

#### THE TAGI PROJECT

Tagi literally meaning the cry of the vanua (land) and wasawasa (ocean) for injuries we humans have caused her our Sister or Mother Earth. This is the cry of the people of Oceania we want the world to hear.

# VISION STATEMENT

A socially and ecologically transformed Oceania

# **MISSION STATEMENT**

Through artistic expression we the Tagi Movement is committed to provide platforms for learning; engage the Oceania people to reconnect with mother earth; empower the voices of victims of social and ecological injustices; network with communities and organisations to amplify our messages of change guided by our values for the transformation of people in the world to act justly for the good of creation and the common good.

# **GOAL STATEMENT**

The people become socially and ecologically transformed where they have reframed and reweaved their narrative and lived harmoniously with mother earth and each other

# **GUIDING VALUES/PRINCIPLES**

Human Dignity – Indigenous rural and coastal communities have been extensively exploited by extractive industries

Rights and Freedom of People (subsidiarity) – Lack of consultation on governance level and grassroots community regarding their resources, reflects the injustice

Stewardship of Creation – We are in need of development but our development needs are taken advantage of by the companies that come in for their own benefit at the detriment of creation

# **GUIDING VALUES/PRINCIPLES**

Participation in solidarity – the Oceania region is made of geographically isolated islands, our scatteredness limits our ability to come together – Synodality – journeying together for a social fraternity

Love and Compassion – we want to place ourselves on the side of the victims of social and ecological injustices whose rights and freedom are being violated and voiceless

Indigenous Knowledge – our ancestors have systems for looking after creation but these are suppressed by developers led by greed

# WHAT ARE WE MOST PASSIONATE ABOUT IN THIS TAGI THEATRE PRODUCTION?

Proper stewardship of God-created land or ocean

Revival of culture – traditional knowledge/wisdom/stories/parables/oral traditions

Holistic paradigm for relating with creation/ to inform/guide our development activities

Uncover the reality of what's happening on the ground

# WHAT ARE WE MOST PASSIONATE ABOUT IN THIS TAGI THEATRE PRODUCTION?

Training centre to educate people on care for creation Indigenous knowledge/philosophy/practices is taught Advocate/influence our leaders for the change we want in saving mother earth

# WHO ARE OUR CLIENTS AND OR BENEFECIARIES?

People of Oceania

The world community

Local communities

Victims of ecological and social injustice

Glocalization – local and global as well

# WHAT ARE THEIR NEEDS?

Remedy the loss of connectedness with mother nature

Empower and give voice to the voiceless

Build awareness by sharing information about our realities in order to change attitudes

Transformation/conversion: only changed people can change the world

Networking and collaborative engagement

# HOW TO MEET THEIR NEEDS?

Providing a space for artistic expression

- Providing different platforms (online, schools, concerts, etc.)
- Creating our own online channel for amplifying our messages
- Creating opportunities for learning

Network across communities and organisations to amplify messages

### WHAT DOES SUCCESS LOOK LIKE FOR TAGI?

- Ensured proper stewardship of the ocean and land
- Changed the narrative/reframing/reweaving our stories
- Effected locally driven change in attitude and behaviour
- Created a fraternally formed community to steward by reweaving and reframing our narratives
- Created a fraternally transformed group of people ablet to better care for our Common Home

# **IMMEDIATE OUTCOMES**

People feel empowered after offering their lived experience on shared platforms

People have identified their strengths and weaknesses and are open to change

Tagi have formed networks of communities and organisations to support the transformation of people

Tagi becomes a movement of people and organisations

# **INTERMEDIATE OUTCOMES**

Tagi Movement is a committed and sustained agent of change

Platforms of learning have changed attitudes and behaviours towards care for creation

Empowered victims of ecological and social injustices use their collective voice to speak out against environmental devastation

Strengthened networks of communities and organisations have amplified messages

# **OUR STRATEGIES**

- Research Collecting stories from nine affected communities in Fiji as well as from other Pacific Islands and using findings for mobilisation
- Education Using music and performing arts in the said locations to amplify the messaging
- 3. Advocacy Sharing video messages via social media and holding theatre productions on shared platforms at a local, regional and global level