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Enabling healthier Pacific island communities by providing sustainable access to safer drinking water and improved sanitation



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About RPW

The Rotary Pacific Water for Life Foundation (RPW) is a Limited Liability charitable company registered under Fijian law, to which donations are tax deductible. Since 2007, RPW has positively impacted rural community access to safe water and sanitation services in over 200 communities and schools, benefiting at least 60,000 people living in rural areas.

Vision Statement

Enabling healthier Pacific island communities by providing sustainable access to safer drinking water and improved sanitation.

RPW Objectives

- To mobilize community efforts in implementing and maintaining water and sanitation systems.
- To promote safe Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) practices through interactive community outreach programming
- To utilize innovative technologies in water and sanitation system implementation
- To strengthen effective partnerships with government agencies and civil society organizations working together towards WASH goals

RPW Operational Principles

- Support community ownership
- 100% focus on sustainability
- Leverage strategic partnerships
- Promote gender equality and women empowerment
- Measure and evaluate impact

Chairman



Aslam Khan is the founding director of Rotary Pacific Water For Life, He is an electronic engineer by trade, holding a BSC Hons in electronic engineering, a post grad diploma in Telecoms and information systems from the UK and an MBA from Melbourne University. Aslam is also the founding director of Vodafone Fiji Foundation, and has been Vodafone's managing director since 1992. Aslam has been a Rotarian since 1995 and was awarded the Paul Harris fellow in 2009.

Director



Bruce Sutton is a founding director of Rotary Pacific Water for Life Foundation. He is a Chartered Accountant and since 2012 has been Director of SouthPac Advisory Pty Limited. Bruce was previously a Senior Partner of KPMG Fiji. Bruce has been a Rotarian for over 20 years and is a member and Past President of the Rotary Club of Suva East.

Director



Rakesh Gokal has over 21 years of experience in management, sales and marketing. He is the director of Gokal Group of Companies. Rakesh holds a Bachelor of Business (UTS), is the secretary for Kshatriya Society of Fiji, and the president for Shree Khatriya Yuwak Mandal, Suva. Rakesh is a past-president of the Rotary Club of Suva East, and has been an avid member of Rotary Club of Suva East for the past 16 years.

Director



Rokoseru Nabalarua has been a director of Rotary Pacific Water For Life Foundation since 2012. He holds a Bachelors Degree in Civil Engineering from University of Auckland in New Zealand. He currently served as a member of Board of Directors in two multi national private sector companies and one Advisory Board Member of one multinational public company. He has been the Chief Executive Officer of FIJI Water – Natural Waters of Viti Limited since 2012. Prior to his appointment as CEO of FIJI Water, he has held the positions of Managing Director of Pacific Energy South-West Pacific Limited and Chief Executive Officer of Fiji Electricity Authority.

Director



Warwick Pleass is Assistant Rotary Coordinator to Districts 9910 and 9920, a Rotarian in the Suva East Club in Fiji and is a citizen of Fiji. He is a champion of Rotary in the South Pacific islands generally including the Rotary Pacific Water Foundation and in earlier years Rotary Fiji Health Festival. He also took lead roles in the District responses to the recent Tropical Cyclone Evan responses in Fiji, Samoa and Wallis, Fiji floods in 2012 and 2009, the Samoa and Solomons Tsunamis.

He is a major donor to The Rotary Foundation and is on record as saying a priority for Rotary in this region is to keep narrowing the gap between the islands and their neighbor country clubs, in terms of understanding, cooperation and communication.

RPW Operational Team



Etika Sing
Projects Coordinator



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Assistant Projects Coordinator



