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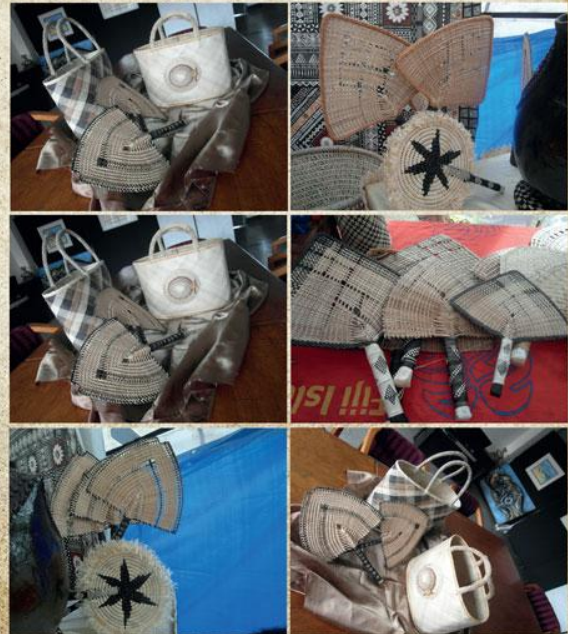


**LUISA MAKRAVA**  
Fijian Artist

From humble beginnings my father cultivates the land at Tuakoi village whilst mum weaves (mats) in meeting the family livelihood. My father turns 70 years in April 2014 whilst mum is 69 years of age and still weaving and resides in the village, Rotuma.

I have three brothers and four sisters and I am the third eldest, one of my sisters a twin passed away at childhood. The Eldest brother is 49 years of age and the youngest in the family, a sister is 34 years.

I am married with a teenage son and grown up daughter and assist my husband financially from income generated from weaving.



I inherited my weaving skills from my paternal grandmother of part Kiribati descent a well-known weaver in those days and my mother. I left school at early age due to family financial constraints and so decided to put to use talents and skills improvising resources that are abundantly available on the Island of Rotuma. I have my elder sister Maria Chute and younger sister Linda Ragafuata who have inherited weaving skills and engage ourselves in this profession earning a living out of this. We stay in touch and assist each other in weaving, providing resources, competitions and workshops.

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