ii)			
	<i>i. Authorized to sign the Sub-Grant Agreement</i>	<i>ii. Responsible for implementation if different from (i).</i>	<i>iii. Responsible for finance</i>
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Section 2: Applicant Organization Information

Names of members of governing body and their role.	
<i>Name</i>	<i>Position/Role</i>
Adi Finau Tabakauoro	National President and President Tailevu Provincial Branch
Ro Teimumu Kepa	President Rewa Provincial Branch
Adi Salaseini Fong	Vice President and President of Cakaudrove Provincial Branch
Adi Lagamu Baledrokadroka	Vice President and President of Naitasiri Provincial Branch
Eseta Tuinabua	General Secretary
Adi Kakua Mara	President Lau Provincial Branch
Adi Melaia Qomate	President Macuata Provincial
Adi Ana Ramatai	President Bua Province
Adi Litia Makutu	President Nadroga Provincial Branch
Bulou Lusiana Duiketete	President Kadavu Provincial Branch
Bikoca Sadole	General Secretary Ba
Salacieli Wong	President Ra Provincial Branch
Adi Kolokesa Latianara	President Serua Provincial Branch
Ro Iva Gukibau	President Namosi Provincial Branch
<i>Frequency of meetings:</i>	<i>Quarterly 3 times a year and extraordinary meetings may be called when the need arises</i>

Number of full time staff of the entire organization, indicate whether male or female.			
<i>Project implementation – the President plus 2Female</i>	<i>Finance – 2-Female</i>	<i>Others - Maintenance -2 males,1 female Driver -1 male</i>	
Memberships in Networks or Alliances including those with governments			
<i>Name of Alliance/Network</i>	<i>Contact Person</i>	<i>Email Address</i>	
Ministry of Forestry	Conservator of Forests Ms Sanjana Lal	sanjana.lal@govnet.gov.fj; lal.sanjana@gmail.com	
Ministry of Women	Director Women Ms Selai Korovusere	SelaiK@govnet.gov.fj	
Ministry of Economy	Ms Jeanette Mani	jeanette.mani@economy.gov.fj	
Ministry of iTaukei Affairs	Mr Waisale Ramoce	waisale.ramoce@govnet.gov.fj	
Ministry of Rural and Maritime	Mr Josefa Navuku	josefa.navuku@govnet.gov.fj	
Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport			
National REDD+ Steering Committee	Mr Ilaisa Tulele	tulele.ilai@outlook.com	
Fiji Hardwood Corporation	Mr Semi Dranibaka	semi.dranibaka@gmail.com	
Fiji Pine Ltd			
Sawmillers Association	Mr Amena Tuisawau	amena_tui@yahoo.com	
Yaubula Management Support Teams	Mr Saiasi Buluta	saiasi.buluta@govnet.gov.fj	
US Embassy	Mr Saula .T		
UK High Commission	Mr Amitesh Prasad		
India High Commission			
ITaukei Land Trust Board	Mr Solomon Nata	snata@tltb.com.fj	
Rate your working relationship with government at local and national levels with 1 as lowest and 5 as highest and identify the government offices/agencies.			
<i>Local government – 5</i>		<i>National government – 5</i>	
Sources of funds from 2018 to the present			
<i>Name of Donor</i>	<i>Amount in US\$</i>	<i>Contact Person</i>	<i>Email Address</i>
Provincial Branch Levies from the 14 provincial branches	16,000	Provincial Branch Presidents as listed in Governing Body above	
REDD+ (FCPF, World Bank funds to produce Gender and FPIC Guidelines for Fiji REDD+ Program	\$24,525.00	Program Team Leader Mr Ilaisa Tulele	
Oxfam (Institutional Strengthening and Capacity Building of the Soqosoqo)	\$5,000	Ms Raijeli Nicole, Executive Director Oxfam Pacific	
British High Commission (COVID-19 response funding)	\$16,986		
US Embassy (COVID-19 response funding)	\$25,000		
Indicate the name and contact details of your organization's external auditor.			
<i>Name of the External Auditor</i>		<i>Email Address</i>	
Mr. Ioane Naiveli INAIVELI&CO.		office@inaiveli.com.fj	

