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Introduction

The year 2015 was again one of excitement filled with activities not only in terms of fundraising but also in out-reach and response to queries and requests for assistance from the Foundation. This could be attributed to the growing awareness of its work through 'word of mouth' or the newly established website. It is therefore a pleasure to once again share some of the year's highlights as we look forward towards another successful year in 2016.

2015 Highlights

The Ha'enoa Rotuma Charity Foundation Website.

It is pleasing to announce the new website www.haenoafoundation.com set up for the Foundation to provide information to the wider community about its history and humble beginnings, the projects and work carried out, the financial statements and a report on recent events.

The website also provides a vehicle for individuals and organisations to contact the Foundation for assistance or to make contributions or offer donations to help reach out to the less fortunate in Fiji and Rotuma.

The 2015 Rotuma Golf Day

A successful golfing event was held on Saturday 3 October with 76 people taking to the course for the 5th annual Rotuma Golf Day. The day raised over \$10,000 for the Foundation.



More photos can be seen on the Foundation's website - www.haenoafoundation.com

Rotuma Golf Day Hole sponsors

Each hole had sponsors and the support is very gratifying. A number of holes have had the same sponsors for the past 5 years.



Evening Function

The day culminated with an evening of feasting and dancing island night at the Bombay Lodge Restaurant & Bar, Denarau, Nadi. A sumptuous dinner was served with delicious fekei. The local band – Split Island Rock played a variety of dancing and easy listening music.



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Fiji & Rotuma Surveys & Requests

In the month of June the Foundation sent Voi Nofaga as its representative to Rotuma to conduct another house-to-house survey to identify those needing some form of assistance but has found it difficult due to financial constraints or other social challenges. We thank Voi for his ongoing support for carrying out the survey and later in the year for assisting in the distribution of the items.

Some requests for assistance were received directly by the Foundation here in Fiji.

About 58 Request For Assistance forms were filled and submitted to the Foundation for consideration.

Items for Distribution

The items that were agreed to be provided were planned for distribution at the end of the year. Also, it was decided for grocery packs to accompany the items to the respective recipients. A total of 42 grocery boxes were distributed to 42 families.

Requests from the island below:

General Ailment or Difficulty	Items Requested	Cost Allocation
Old age, partial paralysis, mentally challenged, physical disabilities, financial challenges or poverty related, widowed or orphaned, hearing problems, blindness	Wheelchairs, walking frames, walking sticks, blankets, radios, bicycle, diapers, urinals	\$9,000.00

Grocery items distributed to 42 families:

List of Grocery Items	Cost Allocation
40 packs were distributed in Rotuma and 2 packs were distributed in Nadi/Taveuni. The packs included rice, flour, sugar, corned beef, cooking oil, tinned tuna, breakfast crackers, tea, coffee, milo, cocoa, powdered milk, sweet biscuit, jam, noodle pack, mosquito coils, matches.	Cost was \$125 per pack = \$5,250.00

Distribution of Items

The logistics in purchasing, packing and transporting especially by sea to Rotuma and the distribution to families at literally every village on Rotuma was quite a challenge.

A 4 tonne truck was hired to pick up the items from the main supply centres in Suva, driven onto the Roll-On Roll-Off Lomaiviti Princess II for its sea journey to Rotuma.

The distribution in Rotuma was made easier because of a large show of volunteers providing assistance in carrying the items, which were quite heavy, from door to door. For example, a recipient lived about 100m off the main backbone road down the centre of Rotuma and it would have been very difficult carting the items without the help of the volunteers.

The packs for Fiji was to Nadi and one pack to a severely disabled teenager who is now dependent solely on his retired parents who are subsistence farmers in Taveuni.



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Conclusion

As we have noted in the past the Foundation is humbled by the overwhelming support shown by the various communities locally here in Fiji and Rotuman groups and friends abroad. It is a reflection of the spirit shared by everyone of wishing to make a difference to the less fortunate not only in Rotuma but also in the wider community in Fiji. The Foundation is hugely indebted to all its supporters and wishes to thank them sincerely for their contribution to the work of the Foundation.

We look forward to see you all at the major fundraising event on Saturday 1 October 2016 at the Denarau Golf and Racquet Club for the Rotuma Golf Day and the Bombay Lodge Restaurant and Bar for the evening function.

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The Trustees also approved a donation of \$5,000 to be made to the Fiji Red Cross to assist with the provision of relief to the communities in Fiji following Tropical Cyclone Winston in February 2016. A cheque for this amount was presented to the Fiji Red Cross office at Vomo Street, Lautoka on 01 March 2016.
