

STATEMENT OF CORPORATE INTENT 2022-2023

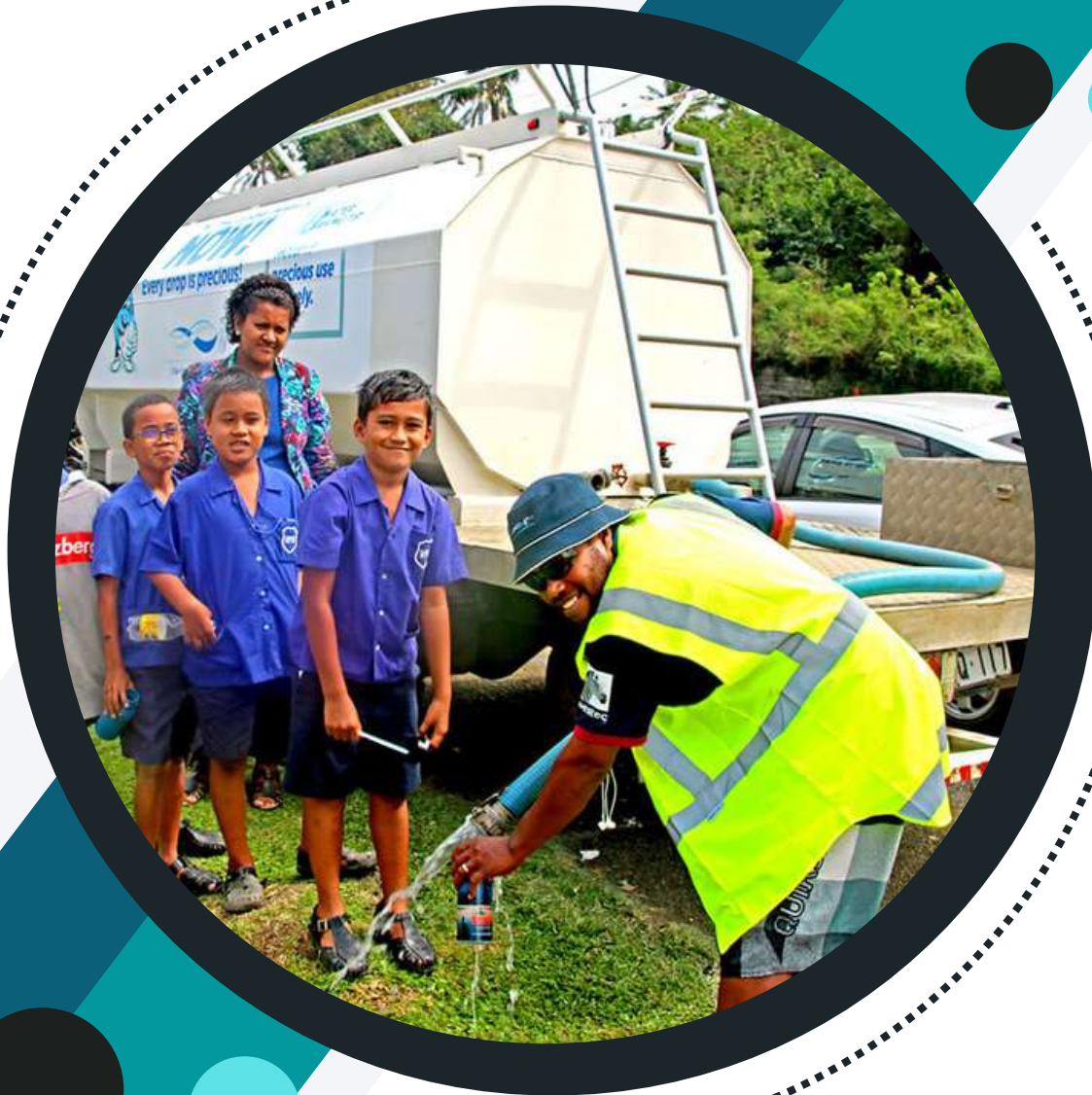




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Introduction

The Water Authority of Fiji (WAF) was established by the Government of Fiji in January 2010 to provide efficient and effective water and wastewater services to its customers and also setting up water supply systems in rural areas, giving access to water to Fijians to meet their daily needs.

The Government of Fiji started reforming the Water and Sewerage Department (WSD) in 2009. The objective of this reform was to enhance the sustainable delivery of water and wastewater services to appropriate levels of service. From January 1, 2010, WAF officially took over the responsibilities, functions, and operations previously carried out by WSD.