Pritika Singh
Office Manager



Prameel Dayal
Finance Assistant



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Volunteer Water Engineer



Eric Siegel
Rotary scholar-intern

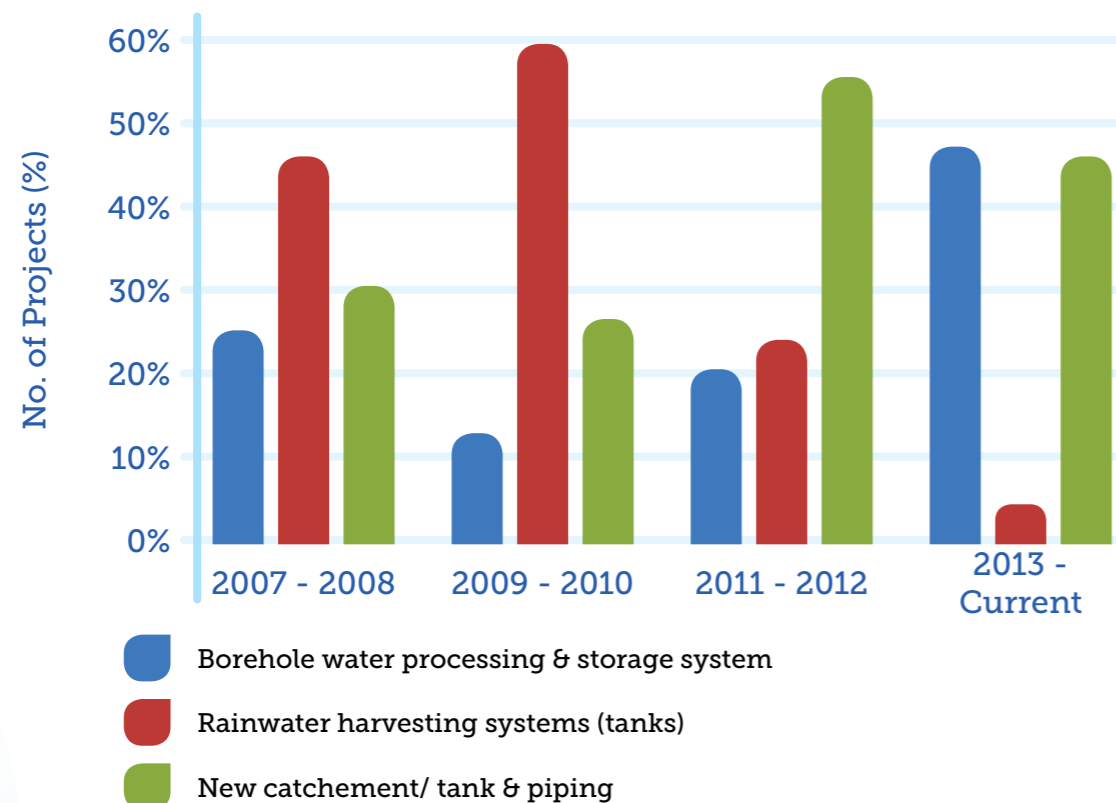
RPW Chairman's Report

“ Imagine a day without water ”

Lack of access to safer drinking water poses a serious threat to any community striving to balance prospects of economic development and their sustainable growth. RPW Foundation contributes to Fiji's quest to achieve its Millennium Development Goals (Target 7c) 'to halve by year 2015, the proportion of people without sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation'.

The question is 'are we on target?' Our target areas are the rural based population that access unimproved sources of water straight from creeks and rivers, causing basic sanitation and health concerns. It is in this area that the scope of our work evolved into what we do today, since inception in 2007.

The dynamics of our water interventions give a snapshot into the extent of safe water needs in rural communities. Our range of projects include rainwater harvesting, upgrade of catchment systems and drilling bore holes to tap limited water reserves, as illustrated below.



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A recent milestone is the extension of water assistance to over 200 communities. These communities are made up of villages, settlements and schools in areas of dire need to improve health standards and well-being of the local population.

The construction of 227 water system projects benefits at least 63,833 villagers, including women and children. On average, to provide water assistance for an individual will cost \$50-\$150 FJD and a community on average cost of \$12,000-28,000FJD.

Ultimately our goal of providing safer water supply to rural households and schools transform especially women and children's lives to improved basic sanitation and hygiene thus building these communities' resilience to shock of extreme climate variability and disaster.

Other highlights include the financial auditors report, improved working knowledge on constructing water systems with precise engineering input from our in-house volunteer engineer to forging strategic partnerships with government actors in the WASH sector in smart project planning. For the past year the Foundation learns to not just connect people with water but act on transforming peoples lives- water for livelihoods, water for development, water for dignity and water for sanitation and hygiene.

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Aslam Khan,

Chairman-RPW Board of Directors.

RPW Foundation Manager's Report

Our primary role is to provide safer and sustainable drinking water to rural communities in Fiji. For this past twelve months, 22 communities were assisted with their water woes thus, benefiting 3,492 people that includes women and children mainly in schools.

“ Imagine a day without water ”

Sentiments usually heard in awareness outreach at the communities are that “the moment when we don't have to worry about clean water, we can focus on goals for education, health and the future of our communities.” Water demand estimates for the average person is about 100L of water a day. This is not the reality for many communities RPW has had the privilege of assisting.

The coverage of 22 communities assisted were in Vanua Levu, Gau in Lomaiviti and interior regions of Western Viti Levu. Of course, none of the work would be possible without the invaluable funding support from our corporate sponsors Vodafone and Fiji Water, development partners, the Australian government through Fiji Community Development Program, Japanese grass-roots program and NZ Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade Aid Program via RNZWCS Limited (Rotary New Zealand).

We acknowledge the technical support provided by our voluntary Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) that reviews projects applications and specifications of engineering needs on water and sanitation projects. For 2013, TAC reviewed on average, 6 project designs per session prior to vetting for implementation.

A year of experiences and lessons enabled the team to do several things:

- improve record keeping for posterity
- improve technical assessments with precise plumbing systems to be built
- develop standards of operation to guide the design, plumbing set up, to the functioning and maintenance of water systems built
- team capacity building on projects profiling needs and reporting
- creative thinking on widening the scope of projects to include awareness on sanitation and hygiene aspects of built water systems for effectiveness
- increase efforts and support an integrated watershed management practices
- assist to support women's roles in the management of water source and systems built for sustainable access to safer water
- mentor community-based water committees in the maintenance plan of their built water systems

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- strengthen working relations with key contacts like divisional health inspectors, Department of Water and Sewerage, Provincial Administrators in the Commissioner's offices
- diverse funding arrangements with Corporate partners and development aid grants that can support water projects over the course of 2 years. There are efforts in the pipeline to secure more development aid type of funding support to cater for the increasing number of needy communities in water stress areas.