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT AND BUSINESS CONSULTANT	
Previous and/or ongoing programs/projects/activities on REDD+, forest and health at local, national and regional levels including engagements with government agencies and the target beneficiaries of this sub-project since 2018.	
<i>Programs/Projects/Activities</i>	<i>Beneficiaries and Location</i>
Baseline Survey to indigenous communities around REDD+ pilot sites	Tikina Noikoro Navosa and Tikina Dreketi -Indigenous forest owners
Preparation of 2 national documents FPIC and Gender Guidelines Alternative Livelihood basic skills in partnership with GIZ at the REDD+ pilot site, Navosa	Indigenous Forest owners
Enumerate the trainings on REDD+, forestry and health that the target beneficiaries participated from 2018 to present.	
20 awareness and capacity building programmes carried out from 2018-2021	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REDD+ Awareness to communities in Navosa on Viti Levu and Dreketi on Vanua Levu (2018) • Livelihood Training for women in Navosa's REDD+ community • REDD+ Awareness to about 140 women from the 14 Provinces during the Soqosoqo Vakamarama's Special Annual General Meeting (December 2018) 	
Fluency of staff in English and the language/s of targeted forest-dependent indigenous peoples.	
Fluent in English and the indigenous language is their mother tongue	
Indicate the labor and occupational health and safety (OHS) standards of your government that your organization follow/implement.	
<i>Labor standards</i>	<i>OHS</i>
Child Protection Policy Safeguarding policies Employment Relations Acts	Occupational Health and Safety Regulations COVID-19 Protocols in place
What problems did your organization encounter related to labor and OHS standards of your country and how did you resolve these?	
None –the organization is run by members of the organization who are volunteers	
Describe briefly how your organization settle/address complaints including use of traditional IP practices or just attach a copy of the GM.	
<p>Grievances or disputes are settled using the traditional and cultural mechanism within the communities. There is the Village Administrator (Turaga ni Koro) who receives all types of grievances and disputes. He/she is then tasked to call a meeting or to direct the grievances to the appropriate authorities and agencies.</p> <p>The SSV have structures in place at village and tikina levels with its Provincial Members. If and when there are grievances the SSV resort to the cultural mechanisms of addressing grievances. With this Sub-Project it is envisaged that the IPs will be able to use the SSV structures from divisional and district levels to the national level and the SSV at the national level then takes their grievances to the relevant institutions and authorities. We will also work closely with agencies that have the capacity to deal with grievances like TLTB, REDD+ Steering Committee of which the SSV is a part of. This will be emphasised during the training of trainers and awareness at village levels.</p> <p>More specifically within the Soqosoqo, there will be a Grievance Panel convened and matters handled by the National Council for the Soqosoqo Vakamarama as and when they arise. All complaints will have to be submitted in writing to the General Secretary of the Soqosoqo. The women leaders from the Provincial Branches will facilitate the gathering/receiving of these grievances from their respective District branch leaders. Forms will be written up to which the complainants can fill and minutes of the resolution meetings will be recorded and signed by the members of the Grievance Panel.</p>	

What are the government requirements your organization has to fulfill before implementing externally funded projects including reports to be submitted?

Transparency and Accountability
 Impact must reach the intended beneficiaries
 Following and respecting the traditional protocol when dealing with indigenous communities
 Monitoring and Evaluation and Financial reports submitted as required by sponsors
 Compliance with government regulations and currently with COVID-19 safety protocols

What external challenges/risks did you experience in project implementation and how did you address these?

Risks	Remedies
Natural Disasters COVID-19 Pandemic Political Uncertainty	Readjust and re-strategise

Rate your organization on the following, 5 points being the highest.

Technical capacity	5	Reports preparation	5
Safeguards implementation	5	Monitoring & evaluation	5

Kindly provide 3 references who could attest to your organization's capacity if your proposal is shortlisted.

