

AHP**Disaster READY**

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FIJI SHELTER HANDBOOK:

INCLUSIVE AND ACCESSIBLE SHELTER PLANNING FOR FIJIAN COMMUNITIES

The Fiji Shelter Handbook is the first of three national shelter guidelines for Fiji, Vanuatu and the Solomon Islands which are being published under the Australian Humanitarian Partnership (AHP) Disaster READY program, and supported by Oxfam Australia and World Vision Australia.

The three publications aim to increase knowledge of disaster resilient construction techniques and methodologies, and safer shelter practice, as well as strengthen the capacity of responding stakeholders to deliver better coordinated, more efficient and safer disaster response and recovery construction in Fiji, Vanuatu and the Solomon Islands.



Research Methodology

The Fiji Shelter Handbook was developed through intensive research in three areas:

- **Desktop Research:** Over nine months the development team conducted a review of local, regional and international designs and approaches for shelter in emergencies. Over 800 publications and 300 designs were reviewed and analysed as part of this research.
- **Sector Consultation:** 70 sector and market actors took part in a Pre-Crisis Market and Sector Analysis. Over 136 people were interviewed and/or contributed information to this part of the research.
- **Community Consultations:** 19 formal and informal communities were surveyed in urban and rural locations across Fiji's two main islands, as well as several remote outer islands. Through a series of participatory community consultations, 377 people from these diverse communities shared their experiences and traditional knowledge of shelter and disasters in Fiji.

Community Consultations

Community consultations were conducted in the following locations:

Vunidakua Settlement, Galoa Village, Tavuya Village, Wailekutu Settlement, Natutu Village, Tabalei Village, Navala Village, Namuimada Village, Naocabau Village, Navotua Village, Gunu Village, Nasoqo Settlement, Delaivuna Settlement, Waimaqera Settlement, Qarawalu Settlement, Naiyalayala Settlement, Valevatu Settlement, Lavena Village and Naba Settlement



About AHP Disaster READY

AHP Disaster READY is an AUD \$50 million disaster preparedness and resilience program that is implemented by AHP partners and their local networks across the Pacific and Timor-Leste. The program represents Australia's largest ever investment in disaster preparedness in the region, and is an important element of Australia's stepped-up engagement for a more resilient Pacific. The focus of Disaster READY is to strengthen disaster preparedness and management across what is one of the world's most vulnerable regions to natural disasters. Disaster READY draws on the deep networks and partnerships developed by Australian NGOs in the region to support Pacific communities and governments to better prepare for and respond to disasters. The program focuses on ensuring vulnerable groups, including women, people with disabilities and children, are included and accounted for in disaster preparedness, management and risk reduction activities. Disaster READY is being implemented in Fiji, Vanuatu, the Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea and Timor-Leste.

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