



JUST TRANSITION – A NACULA STORY

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TIKINA NACULA SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2018 - 2038



Vision

Resilient and sustainably developed communities in the district of Nacula with sustainably managed resources ensuring security and sustainability of communities.

Mission

Build resiliency of communities in the district of Nacula to the impacts of climate change by sustainably managing their natural resources through spiritual growth, improved skills and knowledge and peacefully working together to make informed decisions.

Objective

This plan aims to guide the development aspirations of the communities of the district of Nacula for the next 20 years by focusing on key thematic areas.

Thematic Area (5.0): Energy

Objective: All households in the district have access to a sustainable and clean energy.

SINCE 2018 – TOTAL OF 7 VILLAGES IN THE DISTRICT OF NACULA

Our district solar electrification is our contribution to Fiji's National Determined Contribution and this includes our sustainable management and use of our natural resources – management of our mangroves, our island landscapes, sustainable land use and protection of our reefs and marine areas to increase carbon sequestration! We are working with our corporate partners in the district to reduce their carbon footprints too!

- 5 villages are now electrified with solar energy, left with only two villages to be installed with solar power
- All the 5 schools in the district are connected to solar power – assist with the education of the children
- Four out of the 12 resorts in the district are fully solar powered
- Health Center – now fully powered by solar thanks to funding from MFAT and Kiwa Kits (recently launched 2 weeks ago by Ministry of Health)



CHALLENGES AND LESSONS

- Ensure communities are trained with necessary skills to maintain the solar systems installed in villages and ongoing technical support by the suppliers including how to protect the systems from frequent storms and cyclones
- When systems breakdown, its left idle with no support towards repair and maintenance for remote island communities such as Nacula District
- Solar power systems are still very expensive to access and high costs associated with installations for remote island communities with limited access to support services
- Access to funding to electrify the other two villages is still a challenge
- Health Center Solar panels were installed on a site that is vulnerable to sea level rise and erosion – these risks were not taken into consideration when planning – **consult us the communities first!**

1.0 List of Thematic Areas

Thematic Area (1.0): Education

Objective: Providing holistic and quality education for all students in the district of Nacula.

Thematic Area (2.0): Spiritual Development

Objective: A peaceful God fearing district that continuously seeks God's guidance and leadership.

Thematic Area (3.0): Health and Wellbeing

Objective: Improved healthy lifestyle and wellbeing in the district of Nacula.

Thematic Area (4.0): Water

Objective: Ensure water security and access to clean and safe water.

Thematic Area (5.0): Energy

Objective: All households in the district have access to a sustainable and clean energy.

Thematic Area (6.0): Transportation

Objective: Safer, reliable and accessible maritime transportation system for the District of Nacula.

Thematic Area (7.0): Economic Security

Objective: Secure, sustainable and diversified income generating options for all households in the district

Thematic Area (8.0): Women Development

Objective: Empower all women within the district to actively participate and contribute towards the environmental, social, economic and cultural development of the district.

Thematic Area (9.0): Youth Development

Objective: Empower all youths within the district to actively participate and contribute towards the environmental, social, economic and cultural development of the district.

Thematic Area (10.0): Tradition and Cultures

Objective: Reviving and preserving the cultural and traditional identity and practices of the people of Nacula.

Thematic Area (11.0): Traditional Leadership and Governance

Objective: Empower all traditional community leaders to effectively and justly govern and lead the district.

Thematic Area (12.0): Sustainable management of Natural Resources

Objective: Preserve and sustainably managing of natural resources within the district in the next 20 years.

Thematic Area (13.0): Climate Change

Objective: Strengthen community resilience towards climate change and reduce community's vulnerability towards impacts of disaster.

Thematic Area (14.0): Sustainable Financing

Objective: A sustainable funding mechanism in place to fund the 20 years development plan

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