Name and Position/Designation	Organization/Government Office	Email Address
Mr. Pene Baleinabuli Permanent Secretary	Ministry of Forestry	pene.baleinabuli@govnet.gov.fj
Mr. Josefa Toganivalu, CEO Taukei Affairs Board	Taukei Affairs Board	josefa.toganivalu@govnet.gov.fj
Mr. Saula T. Public Diplomacy Unit – US Embassy	US Embassy (Fiji)	

Section 3: Proposed Sub-Project Identification

Sub-Project title	Enabling indigenous forest dependents to effectively participate in Fiji's Emission Reductions Program
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Identify the indigenous peoples who will benefit directly from the sub-project and their location in the emission reductions program (ERP) area/s as indicated in your country's Emission Reductions Program Document (ERPD).

Fiji's Emission Reductions Program will address the main drivers of deforestation and forest degradation through integrated land use planning, native forest conservation, and sustainable pine and mahogany plantations. Other aspects will focus on community-driven afforestation, climate-smart agroforestry, and alternative livelihoods initiatives. These efforts are designed to provide job opportunities and improve livelihoods for local communities. There will also be training and agricultural extension services conducted to establish community plantations and woodlots as well as improving kava and vanilla agro-forestry systems. These sustainable land-use techniques help to boost incomes while also reducing pressure on forests.

There are 20 Districts within eight (8) Provinces on Fiji's three (3) main islands Viti Levu, Vanua Levu and Taveuni that are being targeted within Fiji's ERP.

This Sub Project will focus on 11 districts from the 20 featured in the ERP to which IPs will directly benefit. The districts will include Bua, Labasa, Nabobuco, Namataku, Saivou, Saqani, Serua, Wailevu, Tavua, Tunuloa, Taveuni. To further break them down as per Divisions and Provinces is as below:

- Western Division: Ba Province (Tavua district); Nadroga/Navosa (Namataku district); Ra Province (Saivou district)
- Central Division: Naitasiri Province (Nabobuco district); Serua Province (Serua district);

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northern Division: Bua Province (Bua district); Cakaudrove Province (Saqani, Tunuloa and Taveuni districts); Macuata Province (Labasa and Wailevu districts) 			
Targeted number of direct¹ beneficiaries	Men – 200	Women – 500	Youth ² - 100
Total Sub-Project cost (amount requested plus counterpart and from other sources in USD)	\$74,157.00		
Amount requested from the project (in USD)	\$53,947.00		
Counterpart contribution	\$20,210.00		
Amount provided by other sources (in USD)	NOT APPLICABLE		

Section 4: Proposed Sub-Project Information

4.1 What are the issues and problems of forest-dependent indigenous men, women, youth and persons with disabilities related to REDD+/ERP implementation and delivery of COVID-19 support that the Sub-Project will address?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raising awareness on REDD+ and identifying strategies and actions as articulated during the National Consultation. A great part of the purpose of the project proposal is to elicit the needs of the indigenous forest dependent as articulated by them and expected return of investment on the project when implemented. Training programs envisaged in the project proposal aims to improve and secure wider knowledge of ERP initially for the 11 districts but replicated in the other districts. This will increase the target group of 700 to double the number. However, some of the return of investment will improve appreciation, empowerment thru knowledge gained. Also physiological transformation within the communities and better appreciation of identification of intellectual concern especially on cultural impacts and traditional practices 	
4.2 Kindly indicate name/s and contact details of the following:	
Name	Email address and/or telephone number:
COVID-19 response unit:	
Dr. Anaseini Maisema, General Manager. COVID-19 Incident Management Team, Ministry of Health & Medical Services, Dinem House, Suva.	anaseini.maisema@health.gov.fj Phone: +679 3306177
REDD+/ERP implementing unit	
Program Team Leader REDD+ Mr Ilaisa Tulele, Ministry of Forestry	tulele.ilai@outlook.com
Communications & Safeguards Ms Reama Naco, Ministry of Forestry	reama.naco@gmail.com
Conservator of Forests, Ms Sanjana Lal	lal.sanjana@gmail.com
Representative/s of the targeted IP beneficiaries	
Names of Presidents of Provincial branches of the Organisation as in the Governing Body above	Email address and/or telephone number:

¹ Direct Beneficiaries are IPs and members of indigenous peoples' organizations and institutions who will participate in capacity building and awareness raising activities and meetings/workshops with REDD+/ERP units and COVID-19 response implementers and other stakeholders.

