

Fijian Stories from the Heart of Communities



2025: A Year of Service

This year marked a strong commitment to building homes, skills, and community resilience. Seven new homes were built, creating safer living conditions for families most in need. Alongside construction, 36 training sessions reached 682 individuals, strengthening local knowledge in Build Back Safer practices, Basic Home Plumbing, and Disaster Preparedness.

Our inclusive approach ensured 344 women and 21 persons with disabilities were directly impacted, reinforcing the importance of equity, accessibility, and community-led action. In addition, we engaged with over 100 international volunteers, whose support and enthusiasm helped bring these projects to life. Together with our partners and communities, this year of service reflects our shared commitment to building homes, communities, and hope.

682 individuals were
trained with a range of
skills

We worked alongside 21
persons with disabilities,
ensuring accessibility,
participation, and
dignity.



7 households
benefitted from
a new home

36 trainings
conducted across the
country

Our programmes
directly supported 344
women, reinforcing
their leadership,
safety, and participation in
building resilient communities.

She Fixes It: From Training to Action

Two women from Naua Village in Macuata proudly put their plumbing skills to use when a 50mm PVC service pipe began to leak. This service pipe connected the village Ecological purification system (EPS) to the village water system.

The Turaga ni Koro (village headman) informed, one of the women who had received the Basic Home Plumbing Toolkit during Habitat for Humanity Fiji's training. Without hesitation, Alisi called on two other women from the group to help fix the issue.

Equipped with their toolkit, they used a hacksaw to cut out the damaged section of the pipe, applied PVC glue to the fittings, and replaced it with a new section. With the support of the village youth, the repair was completed in less than an hour, restoring the water supply to the community.

Reflecting on the experience, one of the women shared,

“From this training, I was able to fix the leaking bib tap in my kitchen, and I was also able to help the other ladies repair the pipe using the tools provided.”

Their quick response not only solved an immediate problem but also showed how empowering women with practical skills can strengthen community resilience and self-reliance.



Training participants carrying out repair works



“This campaign aligns directly with the Government of Fiji’s commitment to women’s empowerment and economic inclusion. “She Fixes It” will ensure that women not only have access to education, training, and employment but also the opportunity to participate and possibly lead in sectors traditionally dominated by men.”

– Sashi Kiran, Minister for Women, Children and Social Protection.



The She Fixes It campaign is a fundraiser targeting women living in urban and informal settlements in the Greater Suva area. The fundraiser aims to raise \$100,000 to train 200 women across urban and informal settlements in basic plumbing skills—a vital yet overlooked part of safe and adequate housing.



SCAN TO LEARN MORE



Tevita Senico shares his message during COP 30

COP 30: Community Led Climate Resilience

Habitat for Humanity Fiji, in collaboration with Habitat for Humanity Australia, shared our approach to supporting communities in Fiji at the recent COP 30 emphasizing community-led climate resilience. Tevita Senico, GEDSI Coordinator at Habitat Fiji shared that every engagement with communities begins by understanding local environments, culture, and social structures.

“Our approach is always fully community-led. Through a two-week participatory approach to community climate resilience workshop, community members map their risks, resources, and priorities in their own language”, Tevita shared.

This process challenges cultural norms by bringing in the voices of women, youth, elders, and people with disabilities, ensuring everyone shapes the community’s future. It also helps resolve internal tensions and builds a shared vision. Habitat Fiji also provides Build Back Safer training and funding support, turning plans into tangible projects that strengthen resilience and can attract government or donor support. Habitat Fiji highlighted the need for adaptation over relocation for Pasifika communities, using nature-based solutions informed by traditional knowledge to preserve culture, heritage, and social cohesion. We stressed that effective climate mobility strategies in the Pacific must combine science, Indigenous expertise, and inclusive engagement to maintain resilience, dignity, and continuity for communities.

The official side event was led by UN-Habitat and International Organization for Migration.



Marlon Atalifo

We are incredibly proud of our former Technical and Design Manager, and now Interim Head of Programs, Marlon Atalifo, for successfully completing the Leadership Fiji Program 2025.

Marlon reflects, “Sometimes you just have to take a chance, even when you don’t feel completely ready. Stepping into something new can be intimidating, but it’s often in those moments of uncertainty that we grow the most. Trying new things opens doors to experiences and lessons you might never have discovered otherwise, and along the way, you realize just how much you’re capable of.”

Through this journey, Marlon has embraced stepping into the frontlines of leadership, and we are thrilled to see him take on his new role as Interim Head of Programs.

Vinaka to Leadership Fiji for this wonderful opportunity and for supporting leaders like Marlon in realizing their potential.



Celebrating Years of Service

Habitat for Humanity Fiji would like to thank Samantha Magick who has served on the Board of Trustees for a period of 6 years.

We are grateful for years of dedicated service and invaluable contribution to Fiji's mission. Her guidance, and belief in our work has strengthened our ability to support families with safer homes and greater resilience. We deeply appreciate the time and effort given in supporting our work to build homes, communities, and hope across Fiji.

We also thank Mr Sowane for his five years of dedicated service to Habitat for Humanity Fiji. In his mid-60s, Mr Sowane continues to show us that leadership and learning have no age limit. His humility, quiet strength, and unwavering dedication to his team in the field have left a lasting mark on our work and on all of us who have had the privilege to work alongside him. He approaches every task with care, patience, and a genuine willingness to learn, setting a powerful example through action rather than words.

Mr Sowane brings with him invaluable cultural and traditional knowledge, enabling Habitat Fiji to work respectfully and harmoniously with communities. His guidance has helped bridge understanding, strengthen relationships, and ensure our work is firmly grounded in local context and custom.

Most notably, Mr Sowane has played a key role in spearheading the Negotiated Partnership Programme, in collaboration with Habitat New Zealand and MFAT New Zealand, contributing significantly to its success and impact.

We are deeply grateful for his commitment, wisdom, and service. Vinaka vakalevu, Mr Sowane, for the role you have played in building not just homes, but trust, connection, and community.

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to the true Habitat for Humanity Fiji champions - those who have tirelessly and selflessly served the organization for over a decade. Your long-term commitment, quiet sacrifices, and unwavering belief in our mission have helped support countless households across Fiji. With over ten years of dedication, often behind the scenes and in challenging conditions, you have strengthened communities, upheld dignity, and ensured that families have a safer place to call home. Your service is the foundation upon which Habitat Fiji's impact continues to grow, and we are deeply grateful for the legacy you are building every day.

Thank you to our real honorary champions

- Marlon Atalifo
- Iosefo Vilikesa
- Shazeel Alim
- Colin Rokobuli
- Suliano Kalougata
- Suliano Veikoso



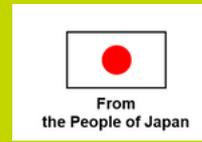
Habitat Fiji team

Some highlights from this year





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- Austin Hfh (Tx)
- Los Angeles Hfh Of Greater (Ca)
- Kershaw County Hfh Of (Sc)
- Ulster County Hfh (Ny)
- Hawaii Hfh Association
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