Outstanding Achievement

On Friday July 21, 2023, the Women in Fisheries Network- Fiji, together with representatives from the #USAIDPAF, community leaders and fisher women from 9 villages in the District of Navolau and Nakorotubu convened at Namuiamada Village Hall to celebrate the launch of WiFN Fiji's "Collective Action for Improving Ecosystem and Livelihood Resilience for Fijian Communities in Ra" project.

To achieve WiFN – Fiji's Vision and Mission, the following strategic priorities shall guide our work:

Priority Area 1: Fisherwomen forever nurtured by healthy fishing area and sustainability of fishery

Priority Area 2: Transformative Research, Policy development and advocacy for change

Priority Area 3: Strengthened Organisation and Networks for Transformation by building and strengthening internal capacity & leveraging external partnerships



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Message from Network Coordinator

At the heart of the WiFN-Fiji is deep aspiration for sustainable income flow at household level to improve standard of living for fisherwomen and their families (good & nutritious food, education for children, health of family & improved self-care for herself) and the health of the ocean she depends on. As a major influencer of the next generation, as carer & income earner for the family, the fisherwomen's role and input as an empowered, physically & mentally strong & healthy, a free and innovative thinker and activist for change, a loving mother, fair minded community member and an equal supportive partner is top priority.



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Background of Establishment

Established in 1993, the Women in Fisheries Network – Fiji quickly grew to 52 members across the Pacific





by 1995, initially securing funding and establishing connections with the Fiji Department of Fisheries and women's groups in Fiji, Tonga, and Solomon Islands. Operating actively from 1993 to 2001, the network focused on empowering women in the fisheries sector through training and community workshops. Despite becoming inactive in 2004 due to resource limitations, the network was revived in 2012, leading to its formal relaunch in October 2016. Supported by grants from organizations like the Pacific Community and the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the network aims to strengthen the engagement of women in fisheries through various initiatives outlined in its 2016-2020 Strategic Plan.

Mission

To build networks and partnerships to inform women about all aspects of sustainable fisheries

and livelihood, increase their meaningful participation in decision making and fisheries management.

Main Objective

- Environmentally Sustainable
- Socially Appropriate
- · Economically viable fisheries

Target Community and Focus Area Activities

- **1. Districts of Nakorotubu and Navolau:** Mainly focusing on disaster risk reduction, waste management, gender equality and social inclusion
- 2. Namara District: The on-going Project for fisherwomen in the Namara District on "Activating & nurturing fisherwomen and their families for development" have finally reached its Intervention stage of receiving protective fishing gears and necessary accessories needed that will help ease stress on their health & mental health and also maximize their catch in a day.