

NATIONAL CHESS FEDERATION (NCF): SOLOMON ISLANDS CHESS FEDERATION CONTINENT: ASIA DEVELOPMENT LEVEL: 5 PERIOD: 2019

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)¹ are the critical (key) indicators of progress toward an intended result.

The NCF is required to measure the effectiveness of its programmes using the KPIs listed below. It is possible that a Federation may not be able to report on a particular KPI and this will be taken into consideration at the end of the reporting period. NCFs can also make use of the '**Comments**' field as required. The NCF is also allowed to include any additional KPIs that it considers to be relevant for reporting purposes.

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)	Baseline- 2018 ²	End of Period	Comments
No. of FIDE rated players	5	20	A total of 13
			players have got
			their Rapid
			Ratings. As of
			next year we will
			focus on
			Standard
			Ratings.
Certified Arbiters	0	5	3 people have
			passed the FIDE
			Arbiters training
			but are yet to
			get certified. We
			already have 3
			other FIDE
			Arbiters so that
			is a total of 6
			Certified
			Arbiters.
Certified Trainers	0	5	We had planned
			to hold a
			National Trainers
			seminar but we
			had realized that

¹ https://kpi.org/KPI-Basics

² NCF to populate these fields with the current values of each KPI as at the beginning of the programme/project period.



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			it is quite expensive for us to hold one, especially to meet the traveling cost and allowance for a qualified instructor. Instead we had made arrangements with Oceania Chess Confederation to take part in a National Trainers seminar that will take place in early 2020 in either Fiji or New Zealand, which will be much cheaper for us.
Average rating of top 10 players	1755	1800	1932
Average no. of rated games by top 10 players	0	2	As per the number of rated games, we had two as per the performance indicator . The first rated one was the national championship and the other is the qualifying tournament which is a 9 round rapid.
No. of participants in international chess tournaments	0	2	The winner of the national championship James Tepuke Baiango took part in the



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			Soprico International Open chess tournament in New Caledonia in October this year. We decided to send one instead of two, due mainly to time factor. However, we are looking at sending more players to take part in international tournaments as of next year. We have established relationship with New Caledonia chess and we would be
			sending more players to take
No. of Players on FIDE List	5	20	part next year. Since hosting the national championship and the junior championship, we have a total of 78 players now on FIDE List. This is a good indication of growth and development of chess in Solomon Islands. We are expecting the number to further increase in 2020 as we are familiar now



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			in using the Swiss Manager
			and we have a
			very active rating
			officer.
No. of Affiliated clubs	NA	15	We still maintain
No. of Anniated clubs	NA .	15	the 15 chess
			clubs in Honiara.
			These are mainly
			Honiara-based.
			However we are
			working on
			establishing
			more clubs next
			year 2020 as we
			are also planning
			to have regular
			team
			tournaments.
			We are hoping
			that would
			increase next
			year, as there
			are more players
			in the provinces,
			particularly
			Western and Malaita
			Provinces. This
			year we will be
			focusing on
			proper affiliation
			and registration
			of chess clubs in
			Honiara and
			throughout the
			provinces.
No. of School Chess Teachers	NA	10	As per school
			chess teachers,
			we have started
			training school
			teachers from
			one of our
			schools in
			Malaita. We
			have also
			produced a



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			Chess Teachers Manual which we also distributed too them plus chess boards. Next year we will be producing more manuals as this will be part of our chess in schools program.
No. of schools with chess programmes	2	5	Due to manpower, we were not able to visit most of the schools with chess programs. However, one of the prominent schools in Honiara, Chung Wah School had chess as part of their school program for well over ten years now. Seven (7) of their children took part in the junior championship, which is really encouraging. Solomon Islands National University had also expressed interest in introducing chess in their three campuses in Honiara. This could potentially lead to Solomon Islands taking part in the World



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			University chess tournaments in the future. Our plan to reach 5 schools this year was not possible due to manpower shortage. We have only managed to start with one school this year.
No. of students in chess in school programmes	NA	50	There are well over 20 students who are regular members of the Chung Wah School Chess Club. In 2020 we will work on our database and register all chess players both the clubs and students playing chess in schools.
No. of Positive or neutral articles & media coverage incl. social media	NA	10	We have achieved our target of having close to ten (10) positive and neutral media articles throughout the year. This included news coverages, advertising for tournaments, stories and updates mainly on our activities this year. This has really helped



