The Administration of TI Fiji

Transparency International Fiji is administered by a Board of Directors appointed by the Annual General Meeting, at the beginning of each financial year. The financial year runs from April to March each year.

The Board of TI Fiji, for the current financial year, 2007/2008 includes the following:

- Mr. Hari Pal Singh chairs the Board and Ms. Suliana Siwatibau is the Deputy Chairperson.
- Members of the Board include Ms. Jenny Seeto, Ms Premila Kumar, Ms Prudence Rouse and Ms Sainimili Nabou and Messer's Winston Thompson, Hemendra Nagin, David Aidney, Prof Rajesh Chandra.
- Apenisa Naigulevu is the Executive Officer as well as Company Secretary
- The day-to-day operation of Transparency International Fiji is handled by the Executive Officer who also serves as the Secretary to the Company and Ms Razeen Ali who is the Programme Officer.

Why Do We Fight Corruption?

Corruption is the abuse of entrusted power for private gains. It means that:

- Decisions are taken not for the public benefit but for private interest.
- Democratic institutions are weakened. Political costs manifest themselves above all in loss of legitimacy, and of public trust and support
- Instead of fair competition based on price, quality and innovation, corruption leads to competitive bribery. This harms trade and deters investments.
- The environment is threatened. When environmental protection agencies are corrupt, the very foundations of sustainable development are eroded.
- Human right abuses flourishes. As corruption increases regimes become more secretive, and basic social and economic rights are threatened.
- Corruption makes it impossible for millions of people, especially in developing countries, to earn an honest living.

How You Can Join Us?

The Board of Director of the Fiji Chapter of Transparency International welcomes applications from Fiji residents and organizations, who may wish to join us.

There are four categories of membership which any person or organization can join and these are, together with the annual subscriptions as follows:

Membership	*Subscription*
Corporate Members	**$350.00**
Family M embers	**$75.00**
Individual Members	**$ 50.00**
Civil Society Members	**$ 50.00**

Membership of the Fiji Chapter will give you the opportunity to join the International coalition of corruption fighters throughout the world, who are actively working towards making our world to be freed of corruption and bribery.

For further information, please do not hesitate to contact us and discuss your interests with us.

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An Introduction

- Transparency International is a non -government organisation dedicated to increasing accountability and curbing both international and national corruption. Since its establishment in 1993, more then ninety chapters have been formed worldwide. Fiji's National Chapter was formed six years later.

TI Fiji's Vision

- A Fiji that is free of corruption and with a strong and sustainable National Integrity System.

TI Fiji's Mission

- To curb corruption in Fiji by mobilizing Fiji's stakeholders to promote and strengthen Fiji's National Integrity Systems.

Our Mission is Achieved Through

- Building national coalitions embracing the state, civil society and the private sector in order to fight domestic and international corruption.
- To co-operate with and support other National Chapters to implement TI's mission
- To assist in the design and implementation of effective National Integrity Systems.
- To collect, analyse, consider and disseminate information and raise public awareness on the damaging impact of corruption on human and economic development.

The Work In Fiji!

The Objectives of TI Fiji

- To raise public awareness and advance the general education of the public in Fiji in matters relating to the nature and consequences of corruption in business transactions, including overseas development initiatives and existing legislations and other guidelines which exist to combat corruption.

- To promote, undertake or commission research for the public benefit in matters relating to the nature and consequences of corruption in business transactions and the cost-effectiveness of overseas developments initiatives and to disseminate the useful results of such research.

- To support and promote the charitable educational aims and objectives of Transparency International, a not-for-profit organisation under German law, and in particular to assist in securing support within Fiji for Standards of Conduct designed to promote transparency and accountability in business transactions, and to co-operate with other organisations throughout the world with similar objectives.

- To provide assistance and expertise to parties involved in trade, investment and economic and social development and to assist them in ensuring compliance with existing anti-corruption legislation and Standards of Conduct established in conjunction with Transparency International in Germany and other bodies.