The Statement of Corporate Intent is a requirement pursuant to Section 22, of the WAF Act 2007. The Statement of Corporate Intent states the activities and intentions of WAF for 2022-2023, together with a summary of the objectives, outline of the activities, projects which will be delivered, financial and non-financial targets, accounting policies, main elements as contained in our Corporate Plan and performance measure for our Business, Corporate and Strategic Plans.

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Guidance

WAF is guided by the following :

- a) United Nations Sustainable Development Goal (SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation) – “Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all”
- b) Fijian Constitution 2013 Sections 35 and 36 – to provide all Fijians proper sanitation and access to clean and safe water.
- c) 5-Year and 20-Year National Development Plan – Section 3.1.1 Water and Sanitation.
- d) WAF Act 2007.
- e) WAF Strategic Plan 2020-2025.



Stakeholders

WAF will work closely with government ministries, other utility service providers, non-government organisations, donor partners, twinning partners, education bodies, training partners, private sector and civil society organisations to ensure we fulfil our role of providing sustainable water and wastewater services and are committed to the following obligations.

Business Function

1

Harvest, treat and reticulate water for supply to its customers

2

Comply with standards in relation to the supply and quality of water in its water system

3

Collect, transport, treat and discharge wastewater

4

Establish, operate and maintain systems for the provision of water and wastewater services

5

Maintain any state assets transferred to and vested in it by the government pursuant to the WAF Act 2007 or any other written law

6

Provide technical or expert advice to any other person on matters relating to its functions and powers

7

Progressively achieve economic viability in the provision of water supply and wastewater services

8

Be environmentally responsible in the performance of all its activities

9

Assist in protecting, managing and conserving water resources

10

Assist in the formulation and implementation of national policies or urban and rural land use planning relating to the use and control of water bodies and resources



Our Key Facts

About us

We operate under a range of legislative and regulatory instruments, including:

- Water Authority of Fiji Act 2007
- Constitution 2013
- Land Transfer Act 1971
- Environment Management Act 2005
- Financial Management Act 2004
- Finance Instructions 2010
- Employment Relations Act 2007
- Accident Compensation Act 2017
- Health and Safety At Work Act 1996

Our Coverage:

Water

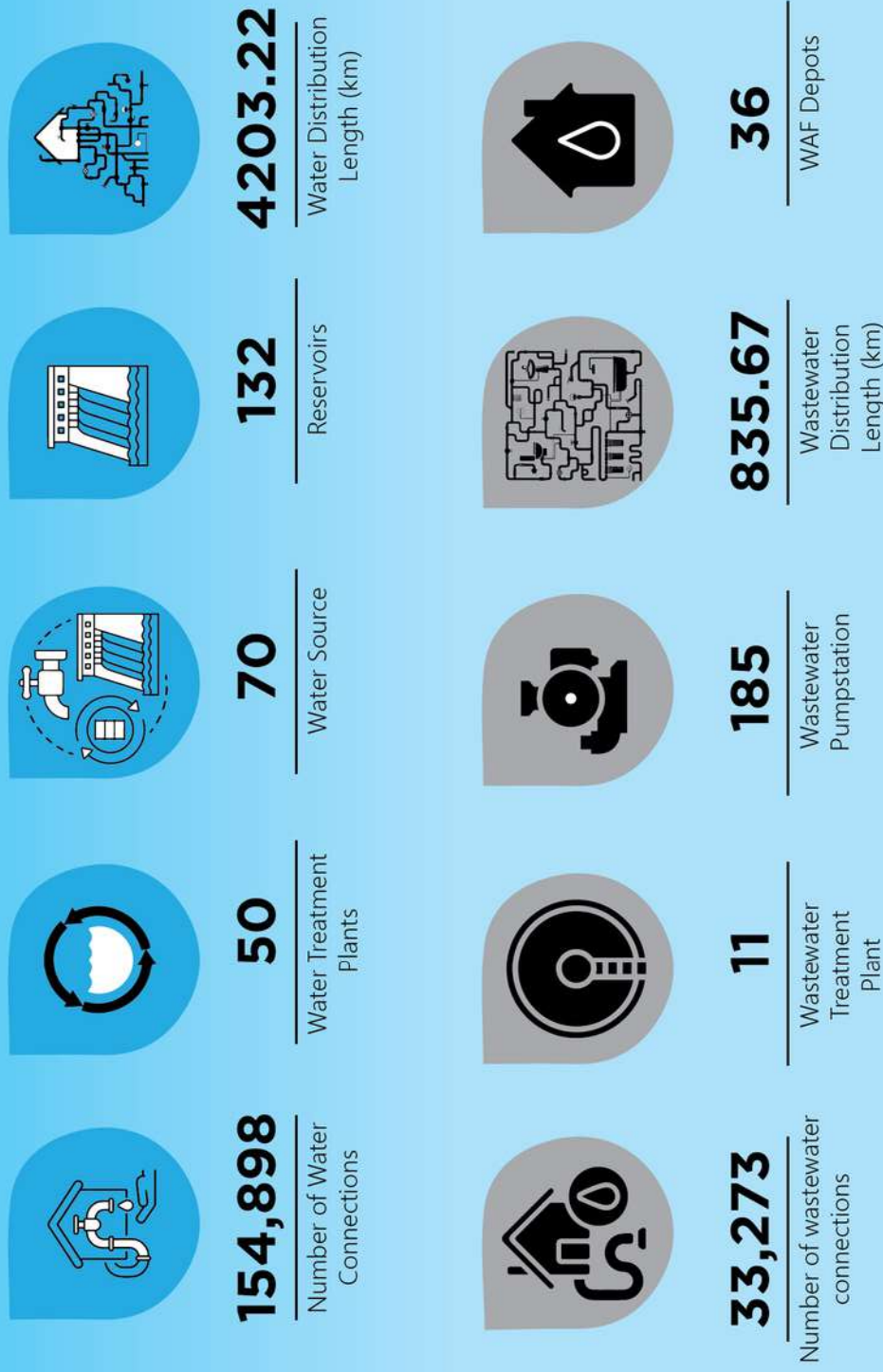
- National – 82%
- Urban – 98% - approx 484,000 people
- Rural – 58% - approx 214,000 people

