

Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation

Annual Report

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Strategic Direction



VISION STATEMENT

Transformed Communities with Empowered Women, Children, Older Persons and the Disadvantaged.

MISSION STATEMENT

Families and Communities supported through Social Welfare Initiatives and Gender Mainstreaming Programme.

VALUES

We foster an Organization culture that values:

Professionalism

We commit to excellence and impartiality in our service, and to provide evidence based advice, derived from rigorous analysis.

Integrity

We commit to practicing the highest ethical standards, and to demonstrate honesty and fairness in our actions.

Excellence

We demonstrate pride, enthusiasm and dedication in everything that we do, and we commit to delivering the best outcomes for all Fijians.

Collaboration

We practice a highly consultative, professional and participative approach in all our customer and stakeholder engagement interactions.

Accountability

We accept responsibility for our actions, and we make business decisions based on experience, and sound judgment.

Teamwork

We treat our colleagues with respect and value all contributions.



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Minister's Foreword



Greetings. It is a great pleasure for me to present the Annual Report of the 2018 - 2019 fiscal year. This report documents the many ways in which the Ministry supported the interests and growth of the most disadvantaged

segments of the Fijian population, namely people living in poverty, people living with disabilities, older persons, women and children to turn the aims of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development into reality and we are happy to share with everyone the wonderful result oriented programs and achievements of the Ministry in this fiscal year with the aim to uphold the promise of the Fijian Government to leave no one behind.

The period of 2018/2019 was a year of change for the Ministry, especially in terms of leadership. The Ministry welcomed a new Permanent Secretary Ms. Jennifer Poole, who brought with her a range of experience in the social services sector globally and regionally and we bid farewell to Dr. Josefa Koroivueta who served as the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry since 2012. We thank Dr. Koroivueta for his compassionate, dynamic and visionary leadership of six long years.

In this reporting period, the focus and role of the Ministry has been further weighted with the launch of the 5 - 20 year National Development Plan which is aligned to the SDGs and calls on inclusive and sustainable development

including women's empowerment and the empowerment of the disadvantaged.

This year, we also received our highest budget till date and we were able to better provide for the welfare of the neediest Fijians, by sustaining all existing social protection programs administered by the Ministry. We have worked in collaboration with many of our stakeholders and partners from Government and the Civil Society to ensure the best possible results are obtained from our work and reviewed areas that needed improvement from our end for better service delivery. We aim to continue our efforts in helping every single Fijian access services of the Fijian Government to lead a better life.

We have plans in place for policy changes, projects, programs and better adherence to international governing instruments of the United Nations and other international and regional organizations that Fiji has ratified in relation to the benefits of our clientele.

Together with our many partners, the Ministry will continue to deliver on the National Development Plan goals for the disadvantaged Fijians based on the foundation of the 2030 Agenda and the vision of the Fijian Government, seeking equality for all.

Hon. Mereseini Rakuita Vuniwaqa Minister for Women, Children and **Poverty Alleviation**

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Permanent Secretary's Remarks



Greetings. It is with great pleasure that I present the first Annual report for the Ministry for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation in my capacity as the Permanent Secretary. The role is one of opportunity and obligation

to strengthen services for vulnerable persons. I must thank my predecessor for setting the benchmark and starting the fiscal years work before I assumed the role February 2019.

A vital promise of the 2030 Agenda is to leave no one behind. This report documents the many ways in which the Ministry supported the interests and growth of the most disadvantaged segments of the Fijian population, achievements of the Ministry in this fiscal year within the budget allocated to the Ministry for the fiscal year. In this fiscal year, the Ministry was allocated a total of \$133 million with planned activities aligned to the Ministry's 5 year National Strategic Plan. This budget was our highest budget till date and we were able to better provide for the welfare of the neediest Fijians, especially with the introduction of the Disability Allowance, which is a first of its kind.

The role of the Ministry has been further weighted with the launch of the 5-20 year National Development Plan which is aligned to the SDGs and calls on inclusive and sustainable development including women's empowerment and the empowerment of the disadvantaged and to re-align our focus in accordance, the Ministry's Vision was revised to be, 'Transformed Communities with

empoweredwomen, children, older persons and the disadvantaged', and our specific objectives and activities were aimed to achieve just this. We also took on additional activities such as the Home Care Initiative that the Ministry was entrusted to execute apart from our regular services rolling over from the last fiscal year.

We have worked in collaboration with many of our stakeholders and partners from Government and the Civil Society to ensure the best possible results are obtained from our work and reviewed areas that needed improvement from our end for better service delivery. We aim to continue our efforts in helping every single Fijian access services of the Fijian Government to lead a better life.

We have achievements in the areas of policy changes, projects, programs and better adherence to international governing instruments of the United Nations and other international and regional organizations that Fiji has ratified in relation to the benefits of our clientele. This was in fact possible because of our wonderful staff at all levels and off course with the help of our stakeholder partners.

Together with our many partners, the Ministry will continue to deliver on the National Development Plan goals for the disadvantaged Fijians based on the foundation of the 2030 Agenda and the vision of the Fijian Government, seeking equality for all in the upcoming years.

Ms. Jennifer Poole

Permanent Secretary for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation

Core Functions of the Ministry

The Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation is the government agency that administers services and programs aligned to the:

- · Care and protection of children;
- Community based correction;
- Provision of income support to families to address poverty;
- Provision of policy intervention for older persons;
- Provision of policy intervention for persons with disabilities;
- · Promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women; and
- · Monitor, evaluate and report on the progress and impact of Governments Poverty Alleviation Programme.

Statutory Obligations under the Ministry of Women, Children & Poverty Alleviation:

- 1. Adoption of Infants Act (Cap.58) 1978
- 2. Community Work Act 1994
- 3. Family Law Act 2003
- 4. Fiji National Council for Disabled Person Act 21, 1994
- 5. Juveniles Act (cap 56) 1973
- 6. Probation Act (cap) 1978
- 7. Domestic Violence Decree 2009
- 8. Child Welfare Decree 2010
- 9. Social Justice Act 1997

Alignment to International Conventions:

- 1. Convention on the Rights of the Child (1993)
- 2. Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women (1995)
- 3. Beijing Platform for Action (1995)
- 4. Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (2002)
- 5. Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Organization Chart

Minister for Women, Children & Poverty Alleviation Hon. Mereseini Vuniwaqa



Assistant Minister for Women, Children & Poverty Alleviation Hon. Veena Bhatnagar



Permanent Secretary Jennifer Poole



Director for Social Welfare Mr. Rupeni Fatiaki



Director for Poverty Monitoring Unit | Mrs. Saleshni Naidu



Director for Women Mrs. Selai Korovusere





Ministry's Achievements by Departments, Units and Programme(s)

Sections

- 1| Executive Support Unit
- 2 | REACH Programme
- 3 | Department of Social Welfare
- 4 | Department of Women
- 5 | Poverty Monitoring Unit
- **6** | Corporate Services

1 | Executive Support Unit

1.1 Overview

The Executive Support Unit is responsible for executing activities in relation to the Office of Minister and Office of the Permanent Secretary in terms of their commitments such as Parliamentary Sessions, Local Meetings, Community Visits, Cabinet Meetings, International Meetings and any other event.

The Fiscal year 2018/2019 was an eventful period as after the elections, Honorable Mereseini Vuniwaga and Honorable Veena Bhatnagar were re-appointed as Minister and Assistant Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation respectively for another term in the Fijian Government. Furthermore, the fiscal year marked the change in Leadership with the departure of Dr. Josefa Koroivueta as Permanent Secretary and the appointment of Ms. Jennifer Poole as the new Permanent Secretary to the Ministry.

Ms. Poole brings in a wealth of knowledge to add value to the operations of the Ministry in its quest to continue striving for better and compassionate standards of service to women, children, the elderly, the differently abled and those living in circumstances of poverty in our beloved Fiji.

1.2 Tribute to Dr. Josefa Koroivueta

Just like the captain of a ship, the Permanent Secretary plays a very vital role in steering the staff of the Ministry in executing Ministerial objectives. Since 2012, Dr. Josefa Koroivueta with his utter loyalty, commitment, sacrifice and sterling service has been able to lead the ministry in achieving positive



changes such as the highest increment ever in the 2017-2018 budget, the biggest social protection overhaul - movement from Family Assistance allowance to Poverty Benefit Scheme and the commencement of the Social Pension Scheme, National Women's Expo, National Gender Policy and the Loloma project to move homeless persons and street beggars to better live and establishment of the helplines for Children and Women.

Also, he was always personally present on the ground with the staff during the most trying times and HFH and HCI rollouts were some of those times. Dr. Koroivueta was surely a people's person. Whether it was a simple hug to an elderly client or quick administrative/ operation decisions to be made in difficult times - he was always ready to put our customers at the forefront of every decision he made. The Ministry thanks him for his 7 years of dedication and wishes him all the best for his future endeavors.

