

Fiji



Population¹	907,363
Prevalence of Blindness (Projection)²	2.6%
Prevalence of Diabetes (Projection)³	17.7%
Most common causes of vision impairment⁴	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cataract • Refractive error • Diabetic retinopathy
Health expenditure⁵	US \$250 per capita (5% of GDP)
Key stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Health and Medical Services • The Fred Hollows Foundation NZ Pacific Eye Institute • Colonial War Memorial Hospital (CWM) • Fiji National Eye Stakeholders • Clinical Services Network • Fiji National University • Diabetes Fiji • Pacific Eye Institute • World Health Organization • Fiji Disabled Peoples Federation • Fiji Women's Crisis Centre • Fiji Society for the Blind

¹ Pacific Community, Pacific Data Hub, Mid-Year Population Estimate, <https://pacificdata.org/>

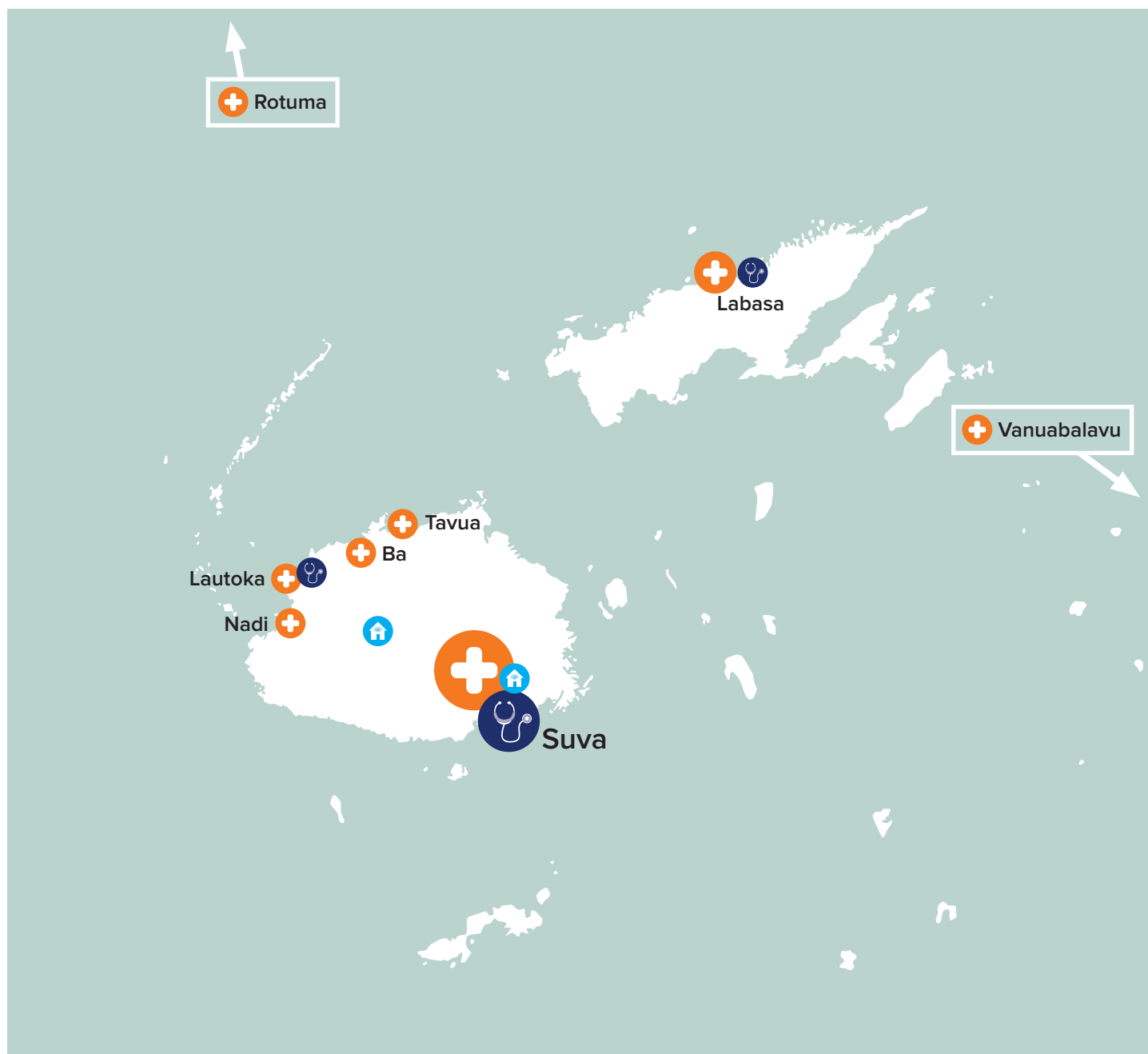
² Ramke, J., Brian, G., Maher, L., Qalo Qoqonokana, M., & Szetu, J. (2012). Prevalence and causes of blindness and low vision among adults in Fiji. Clin Exp Ophthalmol, 40(5), 490-496. This is a study of the 40+ population.

