



# Fiji



## Statement – HOF15 2023



# 1. CLIMATE CHANGE

*What national climate change activities or initiatives are underway to manage and adapt to the impacts of climate change on fisheries and aquaculture?*

Current activities:

- **High level government policy initiatives** – implementation; synergize across key Ministries
- **Ongoing programs through MoF** – (i) Enhancing community-based fisheries management to support resilient coastal livelihoods and food security; (ii) Undertaking fisheries surveys for coastal fisheries management; (iii) Community Development and Partnership Engagement on integrated Sustainable resource management & development initiatives; (iv) Aquaculture research, development and management; (v) Research and development;
- **Donor and development partners support** – (i) implementation of priorities for adaptation, mitigation and resilience under NCCP and NOP with donor & development partners; (ii) implementation of four FAO programs; (iii) implementation of the JICA SDG14 Project

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### **Planned activities:**

- National Disaster Management, Risk Reduction and Mitigation program
- Fisheries Sector Profile and Involvement of Women & Youth in Fisheries Development, Management & Conservation
- CC Adaptation, Mitigation & Blue Recovery & Growth Activities
- E-reporting systems feasibility studies
- Increase engagement with donors and development partners
- Establishment of a Regional Training Center

## 2. COVID-19 IMPACTS

*What are your national fisheries and aquaculture current and planned activities to reduce the residual impacts of COVID-19 on food security, livelihoods, and economic growth?*

### **Current activities**

- Enhancing aquaculture production
- Supporting small-scale fishermen
- Increasing access to finance
- Supporting the implementation of donor and development partner projects
- Strengthening partnerships with non-governmental, civil society organizations

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### **Planned activities:**

- Provide ongoing support to donor and development partners
  - GCF, World Bank, UNDP
- Private Public Partnerships on climate resilient programs
- Promoting sustainable fisheries
- Supporting small-scale fishermen
- Increase access to finance
- Strengthening research and development to support economic growth
- Policy interventions



**Future proofing for climate resilient fisheries!**

**Vinaka saka.**