



**FIELD READY**

# South Pacific

## Context/Problem

The Pacific Region is particularly vulnerable to natural hazard disasters: cyclones, earthquakes, tsunamis, tropical storms and volcanic eruptions. According to the World Risk Report, the region is amongst the highest prone to disasters, and these will continue to increase due to the effects of climate change. With thousands of islands spread across vast distances, this presents significant logistical challenges.

## What Field Ready is doing

Field Ready is currently implementing preparedness projects in Fiji and Vanuatu, and assisting populations displaced by the Ambae volcano in Vanuatu by making essential items for the most vulnerable people at an evacuation center there.

We have also conducted needs assessments in the Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste.

Some of the projects we are working on include the development of a locally-made emergency latrine that is lightweight and portable for disaster responses; maintenance for remote early warning weather equipment; improving accessibility in evacuation centers for people with disabilities; and building initiatives around plastic waste recycling.



We have established a workshop and office in Fiji, the most developed industrial economy in the region, to serve as a hub for humanitarian manufacturing and training for Fiji as well as neighboring Pacific island nations.

In our first year, Field Ready has confirmed the need for our work, where remoteness and small populations make supply difficult in the best of times let alone in disaster. An elderly couple living with a disability who were displaced by the volcano in Ambae, said “We left our home with nothing. When you came and built us a bed and table here, it really helped us so much. The bed and table are good, and people like Field Ready who care and come to help are very good.”