

August 15, 2016

**RE: Letter of support for Samantha Rina**

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please accept this letter as confirmation that Samantha Rina was engaged with cChange (formerly SeaWeb) during her tenure at the Fiji Times, where she excelled at environmental reporting, completing our rigorous Science Journalism Fellowship and earning our top journalist award for her series of stories exploring marine conservation challenges in Fiji. Rina worked with SeaWeb for several years, most notably completing her fellowship in 2011, the same year she won the top award for environmental journalism in the print category.

In 2015, Rina was contracted by cChange to write a series of stories about community efforts to better manage their natural resources and to assist our video team to film a documentary on mub crab management and a documentary on sea cucumber management. Rina showed initiative in her preparation for the trip, researching the key issues and worked hard during her trip to provide multiple sources and voices in her stories. Rina also showed a strong feel and dedication to storytelling, which is a hallmark of our work in empowering communities with access to information and practical solutions.

Of note, Rina showed great professionalism during her time in the field, which reflected well on our organization and its long-term relationships with communities in Fiji. She was also very responsive after filing all her stories, and open to further collaboration and changes. All in all, she was a pleasure to work with, both as a journalist and later as a freelance writer. We would without hesitation work with her again and highly recommend her to any future employer based on our experience.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me. My email is [scott@cchange4good.org](mailto:scott@cchange4good.org). My mobile is 9993573.

Sincerely,



Scott Radway  
Founder/Executive Director