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'Working in partnership to empower communities to make informed decisions about their own development'

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SUCCESS STORY

We are happy to advise that PCDF was awarded 1st Runner Up for its 2008 Annual Report in the Charitable Organisation category of the South Pacific Stock Exchange competition.

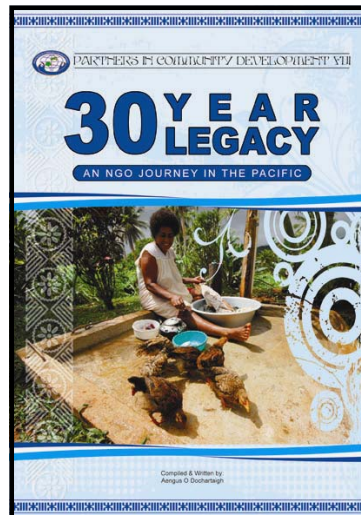
Professor Mick White, who was chief guest, questioned the small number of NGOs that participated over the years.

Alison Cupit, Director General from the Fiji Red Cross, encouraged more NGOs to participate. It was explained to the corporate heads that NGOs often don't have the technical expertise and money to produce reports at the level the South Pacific Stock Exchange expects.

However, PCDF were acknowledged for its creativity, producing reports in-house with very little resources and a lot of passion and imagination.

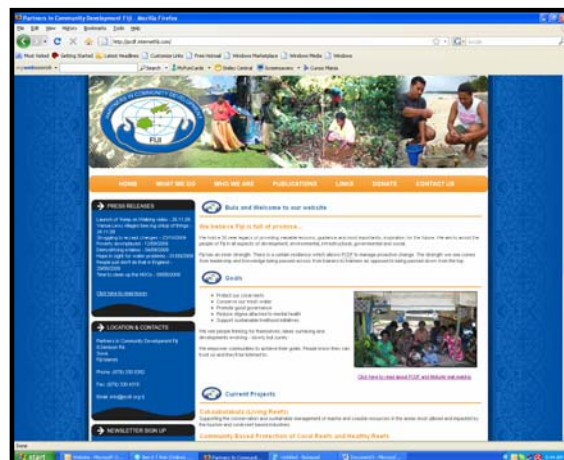
MAIN ARTICLE

PCDF celebrated its 30th Anniversary in style as the team welcomed their new ED, Tevita Ravumaidama, on December 17. The celebrations were enhanced by the launch of PCDF's first book - '30 Year Legacy, an NGO journey in the Pacific'; the new PCDF website; internal database system and mental health video.



Front page of PCDF's 30 Year Legacy book.

The new website aims to be the most up-to-date platform for all PCDF activities showing case studies, recent publications, news articles, press releases, projects and videos.



Home page of the new PCDF website:
www.pcdfiji.org or www.pcdf.org.fj

LATEST NEWS

Overall, December was a month of report writing and festivities so outcomes are less than previous months.

Natural Resource Management (NRM)

On December 13 a proposal was submitted to Canada Fund to help Moala village and school in the Lau group:

As an outcome of the Lau Provincial Good Governance Workshop, held in PCDF on August 11 – 14, 2009, village leaders and community group representatives had to compile Development Action Plans—guidelines to community development. The village headman of Keteira, Moala, Lau Province, submitted a request to PCDF in an effort to address the water problems faced in his village.



Participants at the Lau Provincial workshop

As a response, NRM met with Ms. Leonie Smiley, Programme Officer for the Canada Fund and submitted a proposal for the improvement of water resources and supply for the village and school of Keteira.

On December 15, Canada Fund approved the proposal. Discussions are under way with the village headman and Provincial Officials on the implementation of the project for the next nine months.

A proposal designed and named as Natural Resource Management—Clean Water Programme (NRM – CWP) was sent to MISEREOR on December 17. Archbishop Petero Mataka wrote a supporting letter as the head of the local Church as is part of the requirements from MISEREOR.

Community Capacity Enhancement (CCE)

Good Governance People and Policy Programme

On December 22, a proposal was sent to the United Nation Democracy Fund – UNDEF. The programme entitled "*Training of Trainers (TOT) for better utilizations of local resources*" to focus on selected Districts of the Rewa and Tailevu Provinces.

YC4MH

The Disability Rights Fund approved \$15,000 US for the YC4MH on behalf of the Tides Foundation. This funding will be used for:

- A speakers bank of people with a mental illness and/or people that can speak to the media about mental health issues.
- Increased media coverage of mental health issues, thus decreased stigma of people with a mental illness.
- Employment of a Project Officer to facilitate the project.
- Increased number of members of YC4MH that have a mental illness and/or a carer.

Youth Champs for Mental Health had a curry afternoon in December to give thanks for the year 2009 and to unofficially open their new office at PCDF. This was made possible by funding from FHSIP (AUSAID), the generosity of PCDF and local fundraising.

MORDI

MORDI Coordinator, Iliapi, visited the Northern project, Vanua Levu, on December 16 - 17 to update senior Government Officials and do a progress report on a water project.

Words of thanks and appreciation goes to the DC Northern for his overwhelming support to the PCDF MORDI program. PCDF is grateful to be part of the Northern development and we're looking forward to continue with good working relation in 2010.

Talica and a member of staff from the National Disaster Management Office went to Vanua Levu to conduct a Disaster Management and First Aid Training in the Wailevu District and Kubulau District, Bua. The training took ten days and was well timed considering the recent cyclone.



