Subject: Fiji Council of Social Services FCOSS Input: Financial Intermediary Fund
for Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness and Response – Engagement

Dear World Bank CS Team,

The Fiji Council of Social Services with its headquarters in Suva, Fiji has reviewed the white
paper on the proposed new Financial Intermediary Fund (FIF) for Pandemic Prevention,
Preparedness and Response (PPR) and has the following comments to make:

**Under Part IV: Governance**

19. We welcome the recognition and inclusion of CSOs as part of the observers pool under the
FIF Governing Board.

To effectively engage CSOs, a **Constituency-based approach** would work well in balancing
inclusivity with efficiency ensuring that the Intermediary Fund meets moral responsibilities in
the provision of PPR goods, achieving a consensus through transparent participatory
Engagement where the public as end-users and beneficiaries are able to question processes in
the delivery of activity under the FIF for PPR.

The FIF must include eligibility of financing of more regional or local CSO activities aligned
towards PPR Delivery and Engagement.

Recognizing that **PPR** is a **global public good** - MDBs at their regional or national office must
strengthen dialogue, **capacity building** and **redress** with CSOs and Non-State Actors. *(Is it
an open ended structure or is it closed? Is there room for redress?)*

*Involve CSOs in funding policy dialogue spaces and meetings on prepositional or delivery of
PPR Funding.*

**Most importantly, for CSOs to be recognized as a vital partner in the Oversight
Committee or Working Group of the FIF State implementing partner/authority or
finance or health ministry or wherever the funds will be positioned at country
level.**

Thank you again for the opportunity to participate.

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