Wastewater

- Urban – 28% - approx 127,000 people



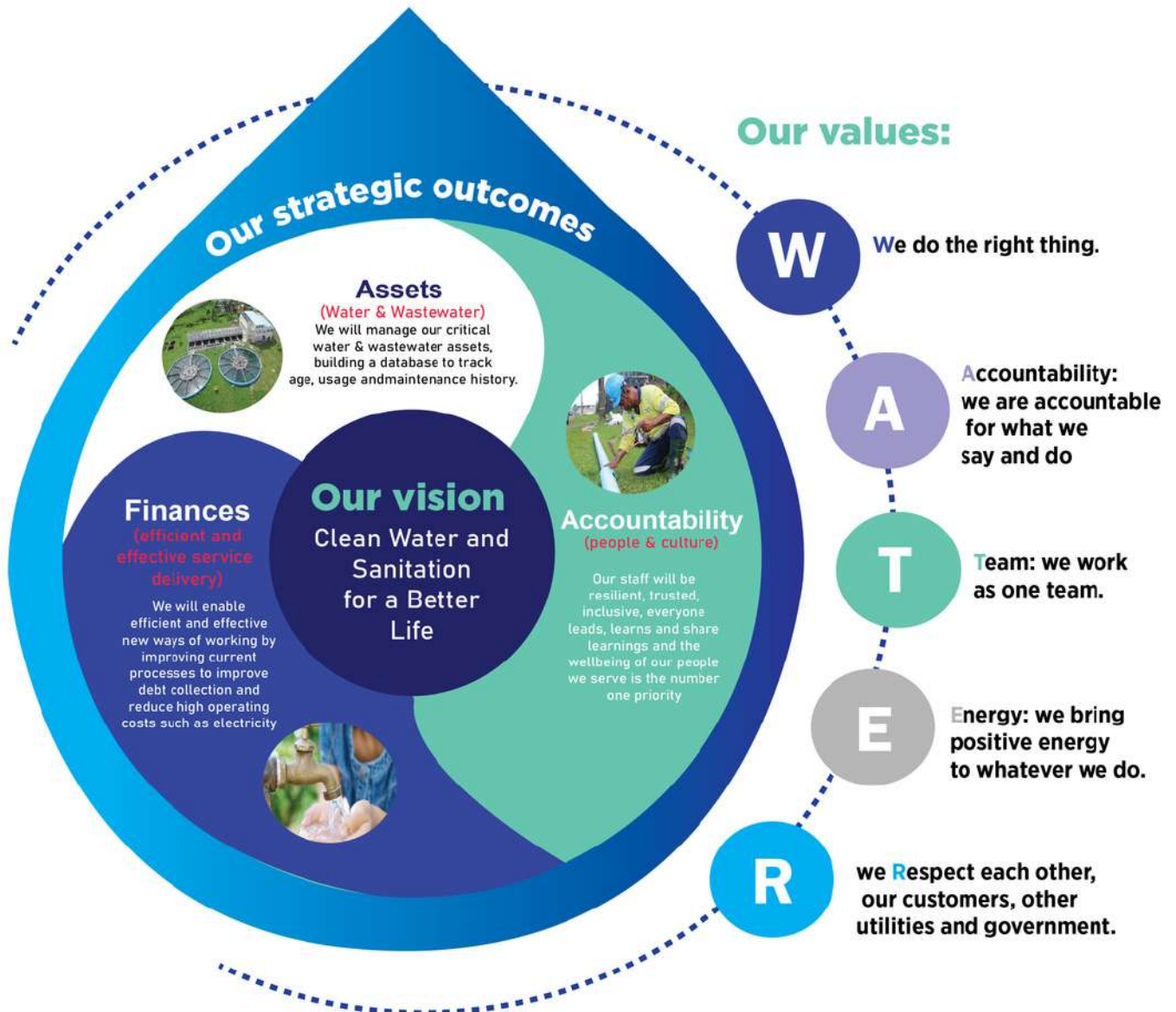
Clean Water & Sanitation for a Better Life