1.3 International Meetings

The Honorable Minister and Honorable Assistant Minister attended 12 meetings overseas over the fiscal year, some in their capacities as Minister and Assistant Minster for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation and some as a representatives of the Fijian Parliament.

- Commission on the Status of Women, New York from 11th to 22nd March 2019.
- Midterm Review of the Asian and Pacific Population Conference in Bangkok, Thailand: 26th – 28th November 2018.
- Eurasian Women's Forum, Russia, 16th -22nd September, 2018.
- General Assembly of the Inter Parliamentary Union (IPU), Geneva 14th - 18th October, 2018.
- Workshop on the role of parliamentarians in ensuring implementation of the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), 19th October, 2018.
- Visit to Homes for Aged Care, Seoul Korea, 13th - 15th September, 2018.

- COP 24 Talanoa Dialogue, Poland, 11th -12th December, 2018.
- 75th UNESCAP Commission Session, Bangkok, 27th - 31st May, 2019.
- Women Deliver 2019 Conference, Canada, 3rd - 6th June, 2019.
- Women Political Leaders Summit, Tokyo Japan 25th - 27th June, 2019.
- Equality and Justice Alliance meeting for Commonwealth parliamentarians, South Africa 18th - 20th February, 2019.
- World Trade Organizations Parliamentarians workshop on International Trade, Singapore, 1st - 13th June, 2019.

1.4 Community Outreach

The Executives of the Ministry made concerted efforts to ensure there was adequate liaison between them and Fijians living in rural communities. A total of 39 events (refer to Annex 1) were attended which are mostly aligned to the mandate of the Ministry. The coverage of these events have also been the main output for the media team within the ESU, and a major milestone for media team was the launch of the official Ministry YouTube page in this fiscal year. All of the Ministry events and official statements of the Ministry are video recoded, created and edited by the team i-house for publishing.

🗯 1.5 Internal Affairs

Honorable Minister also delivered responses to parliamentary questions in most of the Parliament Sessions, delivered Ministerial statement, including one for the opening of the Parliament, one on the eve of the International Women's Day and a budget statement. A budget statement was also delivered by the Honorable Assistant Minister.

All statements are available with the ESU for reference. Some Cabinet Papers were also tabled for the Ministry by the Honorable Minister in this fiscal year as well; these were namely, an Information Paper on the 63rd Commission on the Status of Women; Discussion Paper on the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry and UN Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women; and a Discussion Paper on the Beijing Platform for Action +25 Review State Report.

2 | REACH Programme

2.1 Overview

The REACH initiative is an inclusive and a caring platform which the Government has adopted, to overcome the various challenges that Fijians faces in the remotest maritime islands or the most interior parts of Fiji. Its strategy of a mobile approach is the most convenient way for the Government to say that:

- YES, we have reached those who are geographically disadvantaged;
- YES, we have reached those who are bed ridden; and
- YES, we have experienced the challenges of trekking the hills, crossing rivers and travelling during adverse weather conditions just to bring services closer to the door steps of all Fijians.

It is bounded by the Fijian Constitution to provide essential Government social and economic services and promoting greater access to Justice for all Fijians irrespective of their age, gender, religion or ethnicity. With its core mandate of "reaching the furthest behind first and leaving no Fijians behind", it is accountable to the people and for the people with all efforts of improving Government public service delivery.

2.2 Highlights



Start to Finish (S2F) Service **Delivery Tracker Pilot**

The Permanent Secretary of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation Dr. Josefa Koroivueta launched the Service Delivery Tracker, at the Pearl Resort, on the 21st of November 2018, enabling UNDP with the partnership of the Ministry to pilot the application. The launch of the pilot of the S2F tracker was attended by over 100 community members from diverse groups in the Navua corridor who were excited about the potential this application would have for their access to basic welfare services. The online application was piloted in the four (4) divisions across Fiji, in the Northern was in Taveuni, in the Western was in Nayavutoka Village in Ra, in the Eastern was in Levuka, Ovalau and

the Central was in Navua.

The Poverty Benefit Scheme administered by the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation (MWCPA) provides a guaranteed minimum income to eligible Fijians under the scheme. In order to determine eligibility, various proofs are required and include: appropriate identification (e.g. birth certificate); proof of any children (e.g. birth certificates and certificates of school enrollment); an on-site assessment completed by an officer of MWCPA; together with a completed Poverty Benefit Scheme application form.



Extending #FIJIREACH to Samoa & Tonga



Building on the South-South Cooperation in the Pacific through sharing of best practices and fostering relations, have materialized when the UNDP Pacific Office embarked on a joint mission with the Ministry to replicate the pilot of the Rights Empowerment and Cohesion for Rural & Urban in Samoa and Tonga called the "REACH Samoa" and "REACH" Tonga respectively.

The instrumental move demonstrated Fiji's ability to share to the neighboring countries the best practices models that can be adopted to help monitor and see the progress of achieving specific Global Goals set under the Sustainable Development Goals. UNDP partnered with key Government stakeholders to assist in the effective planning and roll out. In Samoa, they partnered with the Ministry of Justice and Courts Administrations whereas in Tonga they partnered with the Women's Affairs Division under the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

The REACH Initiation plan meeting was scheduled in Samoa from the 20th - 26th January, 2019 and in Tonga was from the 02nd -09th February, 2019. The meeting included the introduction of the model and scaling up REACH beyond Fiji to Samoa and Tonga and undertaking capacity building and planning workshops for the key stakeholders that will be part roll out missions which was facilitated by Mr. Savu and Mr. Nayacalevu.

Permanent Secretary Dr. Josefa Koroivueta headed the delegation comprising of the UNDP Officials Mr. Andrew Harrington, Mr. Tevita Dawai and Mr. Salesi Savu. Mr. Filipe Nayacalevu represented the Ministry as a technical assistance in the implementation and roll out plan in the two countries.

Rollout Mission



Post the successful initiation plan meetings in Samoa and Tonga, REACH coordinators Mr. Salesi Savu and Mr. Filipe Nayacalevu assisted in the implementation of the Programme to reach out to the people & the communities that are far from accessing the essential Government services in the capital, Upolu and Nukualofa. The platform had enabled the Government Focal Officer to share experiences and the lessons learnt to improve mobile public service deliveries with analysis and representation of data incorporated during the missions. In Samoa, the roll out was from the 03rd to the 15th of March 2019 (Inclusive of travels) and covered the islands of Upolu and Savaii. Stakeholders were the Ministry of Justice & Courts Administration, Ministry of Police, Samoa Law Reform Commission, Samoa Umbrella for Non - Governmental Organization, Samoa Prisons and Correction, Attorney General's

Office, Ministry of Women, Community and Social Development and the Ombudsman Office. In Tonga, the roll out was from the 25th March to the 05th of April (Inclusive of travels) and covered the islands of Tongatapu and Eua. Stakeholders were the Ministry of Justice - Legal Aid Commission and Family Protection Centre, Ministry of Trade and Economic Division -**Enforcement & Consumer and Business Support** Division, Tongan Ombudsman Office, Palace office - National ID Card Office and the Ministry of Internal Affairs - Women's Affairs Division. Protection & Disability Division, Youth Division and the Employment Division.

The Tongan REACH was made possible with funding from UN Women and the UNDP REACH project with the partnership of the Fijian Government through the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation.

Courtesy Calls

Dr. Josefa Koroivueta capitalized on the trips to Samoa and Tonga by paying courtesy visits to various key Government Executive officials, discussing about REACH and its effectiveness, collaboration in the area of economic empowerment of women empowerment participation in the Women's Expo and mooting solidarity in a round table discussion in the margins of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) with Donor countries to lobby for funding on the expansion of REACH in the Pacific. In Samoa PS Dr. Koroivueta met with the Chief Executive Officer for the Samoa Ministry of Foreign Affairs Peseta Ms. Noumea Simi and CEO

Ministry of Justice and Courts Administration Mr. John Taimelagi. In Tonga, he met with the Tongan Minister for Agriculture Hon. Losaline Ma'asi and the Chief Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Mr. Mahe 'Uli'uli Sandhurst Tupouniua.

The Permanent Secretary was invited by the New Zealand (NZ) Deputy High Commissioner in Tonga Ms. Elena Procuta to discuss the results of the REACH initiation plan meeting and potential areas that can strengthen the work of REACH in Tonga.



Permanent Secretary, Dr. Josefa Koroivueta with Samoa MOFA CEO, Peseta Noumea Simi

A fruitful discussion that enabled Dr. Koroivueta to provide an overview of the positive intervention of Fiji REACH and the launch of the Digital Software S2F which will is intended to improve public service delivery. NZ interests are providing access to justice for Persons living with Disabilities and how such platform can bridge public service delivery and the communities. The meeting was attended by UNDP Deputy programme manager Access to Justice Mr. Tevita Dawai, Development Coordination Officer, NZ High Commission Ms. Katrina Mua and Fijian Government REACH Government Focal Officer Mr. Filipe Nayacalevu.

