Pacific Humanitarian Talanoa

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Talanoa

Definition: Traditional term in Fiji and the Pacific for inclusive, participatory, and transparent dialogue.

Purpose:
• Share stories, build empathy.
• Make wise decisions for the collective good.

Process:
• Involves sharing ideas, skills, and experiences through storytelling.

Trust and Knowledge:
• Participants build trust and advance knowledge through empathy and understanding.

Avoidance of Blame:
• Critical observations inconsistent with Talanoa.
• Focus on building mutual trust and respect.

Fostering Stability:
• Talanoa creates stability and inclusiveness in dialogue.

Safe Space for Decision-Making:
• Embraces mutual respect.
• Platform for decision-making for the greater good.

# Key Takeaway: Talanoa offers a cultural framework for inclusive dialogue, fostering trust, stability, and mutual respect, leading to wise decisions for the collective good.
The Conch Shell symbolizes “Communication”. The sound of the conch shell is a summons for people to gather in a particular place. The circular sand drawing reflects ‘Spiritual Unity or Oneness’.

- **Vision**: A United Pacific: Strengthening the Resilient Responsiveness of our Kainga for a Peaceful and Prosperous Vanua.

- **Mission**: To support the creation of a secure enabling environment for strong, effective, accountable, and adaptive Institutions that provide an inclusive representation and common voice platforms and structured mechanisms for policy influencing which is rooted in our Pacific cultural practices and values; through sustainable equitable and genuine partnerships for resilient development.
PIANGO Membership Network

1. ASUNGO – American Samoa
2. ACFID - Australia
3. CICSO – Cook Islands
4. CID – New Zealand
5. CSFT – Tonga
6. DSE – Solomon Islands
7. FANGO – FSM
8. FC OSS – Fiji
9. KANGO – Kiribati
10. NIANGO – Nauru
11. NIUANGO – Niue
12. MICNGOs – Marshall Islands
13. Payuta – Guam
14. PNGCSF – PNG (Interim)
15. SUNGO – Samoa
16. TANGO – Tuvalu
17. UTLN – Kanaky
18. VANGO – Vanuatu
19. HITI TAU – French Polynesia
20. BANGO- Palau
21. FONGTIL – Timor Leste
22. (ACV) Association Culturelle de Vailala (Wallis and Futuna)- Wallis & Futuna
23. MANGO- CNMI
24. West Papua – Pasefika
Pacific Humanitarian Challenges

1. Natural Disasters
2. Climate Change
3. Limited Access to Healthcare
4. Food Security
5. Water and Sanitation Issues
6. Economic Vulnerability
7. Governance and Political Stability
8. Limited Infrastructure
9. Environmental Degradation
10. Migration and Displacement
WHAT ARE HUBS?

LOCALLY-LED NETWORKS

Hubs are about **local leadership**. They design their own governance structures, which ensure majority of the leaders are from local organisations or authorities.

WIDE MEMBERSHIP

Hubs have a broad and diverse membership, majority of whom are from local organisations or entities, e.g. community based organisations, local government, academia... This dramatically increases the **reach and impact of the network**.

LONG TERM SYSTEM CHANGE

Hubs seek to **tackle systemic issues** within the humanitarian sector, each with their own locally-rooted vision for system change. By establishing **long term, locally-based and sustainable structures**, Hubs are able to create real impact in their countries, and beyond.

PROGRAMME / INITIATIVE

Hubs design and implement **programmes or initiatives** that put their vision for change into practice, such as innovation, disaster risk financing programmes or equitable fund mechanisms.
These are the elements we would like to focus on developing clear understanding on today.

Start Network (UK charity)

Proportional* representation
(1 delegate per hub + 1 for every 10 hub members)

* Each Mini-FALE will have a governance structure, likely connected to the NLU.
The INGOs who become part of FALE due to START membership.

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Current Start Network

- **ASSEMBLY**
- **START NETWORK BOARD**
- **START FUND**

“End State”

- **MEMBER**
- **HUB COUNCIL**
  - **PLATFORM BOARD**
  - **START FINANCING FACILITY (SFF)**
  - **START NETWORK PLATFORM**
Objectives

Alternate Structure
• Inclusive of Local, National, International, Government, Private Sector, Academia, UN Agencies, and All stakeholders.