Key facts

Provided water and wastewater services to more than **800,000** people
 Approximately Delivered **130,000** mega litres of drinking water
 Approximately Treated **21,000** mega litres of wastewater

Our Strategic Priorities



Our Mission:

We are committed to optimising water and wastewater services through:

- Resilience, Innovation
- Safe Working Practices
- Engaging Stakeholders
- Capacity Building
- Being Environmentally Focussed
- Modernization

Our focus areas:



Non-revenue Water



Water Sector 2050



Digital Transformation (Automation)



Asset Management



Water Catchment & Environment



Core Skill Development



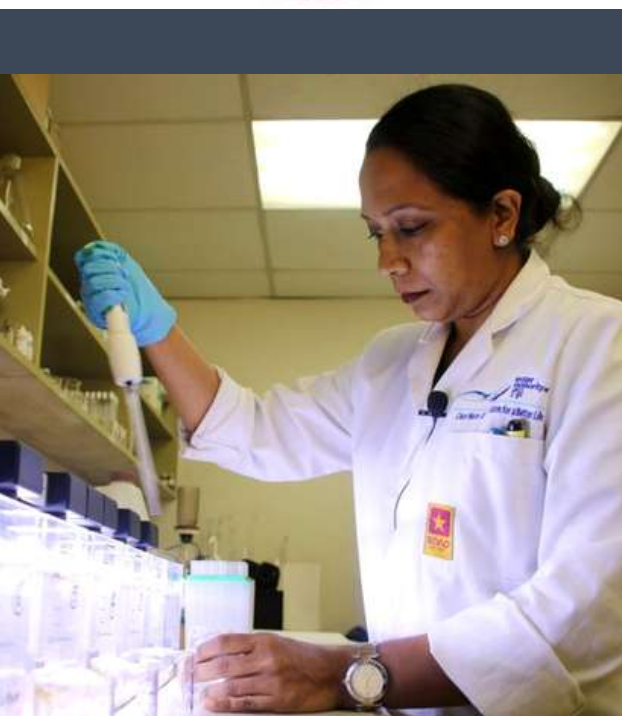
Capital Project Delivery



Financial Sustainability & Efficiency



**Bag it or Bin it.
Don't Flush It!**



Operating Environment

a) Environment Responsibility

- WAF will explore alternative, cheaper and more efficient and effective energy sources and options.
- Reduce sewerage overflows into waterways.

b) Commercial Reliability

- A return on investment consistent with the desire to become a financially viable water supply and wastewater service provider.
- Achieve efficiency across all business unit operations to ensure that our customers receive high levels of service.
- Maintain a robust customer debt management process that is fair and reasonable and is audited on an annual basis.

c) Conservation Responsibility

- Identify the level of water conservation to optimize future investments on behalf of our customers.
- Reduce leakage from our water-mains.
- Provide water conservation information for our customers to help manage their water bills.
- Balance the costs of maintaining infrastructure and water quality.

d) Service Reliability & Quality

- Deliver levels of service that rate WAF high.
- Enhance the customer experience.
- Optimize investment decisions to ensure that better outcomes are achieved at reduced costs.
- Build on reducing water quality complaints.

e) Social Responsibility

- Ensure affordability is factored into water pricing decisions.
- Build employment brand to become an Employer of Choice and deliver improved productivity and performance.
- Enhance WAF's safety culture to minimize risk.
- Develop options to assist customers facing financial hardship to manage their water bills.



