

## CSOs and NGOs working for Human Rights<sup>1</sup>



**Name of Organisation:** Citizens Constitutional Forum (CCF), Fiji, 1991

**Website of Organisation:** <http://news.ccf.org.fj/>

**Facebook of Organisation:** <https://www.facebook.com/ccf.fiji/>

**Organisation of DTP Alumni Y/N:** Yes

The Citizens' Constitutional Forum (CCF) is an NGO based in Suva, Fiji, with more than two decades of experience in community education and advocacy on Fiji's constitution, democracy, human rights and multiculturalism. Unflinching in its commitment to democracy in spite of a series of military coups, CCF has engaged tirelessly with military regimes and interim governments and has also built its profile internationally with its funders including the Australian Government, the European Union and the US Department of State. CCF achieved its first major success with the enactment of the 1997 Constitution which members felt substantially reflected the CCF's hard work in bringing the leaders together. CCF organises workshops on land issues; squatters; evictions; land tenure security; and housing rights.

CCF staff (both past and present) have benefited from DTP training programs through a relationship that goes back many years. CCF regards DTP courses as a central part of the professional development of its staff, and attributes its status as a leading human rights advocacy NGO in Fiji partly to the learning and international exposure resulting from DTP programs.

*"CCF is fortunate to be associated with DTP... the different thematic areas of its programs are tailor-made to be relevant to the work we do in Fiji, and shape the organisation to be relevant both to our citizens and in our international advocacy work."*

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