Community Awareness and Service Delivery



3 | Department of Social Welfare

3.1 Overview

The core responsibility for the Department of Social Welfare is child protection and social protection programmes for the poor, the vulnerable and the Disadvantaged. The Department has four (4) Units:

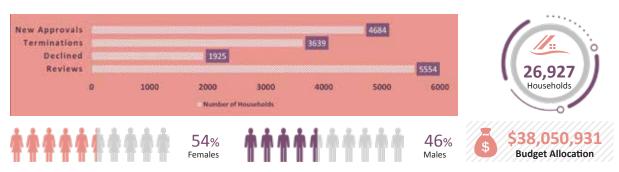




3.2 Family Services Unit

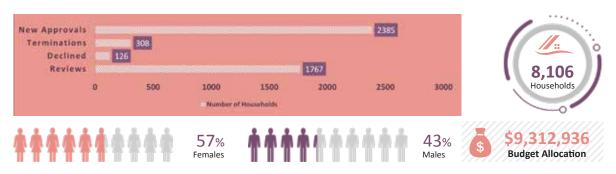
The Unit under the Department of Social Welfare administers the social transfer schemes for lowincome and vulnerable individuals and families including the care & protection of children.

Activity 1: Poverty Benefit Scheme (PBS)



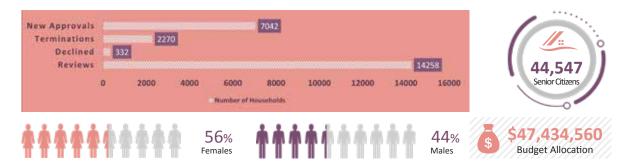
As of 31st July 2019, the Department had assisted total 26,927 households through a budgetary allocation of \$38,050,931. Of the 26,927 households under this program 54% are female headed households and 46% are male headed household.

Activity 2: Care & Protection Allowance (C&P)



The Care and Protection Allowance (C&P Allowance) is a program for children living under single parent household, prisoner dependent families, foster families living in poverty and children who under the care of the State (residential homes). With a budgetary allocation of \$9,312,936, the Department had assisted 8,106 households (57% are female headed households and 43% are male headed household).

Activity 3 Social Pension Scheme (SPS)



Social Pension Scheme provides financial assistance for persons aged 65 years and over who do not have any form of income or pension from schemes such as FNPF and After Care Fund. The Ministry with a budgetary allocation of \$47,434,560 had assisted 44,547 senior citizens (56% are female recipients and 44% are male recipients) through this scheme.

Activity 4: Food Voucher Programs for Rural Pregnant Mothers (FVPRPM)

The programme continues to aim at improving the maternal health and basic nutrition needs required during pregnancies. The Department approved 3747 cases to be assisted under the Food Voucher Program in Fiscal Year 2018/2019.

Activity 5: Grants to Voluntary Organization (NGOs)

A specific grant is allocated to Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) through the Department in recognition of the Organization's contribution towards enhancing service delivery to the Ministry's target groups. There were 6 NGOs assisted through the programme:

Organization	Services Provided
Methodist Church of Fiji	Residential Homes for Children
Church of England	Residential Homes for Children
Salvation Army	Family Care Shelter
Empower Pacific	Counseling Services and Awareness in Community
Treasure House	Residential Home for Children
Home of Hope	Shelter for Young Mothers and Children

Activity 6: Assistance to Fire Victims

The Department approved 19 applications for Fire Victims Assistance Scheme and each applicant had received \$1000 to assist them with their basic necessities.

Activity 7: Bus-fare Subsidy Program

The Department had processed a total of 12,275 bus fare cards of which: 11,291 cards were for elderly citizens and 984 cards for individuals with permanent disability.

Activity 8: Welfare Graduation Program

The Welfare Graduation program provides training and seed grants for recipients to enable them to engage in income generating activities of their choice from which they can derive an income. This income would then substitute the monthly allowances from which they will graduate out off. This year the program had funded 97 projects (Female 72% & Male 28%) which included retail, farming and basic skills ventures.

3.3 Child Services Unit



The Child Services Unit handles the Department of Social Welfare's statutory responsibilities related to care and protection of Children. The unit has 4 main areas of operation which includes

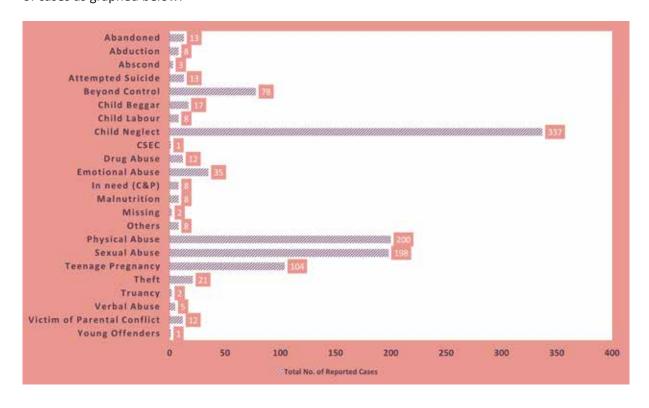
- 1. Child Protection Program
- 2. Residential Services
- 3. Probation and Juvenile Justice
- 4. Secretariat to the National **Coordinating Committee on Children** (NCCC)

Child Protection

Court Reports One of the legislative responsibilities of the Department is providing written reports to Courts and this is done by the Welfare Officers that are in the Divisional and District offices. This year 922 Court notifications were received.

Child Welfare Act (2010) Reported Cases

All reported child welfare cases are registered in the National Child Welfare Act Register and is maintained by the Child Services Unit. This financial year, the total reported cases is 1,094, with nature of cases as graphed below:



Child Helpline

The National Child Helpline (CHL) is an access point for children to be able to talk freely on issues that affect them. The services are contracted to Medical Services Pacific (MSP). There were a total of 1647 genuine calls received and directed to relevant authorities.

Training of Trainers (TOT) on Child Protection

The Department of Social Welfare has three (3) Community Project Officers (CPO) who are responsible for the facilitation of awareness and training of trainers (TOT) in the communities that they work with, using the strength-based training manual called, "Children Are A Precious Gift from God". These officers are based in the North, in the West and Central Division respectfully.

There was a total of 20 TOT and 99 Child Protection Awareness conducted in the communities, schools, for Faith Based organizations and partners. Also, there were separate invitations from 46 schools to the Department to present during the ECE and IDADAIT week.

Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (PCAN) Campaign/Blue Ribbon Campaign

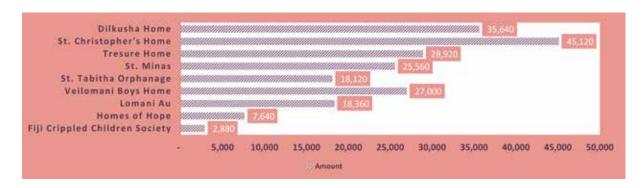
This is an annual event that the Department holds to commemorate victims of abuse. The event is held at National and also at Divisional/ District level. This year, the Department facilitated 65 PCAN Awareness programs and PCAN Celebrations in partnership with stakeholders to effectively address children's issues at all levels. This is a platform that the Unit uses to raise awareness on child protection. (Annex 3: PCAN Projects and Donations)

Residential Homes

The Unit conducts an annual audit of the Homes to ensure that they are compliant to the Fiji Minimum Standards. It also ensures that all children under the care of the Director Social Welfare have proper documentations, are also monitored and it also ensures that the monthly Care & Protection Allowance are payable to the Homes. As at end of July, 2019 there were a total of 60 placements at Residential Homes while 124 placements at Fiji Juvenile Rehabilitation and Development Centre.

Payments to Residential Homes

The Government is committed towards the care of children in residential homes, below is the payment to Residential homes:



National Coordinating Committee on Children (NCCC)

NCCC is responsible for coordinating the implementation of the convention and its role also extends to providing advice, regulating and monitoring the protection and welfare of Children in Fiji. The committee is chaired by the Permanent Secretary MWCPA and its members are the key government Ministries that work with children, as well as supporting agencies that complement the work on children. The NCCC meets on a quarterly basis and it is a powerful committee for informed policies.

At the Divisional and District level, is the Inter-Agency Committee (IAC), with similar membership and they also meet on a quarterly basis. As of July 2019, there was 30 IAC meetings and 4 NCCC meetings.

3.4 Disability Unit

The Unit is responsible to the Minister in the administration of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2018. When required the Unit provides support to the secretariat of the National Council for Persons with Disabilities in their duties, as well as link the disability provider organizations to the relevant service providers (Government and Non-Government).

