



Action Project Reference: 66-03

Organisation: Diabetes Fiji Inc

Action Project Proposal:

“Grant Research and Funding application templates”

Who Are Diabetes Fiji?

Diabetes Fiji was founded in 2012 and is under the umbrella of the International Diabetes Federation. Diabetes Fiji is closely linked to the work of the National Diabetes Foundation of Fiji which existed from 1981 to 2012. The organisation works to increase awareness of diabetes in Fiji, encourage policy makers to provide diabetes support, provide knowledge to empower diabetes sufferers or those at risk and strengthen Fiji’s healthcare systems to provide better services for diabetics. Diabetes Fiji operates in close connection with the Ministry of Health.

Diabetes is a major issue in Fiji and is the second leading cause of death. Around 16% of the Fijian adult population are living with diabetes yet many are not diagnosed. Therefore Diabetes Fiji works to try and strengthen community outreach and screening.

Mission and Values:

Mission:

To steer Fiji's national solidarity in combating Diabetes.

Values:

1. *Equity*
2. *Integrity*
3. *Respect for Human Dignity*
4. *Responsiveness*
5. *Customer Focus*

Long Term Aims & Vision:

Diabetes Fiji's long term vision is ***Diabetes in better hands***. They consider this in a number of different ways:

1. The diabetic themselves and ensuring that they have the best knowledge possible about how to live a good and healthy life.
2. Those at risk and ensuring that they are able to live a healthier lifestyle.
3. Provision of care in better hands and trying to provide better services for diabetics.

Diabetes Fiji also places a particular focus on children and young people as they are the country's future.

Current Challenges:

- Low income
- Lack of skilled staffs in areas such as marketing, graphic designs, monitoring and evaluation etc
 - People within the organisation don't know enough about how to create social media
- Difficulty finding donors, since most donor funds focus on women empowerment, climate change and entrepreneurship with very little focus on NCDs
- Research – research on Diabetes management, complication rate etc.
 - Lack data – don't have data to back up treatment and don't have enough data on prevalence of diabetes in Fiji

Further Information:

In the past we have struggled to receive funding from grants and therefore require your help in researching national and international grant opportunities that are relevant to Diabetes Fiji. We would also like you to create a template proposal for Diabetes Fiji to utilise when applying for grants or donor funding. Two of the projects we currently require funding for are: the training of an endocrinologist for Fiji and funds to pay for transport to villages.

Action Project Questions:

You may wish to consider...

Plan and deliver ...

- What are the key areas that need to be covered in the proposal?
- Can you find examples of other proposals from similar organisations either in Fiji or elsewhere?
 - What is good about these?
 - How could they be improved?
 - In what ways are the organisations similar?

Tip: Have a tangible aim which is SMART (specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, and timely)

- How will the proposal be presented? (Check out free templates online)
 - Who is the audience?
 - Will you need to complete a number of proposals depending on whether you are applying for local or overseas support?
 - Highlight common areas that might change between proposals as well as those areas that are more standardised.
- What online resources are available to you as you plan and deliver this proposal?
- Research specific available grants/funds that could be targeted - pay attention to deadlines and specific criteria.
 - Could you provide a timeline for the organisation based on application deadlines?

Content ...

- What makes this organisation unique? - why would people want to invest in it - think about its mission, values and ethics and successes?
- Use online examples to help you formulate a grant proposal template document. How can this be adapted to suit the needs of Diabetes Fiji?

- How will the organisation use the funds? Why are these aims important?
- What information do donors need to persuade them to invest?
- Create a project proposal to receive funding
- What time period should this proposal be covering?

Barriers to success ...

- What barriers are there to the creation of your proposal? How could these be overcome?
 - Can you find any examples of how other organisations have overcome similar issues?
- How could you overcome the following types of barriers to the success of your proposal?:
 - Practical (e.g. what grants are likely to invest)
 - Information and Knowledge (e.g. what do you need to know about this sector and organisation in order to complete the plan?)

Evaluate ...

- Come back to your original aim - has your proposal achieved the original purpose?
- What method of evaluation will you use/recommend to evaluate the success of the proposal?
 - When should this evaluation take place?
- How can these results be used to continue to improve the proposal?

Useful Links:

- Organisation page - <https://thinkpacific.com/action-project-diabetes-fiji/>
- Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/Diabetes-Fiji-Inc-1690230817863736/>
- Information about Diabetes Fiji provided by the International Diabetes Federation - <https://www.idf.org/our-network/regions-members/western-pacific/members/102-fiji.html?layout=details&mid=149>

Further Questions

Are there any questions you would like to ask Diabetes Fiji to assist in completing this project?

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