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			in further
			promoting chess
			in the country.
			Even Radio
			Australia
			interviewed us
			over the phone
			and aired in one
			of their Pacific
			services radio
			programs, after
			reading about
			the junior
			tournament on
			Facebook. We
			have also
			opened our
			official Facebook
			page and that
			has gained
			popularity as all
			news and
			updates are also
			shared online.
			Through social
			media, we had
			established links
			and contacts
			with Nauru
			Chess
			Federation, New
			Caledonia Chess
			Association, Fiji
			Chess Federation
			and Palau Chess
			Federation. We
			had also started
			producing our
			monthly
			newsletter called
			'One Life', after
			it stopped some
			six or seven
			years ago. In
			October we have
			been able to
			start publishing



Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)	Baseline- 2018 ²	End of Period	Comments
			our newsletter again. This will be distributed to schools, chess players and our partners and sponsors as well. Soft copies can be distributed through email and online.
No. of chess sponsors	NA	2	In terms of sponsorship, we were successful in having the government, through the Ministry of Women, Youth, Children and Family Affairs sponsoring t- shirts and prizes for our junior championship. They have indicated interest in partnering with chess especially with the implementation of the Solomon Islands National Youth Policy 2017-2030. Although we were unable to get any corporate sponsors, but the government through the Youth Ministry and also the Ministry of Home Affairs



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			(Ministry responsible for Sport) have indicated support to the federation as of next year 2020. We will set down as part of our activities next year to try and seek corporate sponsorship from any of our local business
No. Of Strategic Partners e.g. NOC	2	3	houses. Solomon Islands
			Chess Federation had reactivated its membership with the National Olympic Committee of Solomon Islands this year. Apart from that, we had established new partnership with the Ministry of Women, Youth, Children and Family Affairs. The youth ministry had endorsed financial assistance for the Oceania Under 20 championship that we will be hosting next year in June. This is encouraging as we are slowly gaining the government's



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			support through relevant line ministries. We have also established partnership with a theatre group Dreamcast Theater that we can use their venue for chess tournaments and activities at a special rate. The Ministry of Home Affairs had pledged their support to assist us send a team to the Olympiad next year. We have achieved our target for this year of having three (3) strategic
OTHER-Please specify	0	1	partners. We were not
Infrastructure development such as office, chess center		-	able to get a land for our proposed Chess Center as we do not have the needed funds to acquire land in Honiara. However we have been able to market the concept to other stakeholders and have shared the idea of establishing a chess center and its long term



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			benefits to
			young people in
			the country. We
			will continue to
			market the idea
			and talk to
			different
			organizations as
			of next year
			2020. This year
			for the first time
			in ten (10) years,
			the Solomon
			Islands Chess
			Federation was
			able to have a
			patron. Our
			patron is Hon.
			Peter Kenilorea
			Jnr, our Deputy
			Opposition
			Leader. He is the
			son of the
			country's first
			Prime Minister
			Sir Peter
			Kenilorea. We
			are so privileged
			to have
			someone of his
			prominence and
			caliber to be
			chess patron. He
			had expressed
			keen interest
			and pledged his
			support in
			promoting chess
			in the country.



On behalf of FEDERATION



Anthony Maelasi (President)- Solomon Islands Chess Federation

Date: 23rd December 2019





APPENDIX D – REPORT ON FUNDING

NATIONAL CHESS FEDERATION (NCF): Solomon Islands

CONTINENT: Asia

DEVELOPMENT LEVEL: 5

Please complete ALL requested fields in this report.

1. Programme/Project Name:

CHESS DEVELOPMENT IN SOLOMON ISLANDS 2019-2021

2. Programme/Project Dates:

2019

3. Summary of Project Outcomes:

With the grant from FIDE Planning and Development Commission, we have managed to implement most of our programs and activities set out in our Chess Calendar 2019. These are summary reports of the key performance indicators of the project.

Number of Rated Players

• We were able to get four people with Rapid ratings and hopefully by the end of November we should be able to get several more new players with Rapid ratings.

Certified Arbiters

• We have three people qualified as FIDE Arbiters as a result of a FIDE Arbiters Seminar we held in September.

Certified Trainers

 We had planned to hold a National Trainers seminar but we had realized that it is quite expensive for us to hold one, especially to meet the traveling cost and allowance for a qualified instructor. Instead we had made arrangements with Oceania Chess Confederation to take part in a National Trainers seminar that will take place in early 2020 in either Fiji or New Zealand, which will be much cheaper for us.

Average Rating of Top 10 Players

• James Tepuke Baiango, had his Rapid rating slightly higher than standard after winning the National Chess Championship.