The following are major Milestone for the Unit as of 31st July 2019:

- 12 March 2018 Bill passed in parliament, known as Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2018
- 22 March 2017 ratification endorse by parliament
- Act commencement date 21 March 2018
- UNCRPD ratification endorsed in parliament 22 March, 2017
- UNCRPD instruments deposited to NY on 7 June, 2017
- Successful rollout of the Disability Allowance Scheme (DAS)
- Successful rollout of the Economic Empowerment Program for persons with disabilities

The achievement was made possible through a partnership between the Ministry and Disability Services Providers inclusive of Disability Provider Organizations.

Overview of National Budget (2018/2019)

This financial year (2018/2019) was an interesting year for the Disability Unit, because from the National Budget Estimates (2018/2019) there was a total disability allocation in various government departments of \$12,861,789. From this 73.47% was housed with the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation and the remaining 26.53% with other government departments, with whom the Unit assisted both directly and indirectly with its implementation.

Activity	Amount
Allowance to PwD	\$6,850,519
Grants to Organisations for PwD	\$1,100,000
Economic Empowerment for PwD	\$100,000
Implementation of RPwD Act 2018	\$200,000
Capital Grants to Organisations for PwD	\$200,000
FNCDP (NCPD)	\$1,000,000
Construction of the Western Disable Centre	\$580,970
Accessibility Habitat for Humanity	\$500,000
Sports Grants for Persons with Disabilities (MoY)	\$120,000
Frank Hilton Organisation	\$850,300
Grants to Special Schools (MOE)	\$1,360,000
TOTAL	\$12,861,789

Grants to Disability Service Providers

The Ministry through the Disability Unit had assisted 11 Disability Service Providers with Grants as tableted below:

DPO	Total Usage	Total Allocated	% Utilized
Fiji Society for the Blind	\$64,000.00	\$64,000.00	100%
Fiji Disabled Persons Federation	\$69,158.00	\$71,874.50	96%
United Blind Persons of Fiji	\$20,244.00	\$20,244.00	100%
Central Eastern Association for the Deaf	\$82,240.15	\$82,240.15	100%
Counterstroke	\$20,685.24	\$41,370.48	50%
Psychiatric Survivors Association	\$43,855.23	\$43,855.23	100%

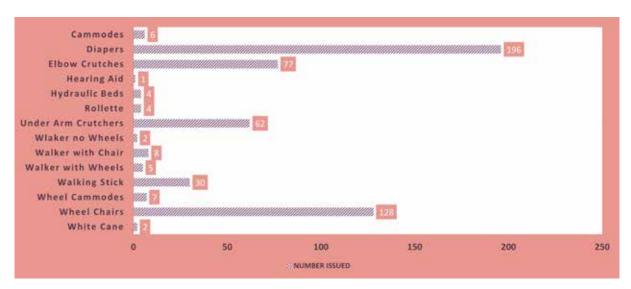
DPO	Total Usage	Total Allocated	% Utilized
Fiji Paralympic Committee	\$25,568.00	\$51,136.00	50%
Spinal Injury Association	\$215,944.57	\$215,944.57	100%
Viti Spinal Association of Fiji	\$74,531.41	\$83,330.47	89%
Fiji Crippled Children Society	\$77,140.00	\$77,140.00	100%
Norah Frazer	\$2,290.00	\$2,290.00	100%

Allowance for Persons with Disabilities

The Disability Allowance Scheme (DAS) targets the permanently disabled population using the Functional Independence Measure as the guiding tool in assessing cases. The Department through the Disability Unit had assisted a total of 2,744 (Male 56% & Female 44%) individuals as of 31st July 2019. Since the inception of the Disability Allowance Scheme, there has been a total of 18,853 (7830 females & 11,023 Males) assessed.

Assistive Devices

The Unit through its partnership with Spinal Injury Association of Fiji, has been able to secure assistive devices that come in the Physionet and Latter-Day Saints (LDS) Charity of Fiji consignment. Furthermore, recognizing the growing demand for assistive devices was able to secure extra funding for the purchase of assistive devices. Graphed below are assistive devices purchased and those donated through the Physionet Consignment and LDS consignment which were distributed.

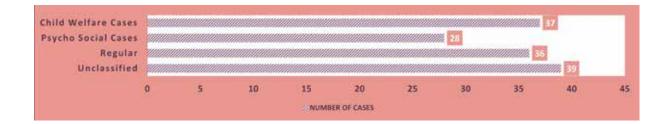


Economic Empowerment Program for Persons with Disabilities

The Economic Empowerment Program for Persons with Disabilities was piloted in the Central Division to formalize a system in which persons living with disabilities can access employment opportunities. The program was contracted to Fiji Disabled Peoples Federation. For the fiscal year 2018/2019, there were two training programmes conducted with 44 participants, of which 31 participants were assisted with seed grants. The major highlight of Economic Empowerment Program was that six (6) Women with Disabilities were included in the National Women's Expo.

Beggars Taskforce - Profiling

The Ministry through the Disability Unit continues to profile beggars, this year the unit had profiled 37 children found on the streets (children found either selling food, asking for money or found in internet shops during school hours). All the children were returned to their homes, the Unit noted that the children came from homes that could afford for their daily lives, and these cases were assessed under



3.5 Older Persons Unit

State Homes

The 3 State Homes for Older Persons namely the Golden Age Home Lautoka, Labasa and Suva, became part of the responsibility of the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation in 2016. Currently the 3 Homes have a total of 136 residents.



(Figure illustrates the breakdown of male and female residents across the 3 Homes)

New Admissions between August 2018 to July 2019, there was a total of 19 admissions (14 males and 5 females) across the 3 homes.

National Council of Older Persons (NCOP)

Fiji National Council of Older Persons (NCOP) was established in 2013 to act as an advisory arm of Government under the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation on all matters and issues related to older persons in Fiji. The Fiji Government since 2014 has been resourcing NCOP with an annual funding to carry out its mandate. For the 2018 to 2019 financial year the NCOP had a total budget of \$403,000 which was utilized for National Consultation to Review the National Ageing Policy, awareness, grant funding, publication and relevant trainings.



4 Department of Women

4.1 Overview

The Department of Women under the Ministry focuses on gender mainstreaming, empowerment of women, gender equality and advocacy work. Furthermore, the department continues to strengthen its partnerships with the inter-government agencies and civil society's organizations.

4.2 Women Plan of Action **Concern Areas & Its Implementation**

Access to Services (ATS)

Access to Service desk within the Department of Women focuses on the enhancement in lives of women and girls through affordable convenient and accessible health facilities, education and other basic utilities. For the fiscal year 2018 - 2019, in partnership with the REACH Programme, 42 communities across Fiji have been provided with assistance such as Birth Certificates, Marriage Certificate, procession of legalized marriages, completed applications for eligible welfare recipients and rendered ambulatory aides to persons living with disability.

Additionally, the Women and Health activities were provided in the communities to women's groups with the support of women NGO's that facilitate sexual reproductive health. The Outreach focused on women that reside in areas that are difficult to be reached or far away from the nearest health facility. The communities or women were identified through collaboration with community heads and Ministry of Health. A total of 20 women that were registered for the training and they were supported with the distribution of 377 sanitary kits which were to be shared across the four divisions to support women's health with menstrual hygiene.

Elimination of Violence Against Women and Children (EVAW)

EVAW desk recognized, supported, and spearheaded strategies & mechanisms that eliminate any form of violence against women, girls and children. Some of the strategies & mechanisms used during this fiscal year included rolling out of the National Service Delivery Protocols, continuous support for the 16 Days of Activism as a National celebration, refresher training on Gender Based Violence, continuous consultations with identified zero tolerance violence free community (ZTVFC), evaluation of the ZTVFC program, development of staff capacity for the support of evaluated EVAW works and enhancement of knowledge on EVAW information. Further to this was the establishment of the Domestic Violence Support Funds to support survivors of violence that have been identified in court.

Equal Participation in Decision Making

The two major activities in this sector were (i) BRIDGE training and (ii) Leadership training. During this

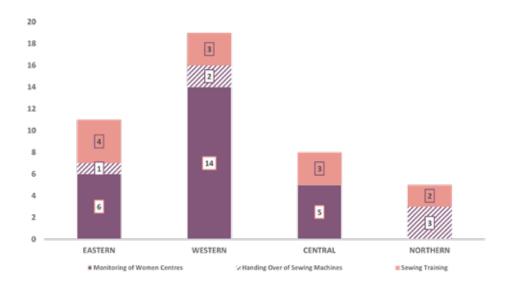
financial period, the department made its analysis and recommendations on the facilitation of the Ketekete ni Marama training manuals. The department is using the trainings as a platforms to support and enhance women knowledge with leadership and confidence to participate in high level decision making.

Formal Sector Employment and Livelihoods

This thematic desk focuses on supporting women in the informal sector to have a broader and more encompassing area of participation and contribution to the overall economic development of the nation. Monitoring on projects were conducted which provided the status of business that have been assisted through the department programs and areas of improvement for future project implementation.

