



30 March 2022

Registrar of Political Parties
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Dear Sir

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2021

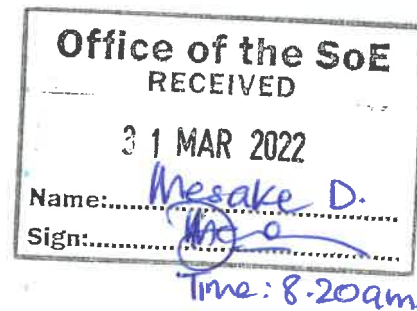
We enclose herewith audited financial statements of FijiFirst for financial period ending 31 December 2021.

Should you require any clarification, please contact the undersigned.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Augustine Sami", written over a horizontal line.

Augustine Sami
Treasurer



FIJIFIRST
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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REPORT OF THE CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

In accordance with the requirements of Section 26 of Political Parties (Registration, Conduct, Funding and Disclosures) Act 2013, the management herewith submit the financial accounts of FijiFirst (the party) which comprise balance sheet of the party as at 31 December 2021, the income and expenditure account and cash flow statement for the year then ended on that date and report as follows:

FijiFirst

FijiFirst is a political party registered in Fiji under Section 10 of the Political Parties (Registration, Conduct, Funding and Disclosures) Act 2013 (the Act).

The registered office of the party is 59 Vunakece Road, Namadi Heights, Suva.

The objectives and activities of the party include:

- to uphold and implement the Fijian Constitution,
- advancement of the well being of the people of Fiji,
- the promotion of the election to Parliament of candidates endorsed by the party,
- civic improvements generally, and
- to serve the best interest of Fijians.

Central Executive Committee

Central Executive Committee oversees and manages the affairs of the party. The following officials represented the Central Executive Committee during the year:

| | | |
|-------------------|---|--|
| Leader | : | Hon. Rear Admiral (Retired) Josai Voreqe Bainimarama |
| President | : | Adi Tema Varo |
| General Secretary | : | Hon. Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum |
| Treasurer | : | Mr Augustine Sami |

Financial Overview

The party has recorded surplus amounting to \$146,729 for the year ended 31 December 2021 (2020: \$90,975).

Cash on hand and at bank balance as at 31 December 2021 was \$846,828 (2020: \$684,352).

Net assets as at 31 December 2021 was \$631,119 (2020: \$484,390).

Events Subsequent to Balance Date

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which would require adjustment to, or disclosure in, the financial accounts.

Signed for and on behalf of the Central Executive Committee.

Dated this 29th day of March 2022.


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President


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Treasurer

STATEMENT BY THE CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

In accordance with a resolution of the Central Executive Committee of FijiFirst (the party), we state that in the opinion of the Executive Committee members:

- [i] the accompanying income and expenditure account of the party is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the financial results of the party for the year ended 31 December 2021;
- [ii] the accompanying balance sheet of the party is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the party as at 31 December 2021;
- [iii] the accompanying cash flow statement of the party is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the cash flows of the party for the year ended 31 December 2021;
- [iv] all income from donations, fundraising and membership registration fees have been receipted and recorded in the books of account; and
- [v] to the best of our information and knowledge, the party has complied with all the provisions of the Political Parties (Registration, Conduct, Funding and Disclosures) Act 2013.

Signed for and on behalf of the Central Executive Committee.

Dated this 29th day of March 2022.


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President


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Treasurer

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To the Leadership Committee of FijiFirst

Report on the Audit of the Financial Accounts

Qualified Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial accounts of FijiFirst (the party), which comprise the balance sheet of the party as at 31 December 2021, the related income and expenditure account and cash flow statement for the year ended 31 December 2021, and a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, except for the possible effects, if any, of the inherent limitations described in the basis for qualified opinion section of our report, the financial accounts give a true and fair view of the financial position of FijiFirst as at 31 December 2021, and of its income and expenditure account and cash flow statement for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of the Political Parties (Registration, Conduct, Funding and Disclosures) Act 2013.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

Due to the nature of the transactions inherent in any political party and due to inherent limitations, it is not practicable for the party to establish accounting controls over donations and fundraising prior to its receipts. Accordingly, it is not practicable for our examination to include audit procedures to extend beyond the amounts recorded in the official receipts issued by the party.

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISA). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Accounts* section of our report. We are independent of the party in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountant's *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code)* together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial accounts in Fiji and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified opinion.

Central Executive Committee's and Management's Responsibility for the Financial Accounts

The Central Executive Committee and management are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Political Parties (Registration, Conduct, Funding and Disclosures) Act 2013, and for such internal control as the Central Executive Committee and management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial accounts that is free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial accounts, the Central Executive Committee and management are responsible for assessing the party's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting.

The Central Executive Committee and management are responsible for overseeing the party's financial reporting process.

To the Leadership Committee of FijiFirst (Cont'd)**Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Accounts**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial accounts as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISA will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud and error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial accounts.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISA, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial accounts, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the party's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Central Executive Committee's and management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the party's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures, are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial accounts, including the disclosures, and whether the financial accounts represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Central Executive Committee and management regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the Central Executive Committee and management with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.



