



SCEFI supported constructive engagement of civil society with Government Ministries around key issues related to inclusive service delivery and sustainable development. In particular, the program's multi-ethnic engagement of youth, marginalized groups, women, and traditional leaders in cooperation with the Ministry of Youth & Sports, and the Ministry of iTaukei Affairs was appreciated.

EDWARD TUNIDAU
Prime Minister's Office



The support given from the UNDP SCEFI programme has been tremendous and Youth Champs 4 Mental Health along with the beneficiaries of the Lautoka Workshop have been so thankful that a space was given where their voices can be heard and they were able to learn new skills.

LIONEL ROGERS
Youth Champs 4 Mental Health (YC4MH),
a SCEFI grant recipient.



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The Strengthening Citizen Engagement in Fiji Initiative (SCEFI) is a three year initiative implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and funded by the European Union. SCEFI aims to strengthen sustainable development in Fiji by enabling the citizens of the country to engage in nation-building through community-based activities and improved service delivery that help build a better future.





5 GENDER EQUALITY



16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS



The initiative seeks to foster citizen action from the bottom up, build trust and strengthen partnerships with national institutions and decision-makers. As such, the initiative has focused on building capacity and citizen engagement in six thematic areas:

1. Transformative leadership
2. Non-discrimination & inclusiveness
3. Equitable service delivery
4. Accountability & human rights
5. Voice & choice
6. Decision-making & coalition building

SCEFI is also in particular linked to the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 5 on the empowerment of women and girls,

and SDG 16 on the promotion of peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development.

The project set out to achieve that:

1. Fiji's citizens and civil society organisations are informed of national policies and increasingly engaged in public debate with national institutions and amongst themselves on relevant civic, economic development and social issues upholding core democratic principles and values.
2. Capacity development and training to increase effective service delivery and high quality citizen engagement processes.
3. Connecting grassroots and community organizations to national institutions and supporting effective discussions around key national issues.

Through SCEFI's small grants scheme, support was extended to over 40 organisations and community based groups across Fiji. The grants have supported a whole range of national and local level community groups and non-government organisations with a particular focus on women and youth to participate effectively in the national discourse and Decision-making at all levels of society and the state.

SCEFI has been partnering with different Ministries such as the Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Youth & Sports, the Ministry of Lands, and Ministry of iTaukei Affairs as well as the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation and facilitated engagement with different groups and stakeholders on sustainable national development themes.

In addition to having a focus on women and youth, SCEFI has also targeted and supported vulnerable and disadvantaged groups including representatives from the LGBTIQ community, people living with disabilities, communities in rural and outer islands, as well as young girls.



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PROJECT DURATION:
May 2013 – December 2016



PROJECT LOCATION:
Throughout Fiji



PARTNERSHIPS:
Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Youth & Sports, Ministry of Lands, Ministry of iTaukei Affairs, Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation



TOTAL BUDGET:
EUR 2.6 million



The SCEFI funding enabled us to find effective partners to address issues of gender-based violence in our communities. It helped us to find innovative ways to achieve tangible outcomes and build trust with the beneficiaries.

SALOCHNA LAL
Naari Shaakti, a SCEFI grant recipient