Women's Economic Empowerment

Women's Economic Empowerment focuses on coordinating and facilitating sewing trainings for clothing and textiles, providing communities with sewing machines to support women's livelihoods and construction of the women centers to support women's group economic empowerment programs. The Ministry has noted through its monitoring mechanisms that Sewing trainings and handing of sewing machines has been a very powerful economic empowerment program for the women in communities which has enabled women or women's groups to earn income through tailoring.



National Women's Expo 2019

2019 National Women's Expo show 417 women participating from across different Divisions, Provinces, Districts and Tikina to display their unique art and craft. The artisans were identified after a competitive selection process from the four Divisional Craft Shows. Tabulated below are the sales per Division.

Division	2019 Participants	2019 Sales
Eastern	103	\$184,486.00
Central	107	\$63,427.50
Northern	126	\$95,440.10
Western	81	\$42,583.00
Other Sales [Food & Plant Stalls]		\$76,886.00
TOTAL	417	\$462,822.60



Women and The Law

The thematic desk identifies the need to recognize and support mechanisms that will strengthen and ensure that all issues arising from the Women Plan of Actions consultations have been legally recognized under the laws which are pertinent to legislations and human rights. For the fiscal year, legal literacy training was implemented in the Northern (2 trainings) and Western (2 trainings) division.

4.3 Other Areas of Implementation

Convention on the Elimination of Violence and Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)



In this fiscal year 2018-2019, the Department for Women conducted a workshop for government agencies whose work is within the ambits of the articles in the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.

The department had raised awareness, established CEDAW sub committees, reviewed terms of reference for the CEDAW task force, appointed the CEDAW chair and consolidated a follow up report that will be tabled to the convention in 2020.

Rural Women's Day (RWD)

Rural Women's Day is an annual event that is celebrated by the Department of Women every year in the month of October. For 2018, the celebrations were held in Gau with the theme; "Agents of Change, Fighting Poverty, Hunger and Climate Change". During the Celebrations, the Ministry through the Department had distributed 32 sewing machines across the island of Gau and 8 machines to the island of Nairai with the aim of improving women's group sewing skills and promoting economic empowerment. Furthermore at Nawaikama, Gau, the women's group canteen was officially opened together with the celebration of the Senior Citizens day.

International Women's Day (IWD)



"Think Equal, Build Smart and Innovate for Change" - was the theme for the International Women's Day celebration which was celebrated on the 8th March 2019. To mark International Women's Day, the Department organized a number awareness sessions and involved successful women entrepreneurs to address and inspire women in the informal sector. The one day Programme allowed women to network with financial institutions, business houses and women in business.

Joint Technical Working Group (JTWG)



This is a consultation between Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation Fiji and Ministry of Women Empowerment and Child Protection Indonesia. During the consultation, the agreement between the two parties was reviewed and incorporated with strategic directions that the department for women strategically thought of such trainings and support of technical assistance.

Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)



The Commission on the Status of Women is described as UN organ promoting gender equality and the empowerment of women. Fiji's delegation the 63rd session on the Commission on the Status for Women was led by the Honourable Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation and included her Permanent Secretary and the Director Women. The session focused on the theme on Social Protection. The Fiji delegation also participated in a number of high level side events, meetings and

consultations and was a key player in negotiations for the session's outcomes document with the support of the Fiji Mission in New York.

Beijing Platform for Actions (BPFA+25)



National commitment to the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action has a 5 years reporting requirement. On March 28th to 31st April, the Department conducted consultations with various stake holders including representatives from relevant Government agencies, civil society organizations, faith based organisations and the private sector for their input for Fiji's Beijing +25 Review Report. The Department for Women through this process was able to consolidate a comprehensive report which highlighted Fiji's achievements against the articles the Beijing Platform for Action.

Grants

The Department of Women has signed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with institutions whose work compliment service delivery to the Ministry's target groups. The table below provided names of women institution that received fund from the Ministry in the fiscal year 2018-2019 for their operational activity cost.

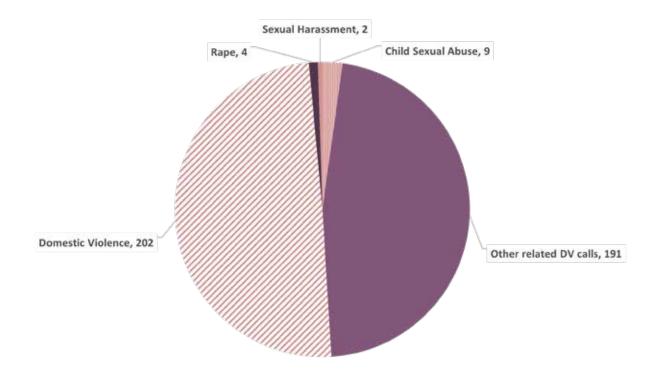
Names of Institution	Grant
Almanah Institute (Life-bread Institute)	\$100,000
Homes of Hope	\$200,000
Fiji Women Crisis Centre	\$200,000
Ba Women's Forum	\$100,000
Fiji Muslim League (Makoi Vocational Centre)	\$100,000

Additionally to the institutions funded above, the ministry had further assisted individuals and organizations that had written for the Ministry's assistance:

Names of Women NGO's	Budget Utilized
Fiji Hairdressers Association	\$12,000
Fiji Touch Rugby Women's Group	\$3,500
Fiji Graduate Women's Association	\$1,178

Domestic Violence Helpline (1560)

Nature of Calls	Number of Received Calls
Domestic Violence	202
Rape	4
Child Sexual Abuse	9
Sexual Harassment	2
Other Related Domestic Violence Calls	191



5 | Poverty Monitoring Unit

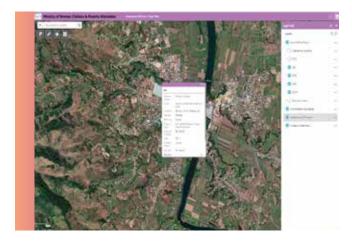
5.1 Overview

Poverty Monitoring Unit is tasked with the role of monitoring and reporting on the progress of Poverty Alleviation Programme of Government implemented through the Integrated National Poverty Eradication Programme (INPEP) Framework to contribute towards Government's commitment in reducing poverty to a negligible level by 2020.

5.2 Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting on INPEP

The Unit had identified 11 programmes from 8 Government agencies to be monitored this fiscal year. After the monitoring of the programmes, reports and policy briefs were generated to provide feedback to the Honorable Minister for Women, Children & Poverty Alleviation on the performance and impact of the Poverty Alleviation Programmes monitored.

No.	Name of Programme	Programme Implementer
1	Small Grants Projects	Office of the Prime Minister
2	Sugarcane Development and Farmers Assistance	Ministry of Sugar
3	Upgrade of Cane Access Road	Ministry of Sugar
4	Free Water Scheme	Water Authority of Fiji
5	Housing Assistance to Fire Victims	Ministry of Housing and Community Development
6	Social Housing Policy	Ministry of Housing and Community Development
7	Coconut Development Programme	Ministry of Agriculture
8	Coastal Fisheries Development Programme	Ministry of Fisheries
9	Rental Subsidy for Disadvantaged Persons TLTB	TLTB/Ministry of Economy
10	Upgrading and renewals of Jetties	Fiji Road Authority
11	Bus Fare Programme	MWCPA



Geographical Information System (GIS)

The Ministry appointed a GIS Officer to be based at the Poverty Monitoring Unit with the objective to strengthen its research and monitoring work through a centralized information system. The Ministry's GIS section has been closely liaising with the GIS Unit of the Ministry of Lands and Mineral Resources, who have provided technical support and also linked the Ministry to the Vanua GIS. For this financial year, the GIS Officer has managed to map Ministry programmes such as Income Generating Project, Elimination of Violence against Women and Children, Women Extension Centre, Zero Tolerance Violence Free Community.

Poverty Reduction/Awareness on Governments Programme to Reduce Poverty

Non-Government Organization Consultation: The Unit conducted a Workshop in the Western and Northern Division on 11th April 2019 and 29th January, 2019, respectively. The aim of the workshop was "Strengthening Collaboration with Partner Agencies involved in Empowering Communities towards Poverty Alleviation". This opportunity was also a built-up to the National Poverty Forum which was held later in July, 2019. The workshop was attended by Senior Officers from various Government Ministries and Non-State Actors who are involved and play a key role in assisting Government towards alleviating poverty.

National Poverty Forum



The Unit coordinated the National Poverty Forum from June 10th - 11th 2019 attended by Permanent Secretaries, Senior Officers from State and Non-State Actors with the aim of establishing the National Poverty Taskforce. The National Poverty forum was an outcome of the NGO consultations that was held earlier in the year in the Western and Northern Division.

Participatory Learning & Action Workshop (PLA)

PLA is gathering information from communities through the use of a number of methods to highlight critical issues that will contribute to the development of the village after formation of an inclusive action plan. The Unit conducted three (3) PLA workshops in the District of Serua on 25th & 26th January attended by nine villages; District of Bureta attended by 4 villages on 04th & 05th February, 2019 and District of Noikoro, Navosa on 03rd & 04th July, 2019 attended by 8 villages. In addition to the training, the Unit conducted an Agency Presentation to the Provincial Administrator and Roko Tui's Office and various representatives of various Government Ministries - Navua to highlight on the critical issues identified by the various villages and also obtain their feedback on how these problems can be addressed.