- To give the legislative and public bodies and others facilities for conferring with and ascertaining the view of persons and institutions engaged in combating corruption as regards matters directly or indirectly affecting that activity.

- To arrange, provide, organize or promote alone or with others the provision conferences, lectures, seminars, meetings, courses, exhibitions, training, information and advisory services and other events and services in furtherance of the objects of the company.

- To write, make, prepare, edit and print, publish, issue and circulate, gratuitously or otherwise, reports, periodicals, books, pamphlets, leaflets, articles, films, video tapes, computer software, electronic devises, materials, for study or other documents in furtherance of or necessary for the promotion of the objects of the company, or procure any of the above acts.

A New Consensus!

The Advocacy Work Of Transparency International Has Shaped A New Consensus To The Extent That Corruption Is Increasingly Recognised As The Single Greatest Obstacle To Sustainable Development. Many Leading Institutions Have Started To Address Corruption: Signing International Agreements; Changing Laws, Regulations And Standards And Introducing New Policies To Curb Corrupt Practices.

Transparency International, together with all its ninety National Chapters all over the world including ours here in the Fiji Islands:

- Targets National Integrity Systems:

We target our NIS to make it work. Modern governments require accountability to function in the way that promotes the public interest rather then the private interest of those in control. The pillars of the NIS are those institutions that work to protect society against corruption, and that is why we target the NIS of a nation.

- Advocates Change and Strengthening

We work to bring about in desirable changes to systems that do not work and strengthen where desirable systems are not functioning as it should.

- Helps Societies to See Clearly

We carry out surveys and publish report to help society see where problem do exists, so awareness can be widely achieved leading up to clean-up activities. The Corruption Perception Index, the Bribe Payers Index, the NIS Studies and the Global Corruption Reports are examples of the work we do.

- Works with Civil Society

We work closely with civil societies, in calling for politicians to be accountable, greater access to information and fuller disclosure of transactions where public monies and donor finance is involved.

- Works with the Private Sector

We work with the Private Sector, in the strengthening of transparency in business dealings and social responsibilities, particularly in the field of procurement, anti-corruption business principles and money laundering.

- Works with Governments

We know that Governments have to fight corruption on many fronts. Corruption, which continues to destroy trust in public and private institutions, is a systemic problem; the way to fight it must be comprehensive and systemic. Laws and regulations against the misuse of power must be used in this struggle.

- Works with International Organisations

We work with most international institutions who have now declared to their intent to contribute to the fight against corruption Corruption has become a central topic on the international front.

Support Us!

Support for Transparency International?

Much of the strength of Transparency International comes from the commitment of a large number of people and organisations who volunteer their time, expertise and in-kind support. Transparency International receives funding from development agencies, foundations, and to a lesser extent the private sector and individuals. TI Fiji's financial reports are always available to anyone who wishes to view by contacting the Executive Officer.

You Can Support

You can also show your support for TI Fiji by making a financial or in-kind donation towards its programmes and activities.

Everyone Can Make an Impact

Membership of Transparency International is open to all individuals and organisations of integrity. One can become a member of Fiji's National Chapter by joining TI Fiji to participate in its activities. One can also make a one off or periodical donation to TI or any of its National Chapter and can make an impact in that manner.

Making a Donation

Those who wish to make a donation to support the work of Transparency International or one of its chapters are welcomed to do so. Always give us a clear reference to your donation, giving your full names and address.

Donation By Cheque

Donations of any amount sent to Transparency International Fiji will be most welcomed.

Donation By Bank Transfer

You can also make donation by electronic bank transfer. The details are as follows;

- Bank: Australian and New Zealand Banking Limited
- Branch: ANZ House, Victoria Parade, Suva.
- BSB Number: 010890
- Swift Code: ANZBFJFX
- Account Name: Transparency International Fiji Ltd.
- Account Number: 5071169