Average Number of Rated Games by Top 10 Players

• As per the number of rated games, we had two as per the performance indicator. The first rated one was the national championship and the other is the qualifying tournament which is a 9 round rapid.

Number of Participants in International Chess Tournaments

• The winner of the national championship James Tepuke Baiango took part in the



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Number of Players on FIDE List

• Since hosting the national championship and the junior championship, we have more than twenty (20) players now on FIDE List and the number will certainly increase by the end of 2019. This is a good indication of growth and development of chess in Solomon Islands. We are expecting the number to further increase in 2020 as we are familiar now in using the Swiss Manager and we have a very active rating officer.

Number of Affiliated Clubs

• We still maintain the fifteen (15) chess clubs in Honiara. These are mainly Honiarabased. However we are working on establishing more clubs next year 2020 as we are also planning to have regular team tournaments. We are hoping that would increase next year, as there are more players in the provinces, particularly Western and Malaita Provinces. This year we will be focusing on proper affiliation and registration of chess clubs in Honiara and throughout the provinces.

Number of School Chess Teachers

• As per school chess teachers, we have started training school teachers from one of our schools in Malaita. We have also produced a Chess Teachers Manual which we also distributed too them plus chess boards. Next year we will be producing more manuals as this will be part of our chess in schools program.

Number of Schools with Chess Programs

• Due to manpower, we were not able to visit most of the schools with chess programs. However, one of the prominent schools in Honiara, Chung Wah School have had chess as part of their school program for well over ten years now. Seven (7) of their children took part in the junior championship, which is really encouraging. Solomon Islands National University had also expressed interest in introducing chess in their three campuses in Honiara. This could potentially lead to Solomon Islands taking part in the World University chess tournaments in the future. Our plan to reach 5 schools this year was not possible due to manpower shortage. We have only managed to start with one school this year.

Number of Positive and Neutral articles and Media coverage including Social Media

We have achieved our target of having close to ten (10) positive and neutral media articles. This included news coverages, advertising for tournaments, stories and updates mainly on our activities this year. This has really helped in further promoting chess in the country. Even Radio Australia interviewed us over the phone and aired in one of their Pacific services radio programs, after reading about the junior tournament on Facebook. We have also opened our official Facebook page and that has gained popularity as all news and updates are also shared online. Through social media, we had established links and contacts with Nauru Chess Federation, New Caledonia Chess Association, Fiji Chess Federation and Palau Chess Federation. We had also started producing our monthly



newsletter called 'One Life', after it stopped some six or seven years ago. In October we have been able to start publishing our newsletter again. This will be distributed to schools, chess players and our partners and sponsors as well. Soft copies can be distributed through email and online.

Number of Chess Sponsor

• In terms of sponsorship, we were successful in having the government, through the Ministry of Women, Youth, Children and Family Affairs sponsoring t-shirts and prizes for our junior championship. They have indicated interest in partnering with chess especially with the implementation of the Solomon Islands National Youth Policy 2017-2030. Although we were unable to get any corporate sponsors, but the government through the Youth Ministry and also the Ministry of Home Affairs (Ministry responsible for Sport) have indicated support to the federation as of next year 2020. We will set down as part of our activities next year to try and seek corporate sponsorship from any of our local business houses.

Number of Strategic Partners

 Solomon Islands Chess Federation had reactivated its membership with the National Olympic Committee of Solomon Islands this year. Apart from that, we had established new partnership with the Ministry of Women, Youth, Children and Family Affairs. The youth ministry had endorsed financial assistance for the Oceania Under 20 championship that we will be hosting next year in June. This is encouraging as we are slowly gaining the government's support through relevant line ministries. We have also established partnership with a theatre group Dreamcast Theater that we can use their venue for chess tournaments and activities at a special rate. The Ministry of Home Affairs had pledged their support to assist us send a team to the Olympiad next year. We have achieved our target for this year of having three (3) strategic partners.

Infrastructure Development

- We were not able to get a land for our proposed Chess Center as we do not have the needed funds to acquire land in Honiara. However we have been able to market the concept to other stakeholders and have shared the idea of establishing a chess center and its long term benefits to young people in the country. We will continue to market the idea and talk to different organizations as of next year 2020.
- This year for the first time in ten (10) years, the Solomon Islands Chess Federation
 was able to have a patron. Our patron is Hon. Peter Kenilorea Jnr, our Deputy
 Opposition Leader. He is the son of the country's first Prime Minister Sir Peter
 Kenilorea. We are so privileged to have someone of his prominence and caliber
 to be chess patron. He had expressed keen interest and pledged his support in
 promoting chess in the country.

