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I would like an invitation to Fiji to personally hear reports from the people who we are supporting.

I would like to hear more about TEAR Fund's projects.

Ola Fou

Ola Fou is part of Praxis- a network of Christian practitioners involved in youth and community work. Praxis operates in New Zealand, Australia and the Pacific Islands.

More information about the projects supported by the Pacific Partnerships Fund is available in the Ola Fou section of the Praxis website.



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Ola Fou Pasifika

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Ola Fou Projects

Young people make up more than 50% of the population in many Pacific nations.

They are a vulnerable group when it comes to accessing education and finding employment. Much of the social unrest across the Pacific over the past few years has its roots in a lack of opportunities for young people. Churches and traditional community structures are facing the challenge of remaining relevant to youths as communities are impacted by a breakdown in traditions, the influence of western media, urbanisation, Aids and poverty.

Examples of projects initiated by Ola Fou are:

Tauvegavega, Fiji

Improving community health with clean water

In Tauvegavega, a mainly Indian community on the Western side of Fiji, local young people identified a shortage of clean drinking water as a key issue for their community (they are the ones who have to walk to get it!). Tomu (a youth worker with Youth For Christ) is working with the community elders to stop the spread of sickness caused by drinking unclean water. As a temporary measure, they have involved outside help in getting water filters to families. Now they are seeking support to repair and extend the existing pipeline to a new and cleaner well. They need a hand with some materials for the project.



Nakasi squatter community, Fiji

Sport and community centre

Amani is working to refocus the young people of Nakasi squatter community, away from alcohol and kava fueled boredom, and towards a game they love. Volleyball is popular with both Fijian and Indian young people, and the sport helps build positive connections between the two groups. Amani, a youth worker with the Salvation Army, plans to organise a local league for unemployed young people, but first he has to involve them in building a court. The young people will put the labour into clearing and levelling a piece of unused ground, they will need a little help with fundraising to buy some equipment.

Once it is ready Amani plans to use the facility for health education and Bible study groups. Ola Fou will find Amani support for two days a week to develop and run this project.

Ola Fou Pasifika

Ola Fou (meaning 'new life') is an initiative aimed at developing youth and community workers from churches and villages across the Pacific.

Ola Fou is currently equipping more than fifty youth workers to get alongside young people in villages and squatter communities in the Pacific to respond to their needs. Youth workers build connections with young people and support their development through skills training, social programmes, responding to spiritual needs and developing community infrastructure.

Through the support of the NZ government Ola Fou have been able to cover the cost of their training. **Ola Fou are now looking for churches, businesses and individuals to get behind their Youth Workers projects.**

Each Ola Fou youth worker engages with a local community to identify their needs, and because every community is different, each project is both unique and locally driven. Your support will help to bridge the gap between what a community is able to do for itself, and their vision to support the needs of local young people.



Projects range from;

- Starting businesses.
- Community infrastructure projects.
- Working in schools, churches and with those in prison.
- Creating youth and community centres.