³ Diabetes Federation Atlas, <https://diabetesatlas.org/data/en/>

⁴ IAPB World Vision Atlas, <https://www.iapb.org/learn/vision-atlas>

⁵ WHO Global Health Expenditure Database, https://apps.who.int/nha/database/country_profile/Index/en

Eye care workforce



18 active eye doctors*
(of which 12 are Foundation-sponsored graduates)

Labasa: 4 / Lautoka: 3 / Suva: 11



40 active eye nurses and eye care clinicians*
(of which 32 are Foundation-sponsored graduates)

Ba: 2 / Labasa: 4 / Lautoka: 2 / Rotuma: 1 / Tamavua: 1 / Tavua: 1 / Suva: 28 / Vanuabalavu: 1



Eye care training programmes supported by The Foundation

Pacific Eye Institute, Suva / Mobile Eye Clinic

* This number can fluctuate annually and does include private practitioners.

Eye care training outcomes

Eye care training is conducted in partnership with Fiji National University and is provided to students from across the Pacific, excluding Papua New Guinea.

In total

10 Foundation-sponsored eye doctor graduates⁶.

7 Foundation-sponsored trainee eye doctor graduates⁷.

57 Foundation-sponsored eye nurse and eye care clinician graduates⁸.

In 2023

1 eye doctor graduated with a Master of Medicine in Ophthalmology from Fiji National University.

2 trainee eye-doctors completed a further year of study towards a Master of Medicine in Ophthalmology from Fiji National University.

2 eye nurses graduated with a Postgraduate Diploma in Eye Care from Fiji National University.

2023 Key Highlights

39,652 consultations provided.

2,509 sight-saving surgeries performed.

3,919 diabetic retinopathy screenings conducted.

1,683 diabetic retinopathy treatment sessions provided.

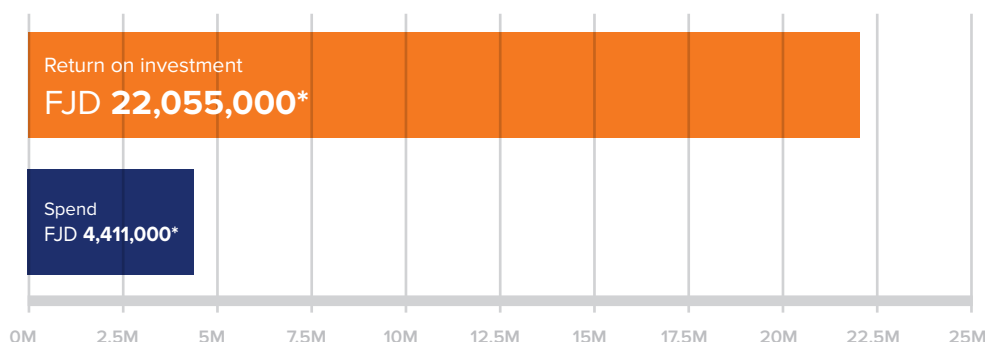
3,921 spectacles were dispensed.

70 outreaches made eye care services accessible to communities across Fiji.

2 Pacific outreaches were led by the PEI team to Samoa.

3 eye care staff were supported through a leadership training programme.

Return on investment 2023



Programme funding in NZD was \$3.2 million* with a return on investment of \$16.2 million*.

The Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Trust funded a report by PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC)⁹ that measured the economic benefit of investing in vision. The study demonstrated that for every \$1 invested in tackling avoidable blindness in the Commonwealth, \$5 is returned in economic value.

⁶ Completed Masters of Medicine in Ophthalmology. First eye doctor trained in 2012.

⁷ Completed Post Graduate Diploma in Ophthalmology.

⁸ First eye nurse trained in 2006.

* These figures are approximate.

⁹ PriceWaterhouseCoopers 2018: Investing in vision making a difference across the Commonwealth, www.hollows.org.nz