Executive Management

WAF's Executive Management Team consist of 8 members.



Budget

WAF received grants from Government for both our OPEX and CAPEX. The WAF approved budget for the 2022-2023 financial year is \$204,317,091 million (CAPEX \$115,100,000 million OPEX \$89,217,091 million). The new financial year is focused more on capacity building of WAF as a whole and resilient-building upgrades to our existing infrastructure that includes contingencies for the pandemic and natural disasters.

Climate Resilient

The challenges Fiji faces in the water and wastewater sector are enormous. Water sources are drying up due to prolonged dry spells and water treatment plants and pump stations are infiltrated with saltwater due to the rise in sea level. Heavy continuous rainfall contaminates raw water and causes flooding by damaging major raw water pipelines, wastewater treatment plants, pump stations, and manholes.

To address the above challenges, WAF is committing to integrated water resources management approach and is moving towards climate-resilient water and wastewater infrastructure in the future.



Financial Summary - Operating Budget (OPEX)

The total budget WAF received for FY 2022-2023 is \$204,317,091 (VIP), for capital expenditure \$115,100,000 (VIP) and \$89,217,091 (VIP) for operational expenditure.

Expenses	WAF Revised Budget	Total Approved Budget
	2021-2022 (\$)	2022-2023 (\$)
SEG 6 Total	79,927,914	89,217,091
Salaries	25,099,301	26,478,057
Staff Related costs	500,000	324,000
Telecommunications	1,000,000	1,000,000
Computer Expenses	2,000,000	3,000,000
General Administration Expenses	5,443,280	6,500,000
Electricity	22,300,000	23,500,000
Chemicals	3,038,200	5,320,443
Fuel and Oil	1,900,000	2,800,000
Repair and Maintenance Water and Waste Water Treatment	7,500,000	5,000,000
Plant Hire	5,040,000	8,000,000
Vehicle Fleet	780,000	1,000,000
OHS Expenses	800,000	900,000
Consultancy	-	-
VEP	75,400,781	83,822,500
VAT on Grant	4,527,133	5,394,591

Financial Summary - Capital Budget (Capex)

The approved Capital Budget by schemes for the year 2022-2023 is tabled below;

2022/2023 Approved Budget Capital Expenditure Application Breakdown		
Items	Schemes	Total Budget (\$)
1	Water Source & Water Treatment Plant	6,970,000.00
2	Water Distribution	11,950,000.00
3	Integrated Meter Management	4,500,000.00
4	Non Revenue Water	5,550,000.00
5	Water Catchment Management Process	315,000.00
6	Wastewater Treatment	2,500,000.00
7	Improvement & Upgrade of Wastewater Distribution System	3,150,000.00
8	Rural Water Supply Scheme	4,962,000.00
9	Relocation of Existing Water & Wastewater Pipelines – FRA	350,000.00
10	Emergency Response Contingency	500,000.00
11	Electrical Upgrading Works	5,500,000.00
12	ICT Infrastructure Upgrades	500,000.00
13	Rainwater Harvesting System	1,000,000.00
14	Purchase of Office Equipment, OHS Tools and Equipment	400,000.00
15	WAF Facilities Upgrade	630,000.00
16	Rural Water Carting to Non Metered Areas	3,500,000.00
17	Land Acquisition	1,500,000.00
18	Engagement of Project Officers for Operations – 1 Year	1,000,000.00
19	Local Funding – Urban Water Supply and Wastewater Management Project	24,406,486.00
20	EIB Direct Payments – Urban Water Supply and Wastewater Management Project	9,431,299.00
21	GCF Grant – Urban Water Supply and Wastewater Management Project	12,039,686.00
22	Direct Payments – Urban Water Supply and Wastewater Management Project – ADB	12,445,529.00
	WAF CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	115,100,000.00

Statement of Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) adopted by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and the requirements of the WAF Act 2007.

New Rewa River Water Treatment Plant Site at Viria, Naitasiri

