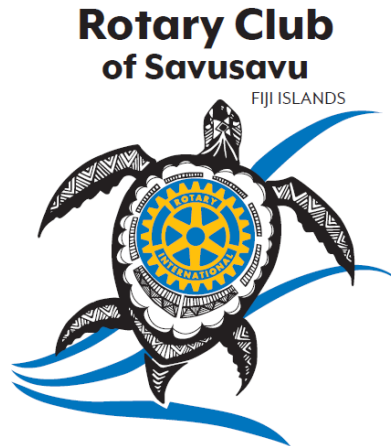


Remote/Basic Healthcare Request for Funding: Basic First Aid/CPR Training & Medical Supplies/Equipment



Background

Since 2016, The Rotary Club of Savusavu (**RCSSV**) has endeavored to provide Basic First Aid/CPR Training and Supplies/Equipment for our 12 Remote Health Centers and the 186 Community Health Workers that support them, in our province of Cakaudrove (covering all of the islands of Vanua Levu, Kioa, Rabi and part of Taveuni).

Each Remote Health Center is located between 45 mins - 3 hrs drive from Savusavu Hospital and services between 2000 - 4000 people living in villages (including child **births**). There is often an hour's walk just to the nearest Health Center. The Community Health Workers (10+ average each, per Health Center) provide critical first response to the nearest 'Remote' Health Center.

These **Community Health Workers (CHWs)** are untrained local volunteers who are the first point of contact in every injury or illness emergency – without any first aid supplies nor training provided.

The 12 Remote Health Centers are also tasked with non-emergency services such as vaccine deployment, maternity & paediatric care, critical ongoing life-support such as dressing sores of invalid/elderly diabetes patients and thus **rely heavily on their CHWs**, many of whom walk 3-5 hours a day, 2-3 days a week on unpaved roads or tracks, to service these disabled patients. Their need for basic supplies and equipment are of utmost importance, eg. durable First Aid Supply kits which can be easily carried; safe Baby Scales (weight and height); Blood Pressure monitor kits; First Aid BURN supplies and Wheelchairs.

The critical needs of **our ONLY DENTAL CLINIC in all of Cakaudrove Province**, greatly undersupplied (and funded by the Ministry of Health), has come to the forefront of our Health needs as well, addressed below.

Progress to date

RCSSV has fundraised and sponsored 6 Basic First Aid/CPR Training and Certification Courses for our CHWs since August 2016. To date, **134 CHWs (of 186 total) have successfully passed the training and received their Internationally-recognized 3-year 'Basic First Aid/CPR Certification'** by the Red Cross Society of Fiji.

There have been multiple incidents documented to date of life-saving actions by these CPR-trained CHWs who had the knowledge & confidence to quickly 'make the difference'.

RCSSV has also fundraised and sponsored a total of **55 First Aid Supply Kits to the 12 Remote Health Centers and their 186 CHWs** since 2021. Our goal was to provide a minimum of 200 Basic First Aid Kits. Therefore we are requesting another 145 over the next 2 years.



Request from the global community

The Rotary Club of Savusavu has enabled a total of 134 (of 186) CHWs to become BFA/CPR Certified – and we are now requesting sponsorship for another 70 CHW's by Q4 of 2024.

The international BFA/CPR certification expires within 3 years, and there is an ongoing need for the CHWs to refresh their training, as precise methods change every few years– as it did in May 2022. Consequently, RCSSV will continue to fundraise to sponsor this program for the foreseeable future.

Basic First Aid Supply kits for CHWs were provided for the first time, beginning 2022. As of May 2023, 55 have been distributed. Most Remote health centres however truly needed the supplies in the kits themselves, so gratefully opted to keep the kits 'in-house' rather than give to their intended CHWs. Every single CHW who has received one is so truly appreciative and speaks of their absolute necessity.

RCSSV is requesting sponsorship of another 145 portable Basic First Aid Supply kits (bringing the total to 200) for ALL Remote Health Centers and CHWs, by the end of 2024.

BABY SCALES are still needed by ALL 12 Remote Health Centres. Now that digital scales are viable (because Health Centers have recently been permitted to submit request for and reliably receive replacement batteries from SSV Hospital), 12 DIGITAL BABY SCALES are now an Approved commitment of RCSSV & will be hand-carried from US to Savusavu, by end of July! 😊

Blood Pressure monitor kits (sphygmomanometer & stethoscope kits): to date, RCSSV has secured and distributed 8 BP kits to each Remote Health Centres – to GREAT appreciation. Pivotal to swaying the tide of Fiji’s #1 killer Diabetes, we now request the funding of another 8: for 1 each of 12 Remote Health Centres + 4 for SSV Hospital/Maternity Ward.

These current expenses are listed below, but **NOT included in our Request for Funding’s Summary totals!**

Basic First Aid BURN Supplies – Critical for the timely response to any burn, it has come to our attention are completely non-existent in any of our Health Centres nor Hospital! ☹ We thus humbly **request the funding of (1) set of First Aid BURN wraps/gauze & jar of Petroleum Jelly, for each HC & Hospitals (including Taveuni & Labasa)**. These are NOT the most optimal ‘TELFA’ wraps, nor ‘BURN’ antibiotic gels, which are *exponentially* higher \$\$ costs, without the parallel benefit – Drs have advised these generic supplies provide 90% of the same solution.

WHEELCHAIRS – RCSSV has sponsored & distributed 250 Wheelchairs between 2007-2015.