² For uniformity, youth refers to those who are 15-24 years old based on UN Statistics definition

Refer to Section 2 for the list of Presidents for the respective Provincial Branches

4.3 Please provide a short overall description of the proposed Sub-Project. Why is the Sub-Project important to forest-dependent indigenous men, women, youth and persons with disabilities? (Should be related to 4.1 above)

The major issues or concerns arising from the report on Fiji's Drivers Study show that agriculture is the main cause of deforestation and forest degradation thus contributing to carbon removals. In addition, the other drivers include infrastructure, forest fires and natural disasters. From previous awareness sessions and research carried out by SSV in the communities especially those within Fiji's ER Program, there have been issues faced by the communities in terms of food security, loss of indigenous knowledge, and the need to be climate resilient. The remoteness of these areas pose economic and social problems for these forest dwellers. It is hoped that the ER Program will be an incentive to encourage these landowners to protect and sustainably manage their forests.

This sub project is therefore aimed at empowering forest dependent beneficiaries, and putting in place an enabling framework that will promote their appreciation and knowledge of the REDD+ program and the requirements of the ERP and therefore contribute towards the efficient and effectively the implementation of the country's ERP.

This will entail the following

- Stakeholder Consultation to determine appropriate strategies and actions to implement
- Implementation of strategies
- Monitoring and Evaluation and Documentation of Reports and findings

Furthermore, it is envisaged that through the participation of indigenous men, women and youth including peoples living with disabilities there will be a clear understanding on what Fiji's ER Program entails, there will be an understanding of the Benefit Sharing Plan and the Safeguards elements such as SESA, ESMF, Resettlement Policy, Gender and FPIC.

The forest-dependent indigenous men, women, youth and persons with disabilities will be able to develop sustainable programs towards self-sufficiency. They will be able to identify the alternative livelihood opportunities if they are to conserve their forests. They will be able to understand the adverse effects of climate change and so understand why they should protect their forests.

They will also be able to make informed decisions on development plans and programs brought into their areas for e.g. roads, airstrips, power supply that will affect not only the forests but also the waterways, biodiversity etc. Also for land reclamation, gravel extraction, agricultural planting beside the riversides, industries like timber yards set up beside the rivers and streams causing environmental damage.

The major interventions of the project entail awareness to the 11 districts within Fiji's ERPD, consultations at national, district and community levels, training of the SSV Provincial Branches who will then undertake awareness in their respective districts.

Bearing all this in mind - The SSV has undertaken COVID-19 response activities in 2020, 2021 and will complete this exercise in 2022 which will include a national coverage. National status of COVID-19 in Fiji is that almost 90% have been fully vaccinated. The SSV will observe the national regulations and protocols on COVID-19 when undertaking the Sub-Project activities. The National SSV office premises was used as a COVID-19 facility in 2021 and has since placed the Care Fiji App facility to ensure people check in and check out.

4.4 Desired Overall Outcomes (what benefits and/or immediate positive changes do you anticipate for the targeted indigenous peoples, their communities and/or organizations in relation to the implementation of your country's REDD+/ERP and government's COVID-19 response that are directly related to sub-project implementation?)