Participants photos on the last day in Keka, Wailevu, Cakaudrove



A working group in Namalata, Kubulau, Bua

Iliapi went to Vanua Levu to deliver farm tools Keka village in Wailevu District. The farming tools were requested by the youth group as their income generating project.

The water project in Nakoso, Wailevu, has been completed but is still waiting for the report from the External Service Providers.

The MORDI team met Mr. Ron Hartman from IFAD (donor agency). The meeting went well - many points were discussed amongst the team with the presence of the PRAC member Mr. Sakiusa Tubuna. The meeting was a reviewed visit from IFAD to Fiji via the MORDI program at PCDF and FSPI.

Iliapi, MORDI Coordinator, went to Nadi to attend a regional conference hosted by the South Pacific Commission. The impact of the conference will benefit MORDI communities especially the rural areas in terms information sharing and networking with the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry both regionally and nationally.

Talica, MORDI Training, Monitoring and Evaluation Officer, attended the 2009 Pacific Beijing + 15 NGO Forum. The event was hosted by PACFAW and held in Suva from November 30 - December 3. The purpose of the workshop was to produce a document for the Pacific nations about the MDG component regarding women on rights, health, education and media.

- EED six month audit report completed and

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awaiting approval.

- Three months cash flow / projections completed (Dec 2009—February 2010).
- YC4MH moved into their new office at PCDF.
- Completed annual staff performance appraisal with bonuses and rewards awarded to exceptional achievers.

January's work

- BODs meeting.
- Completion of the Annual Report.
- Quarter 1 progress report (PCDF – financial, programme and June to Dec project audit).
- Three months cash flow (January to March),
- Program Implementation plan with budget for Jan – March.
- Farewell of Alisi Daurewa (out-going ED of PCDF).
- Submission of AUSAID core funding report.
- PCDF core funding proposal.
- Two project proposals.

- The PCDF '30 Year Legacy' book was

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completed and launched at the end of December.

- Completion of the new PCDF website which was launched internally at the end of December.

- Work continues on the 2009 Annual Report.
- Printing of NRM awareness posters.
- Official launch of the internal database.

STAFF NEWS

PCDF welcomed the new ED who joined on December 7. Alisi W Daurewa, the outgoing, to finish at the end of January 2010.

20 staff altogether; one ED, three finance staff, five admin, six project staff, two local volunteers and two international volunteers and one casual staff. All staff were awarded \$200.00 bonus and five awarded with merit of \$200.00 for the year 2009.

INTERNATIONAL MEDIA COVERAGE

- 2003 BBC Television – Coral Gardens
- 2004 BBC Radio – Coral Gardens
- 2008 BBC Television – The Coral Gardner
- 2008 ABC – Sustainable Tourism

MAJOR DONORS

PCDF could not complete any of its important work without the continuing support of local, national, regional and international donor organisations. Accessing support from some of these donors was only possible through the support and partnership of the Foundation for the Peoples of the South Pacific (FSPI), Counterpart International of USA, the Archdiocese of Suva and the Diocese of Polynesia. PCDF humbly salutes the following:

- AUSAID - Australian Agency for International Development
- IFAD - International Fund for Agricultural Development via FSPI
- EED - Church Development Service (Evangelischer Entwicklungsdienst)
- Shangri-La's Fijian Resort
- Canada Fund
- Rotary Water for Life

UPCOMING EVENTS IN JANUARY

- In January YC4MH will have a camp to up-skill and plan for the new year.
- YC4MH will wave goodbye to Sailosi, a previous Executive of YC4MH who is moving to Savusavu.

- MORDI Disaster Management and First Aid training in the Veinuqa District, Namosi and follow up review with the Community Facilitators.

AWARDS

- **Gold for International Green Apple Award (Environmental Best Practice) 2004.**
- Cuvu Site, Nadroga, awarded status of 'Model Site for Coral Reef Conservation' by the United Nations Environment Program (ICRAN Program). 2002.
- **Cuvu Site, one of 3 (along with WWF's Ono and USP's Verata) in Fiji's award by the UN Sustainable Development programme, Johannesburg 2003.**
- Best Annual report, South Pacific Stock Exchange – Not-for-profit section. 2003.
- **International Green Apple Award (Soil Conservation) Winner 2006.**
- First Runner Up for Annual Report 2006, by the South Pacific Stock Exchange.
- **First Runner Up for Annual Report 2007, by the South Pacific Stock Exchange.**
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MEET THE TEAM

Patron: Archbishop Petero Mataka
 Trustees: Verona Lucas, Paula Kunabuli, Susana Tuisawau
 Board Members: (Chairperson) Sashi Singh, Adi Laufitu Malani (Deputy Chairperson), Ratu Joni Madraiwiwi, Dr Graham Roberts, Lionel Gibson, Monica Raghwan, Bernadette Rounds-Ganilau, Alisi W Daurewa (Executive Director)

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**Images taken during the cyclone,
Serua District, Viti Levu.**

RA KAKA

Kaka is Kadavu for parrot. Kadavu is the home of the beautiful shining parrot, '*prosopeia splendens*', an endemic species for Kadavu Province.

The Kaka is a messenger not only on land but also on sea. When sitting in one of it's domains, the mangrove, it serves as a communicator for God's living creatures.

