



**HON MINISTER FOR HEALTH & MEDICAL  
SERVICES**

**Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> August**

**WRITTEN RESPONSE**

**Question: 99/2020**

*Hon. Lenora Qereqeretabua to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Services – Can the Minister provide the following to Parliament –*

*(a) the total number of doctors in Fiji’s public health and medical services as at 31 August 2020;*

*(b) the total number of doctors in each public health and medical facility respectively as at 31 August 2020;*

*(c) the ratio to population per doctor in each public health and medical facility as at 31 August 2020;*

*(d) the ratio to population per doctor in each respective public health and medical facility for the designated area/district/division the facility serves as at 31 August 2020; and*

*(e) the number of specialists in each divisional public health or medical service hospital as at 31 August 2020.*

The responses to the questions raised by the Honourable Member are as follows:

*(a) The total number of doctors in Fiji's public health and medical services as at 31 August 2020;*

The total number of doctors in all Fiji's health facilities as at 31 August 2020 is **892**. *(Please see table below on the main skeletal distributions for clinical & public health facilities.)*

<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>Total</b>
CWM Hospital	242
Fiji Centre for Communicable Disease Control/Virus Lab	2
Health Headquarters Dinem House	4
Labasa Hospital	120
Lautoka Hospital	163
St Giles Hospital	6
Tamavua Twomey Hospital	19
Western	112
Central	117
Eastern	22
Northern	54
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF DOCTORS</b>	<b>861</b>
TOTAL NUMBER OF LOCUM DOCTORS	31
<b>TOTAL MEDICAL OFFICERS ON THE GROUND</b>	<b>892</b>

*Source: MHMS HR Division*

*(b) The total number of doctors in each public health and medical facility respectively as at 31 August 2020;*

Apart from the distribution by hospitals for our clinical facilities highlighted above, please find below doctors distributions by respective divisions, sub-divisions and health centres across Fiji within our public health facilities.

**EASTERN DIVISION**

<b>EASTERN</b>	<b>Total</b>
Bureta Health Centre	1
Cicia Health Centre [Tarukua]	1
Daviqele Health Centre	1
Eastern Health Services	1
Kavala Health Centre	1
Lakeba Hospital	2
Levuka Hospital	5
Lomaloma Hospital (Vanuabalavu)	2
Moala Health Centre [Naroi]	2
Ono-i-Lau Health Centre	1
Qarani Health Centre [Gau]	1
Vunisea Hospital [Kadavu]	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22</b>

*Source: MHMS HR Division*

## **WESTERN DIVISION**

<b>WESTERN</b>	<b>Total</b>
Ba Mission Hospital	17
Balevuto Health Centre	1
Bukuya Health Centre	1
Cuvu Health Centre	1
Diabetic Hub Centre - Lautoka	1
Kamikamica Health Centre	8
Keiyasi Health Centre	1
Kese Health Centre	1
Korolevu Health Centre	2
Lomawai Health Centre	1
Malolo Health Centre	2
Nacula Health Centre	1
Nadarivatu Health Centre	1
Nadi Hospital	21
Nailaga Health Centre	1
Namaka Health Centre	1
Namarai Health Centre	1
Nanukuloa Health Centre	1
Nasau Health Centre [West]	2
Natabua Health Centre	1
Naviti Street Hub Centre (STI Lautoka)	2
Punjas Health Centre	7
Raiwaqa Health Centre [Nadrga Navosa]	1
Rakiraki Health Centre	1
Rakiraki Hospital	7
Sigatoka District Hospital (Nadroga)	12
Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Health Centre	2
Tavua Hospital	8
Vatukarasa Health Centre	1
Western Health Services	4
Vatulele Health Centre	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>112</b>

*Source: MHMS HR Division*

## **CENTRAL DIVISION**

<b>CENTRAL</b>	<b>Total</b>
Beqa Health Centre	2
Central Health Services	2
Diabetic Hub Centre	1
Korovisilou Health Centre	2
Korovou Hospital	6
Lami Health Centre	6
Makoi Health Centre	8
Nakasi Health Center	5
Nakorosule Health Centre	1
National Diabetic Hub Centre Central	4
Nausori HC	1
Nausori Health Centre	14
Nausori Maternity Hospital	3
Navua Hospital	5
Nuffield Health Centre	6
Oxfam Clinic-Wellness Centre for Women	2
Raiwaqa Health Centre	1
Raiwaqa Health Centre [Suva]	8
Samabula Health Centre	5
Suva Hub Centre (STI Clinic)	4
Valelevu Health Centre	23
Vunidawa Hospital	5
Wainibokasi Health Centre	1
Wainibokasi Hospital	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>117</b>

*Source: MHMS HR Division*

## **NORTHERN DIVISION**

<b>NORTHERN</b>	<b>Total</b>
Dreketi Health Centre	1
Korotasere Health Centre	2
Labasa Health Centre	1
Lagi Health Centre	1
Lekutu Health Centre	2
Nabouwalu Hospital (Bua)	5
Naduri Health Centre	1
Nakorovatu Health Centre	1
Nasea Health Centre	6
Natewa Health Centre	1
Northern Health Services	1
Rabi Health Centre	1
Saqani Health Centre	1
Savusavu Hospital	12
Seaqaqa Health Centre	7
Taveuni Hospital	6
Tukavesi Health Centre	1
Vuna Health Centre	1
Wainikoro Health Centre	2
Wainunu Hospital	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>54</b>

*Source: MHMS HR Division*

*(c) The ratio to population per doctor in each public health and medical facility as at 31 August 2020;*

The ratio to population per doctors in each public health and medical facility as at 31 August 2020 is currently at 1:35 per 1,000 populations. This will however further improve with the additional 105 doctors employed under the 2020 – 2021 budgetary provision.

*(d) The ratio to population per doctor in each respective public health and medical facility for the designated area/district/division the facility serves as at 31 August 2020;*



## **Doctors to Population Ratio by Divisions**

<b>DIVISION</b>	<b>TOTAL POPULATION</b>	<b>TOTAL DOCTOR</b>	<b>RATION</b>
Central	396639	413	1:960
Northern	137580	175	1:786
Western	355758	282	1:1,261
Eastern	38574	22	1:1,753
<b>Total</b>	<b>928,551</b>	<b>892</b>	<b>1:1,040</b>

Apart from the ratio to population per doctor highlighted above, coverage within our public health facilities will be much improved with our current remodelling plan. This will ensure the decentralizing of our specialists' services led by our clinical specialists at our three divisional hospitals to the divisions. The divisional medical officers will then lead their divisional teams down to the sub divisions with more visibility of our divisional heads at our sub-divisional hospitals.

Subsequently, our sub-divisional teams led by our sub-divisional medical officers and their teams have developed and formed zone teams specifically led by Medical Officers for a full medical team outreach to rural communities across Fiji.

These outreach visits will increase in frequency, reach, scope, and quality. Our intension is to have a greater presence in our target communities and promote greater access to health care services for all Fijians.

These will ultimately double the number of doctors presently serving within our public health facilities at any given time, but more so with greater expertise and experience for our people.

*(e) The number of specialists in each divisional public health or medical service hospital as at 31 August 2020.*

Currently we have 69 specialists in our three divisional hospitals. Please see distribution below by hospitals.

**CLINICAL SPECIALISTS BY DIVISIONAL HOSPITALS**

<b>SPECIALISTS BY DIVISIONAL HOSPITALS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
CWMH	37
Labasa Hospital	14
Lautoka Hospital	18
<b>TOTAL SPECIALISTS</b>	<b>69</b>

*Source: MHMS HR Division*

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