It is with hope that the team continues to improve efficiency and effectiveness of plumbing systems built, with increasing financial and technical support from its network of strategic partners.

On behalf of the RPW team



Monifa Fiu

2013 At A Glance



WATER FOR SCHOOLS



WATER FOR DIGNITY



WATER FOR LIVELIHOODS



WATER FOR HOUSEHOLDS



WATER FOR DEVELOPMENT

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Etika and villagers close up on the built plumbing system.



Trying to locate a suitable spot for suspended crossing over the river.



Ravi and villager assess the flow rate of water source.



Pascal and Ravi with village youth have a look around the water source for dam.



Field team discuss with drillers for bore-hole environment details.



Plumbing details for damming of a typical gravity-fed piping water system.

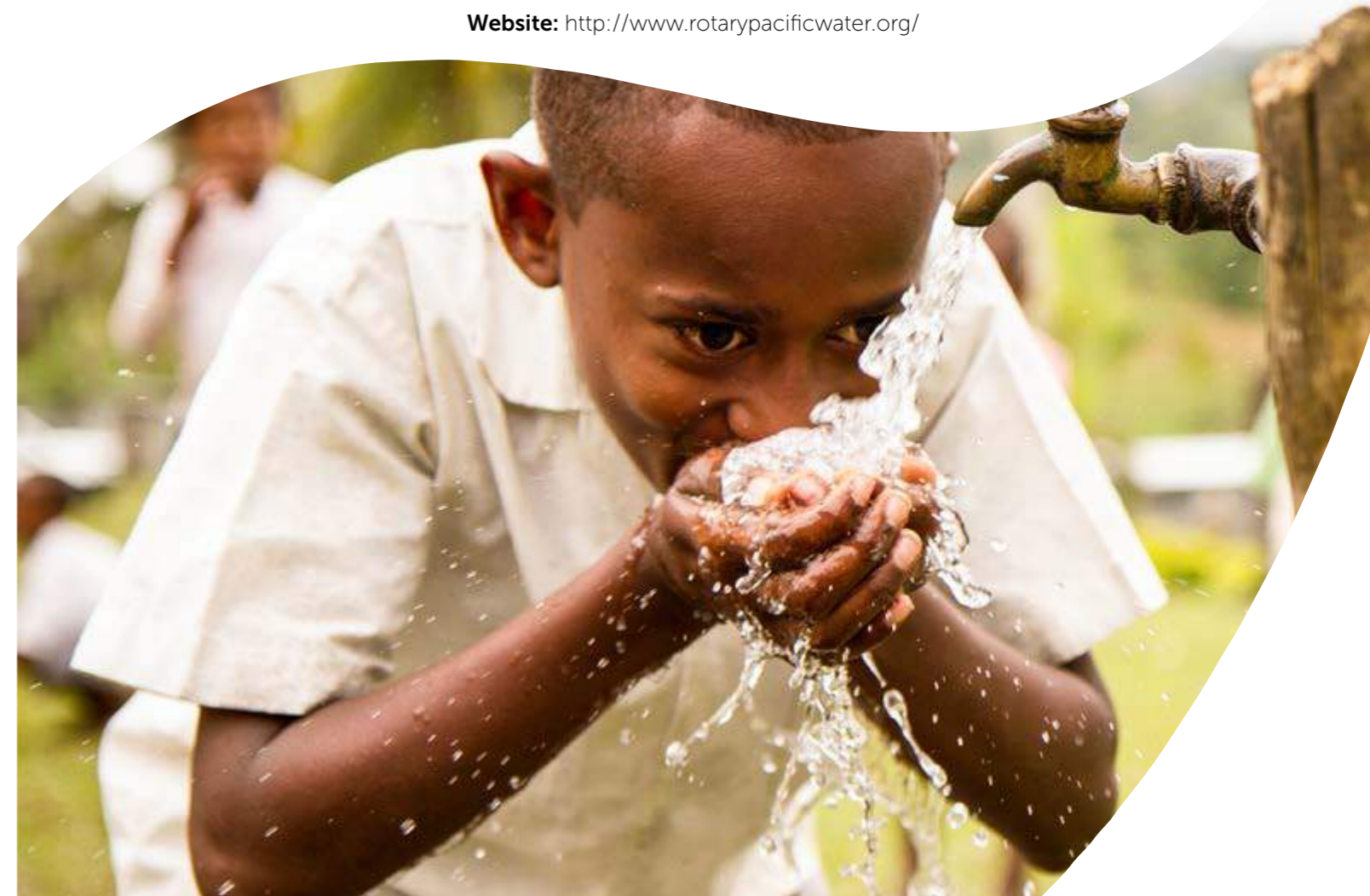
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