

Our Development Cooperation with Fiji



Our development cooperation centres on deepening relationships with Fiji, strengthening governance and institutions, and supporting its economic resilience, community well-being, and security.

A relationship built on shared values and partnership is at the centre of our approach.

New Zealand is focused on targeting support to areas that offer opportunities for strategic engagement. To date, we have provided assistance in areas as wide-ranging as governance, gender equality, security and defence, private sector development, climate change and disaster resilience, labour mobility, education, agriculture and fisheries.

A key area of involvement has been supporting Fiji's electoral system. New Zealand's contribution has included technical assistance through the New Zealand Electoral Commission, support for the development of an Election Management System in 2018, and partnering with the United Nations in its Parliamentary Support Programme.

New Zealand has sought to help build Fiji's economic resilience through targeted support to the agriculture and inshore fisheries sectors, aimed strengthening value chain management, policy and compliance practice, and governance in these priority sectors. Another key area of assistance has been supporting Fiji's post-cyclone recovery. Building on our successful support in this area, resilience-building and climate change adaptation will be areas of focus for future cooperation.

Strengthening Fiji's national security systems across the board will enable and promote legitimate people and trade flows, reduce illicit activities, and contribute positively to regional security.

Recent achievements

- ✦ Contributed to Fiji's post-Tropical Cyclone Winston recovery, through a \$15 million support package used to help repair and rebuild schools, hospitals and other buildings.
- ✦ Improved value chains management, policy and compliance practice, and governance in the agriculture and fisheries sectors, through government-to-government and sector partnerships and technical assistance.
- ✦ Boosted the quality of higher education and skills training through interventions to increase access, and lift curriculum, teaching and organisational quality.
- ✦ Supported a transparent and credible 2018 election and institutional strengthening in Fiji, including through technical assistance provided by the New Zealand Electoral Commission, support for the development of an Election Management System in 2018, and by partnering with the United Nations in its Parliamentary Support Programme

Current development priorities

We are partnering with the Solomon Islands Government to support:

- ✦ Support Fiji in strengthening its public institutions.
- ✦ Contribute to strong, resilient and inclusive communities in Fiji
- ✦ Support economic growth in Fiji that is sustainable, inclusive and resilient.
- ✦ Ensure that Fiji's national security systems are robust and support regional stability.

What we're working on now

- ✦ Partnering with the Government of Fiji to implement economic governance reforms, aimed at improving the business operating environment.
- ✦ Enabling the delivery of affordable, resilient housing solutions and community development programmes in vulnerable communities.
- ✦ Supporting Fiji's ongoing work and leadership on climate change issues, including by supporting Fiji to facilitate key international dialogues and meetings.
- ✦ Building the disaster risk reduction and management capacity and capability of key Fiji institutions, and contributing to the delivery of resilient infrastructure and warning systems



**2018-2021
Development
funding**

**Our planned
aid expenditure**