Since then we’ve been promised 10-100 wheelchairs to come by Ministry of Health and other NGOs but nothing has been received since 2016. **As of today there are NO Wheelchairs available** (including Taveuni Hospital, our SSV Hospital and not even Labasa Hospital - whom we both report to..☹**shhhh!!!...FYIO!**

With Diabetes causing the largest number of fatalities and a senior doctor confiding that there is “at least one limb amputation every hour in Fiji”, wheelchairs (and walkers/crutches) are **desperately** needed for daily living and minimal self-respect!

RCSSV thus seeks support & sponsorship of a humble 12 wheelchairs per year, which will be a huge improvement of our current situation!

SAVUSAVU DENTAL CLINIC - Provides the ONLY Dental Services for the entire province of Cakaudrove at the Clinic next to Savusavu Hospital and every 2 weeks off-site, covering: 140 villages & ~5k Primary school students – with ~14k patients/year, with 4 dentists! The clinic’s urgent request last month compelled the RCSSV to fund \$950. for (1) critically needed Hi-speed Handheld device & 1 small bag of dental cement/ bond.

The clinic’s most critical needs for Transportation costs (\$2k/yr) and a digital X-ray machine in-house (\$7k) are thus a top priority, RCSSV requests for sponsorship by end 2024, below.

Funding Request Summary – below page 4...

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2023 – 2024 Remote/Health Project Summary **\$\$FJD** Request:

PRIORITY NEEDS SPONSORSHIP FOR:	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
BasicFirstAid/CPR Training Course for CHWs GOAL since 2016: 186 TOTAL CHWs (of Cakaudrove Province) <134 DONE 1x each> as of 5.22 REQUEST: 70 CHWs @\$165/ea. (35 max /course-per RedCross Society of Fiji)	5775	5775
BasicFirstAid Supply Kits GOAL since 2021: 200 TOTAL (for 186 CHWs +14 for 12 Remote Health Centres) <55 DONE> as of 5.23 REQUEST: 145 kits@\$130/ea.	4550	14300
BABY Scales (Height&Weight) GOAL since 2021: 17 TOTAL <12 will be DONE 7.23> REQUEST: 5@\$167/ea.	<2004>	835
BP MONITORS (Sphyrgomamometer&Stethoscope Kits) GOAL since 2021: 16 TOTAL (12 for RemoteHealthCentres + 4 for SSV Hospital Maternity Ward) <8 DONE> as of 5.23 REQUEST: 8 @\$105/ea.	<840>	840
First Responders' Basic BURN Supplies: *BURN*WRAPS/Gauze* GOAL since 2023: (20) 90cm x 5 meter Rolls (1 ea.for 12 R.HealthCentres + ~2.5 ea. for 3 HOSPITALS: SSV, TAV & LABASA) REQUEST: 20@\$14.40/ea. +(~150.) SHIPPING FROM AUS	438	0
PETROLEUM JELLY (ie. VASELINE) GOAL since 2023: (15) 13oz. Jars of Vaseline (1 ea.for 12 R.HealthCentres + 1 ea.for 3 Hospitals (SSV, TAV & LABASA) REQUEST: 15@\$26/ea. +(~200.) SHIPPING FROM US	585	0
WHEELCHAIRS RCSSV 2007- 2015: <250 DONE> GOAL since 2023: 12/yr MINIMUM (for 3 Hospitals & 12 R.Health Centres) REQUEST: 24@\$550/ea	6600	6600
SSV DENTAL CLINIC -servicing ALL Caukaudrove *(1) Hi-speed Handheld Device & (1) bag Cement Bond Emergency Request <DONE 5.23>	<951>	0
*Training&Checkups/Transport 2X/yr to: SSV Primary Schools & 40 Remote Village visits 2023-24 REQUEST for Training/Transport 2023-24:	2000	0
*Digital X-Ray Machine 2024 REQUEST for tool to diagnose In-house 2024:	0	7000
TOTALS: PRIORITY PROJECT GOALS \$\$FJD:	19948	35350
COMBINED TOTAL \$55,298.FJD*	2023	2024

***NOT including RCSSV ALREADY DONE PAST/FUNDED CURRENT <\$3795.>**

Vinaka vakalevu (thank you very much) for being a part of the Solution!

The small but mighty Rotary Club of Savusavu's 12 local members are passionately endeavour to execute viable solutions for our Community's greatest needs and benefit. Without your support and our zealous local volunteers, none of our lofty goals for basic resources and services for our beloved community - taken for granted in the First World - would thus far have/WILL come to fruition.

We more than appreciate your generosity in the past, hope you will consider continuing supporting our mutual goals – and choose to eventually **come witness first hand, the direct and quantifiable impact we make together!**

There are many other important NEEDS of our Remote/Health Centers (ie. Higher QUANTITIES)but these are by far the most pressing, and will be most impactful, given all parameters We have for now, deferred non-essential needs)such as the water blasting and painting of these health centers) in favour of critical Health 'TOOLS'/supplies.

We are (geographically) limited by our \$\$ fundraising, management & membership resources. We choose the highest priority issues to tackle properly – and pray for partners in sponsorship – like YOU! 😊

Vinaka again for considering us to be worthy of your support – Truly from us all,

The Rotary Club of Savusavu:

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For your convenience, should you choose to continue - **ANY amount large or tiny, is truly appreciated!** 😊

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