

The nexus between water and food is fundamental to human rights, particularly in regions like Fiji, where access to clean and safe drinking water is a pressing concern. Save Our Fiji, a non-profit water organization, plays a crucial role in addressing this issue by providing access to clean and safe drinking water in vulnerable and remote communities across the Fiji Islands.

In Fiji, the challenges related to water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) are significant. Thousands of children and families are at risk due to the lack of basic access to safe water and toilets. Water and sanitation-related diseases are among the leading causes of death, particularly among children under five. Despite improvements, a significant portion of the population, especially in rural areas, still lacks access to safe drinking water, relying on unimproved water sources that pose health risks.

Save Our Fiji's approach focuses on strengthening national systems and capacity through community-based activities and advocacy for equitable investments in children's rights to survival and development. By constructing water and sanitation facilities, supporting total sanitation coverage, and providing WASH assistance during emergencies, Save Our Fiji contributes to improving drinking-water, sanitation, and hygiene behaviors in Fiji's communities, schools, and health centers.

Furthermore, Save Our Fiji aligns its efforts with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly Goal 6, which aims to ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all vulnerable and remote communities in Fiji. By supporting initiatives to achieve universal access to safe drinking water and adequate sanitation, Save Our Fiji contributes to improving water quality, increasing water-use efficiency, and implementing integrated water resources management at all levels.

The partnership between Save Our Fiji and governments, civil society organizations, and other stakeholders is crucial in advancing the human rights approach to water management in food systems. By advocating for universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water, Save Our Fiji strives to address the root causes of water and food insecurity, ensuring a healthier and more sustainable future for vulnerable communities in Fiji.