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Tukuraki village Relocation, Yakete, Ba, Fiji

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Overview

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- Funding
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Background

- The remote village of Tukuraki in the highlands of the Ba Province in Fiji was destroyed more than 5 years ago by a landslide which tragically took the lives of a young family. More than 80 per cent of the village was decimated and as a result the community were forced to evacuate their traditional land, at risk of further landslides.
- The community have been living in makeshift and temporary homes since and during this time were again struck by disaster when Category 4 Cyclone Evan slammed into them in December 2012 followed by the most severe cyclone in Fiji's history, Cyclone Winston, in 2016. This is the community's third major disaster in 4 years.
- In the wake of the Category 5 Cyclone Winston, on February 20 Tukuraki was again impacted and majority have not fully recovered from the 2012 landslide. Without safe housing, residence took refuge in caves during the cyclone.The community was deemed a priority for relocation by the Government of Fiji.
- One of 46 communities urgently needing relocation as a result of climate change and disaster related risk.

Funding Assistance

- Project Budget $756,000 FJD – EU & ACP Group of States through the Building Safety and Resilience in the Pacific Project (BSRP) implemented by the Pacific Community.
- 11 new houses were built to withstand Category 5 cyclones, with an evacuation centre doubling as a community hall.
- For water supply, a dam was built to provide water along with 10 storage tanks with filters, and household distribution through piping for clean, safe drinking water. Rainwater harvesting from the roves were installed as well as a wastewater system leading to a common soakage pit.
- Retaining wall were also built to prevent soil erosion, road access, site levelling and a playground.
- Through the Fiji Government's Livelihoods project, 15 bee hives for harvesting honey and a fish pond for rearing of freshwater fish together with a poultry shed.

Legislative Guide and Framework

- Fiji Planned Relocation Guideline - previously known as Fiji Relocation Guideline.
- Fiji National Climate Change Policy
- Fiji Building Code – Build Back Better
- Fiji National Disaster Risk Reduction Policy 2018-2030 (draft)
- Fiji National Disaster Management Act
- Constitution of Fiji
- Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific
- Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction
- 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Relocation Planned Process

Activity	Stakeholders Responsible
- Land Acquisition for the new site for Relocation	Ministry of I-Taukei Affairs and I-Taukei Land Trust Board
- Topographical Survey/ Geo Hazards Mapping	Department of Mineral Resources – Ministry of Lands.
• Community Consultation	Ministry of I-Taukei Affairs, Ministry of Rural and Maritime Development, National Disaster Management
• Design, Scope of Building Plans and Land Preparation	Ministry of Rural Maritime Development (Rural Housing Unit), Royal Fiji Military Forces and Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport
• Construction of Category 5 Evacuation Centres and 11 eleven homes	Outsource to local company and monitor by the Ministry of Rural Maritime Development (RHU and NDMO)
• Assistance for Construction of Fish Pond • Bee Hives • Poultry Farm	Ministry of Fisheries Ministry of Agriculture
• Conduct of Community Capacity Building training and formulation of Village Development and Disaster Plan	All government stakeholders (Agri./Fisheries, Health, Provincial Office, NDMO, Rural and Maritime Development

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Activity	Stakeholders Responsible
Construction of Road Access, Retaining Wall, Concrete Drainage and Playground	Scope designed by MOIT (Road Supervisor) and outsourced to local contractor for construction
Construction of Dam for water consumption	Water Authority of Fiji with the assistance of local contractor.
Lead Agency for Tukuraki relocation	Ministry of Rural and Maritime Development and National Disaster Management Office.
Steering Committee	Led by Fiji Government with assistance of Pacific Community through BSRP
Funding	Project was co funded by EU and Fiji Government.

Cross Cutting Issues

- Capacity Building
- Gender – inclusive planning and program design.
- Protection of vulnerable groups
- Environmental Awareness protection
- Knowledge Management
- Public and Private partnerships – co funding of the program by Fiji Government and EU

Way Forward

- Better Coordination – Fiji Humanitarian Policy
- Centralized Database system
- Standard Operating Procedures on Planned Relocation and Humanitarian Assistance and Coordination.
- Review of the Fiji National Disaster Legislation

Thank You