

# IMPROVING LIVING CONDITIONS OF FEMALE IDS IN FIJI

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# Background

The development of service for persons with disability in Fiji began in the mid-60s through the effort of pioneering organization that were providing some services namely Fiji Crippled Children Society for the Blind and Fiji Red Cross Society. Momentum began to build up in the 70s and the need to diversity into Vocational Training Programs began apparent as was the need to train teachers to meet the educational need for Fiji children with disabilities.

# Background

Fiji rehabilitation was established in 1979 by the Rehabilitation Council to provide vocational training for job placement to members of the community who have disabilities. The main mission of the rehabilitation is to develop knowledge and skills from vocational training both for male and female IDs. However, there are more job opportunities for male IDs because it is gender-related on the context of Fiji culture. Contract jobs for male IDs include horticulture, woodwork, bookbinding and off-set printing. These jobs do not provide working opportunity for female IDs.

# Long Term Goal

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- Improved Living Condition of Females with Intellectual Disabilities

# Short Term Goal

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- Prepare Female students with IDs for employment opportunities in hotel, garment factory and other related industries

# Target Area and Group

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All females with IDs, aged range from 18-40 years old, enrolled in the sewing section in Suva Vocational Center, Fiji Islands

# Activities

- Training 11 female IDs
- Training of volunteers to help
- Identify the linkage with the market
- Select the content of syllabus
- Identify and purchase equipment/machinery

# Method

- Door-to-door visit to the hotel, garment factories and other industries
- Choose the curriculum from the Education Department
- Approach the Fiji government



# Budget

- From Government – Fiji  
\$10,000
  - Staff salary
  - Building
  - Equipment and machinery

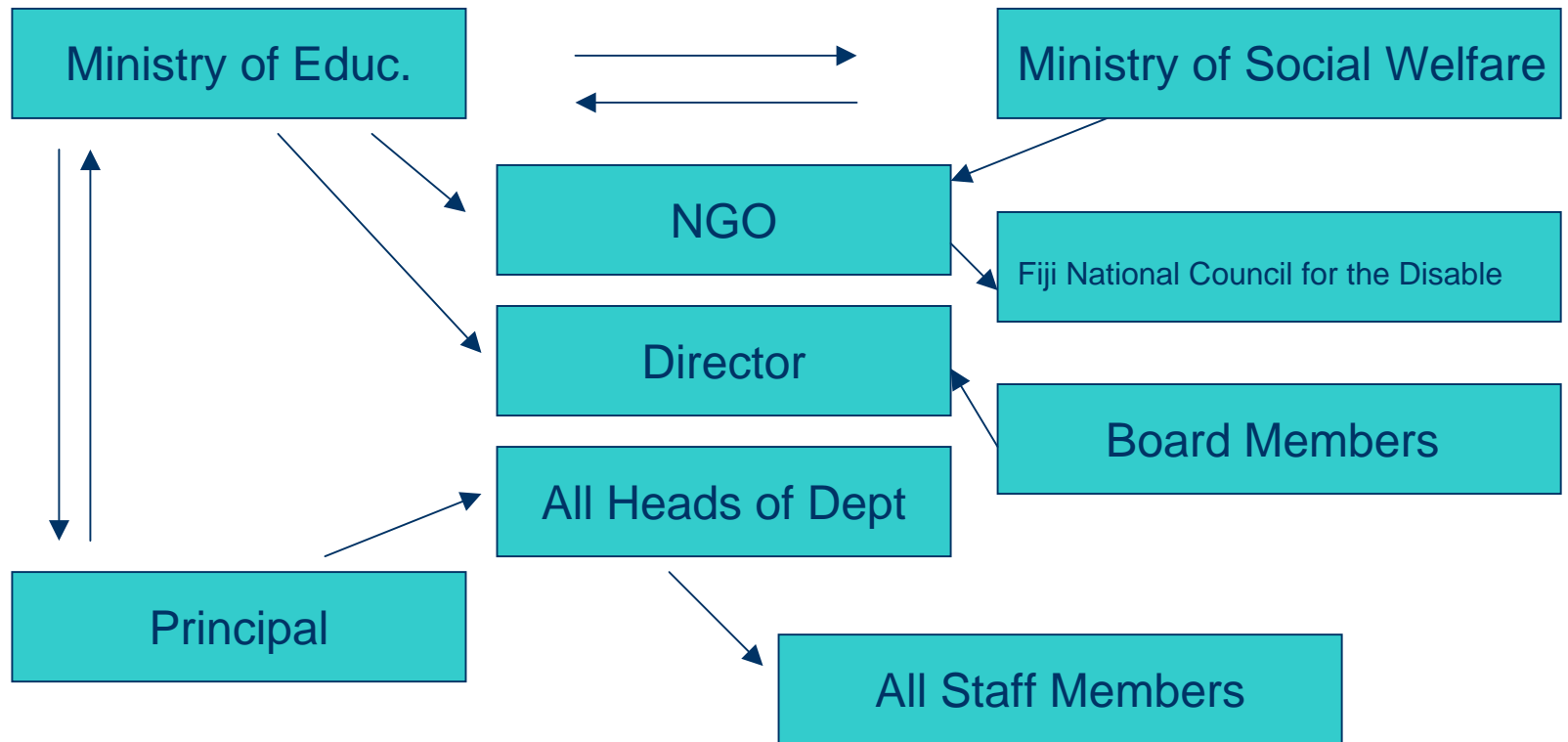
# Support Body

- From Fiji NGO/FIJI NCDP
  - Awareness
  - Linkage
  - Marketing
  - Publicity

# Expected Outcome

- Female IDs are well-trained
- Strong linkage with the market
- Female IDs are employed and contribute to their family and to their community

# Stakeholders







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