4. Breakdown of Funding Usage (Please provide supporting documents as far as possible):

- 1. (Expenditures for National Chess Championship, Junior Chess Championship, Qualifying Tournament = **SBD\$29,335**)
- 2. (Expenditure for FIDE Arbiters Seminar = SBD\$15,577.55)
- 3. (Expenditure for James' travel to New Caledonia = **SBD\$16,515.30**)



4. (Expenditure for Chess in Schools-Auki-Chess Teachers Manual = **SBD\$2,350**) A full financial report is also attached.

5. Any funds not yet used? Yes _____ No _____

If No, please provide reasons and details on how and when the funds will be utilised:

We will use the remaining funds to purchase small office equipment (laptop and printer), stationery for our office set up in 2020.

6. Lessons Learned/Future Improvements:

One of the main lessons we learned is not having relevant funding support to mobilize our volunteers to do chess training and visiting schools and institutions. It is difficult to plan programs and not having anyone to implement them. Hence, in our next year's budget we are allocating budgetary support for a full time Chess Development Officer. His main role is to do chess training, lecturing, visiting schools and institutions in Honiara and selected provinces. The CDO would execute all our chess development programs and activities and report back to the executive on a regular basis.

On behalf of FEDERATION

Anthony Maelasi (President) SOLOMON ISLANDS CHESS FEDERATION

Date: 29 November 2019



Solomon Islands Chess Federation

INTERIM REPORT March-October 2019

1. Introduction

Early this year FIDE Planning and Development Commission approved a funding of USD\$16,000 for Solomon Islands Chess Federation. It came in two tranches, the first one was in March and the other in June 2019. The funding was purposely to implement the federation's planned programs and activities for this year.

This interim report will highlight these programs and activities implemented by the federation with the expenditures. However, the detailed financial report and acquittals will be part of the final report at the end of the year. We still have at least one remaining activity left to be implemented and this too will be captured in the final report.

Since receiving the funds from FIDE in March 2019, we have implemented the following programs and activities as stated in our chess calendar. A detailed report as per the funding proposal will be sent later as part of the final report.

2. Strengthening of SICF Executive

Around the second quarter of this year, we had to look for a replacement General Secretary as our former GS won a seat in the provincial elections. As a result of his victory, the executive met and decided to have Don Fakarii as our new GS and find a female to be part of the executive committee.

We have achieved that, and so far the executive committee is working really well with each other. A new look executive committee of the federation is as follows;

President- Anthony Maelasi Vice President- Peter Soqoilo General Secretary- Don Fakarii Treasurer- Alick Bebeu Ordinary Members- Georgina Kekea, Betty Marigeni, Dominic Eric

For the first time we have two females in the executive committee. We decided to include females in the executive so they can help in promoting women in chess. This is one area we would like to work on as of next year 2020.

3. National Olympic Committee of Solomon Islands

Early this year, we were able to regain our membership with the National Olympic Committee of Solomon Islands after we settled our long outstanding membership fee with them and the

Solomon Islands National Sports Council. Chess is now an affiliate member of NOCSI as approved in their AGM early this year.

4. Chess in Schools

One of the schools in Auki, Malaita Province was interested to introduce chess as part of their extra-curricular activities. A meeting was held with the head teacher and staff of the school and we were able to come up with a plan to begin teaching chess to the teachers first and then the students. We had also produced a simple chess teacher's manual.



Teachers at Auki Primary School, Auki, Malaita Province at the first day of the training.

5. Malaita Province Chess

Chess has grown in Auki, Malaita Province as well. There has been an increase in the number of young people playing chess. We were able to donate chess boards to young people in Auki. We have organized a small tournament for them on Easter Monday. That has helped to generate interest among the youths here in Auki. We have in our plan to do more training for them and to organize a FIDE rated tournament for players in Auki, in early 2020.

6. Western Province Chess

The federation had also received requests from players in the Western Province. Plans are underway to visit them and do a training for the players there.

7. National Chess Championship 2019

On July 6th and 7th we organized our first Rapid National Chess Championship. It is a 7 Round tournament. A total of 29 players participated in the tournament. It was the first time for us to use the Swiss Manager as well. The winner of the tournament won cash prize and the Sir Peter Kenilorea Chess Cup, named in honor of the country's first Prime Minister Sir Peter Kenilorea.



Some shots from the National Chess Championship 2019.