SUVA, FIJI
29 MARCH 2022

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CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

**FIJIFIRST
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

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| | <u>Notes</u> | <u>2021</u> | <u>2020</u> |
|---|--------------|-------------------|----------------|
| INCOME | | | |
| Donations | 4 | \$ 30,000 | 61,000 |
| Interest | | 778 | 712 |
| Funding for parliamentary office | 5 | 405,000 | 405,000 |
| Legal fees recovered | | 7,500 | - |
| Total income | | 443,278 | 466,712 |
| EXPENDITURE | | | |
| Audit fee | | 5,309 | 4,819 |
| Bank charges | | 898 | 983 |
| Depreciation | | 24,504 | 49,779 |
| Electricity and water | | 1,245 | 1,462 |
| FNPF contributions | | 6,380 | 7,438 |
| Insurance | | 1,844 | 1,929 |
| Legal fees | | 218 | 73,210 |
| Motor vehicle expenses | | 9,740 | 9,959 |
| Office rent | | 35,280 | 35,280 |
| Office supplies, printing and stationeries | | 8,815 | 7,657 |
| Repairs and maintenance | | 1,770 | 3,715 |
| Salaries and wages | | 141,059 | 131,983 |
| Social media and website | | 13,869 | 5,501 |
| Telephone and internet | | 16,796 | 15,228 |
| Travel and accommodation | | 450 | 914 |
| Volunteer allowances and expenses | | 28,372 | 25,880 |
| Total expenditure | | 296,549 | 375,737 |
| Net surplus for the year | | 146,729 | 90,975 |
| Net surplus at the beginning of the financial year | | 484,390 | 393,415 |
| Net surplus at the end of the financial year | | \$ 631,119 | 484,390 |

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this income and expenditure account.

**FIJIFIRST
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021**


| | <u>Notes</u> | <u>2021</u> | <u>2020</u> |
|--|--------------|-------------------|----------------|
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | |
| Cash on hand and at bank | | \$ 846,828 | 684,352 |
| Term deposit | 6 | 21,240 | 20,818 |
| Receivables | 7 | 12,496 | 4,910 |
| Total current assets | | 880,564 | 710,080 |
| NON-CURRENT ASSETS | | | |
| Plant and equipment | 8 | 7,350 | 31,574 |
| Total non-current assets | | 7,350 | 31,574 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | 887,914 | 741,654 |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES | | | |
| Payables and accruals | 9 | 20,545 | 21,014 |
| Deferred income - funding for Parliamentary Office | 5 | 236,250 | 236,250 |
| Total current liabilities | | 256,795 | 257,264 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | | 256,795 | 257,264 |
| NET ASSETS | | 631,119 | 484,390 |
| ACCUMULATED FUNDS | | | |
| Net surplus | | 631,119 | 484,390 |
| TOTAL ACCUMULATED FUNDS | | \$ 631,119 | 484,390 |

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this balance sheet.

Signed for and on behalf of the Central Executive Committee.

Dated this 29th day of March 2022.


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President


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Treasurer

**FIJIFIRST
CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

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| | <u>2021 Inflows/ (Outflows)</u> | <u>2020 Inflows/ (Outflows)</u> |
|---|---|---|
| Cash flows from operating activities | | |
| Receipts from donors, contributors and funding, net | \$ 435,000 | 466,000 |
| Payments to suppliers of goods and services | (272,514) | (314,001) |
| Cash generated from operations | 162,486 | 151,999 |
| Interest received, net of withholding tax | 692 | 682 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | <u>163,178</u> | <u>152,681</u> |
| Cash flows from investing activities | | |
| Payments for plant and equipment | (280) | (750) |
| Payments for term deposit and interest reinvestment | (422) | (413) |
| Net cash used in investing activities | <u>(702)</u> | <u>(1,163)</u> |
| Net increase in cash and cash equivalents | 162,476 | 151,518 |
| Cash and cash equivalent at the beginning of the year | <u>684,352</u> | <u>532,834</u> |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year | <u>\$ 846,828</u> | <u>684,352</u> |

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this cash flow statement.

NOTE 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

FijiFirst is a political party registered in Fiji under Section 10 of the Political Parties (Registration, Conduct, Funding and Disclosures) Act 2013 (the Act).

The registered office of the party is 59 Vunakece Road, Namadi Heights, Suva.

The objectives and activities of the party include:

- to uphold and implement the Fijian Constitution,
- advancement of the well being of the people of Fiji,
- the promotion of the election to Parliament of candidates endorsed by the party,
- civic improvements generally, and
- to serve the best interest of Fijians.

NOTE 2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The financial accounts have been prepared in accordance with the principles of accounting having regards to the purpose of the Act.

The financial accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Except for recognition of income from donations, fundraising and membership registration fees which have been brought to account on a cash receipt basis, the financial accounts have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

All amounts are stated in Fijian dollar currency.

