

# DISTRICT OF THE PACIFIC POSITION PAPER



SAMOA

**52 % POPULATION**  
BELOW THE AGE OF 24 \*



FIJI

**31 % POPULATION**  
BELOW POVERTY LINE \*



KIRIBATI

**54 % YOUTH**  
UNEMPLOYMENT (15-24) \*

## Strategic Directions

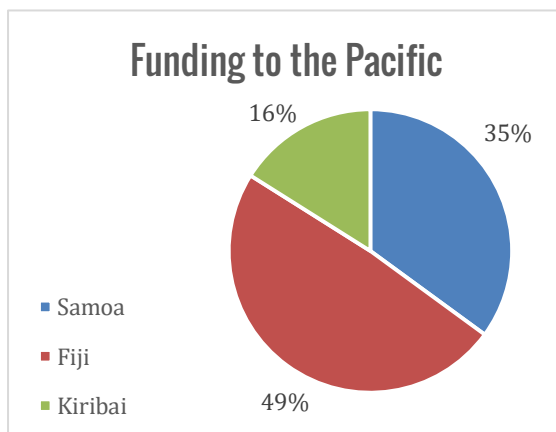
Australian Marist Solidarity seeks to bolster formal education institutes across the Pacific region. This strategic approach is born out of the strong Marist tradition of primary and secondary schooling in these island nations and our partnerships focus on the renovating, restocking and improvement of these schools and their communities.

## Commitment

The past two years has seen Australian Marist Solidarity provide \$124,540 worth of funding to our partners across the Pacific.

## Program Highlights

- 105 students with learning difficulties received an education and vocational training at the Marist Champagnat Institute, Fiji
- St Joseph's College, Samoa, was able to refurbish 16 classrooms and resupply the science lab with new equipment
- St Louis High School in Kiribati received 40 new computers after fire damaged the main building
- 629 students at Marist Brothers Primary School in Samoa now have access to clean drinking water with the installation of a new drinking system



## Our Vision

Australian Marist Solidarity will remain responsive to the ongoing needs of our partners and the communities that they work with, especially in the face of future natural disasters that may impact the region. Kiribati will come heavily into focus in the ensuing years as Marists strengthen their engagement with youth in Tarawa.