6 | Corporate Services

6.1 Overview

Corporate Services (CS) is responsible to the Permanent Secretary with following functions: (1) Human Resources Management (2) Administration and (3) Finance Management.

6.2 Human Resource Management

Ensures that the Constitutional functions of the Permanent Secretary are carried out efficiently, effectively and with due economy which includes appointments, discipline and termination. CS also ensures compliance with the terms and conditions of employment. Staff development is enabled through training programs. The Department is also responsible for staff welfare including staff health and well-being.

6.3 Administration

The Department ensures proper management, maintenance and security of assets including vehicles, buildings, equipment, fixed and expandable assets which enable a comfortable and conducive working environment. It develops the annual procurement plan and facilitates the annual board of survey within the ambit of the Fiji Procurement Regulations as well facilitates sending and receiving of correspondences either through postal services or courier mail.

6.4 Finance Management

CS is responsible for the prudent management of budgetary allocations through the compilation of the Ministry's Budget proposal. In compliance with the Financial Management Act and Regulations, the Department ensures adherence and observance of the reporting requirements.

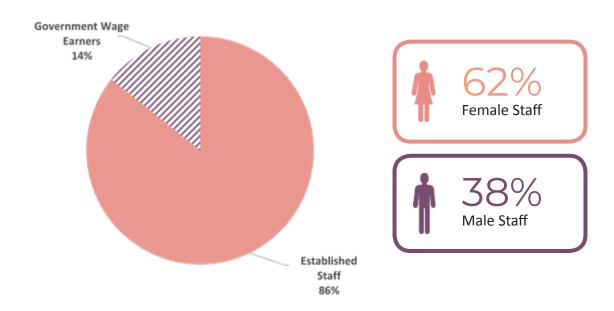


In terms of maintaining adequate staff, there were 42 Temporary appointments and 111 permanent appointments facilitated to ensure that the approved staff strength of 383 was maintained.

MWCPA Staff Strength

Department	Established Staff	% of Total	Government Wages Earners (GWE)	% of Total
Policy & Administration	89	31	10	11
Poverty Monitoring Unit	12	5	2	2
Juvenile Center	12	5	9	10
Field Services	107	37	21	23
Golden Age Home	13	6	42	44
Women & Gender Development	49	16	9	10
TOTAL	290		93	

It is to be noted that highest percentage of Established Staff are Field Officers for the Department of Social Welfare whereas the highest percentage of GWE are those based at the 3 Golden Age Homes. Of the 383 staff, 62% are Females and 38% Males. A total of 34 staff exited the Ministry this year through: Retirements (8), Resignation (10) Termination of appointment (5) and Mortality (1).



The Finance Department provided the Ministry with financial logistical support through:

- 1. Processing of salaries, wages and allowances to Staff;
- 2. Facilitating payments to the Social Protection recipients in a timely manner;
- 3. Purchase of goods after proper procedures were followed; and
- 4. Payment to Service providers.

The Finance Department also observed compliance though monitoring mechanisms enabling:

- a). Adherence to financial regulations in the provision of regular financial statements to Senior Management and the Ministry of Economy; and
- b). Responding to Audit enquiries.

Audited Financial Statements

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14 January 2021

The Honorable Mereseini Vuniwaga Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation Civic Tower SUVA

Dear Madam

MINISTRY OF WOMEN, CHILDREN AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 31 JULY 2019

Audited financial statements for the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation for the year ended 31 July 2019 together with my audit report on them are enclosed.

Particulars of the errors and omissions arising from the audit have been forwarded to the management of the Ministry for their necessary actions.

Yours sincerely

Ajay Nand **AUDITOR-GENERAL**

Permanent Secretary - Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation CC

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

I have audited the financial statements of the Ministry of Women, Children & Poverty Alleviation which comprise the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure, Appropriation Statement, Statement of Losses and Trust Fund Account - Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 July 2019, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In my opinion, except for the effects on the matters discussed in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraphs, the accompanying financial statements of the Ministry of Women, Children & Poverty Alleviation are prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Financial Management Act 2004 and Finance Instructions 2010.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

- 1. The statements of Receipts and Expenditure includes Operating Grants and Transfers amount of \$120,492,360. Included in this amount are the various Social Welfare Scheme payments totalling \$116,082,073. An unreconciled variance of \$365,360 exists between the General Ledger balance of \$116,082,073 and the actual payment amount made through the banks and other modes of payment totalling to \$115,716,723 for the year ended 31 July 2019. Consequently, I cannot establish the accuracy and completeness of Operating Grant and Transfers of \$120,492,360 reflected in the financial statements.
- 2. An unreconciled variance of \$453,794 exists between the FMIS general ledger and the Ministry's payroll report for Established Staff. Consequently, I was unable to establish the accuracy of the Established Staff expenditure recorded in the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the year ended 31 July 2019.

I have conducted my audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISA). My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of my report. I am independent of the Ministry in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board of Accountant's Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in Fiji and I have fulfilled other responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Other Matters

1. Internal controls over procurement were generally found to be weak. In addition, the detailed listing of officers who have yet to retire accountable advances in the Revolving Fund Account was not maintained by the Ministry.

- 2. The administration and management over the Bus Fare Scheme were generally found to be weak as highlighted in the Performance Audit Report on the Administration and Management of Bus Fare Assistance through E-ticketing for School Children, Elderly and Person with Disability (Parliament Paper No.71 of 2020).
- 3. The National Council for Older Persons Act 2012 establishes the National Council for Older Persons (NCOP) to be a body corporate. However, the NCOP is still operating as part of the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation.

Responsibilities of the management and those charged with governance for financial statements

The management are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the Financial Management Act 2004 and Finance Instructions 2010, and for such internal control as the management determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance. but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISA will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISA, I exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Ministry's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the management of the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation.

I communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.



Suva, Fiji 14 January, 2021

Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation **Management Certificate**

for the Year Ended 31 July 2019

Management Certificate

We certify that these financial statements:

- fairly reflect the financial position and performance of the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation for the year ended 31 July 2019; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Financial Management Act 2004 and Finance Instruction 2010.

Permanent Secretary

A/Principal Accounts Offer

Date: 23 / 12 / 2020

Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation **Statement of Receipts and Expenditure**

for the Year Ended 31 July 2019

STATE REVENUE: Operating Revenue AGENCY REVENUE: Miscellaneous Revenue TOTAL Agency Revenue EXPENDITURE OPERATING EXPENDITURE: Established Staff Government Wage Earners Travel & Communication Maintenance & Operations Purchase of Good & Services Operating Grants & Transfers Special Expenditure CAPITAL EXPENDITURE: STATE REVENUE 3(a) 3(b) 3(c) 3(c) 3(d) 3(e) Maintenance & Operations 3(f) Purchase of Good & Services 3(g) Operating Grants & Transfers 3(h) Special Expenditure Total Operating Expenditure	13,519 	11,553 11,553 17,467 17,467 29,020
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Purchase of Good & Services 3(g) Operating Grants & Transfers 3(h) Special Expenditure 3(i) Total Operating Expenditure	626,365	787,355
Operating Grants & Transfers 3(h) Special Expenditure 3(i) Total Operating Expenditure	1,227,896	986,991
Special Expenditure 3(i) Total Operating Expenditure	2,538,006	2,592,356
Total Operating Expenditure	120,492,360	89,639,571
	3,033,407	2,798,501
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE:	139,338,876	105,811,550
Capital Construction 3(j)	217,953	-
Capital Grants & Transfers 3(k)	686,523	740,181
Total Capital Expenditure	904,476	740,181
Value Added Tax 3(I)		327,486
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	339,730	

Note

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Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation **Appropriation Statement**

for the Year Ended 31 July 2019

SEG	ITEM	Budget Estimate	Appropriation Changes	Revised Estimate (a)	Actual Expenditure (b)	Lapsed Appropriation (a-b) Note 4
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	OPERATIONS COSTS					
1	Established Staff	8,124,022	118,299	8,242,321	8,230,732	11,589
2	Unestablished Staff	1,723,960	1,466,170	3,190,130	3,190,110	20
3	Travel & Communication	559,500	67,294	626,794	626,365	429
4	Maintenance & Operations	1,130,000	98,775	1,228,775	1,227,896	879
5	Purchase of Good & Services	2,681,404	(143,032)	2,538,372	2,538,006	366
6	Operating Grants & Transfers	107,807,757	13,187,127	120,994,884	120,492,360	502,524
7	Special Expenditure	4,333,395	(610,413)	3,722,982	3,033,407	689,575
	Total Operating Costs	126,360,038	14,184,220	140,544,258	139,338,876	1,205,382
	CAPITAL EXPENDITURE					
8	Capital Construction	2,500,000	(1,393,245)	1,106,755	217,953	888,802
9	Capital Purchase	50,000	(1,393,243)	50,000	217,933	50,000
10	Capital Grants &	3,100,000	_	3,100,000	686,523	2,413,477
10	Transfers	3,100,000	-	3,100,000	080,323	2,413,477
	Total Capital Expenditure	5,650,000	(1,393,245)	4,256,755	904,476	3,352,279
13	Value Added Tax	987,200	8,401	995,601	339,730	655,871
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	132,997,238	12,799,376	145,796,614	140,583,082	5,213,532

Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation **Statement of Losses**

for the Year Ended 31 July 2019

Loss of Money

There was no loss of money recorded for the year ended 31 July, 2019.