NOTE 3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

3.1 Income Recognition

a) Donations, Fundraising and Membership Registration Fees

Donations, fundraising and membership registration fee income are recognized as income on cash receipt basis.

b) Funding for Parliamentary Office

Funding received from the Parliament for the staffing and running of Parliamentary Office of the party is recognized in the financial accounts when the right to receive funding is established and confirmed.

In accordance with the general principles of accounting, the funding for Parliamentary Office is initially deferred and recognized as income over the period for which the funding is allocated for. Refer Note 5.

c) Interest Income

Interest income is recognised on an accrual basis.

NOTE 3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

3.2 Plant and Equipment

Plant and equipment is stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation.

Plant and equipment is depreciated on a straight-line method over their estimated useful lives using the following rates:

- Office equipment - 20%
- Motor vehicles - 20%
- Computer equipment - 20%

Profits and losses on disposal of plant and equipment are taken into account in determining the results for the year.

3.3 Cash and Cash Equivalents

For the purpose of cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and cash balances in banks that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

3.4 Payables and Accruals

Payables and accruals are recognised when the party becomes obliged to make future payments resulting from the purchase of goods and services and activities of the party.

3.5 Taxation

Income of the party is exempt from income tax in accordance with Part 7 of the Income Tax (Exempt Income) Regulations 2016.

3.6 Value Added Tax

The party is not making any taxable supplies and is not required to be registered for VAT. Accordingly, all vatable expenses and plant and equipment are stated at VAT inclusive values.

| NOTE 4. DONATIONS | <u>2021</u> | <u>2020</u> |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Donations | \$ 30,000 | 61,000 |

Donations comprise money received from individuals.

There were no donations in kind for the year ended 31 December 2021 (2020: \$Nil).

NOTE 5. DEFERRED INCOME - FUNDING FOR PARLIAMENTARY OFFICE

| | | |
|---|-------------------|------------------|
| Opening balance | 236,250 | 236,250 |
| Fund received from the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji | 405,000 | 405,000 |
| Recognised as income in Income and Expenditure Account | <u>(405,000)</u> | <u>(405,000)</u> |
| Deferred income | \$ <u>236,250</u> | <u>236,250</u> |

Deferred income represents the grant funds received from the Parliament of Fiji to provide funding for staffing and running Parliamentary Office of the party. The funding of \$405,000 was received during 2021 for the 12 month period August 2021 to July 2022.

Accordingly, funding of \$236,250 for the period 1 January 2022 to 31 July 2022 has been deferred.

NOTE 6. TERM DEPOSIT

| | <u>2021</u> | <u>2020</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| ANZ Bank - Term Deposit | \$ 21,240 | 20,818 |

NOTE 7. RECEIVABLES

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Interest Withholding Tax Receivable | 3,705 | 3,619 |
| Rental bond | 1,291 | 1,291 |
| R Patel Lawyers - Trust Account | 7,500 | - |
| | <u>\$ 12,496</u> | <u>4,910</u> |

NOTE 8. PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

| | <u>Office equipment</u> | <u>Motor vehicles</u> | <u>Computer equipment</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Cost | | | | |
| As at 31 December 2019 | 38,989 | 195,141 | 39,014 | 273,144 |
| Acquisitions | 750 | - | - | 750 |
| Disposals | (7,746) | - | (16,983) | (24,729) |
| As at 31 December 2020 | 31,993 | 195,141 | 22,031 | 249,165 |
| Acquisitions | 280 | - | - | 280 |
| As at 31 December 2021 | 32,273 | 195,141 | 22,031 | 249,445 |
| Accumulated Depreciation | | | | |
| As at 31 December 2019 | 24,048 | 142,369 | 26,124 | 192,541 |
| Depreciation for the year | 6,345 | 39,028 | 4,406 | 49,779 |
| Disposals | (7,746) | - | (16,983) | (24,729) |
| As at 31 December 2020 | 22,647 | 181,397 | 13,547 | 217,591 |
| Depreciation for the year | 6,354 | 13,744 | 4,406 | 24,504 |
| As at 31 December 2021 | 29,001 | 195,141 | 17,953 | 242,095 |
| Net book value | | | | |
| As at 31 December 2020 | 9,346 | 13,744 | 8,484 | 31,574 |
| As at 31 December 2021 | 3,272 | - | 4,078 | 7,350 |

| NOTE 9. PAYABLES AND ACCRUALS | <u>2021</u> | <u>2020</u> |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Payables | \$ 15,245 | 16,009 |
| Accruals | 5,300 | 5,005 |
| Total payables and accruals | <u>\$ 20,545</u> | <u>21,014</u> |

NOTE 10. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE COMMITMENTS

Capital expenditure commitments as at 31 December 2021 amounted to \$Nil (2020: \$Nil).

NOTE 11. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Contingent liabilities as at 31 December 2021 amounted to \$Nil (2020: \$Nil).

NOTE 12. EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO BALANCE DATE

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial period which would require adjustment to, or disclosure in, the financial accounts.

NOTE 13. COMPARATIVES

Where necessary, amounts relating to prior years have been reclassified to facilitate comparison and achieve consistency in disclosure with current years amount.