

## Building

# Disaster Resilience in Greater Suva, Lautoka and Nadi, Fiji

“Fiji’s society, environment and economy are highly vulnerable to climate change and disaster risks. The devastating consequences of the Category 5 Tropical Cyclone Winston, the strongest cyclone ever to strike Fiji, affected over sixty percent of the country’s population. It destroyed communities, caused widespread damage to public infrastructure, schools and health facilities, and damaged or destroyed more than 40,000 houses between February 20 and February 21, 2016. The predicted increases in extreme weather from climate change means that the nation will continue to face even greater impacts in the future.”

Republic of Fiji, National Disaster Risk Reduction Policy, 2018  
- 2030



ICLEI conducted disaster risk reduction self-assessment workshops with City and National Government representatives and community groups in Greater Suva (4 municipalities), Nadi and Lautoka. ICLEI was then invited by UN Habitat to conduct a similar workshop in Sigatoka.



Follow-up meetings and consultation was conducted with major NGOs, business leaders, NDMO and other key agencies, resulting in detailed DRR action plans for the cities.



The individual action plans were then synthesized into a draft National Local Government DRR Action Plan and provided to the national government and NDMO as input into a new Disaster Management Plan framework.



## About Us

ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability is a global network of more than 1,750 local and regional governments committed to sustainable urban development.

## Next Steps

ICLEI Oceania is committed to working with Greater Suva, Lautoka and Nadi over the long-term, as with all our member cities. Through the UNDRR Making Cities Resilient Campaign and the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy, ICLEI will continue to support action to build the resilience of Fiji cities to climate change and disasters.

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