Skills
• Building skills set of our volunteers
• Locally led means our local actors are taking the lead

FALE FINANCING FACILITY
• Anticipatory Funds
• Community Trigger Response funds
• FALE Fund
Our Way of Working!

1. Open Door/Walls Policy
2. Bring what you have!
3. Talanoa Framework
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<td><strong>Mission</strong></td>
<td>Vision / Impact Model</td>
<td>A vision and theory of change that leads the hub to achieving desired impact and creating a new type of value to the humanitarian system; committed to driving locally-led action; social and cultural sustainability of the vision; interconnected and interdependent (peer network)</td>
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<td><strong>Strength of governance and legal status</strong></td>
<td>Hub hosting / registration</td>
<td>A form of <strong>legal identity</strong> or mutual agreement; an entity to sign agreements on behalf of the collective</td>
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<td>Hub governance arrangements</td>
<td>Independent <strong>leadership/governance</strong> body, made up of minimum 50% local representatives; Accountability mechanism of governance body - member assembly type mechanism</td>
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<td><strong>Strength of Network</strong></td>
<td>Hub Members</td>
<td>Minimum <strong>50% local</strong> membership; <strong>Diversity</strong></td>
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<td>Hub Membership Protocol</td>
<td>A membership process or policy setting out hub member rights, expectations, criteria, contributions etc.</td>
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<td>Hub Agreement / MoU</td>
<td>A <strong>collaboration</strong> that offers mutual value that is held together by a form of ‘agreement’</td>
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<td><strong>Sustainability</strong></td>
<td>Hub Business Model</td>
<td>An <strong>operating / financial model</strong> that demonstrates pathways for sustainability that include ways to leverage funding independently, funding through programmes, possible membership fee structure etc.</td>
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<td>Hub Programme(s)</td>
<td>The hub has an <strong>innovation and / or a fund / financing facilitating</strong> that they are testing or implementing</td>
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FALE Tonga
FALE Vanuatu So Far!!

- Has a secretariat;
- Has a coordinator;
- Got a core funding to test and 5 CBO’s got 10k usd to do respondse work.
Development Services Exchange (DSE)

FALE SOLOMON
Co-Chairs - Solomon Islands Development Trust (SIDT)/DSE Secretariat DSE

Humanitarian Services - Solomon Islands Red Cross

Food Security - lead Kastom Garden

Education - lead Coalition of Education Solomon islands (COESI)

Youth Advocacy - SI Theatre Group

Disability DPO

NDMO Solomon Islands

SIHAN - Solomon Islands Humanitarian Alliance Network
FALE Pacific Steering Committee

1. Chair of PIANGO: Ms. Marstella Jack
2. Executive Director of PIANGO: Ms. Emeline Siale Ilolahia
3. FRDP TWG Representative:
   1. Mr. Filipo Masaurua (Oxfam in the Pacific)
   2. Alternate: Mr. Jofiliti Veikoso (Youth TWG) (*Elected a week ago*)
4. INGO Representatives:
   1. Ms. Ana Albuquerque (ADRA)
   2. Ms. Claire Leow (Airlink) (*Elections concluded today*)
5. FALE Fiji: Mr. Sepesa Rasili
6. FALE Kiribati: Mr. Maiaa Iona
7. FALE Samoa: Mr. Fuimaono Falefa Lima
8. FALE Solomon Islands: Mr. Inia Barry
9. FALE Tonga: Mr. Drew Havea
10. FALE Vanuatu: Mr. William Nasak
11. FALE Pacific Coordinator: Mr. Akmal Ali
Conclusion

• FALE Pasifika unites diverse changemakers in the Pacific, envisioning a resilient region with informed solutions and strong financial backing.
• Inclusivity empowers local communities to lead, while collaboration ensures efficiency and effectiveness.
• The initiative prioritizes local involvement, fostering transformative change through innovative and human-centric approaches.
• Together, we can forge a brighter future for the Pacific through FALE Pasifika.