

The great aim of education is not knowledge but action

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Fenc Fiji is a non-political, not-for-profit, cause-oriented, voluntary organisation

Fenc Fiji was registered as a Charitable Trust on 04 October, 2009 to specifically focus on the children of the poorest of the poor people in Fiji

Fenc Fiji is currently getting organised nation-wide and will start providing educational and related support to children of the poorest commencing the new school/academic year 2010

Fenc Fiji will actively seek to contribute to a strengthening of partnering relationships involving key stakeholders involved in efforts to alleviate poverty in Fiji

Fenc Fiji has been approved by the Fiji Islands Revenue and Customs Authority as a charitable Trust and falls within the ambit of Section 17(5) of the Income Tax Act and is exempt from tax. Any cash donation made by a taxpayer to the Trust which does not exceed in aggregate an amount of \$100,000 will be allowed as a deductible expense to the taxpayer (donor).



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The Foundation for the Education of Needy Children

The Foundation for the Education of Needy Children in Fiji is a national initiative, registered under the Charitable Trusts Act (Cap 67) to serve as a voluntary, non-political, not-for-profit, cause-oriented organisation that would, through a nationwide and holistic approach, provide educational and related support to the children of the poorest of poor families in Fiji.

The assistance to be extended by Fenc Fiji will be at primary, secondary as well as tertiary levels and will include, but not limited to, the following:

- scholarships covering fees and also other education related necessary requirements (transport, nutrition, school levies, text books, stationery, etc.)
- coaching, mentoring and tutoring support.

The funding for this initiative is to be mobilised through:

- Individuals within Fiji and overseas;
- Private sector business organisations;
- Philanthropic organisations and charitable trust funds within Fiji and overseas; and
- From the Government as well as Fiji's bilateral and multilateral development partners



Background

Growing numbers of people in Fiji are now trapped in a vicious cycle of poverty.

It is estimated that close to 40% of Fiji's population now live below the poverty line.

Education is the key to breaking this cycle.

Unfortunately access to education is not always available.

Over 10 percent of Fiji's children aged 5-14 years do not attend school. More than 50 percent of those completing primary school do not have the opportunity to attend secondary school.

Efforts are being made by the Government, various organisations and individuals but with little sustainable impact. There is an urgent need for effective delivery of education and related support to the children of the poorest of the poor in Fiji.

This is the vision and the mission of Fenc Fiji.

Management & Organisation

- Fenc Fiji will vigorously adhere to the principles of voluntarism, and ensure transparency, accountability, and sound governance in its operations, organisation and management.
- Fenc Fiji will channel its assistance to children of the poorest of the poor in Fiji, as directly as possible through voluntary ways and means. As policy, administrative and overhead costs will be kept to a targeted negligible level.
- Fenc Fiji will actively seek to enhance synergies and complementarities with other organisations and entities that are involved in various efforts to alleviate poverty in Fiji.
- Fenc Fiji will develop the capacity and competence, and the nation-wide organisational outreach, to serve as a national umbrella body and conduit, for the provision of educational and related support to children of the poorest of the poor in Fiji.