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Play your part in developing Fiji's future leaders by donating your old books for a good cause

Suva, Fiji - **A book donation drive has been launched in aid of five community schools of Cicia island in Lau. The initiative was started by NGO Partners in Community Development Fiji (PCDF) in affiliation with the Young Professionals (YPs) Club of YWCA Fiji.**

Five villages of Cicia island need your support to improve the education of their children. Cicia has a rapidly growing population and the number of children entering the education system increases every year. Currently, as many as 157 high school children have to share a very limited number of textbooks, making everyday learning and gaining a full education a constant struggle.

One village cannot provide Kindergarten education, which means that children between the ages of 3-5 have to board at the nearest village school. Here, however, they sleep in the teachers quarters as the facilities are not big enough. To counter this and shelter their young children from the distressing experience of being apart from their parents five days a week, the village wishes to start their own Kindergarten.

All 5 community schools are therefore in need of library books, reference and story books, vocational training literature or textbooks for Fiji's education curriculum and educational toys to provide effective education for the children of Cicia.

So, instead of throwing away your unwanted books or keep them lying around in a corner, donate to us and support this worthy cause for the children of Cicia island!

We have already engaged the support of a corporate company, a bank, a university and more than three schools – now it's your turn: You can play a part in the development of Fiji's future leaders by donating now!

Donations can be made by contacting Eta Kedrayate on Tel.: 8688171 or kedrayate.eta@gmail.com or by leaving us a message on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/pcdfiji - we can arrange a pick up. The Fiji National Provident Fund (FNPF) is also supporting the drive and is providing a collection point at the Downtown Boulevard Complex on Ellery Street from Saturday 14th May onwards.

We thank you for your support.

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