Left-James Tepuke Baiango winner of the championship receiving the cup from Dr. Geoff Kenilorea and Right-Players at the tournament.

8. Soprico International Open-New Caledonia

The federation sent the winner of the National Championship James Tepuke Baiango to participate in the Soprico International Open in New Caledonia. His participation helped build links between New Caledonia Chess Association and the Solomon Islands Chess Federation. James won a consolation prize for the best player for rating between 1600 and 1800. He has done exceptionally well as a first-timer. He has done the federation and the country us proud and we look forward to sending more players to take part in the tournament next year.

9. Chess Patron

As a federation we are proud that we have a chess patron, and he is Hon. Peter Kenilorea Jnr. He is the son of the country's first Prime Minister, now a prominent politician. He has spent the last 16 years in New York working with the United Nations. He is very supportive and pleased to be given the honor as patron of chess in Solomon Islands. We look forward for more of his involvement.

10. FIDE Arbiters Seminar

In September we held a FIDE Arbiters Seminar. IA Shaun Press conducted the seminar in Honiara. A total of eight participants took part in the seminar and only three passed the exam. After the seminar we had a stakeholders meeting. We invited a number of our partners for the meeting and a good number of our invited guests attended. The patron also attended and gave his remarks.



During the FIDE Arbiters Seminar in September 2019.



After the seminar we had a meeting with the stakeholders and attending were; SI National University, Ministry of Women, Youth, Children and Family Affairs, Ministry of Education, and the Chess Patron himself (third from right).



The Chess Patron (left) standing with Shaun Press.

11. New Partnerships

This year we have established a new partner with the Youth Division of the Ministry of Women, Youth, Children and Family Affairs. The ministry sponsored the SI Junior U20 tournament. Their sponsorship went towards the printing of t-shirts and cash prizes for the tournament. There is a possibility that the ministry will support more youth tournaments as of next year 2020. The New Zealand Government will fund a Youth Center in Honiara and discussions have started on the possibility of including chess as one of the major activities for young people at the youth center.

Solomon Islands National University had expressed interest in establishing chess at the university. We have discussed the idea of promoting chess and one day getting them to participate in university chess tournaments overseas.

Dreamcast Theater is a small theater group in Honiara that has opened its door for us to use their hall for chess tournaments. It is an ideal sized hall that can hold up to 30 players. However, in the longer run, we would like to have our own hall and that would form part of the chess center that we are working towards.

12. SI Junior Under 20 Chess Tournament

The first ever tournament for U20's was held in Honiara in October. A total of 17 players participated in the tournament, including students from one of the nearby schools. Chung Wah School has a chess club and it has been running for well over ten years now. Seven of their students took part in the tournament. They were so excited, as it was their first time to ever compete in a chess tournament. Three of them won prizes for the best U18, U15, U12 category.



The SI Junior U20 Chess Tournament at the Dreamcast Theater Hub, Honiara.



Players at the U20 tournament at the Dreamcast Theater Hub. All were given a t-shirt each from the federation.



From left to right- first, second and third prize winners.



At left- All the prize winners and right- a girl from Pakistan from one of the participating schools.

13. Financial Report

Acquittals and financial report will be presented at the end of the year with the final narrative report of all the activities to date.

14. Remaining Programs

A number of programs are yet to be implemented this year and they are as follows;

- 14.1. Chess Olympiad Qualifying Tournament-November-December. This is to select a team for the Olympiad in Khanty-Mansiysk 2020.
- 14.2. Western Province Visit and Training-November. There are a lot of chess players in Western Province and the aim of the visit is to get them onboard and to help them organized.
- **14.3.** Annual General Meeting-December. This is important that we have the AGM after many years.
- **14.4. Planning Workshop**-December. This is to develop our 2020 Chess Calendar as well as to seriously look at our development plans to establish a chess center and an office for the federation.

15. Acknowledgement

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the Solomon Islands Chess Federation, I would like to thank the following for their great support and partnership;

- FIDE Planning and Development Commission
- FIDE Arbiters Commission
- National Olympic Committee of Solomon Islands
- Youth Division-Ministry of Women, Youth, Children and Family Affairs
- Ministry of Education and Human Resource Development
- Dreamcast Theater
- Solomon Islands National University
- New Caledonia Chess Association
- Angie Defe and Stuart Fancy-Fiji
- Auki Primary School
- Jamie Kenmure-SICF Rating Officer

Without your support we would not have reached this far. Thank you for having the confidence in the federation and we look forward to greater partnership in promoting chess to many more Solomon Islanders now and into the future.

Thank you indeed.

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