- To build climate resilient IP communities

- IP communities are fully aware of forests, it's linkages to reducing climate change and how REDD+ is a mitigation approach to combating the effects of climate change
- IP communities are informed of Fiji's Emission Reductions Program & can make fully informed decisions on whether or not participate
- Increase in number of forest conservation areas
- Increase in number of agro-forestry plantations
- Strengthening the SSV provincial Branches on knowledge and understanding of forest and climate change
- Trained indigenous women become fully fortified trainers and can assist in information dissemination to other IP communities in Fiji

4.5 Kindly enumerate and describe the activities to be implemented by the Sub-Project and the expected results.

<i>Activities for beneficiaries only</i>	<i>Expected results (refer to the indicators in the invitation/call)</i>
<p>a) Training of Trainers</p> <p>The Soqosoqo Vakamarama will work with the REDD+ Unit on the production of training and awareness materials in the iTaukei (indigenous) language and also help to facilitate the training of trainers to ensure consistency of messaging.</p> <p>The agroforestry component will be factored in the Training component.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 indigenous women from the SSV Provincial Branches are trained and equipped to be Trainers in their respective communities • These Trainers fully understand and confident is disseminating information on Fiji's ER Program, Benefit Sharing Plan, Safeguards elements, Gender and the Feedback Grievance Redress Mechanism • Full appreciation of the concept of agroforestry addressing practices that might adversely impact in terms of the use of insecticide, pesticides, chemicals and others.
<p>b) District Trainings in the Provinces of Ba, Ra, Nadroga/Navosa, Naitasiri, Namosi, Serua, Cakaudrove, Bua and Macuata.</p> <p>There will be 1 training per district (11), 3 days per training and anticipated to have 50 participants per training.</p>	<p>The Trainers will carry out the District Training in the 11 Districts as per break down below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Western Division: Ba Province (Tavua district); Nadroga/Navosa (Namataku district); Ra Province (Saivou district) • Central Division: Naitasiri Province (Nabobuco district); Serua Province (Serua district); • Northern Division: Bua Province (Bua district); Cakaudrove Province (Saqani, Tunuloa and Taveuni districts); Macuata Province (Labasa and Wailevu districts)
<i>Joint activities with governments, other stakeholders and beneficiaries</i>	
<p>a) 2 National Consultations (1 day for 50 participants each)</p> <p>Consultations with the respective Permanent Secretaries for Forestry, Agriculture, iTaukei Affairs, Lands & Mineral Resources, Rural and Maritime, REDD+ Steering Committee, REDD+ CSO Platform</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first National Consultation with identified stakeholders aimed to introduce the project, gain support and feedbacks in the implementation of the sub project • Second consultation aimed to provide an update on the completed activities, lessons learnt and recommendations to the sub project

<p>the private sector and the IPs which will include the head of the women Provincial leaders.</p> <p>1 major consultation at the beginning of the sub-project implementation and another consultation at the end to update the respective stakeholders on the activities that have been achieved.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Both consultations intended to provide opportunity to network and collaborate with Government, CSO, private sectors and IP communities. 	
<p>b) 3 consultations at Divisional levels (West, North, Central, 1 day for 50 participants each)</p> <p>The consultations will be undertaken in the West, Central and Northern Divisions. Consultations in these 3 Divisions will include participants from the IP communities, officers from the research centres of the Ministries of Agriculture and Forestry around Fiji located within the 11 districts which include the Naduruloulou Research Centre, Dobuilevu Research Centre, Nacocolevu Research Centre, Koronivia Research Centre, the Divisional Forestry beat officers, officers from the TLTB offices in the districts the representatives from the Provincial Offices in these 11 districts as they are gateway for entry into IP villages and also liaise with the Provincial Office's Conservation Officers. In addition, the participants will also include the District officers and the respective Divisional Commissioners.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 3 consultations at the respective Divisions with the relevant stakeholders projected to introduce and gain support in the implementation of the project Facilitate dialogue on Fiji's ER Program with stakeholders aimed to provide information and strategies to better the project implementation Network building and support gained from the Ministries, Provincial Offices, CSO and IP Women Leaders strengthen the implementation of the project 	
<p>4.6 Describe any potential external factors/risks that may affect implementation and how you will mitigate these.</p>		
<p><i>Risks/Challenges</i></p>	<p><i>Remedies/Mitigation</i></p>	
<p>Global pandemic National Disaster Level of government and political support</p>	<p>Review and re-strategise to manage risks</p>	
<p>4.7 Which other groups/organizations, including government, will be involved in Sub-Project implementation?</p>		
<p><i>Name of group/organization</i></p>	<p><i>Email Address</i></p>	<p><i>Roles/Responsibilities</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indigenous Young Women's Network 	<p>rokotuibau.mereani77@gmail.com</p>	<p>Part of the Consultations Monitoring and Evaluation Responsible for research and data collection Participate as Training of Trainings Develop templates for Program content like scoping exercises</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provincial Council Administrators, Provincial Conservation Officers & Yaubula Management Teams 	<p>saiasi.buluta@govnet.gov.fj</p>	<p>To assist the Trainers in carrying out REDD+ a ERP awareness to the stakeholders in the districts</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provincial rural youth groups in forest dependent community beneficiaries 	<p>mei@mail.org</p>	<p>Collaborate in decision making and the implementation of strategies and actions Participation in the consultation Project Management</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Agriculture Land Use and Extension teams 	snagaunavou@govnet.gov.fj	Establishment of Nurseries, Agro Forestry & Sustainable Land Management
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Forestry Divisional Offices 	lal.sanjana@gmail.com	Establishment of Nurseries, Afforestation & Reforestation, Sustainable Forest Management
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Rural and Maritime 	josefa.navuku@govnet.gov.fj	Working closely with Provincial Administrative District Offices for project implementation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iTLTB 	snata@tltb.com.fj	District Land Use Plans that TLTB have come with. Will work with these plans to inform the communities for ERP interventions in the districts.

