In the past, school children, teachers, parents and guardians found it difficult to access the Coloi-Naivakacere Primary School, especially during heavy rains. This was due to the school’s location atop a steep hill accessible by a dirt track which was slippery and dangerous during rains. The school requested the development of a road from the Commissioner Centrals Office, funded under its Community Access Road, Footpaths and Footbridges Programme in 2021.

The new road provides 300m of concrete access from the junction of Vatukarasa Road to the school. In partnership with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) through the Governance for Resilience in the Pacific (Gov4Res) project, it was ensured that climate change, disaster and gender and social considerations were part of the community consultation process, the financing, and the implementation phases of the project.

Now, students can safely commute to school; with railings, parents can comfortably access the school to prepare food every day, and during times of emergency access to and from the school is ensured.

**Total Cost**
FJ$44,186

**RID Cost**
FJ$16,603 (38%)

**Target Population**
216 People
71 students, 5 teachers, 140 parents and guardians

**Type of Project**
Community Access Roads
Heavy rain washes away the road.

Road unusable during heavy rain due to gradient and landslip.

Road is difficult for the elderly and people with disabilities to use.

Challenges

Risk Management Measures

Road Design considers landslip and water drainage.

Solar Light for nighttime commuting.

Impact

Safer and Shorter commute for school children.

School Absenteeism has significantly decreased.

Improved Inclusivity persons with disability and the elderly are now able to access the school.

Partnerships

Technical Partners:
Ministries working on Gender, Social Inclusion, Disasters and Climate Change

Development Partners:
Ministry of Rural and Maritime Development and Disaster Management, Fiji Roads Authority and Communities