

Rupeti Vafoou, a field volunteer, is enrolled in the Unitec Graduate Certificate in Pacific NGO Management and Leadership. This professional development programme has capacity-building benefits for LajeRotuma as it consists of four face-to-face week-long workshops in Fiji with assessments and online activities in between the workshops. Alfred Ralifo was our first participant in this course a few years ago. The programme runs from July 2012 to March 2013. Rupeti missed his last (2nd) workshop due to the no-flight situation in Rotuma that week in September!

Many thanks to Fraser McDonald and the course facilitators who assisted with Rupeti's travel to PNG in November to be able to attend the workshop he missed out in Fiji! This would be his first travel overseas with an itinerary listing Rotuma-Suva-Nadi-Port Moresby! We are all excited for him as he will now be able to graduate with the rest of his class! Rupeti will be in Port Moresby from the 24th of November until the 2nd of December.