4.8 How will you ensure the proportionate participation of men, women, youth and persons with disabilities in sub-project implementation, monitoring and evaluation?

Representation based on population percentage in a target community.
 Generally there are 14 Provinces in Fiji's 1171 Villages with 189 Districts
 About 30 households per village; average number of population per village is 150.
 Approximately 5 member households.

For the 11 Districts, there are a total of 130 villages this sub-project is targeting these are the number of villages.

Ba Province, Tavua – 6 villages

Bua Province, Bua District – 7 villages

Cakaudrove Province, Wailevu District – 27 villages
 Cakaudrove Province, Saqani District – 13 villages
 Cakaudrove Province, Tunuloa District – 9 villages
 Cakaudrove Province, Taveuni District – 24 villages

Macuata Province, Labasa District – 15 villages

Nadroga/Navosa Province, Namataku District – 9 villages
 Naitasiri Province, Nabobuco District – 6 villages

Ra Province, Saivou District – 5 villages

Serua Province, Serua District – 9 villages

$130 \times 30 \times 5 = 19,500$ is the population. This Sub Project intends to target the proportionate participation of men, women, youth and persons with disabilities from the approximate 19,500 population.

4.9 How will Sub-Project gains/benefits be sustained after completion?

The whole project will incorporate measures that will ensure that the IP beneficiaries take ownership of the sub-project and participate as much as possible so as to ensure sustainability.

Evaluation and monitoring team members to be selected from amongst the beneficiaries themselves.

The use of the traditional and government administrative network to assist the I Soqosoqo Vakamarama governing network in all the processes of the project.

The knowledge gained by the beneficiaries in the trainings will assist with building climate resilient IP communities. It is envisaged that with these activities, the IP beneficiaries will take ownership of the activities that will contribute to the reduction of deforestation and forest degradation and will encourage carbon stock enhancement through reforestation and afforestation as well as forest conservation and the sustainable use of forests. IP communities will not only participate in carbon trading but also in the non-carbon aspects which include protecting water sources, protecting cultural heritage sites in the forest, protecting the unique birds and flora and fauna species within the forests.

The engagement and support from the different government and statutory offices will strengthen the IPs and the Soqosoqo Vakamarama's relationship and partnership with Government.

This sub project will also be seen as a means of strengthening the Provincial Branches – Through the training of Provincial Branches members and through the Soqosoqo Vakamarama's current Strategic Development Plan with thematic area on the Environment with particular emphasis on reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, protection of the environment and food security. These Branches also have structures in place such as the Presidents (Provincial women leaders) and office bearers at the Provincial Branches. This sub-project will be part of the mandate of the Provincial Branch leaders who also sit on the National Council of the Soqosoqo Vakamarama.