Loss of Revenue

There was no loss of revenue recorded for the year ended 31 July, 2019.

Loss (other than money)

In accordance with the Procurement Regulations 2010 (Clause 52), the Permanent Secretary for Economy approved the disposal and write-off of the following items upon submission of the recommendations of the Board of Survey Report.

ASSETS	AMOUNT (\$)
Computer Equipment	259,220
Office Furniture and Equipment	82,485
TOTAL	341,705

Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation **Trust Fund Account Statement of Receipts and Payments**

for the Year Ended 31 July 2019

	Note	31 July 2019 (\$)	31 July 2018 (\$)
OPENING BALANCE		190,107	
RECEIPTS:			
Revenue		-	980,000
Returned Cheque's			10,500
Total Receipts			990,500
PAYMENTS:			
Bank Fees		60	62
Help for Homes Refund Payment to Recipients			800,331
Total Payments		60	800,393
CLOSING BALANCE AS AT 31 JULY 2018	9	190,047	190,107

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NOTE 1: REPORTING ENTITY

The Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation oversees the three departments: Department of Social Welfare, Department of Women and Poverty Monitoring Unit.

Government is committed to reducing poverty to a negligible level and these Departments further that cause by breaking down barriers erected by gender, age, disability and economic standing.

The Department of Social Welfare administers Fiji's recently-reformed social welfare programs, which include the Poverty Benefit Scheme, the Child Protection Allowance, the Food Voucher Program, the Social Pension Scheme. In managing these programs, the Department is responsible for ensuring that assistance targets those most in need and eliminating corruption and fraud in the system.

The Department is equally committed to ensuring that these programs do not create a culture of dependency, focusing efforts and energy on graduating individuals and families from "welfare to workfare" through its Welfare Graduation Program and Executive Support Unit Projects.

The Department also has the statutory responsibility to ensure the protection and wellbeing of children, which includes managing juvenile centres.

The Ministry manages the three state owned homes for senior citizens and leads the National Council for Older Persons (NCOP) and the National Coordinating Committee for Children (NCCC).

The Department of Women and Children is responsible for mainstreaming gender in the public service through the National Gender Policy, and does so by promoting and protecting the rights of women and girls through the implementation of the National Women's Plan of Action. The National Women's Plan of Action is aimed at boosting women's employment opportunities, increasing women's participation in decision making, eliminating violence against women and girls, improving women's access to basic services and addressing women's issues in new legislation.

The Department works with other Ministries to promote gender equality and ensure that gender perspectives are addressed in all Government policies and initiatives. The Poverty Monitoring Unit evaluates Government's poverty related programmes and makes policy recommendations to the Ministry and Cabinet. The Unit is committed to ensuring that all such programs deliver tangibles outcomes that improve livelihoods and reduce poverty.

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NOTE 2: STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of Accounting

In accordance with Government accounting policies, the financial statements of the Ministry for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation is prepared on cash basis of accounting. All payments related to purchases of fixed assets have been expensed.

The financial statements are presented in accordance with the Financial Management Act and the requirements of Section 71(1) of the Finance Instruction 2010 and Finance (Amendment) Instructions 2016. The preparation and presentation of a Statement of Assets and Liabilities is not required under the current Government policies, except for that of the Trading and Manufacturing Accounts.

(b) Accounting for Value Added Tax (VAT)

All income and expenses are VAT exclusive. The Ministry on a monthly basis takes out VAT output on total money received for expenditure from Ministry of Economy. VAT input on the other hand is claimed on payments made to the suppliers and the sub-contractors for expenses incurred.

The VAT payment as per the Statement of Receipts and Expenditures relates to VAT input claimed on payments made to the suppliers and sub-contractors for expenses incurred and VAT payments to FRCS. Actual amount paid to FRCS during the year represent the difference between VAT Output and VAT Input.

(c) Comparative Figures

Where necessary, amounts relating to prior years have been reclassified to facilitate comparison and achieve consistency in disclosure with current year amounts.

(d) Revenue Recognition

Revenue is recognised when actual cash are received by the Ministry.

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NOTE 3: SIGNIFICANT VARIATIONS

- The State Revenue increased by \$1,966 or 17% in 2019 compared to 2018 due to commission which is deducted at source from insurance premium payable and other credit institutions were only for 12 months.
- b) The Miscellaneous Revenue decreased by \$17,467or 100% in 2019 compared to 2018 due to clearance of unidentified returns for Accountable Advance and return of allowance for Social Protection Program recipients as a result of closed or invalid bank accounts.
- c) Established Staff cost increased by \$1,561,850 or 23% in 2019 compared to 2018 as it was due to Job Evaluation Exercise for Established staff and creation of posts for Disability Centre and REACH.
- d) The Government Wage Earners (GWE's) cost increased by \$852,216 or 36% in 2019 compared to 2018. This is due to Job Evaluation Exercise for GWE and creation of posts for Disability Centre and REACH also included was overtime payment to GWE's.
- e) Travel & Communication costs decreased by \$160,990 or 20% in 2019 compared to 2018. The decrease was due to the less travelling undertaken by the Ministry's staff and also reduction in telecommunication cost.
- The Maintenance & Operations costs increased by \$240,905 or 24% in 2019 compared to 2018. The increase was due to high payment in expenditure for maintenance of the Ministry vehicle and fuel cost.
- The Purchase of Goods & Services cost decreased by \$54,350 or 2.1 % in 2019 compared to 2018 and this is due to reduction of purchasing and services done and commission charges for fees paid to Banks for monthly Social Protection Programme Pay out and including of new programme for Disabilities.
- h) The Operating Grants & Transfers increased by \$30,852,789 or 34% in 2019 compared to 2018 and this is due to increase in payment for Social Protection Programmes, monthly pay-out to the recipients and inclusion of E- Ticketing Bus Fare Concession for Senior Citizen and Person living with Disability.
- Special Expenditure increased by \$234,906 or 8% in 2019 compared to 2018. This increase was due payment of expenditure in special expenditures pay-out and also inclusive of new Disability programmes.
- Capital Construction increased by \$217,953 or 100% in 2019 compared to 2018. This increase was due to payment of expenditure pay-out for Construction of Barefoot College.
- k) The Capital Grants and Transfer costs decrease by \$53,658 or 7% in 2019 compared to 2018 due to slow in implementation of Welfare Graduation Programme and new inclusion of Western Disability Centre. Funding to Fire Victims recipients is based on as and when fire occurs.

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NOTE 4: SIGNIFICANT SAVINGS

No.	Expenditure	Revised Budget (\$)	Actual Expenditure (\$)	Savings (\$)	Percentage Savings (\$)
(a)	Operating Grants & Transfers	120,994,884	120,492,360	502,524	0.4%
(b)	Special Expenditure	3,722,982	3,033,407	689,575	18.5%
(c)	Capital Construction	1,106,755	217,953	888,802	80.3%
(d)	Capital Grants & Transfers	3,100,000	686,523	2,413,477	77.9%

a) The savings of \$502,524 under Operating Grant & Transfers (SEG 6) was due to the followings:

- Savings of \$349,164 in Grants to Organisation for Persons with Disability was due late release of Grants due provision of audit report requirements needed to be provided by the Disabled People's Organisation.
- b. Savings of \$131,467 in Fiji National Council Disability Persons is due to Administration issue on staffing.
- c. National Council Older Persons savings of \$21,886 is due to amount release by Ministry of Economy was only for realistic request even though the Ministry's requested for the whole sum.

b) The savings of \$689,575 under Special Expenditure (SEG 7) was due to the followings:

- a. Savings \$12,893 for Food Bank is due to under-utilized portion for renovating of the warehouse.
- b. Savings of \$50,000 for Economic Empowerment of persons with Disability is due to slow of implementation rate from Fiji Disabled People's Federation and late disbursements from the initial stages and involvement of officers in Home care.
- c. Savings of \$32,577 for Implementation of Rights of persons with Disability is due late release of funding from 1st Quarter and involvement of officers in Home care.
- Savings of \$150,001 for Executive Support Unit as half was fully utilized which was released in the first Requisition Incur Expenditure (RIE). The second half was requested, however due to changes in requirements of the RIE process, the submission was returned. The gathering of quotes took a bit of time as there quite a number of projects to be funded. However, the RIE was returned a second time requiring specific breakdowns and apparent discovery of a mismatch of the acquittals which were not asked for in the first return of the submission. By the time this was done, the quotes had expired and had to be gathered again. This process took up a lot of time, and led to the end of the fiscal year and hence the amount was not released for use.
- e. Savings of \$285,982 for Child Protection Programme (UNICEF) is unutilized funding due to preferred procedures undertaken by the Donor to facilitate payments through Direct Cash Transfer.

c) The savings of \$888,802 under Capital Construction was due to the following:

d. Savings for barefoot college was due to constructions delay from the contractor.

d) The savings of 2,413,877 under Capital Grants & Transfers was due to the following:

- a. Savings of \$256,159 in Welfare Graduation Programme is due to unreleased funding of the 2nd RIE request.
- b. Savings of \$200,000 for Capital Grants (Western Disability Centre)
- c. Savings of \$57,000 for fire victim is due to amount of application received and facilitated as and when fire
- d. Savings of \$1,900,318 in Renovation of states home

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NOTE 5: DETAILS OF APPROPRIATION CHANGES

The Cabinet approved the re-deployment of funds from Head 50 via Cabinet Decision CP(19)19 and Head 50 - Miscellaneous Services via Cabinet Decision CP(19)248.

Redeployment No.	From	То	Amount (\$)	Reason for re-deployment
REDY01	Head 50	SEG 06	5,400,000	To meet the cost for E-Ticketing Bus Fare Concession
REDY03	Head 50	SEG 06	7,399,374	To meet the shortfall in expenditure commitment

The Minister for Economy approved the following transfer of funds during the period:

Virement No.	From	То	Amount (\$)
V24001	SEG 08	SEG 06	1,393,255
V24002	SEG 05	SEG 01	185,538
	SEG 06	SEG 02	151,698
V24004	SEG 06	SEG 02	694,388
V24005	SEG 06	SEG 02	556,145

The Permanent Secretary for Economy approved the following transfer of funds during the period:

Virement No.	From	То	Amount (\$)
V24003	SEG 01	SEG 01	1,580,393
	SEG 02	SEG 02	238,286

The Permanent Secretary for the Ministry approved the following Virements under delegation from the Minister for Economy.

Virement No.	From	То	Amount (\$)
DV2401	SEG 06	SEG 06	5,000,000
DV2402	SEG 07	SEG 04	80,848
	SEG 06	SEG 07	62,543
DV2403	SEG 06	SEC 12	F 241
	SEG 07	SEG 13	5,341

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Virement No.	From	То	Amount (\$)
		SEG 03	8,000
DV2404	SEG 05	SEG 04	3,000
DV2404		SEG 05	1,000
	SEG 13	SEG 13	360
DV2405	SEG 06	SEG 07	34,000
DV2403	360 00	SEG 13	3,060
DV2406	SEG 03	SEG 03	6,300
DV2406	SEG 04	SEG 04	25,480
DV2407	SEG 06	SEG 05	180,890
DV2407	SEG 07	SEG 06	2,638,819
DV2408	SEG 06	SEG 06	366,572
	SEG 06	SEG 07	122,087
	SEG 07	SEG 07	19,000
	SEG 04	SEG 04	8,900
		SEG 03	14,000
		SEG 04	27,269
	SEG 05	SEG 05	26,655
		SEG 06	30,155
		SEG 07	26,914
DV2409	SEG 05	SEG 05	208,489
DV2409	SEG 13	SEG 13	18,764
	SEG 03	SEG 03	8,500
DV2410		SEG 05	
DV2410		SEG 07	
	SEG 04	SEG 04	1,286
	SEG 03	SEG 03	37,391
	SEG 04	SEG 04	36,375
DV2411	SEG 05	SEG 05	152,658
	SEG 06	SEG 06	395,274
	SEG 07	SEG 07	52,989

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NOTE 6: OPERATING TRUST ACCOUNT

As at 31 July 2019, the Ministry had a credit balance of \$164,998 in the Operating Trust Account.

NOTE 7: REVOLVING FUND ACCOUNT

At balance date, the Ministry had a balance of \$75,555 in the Revolving Fund Account. The balance was due to Accountable Advance issued to the officers which was not retired.

NOTE 8: DRAWINGS ACCOUNT

At balance date, the Ministry had a balance of \$331,283 in the Drawings Account. These monies were related to cheques written by the Ministry that were yet to be presented to the bank.

NOTE 9: MAIN TRUST ACCOUNT - HELP FOR HOME TRUST

As at 31 July 2019, the Ministry had a credit balance of \$190,047 in the Main Trust Account named Help for Home Trust. There were no payments from this account during financial year 2018/2019.

The Help for Home Trust fund account caters for the refund to Fijians whose houses sustained damage during TC Winston and had repaired homes from their own funds. Refunds were made as follows and the maximum amount which can be refunded are shown below:

- · Roofing damage (partial of full) or destruction of supporting walls and home is on squatter land or land under a vakavanua arrangement or similar arrangement - \$1,500
- Partially damaged roof \$1,500
- Fully damaged roof \$3,000
- Destruction of roof and supporting walls \$7,000

The account was set up to cater for refunds to applicants. The Ministry is still in discussion with the Ministry of Economy for the closure of the Trust Fund account.

ANNEXES

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	by Honorable Minister and
	Honorable Assistant Minister

ANNEX 2 | REACH Service Delivery Data

ANNEX 3 | Child Services Unit

ANNEX 1 | Community Outreach attended by the Honorable Minister and Honorable Assistant Minister

Date	Meeting/Visit	Location/Venue
Friday 10 th August 2018	Gospel Kindergarten Graduation Day officiated at by Minister Hon. Vuniwaqa	Suva
Thursday 23 rd August, 2018	Come Play With Me Fiji officiated at by Minister Hon. Vuniwaqa	Novotel, Suva
Wednesday 26 th September, 2018	Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, Hon. Mereseini Vuniwaqa addressed the Traditional Chinese Moon Festival 2018	China Cultural Centre in Fiji
Tuesday 23rd October, 2018	The Regional Consultation on Gender and the Law: Implementation of Domestic Violence Legislation officiated at by Minister Hon. Vuniwaqa	Novotel Conference Room in Nadi
Friday 9 th November, 2018	His Excellency the President Major-General (Ret'd) Jioji Konusi Konrote officiated at the Launching of the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (PCAN) National Celebration, welcome by Minister Hon. Vuniwaqa	Grand Pacific Hotel , Suva
Monday 12th November, 2018	Ministry's Strategic Plan & You-Tube Page launch officiated at by Minister Hon. Vuniwaqa	Fiji Museum Terrace in Suva
Monday 12th November, 2018	Veinuqa Women Extension Center Opening officiated at by Minister Hon. Vuniwaqa	Veinuqa Village in Tailevu
Friday 30th November, 2018	Launching of Light the World Program officiated at by Minister Hon. Vuniwaqa	MHCC Foyer, Suva
Saturday 1st December, 2018	Launching of the Savusavu Saturday Market And the Commemoration of 16 Days of Activ- ism Man Up Fiji Campaign officiated at by Min- ister Hon. Vuniwaqa	Natuvu Park - across from Coprashed, Savusavu Town
Tuesday 3 rd December, 2018	International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) officiated at by Minister Hon. Vuniwaqa	Suva
Thursday 20 th December, 2018	Christmas Celebration officiated at by Minister Hon. Vuniwaqa	Golden Age Home, Suva
Thursday 28th February, 2019	South Pacific Business Development Business- woman of the Year Awards officiated at by Minister Hon. Vuniwaqa	Churchill Park, Lautoka.
Wednesday 6 th March, 2019	Ministerial Forum as a lead up to the International Women's Day attended Minister Hon. Vuniwaqa	Novotel Hotel, Lami
Thursday 7th March, 2019	Opening of the CEDAW Working Committee officiated at by Minister Hon. Vuniwaqa	Novotel, Lami
Thursday 7 th March, 2019	Minister Vuniwaqa Officiated at the Launch of Fiji Women's Fund 2018 Annual Progress Report	Holiday Inn Hotel in Suva
Saturday 9 th March, 2019	Vital Voices Global Mentoring Walk joined by Minister Hon. Vuniwaqa	Albert Park, Suva
Saturday 30 th March, 2019	Ba Women's Forum Trainees Graduation officiated at by Minister Hon. Vuniwaqa	Ba Women's Forum Build- ing, Ba Town
Saturday 13 th April, 2019	Official Opening of the Kalabu Bula Raraba Outreach officiated at by Minister Hon. Vuni- waqa	Kalabu Fijian School, Nasinu
Wednesday 1 st May, 2019	Handing over of Physio Net Consignment officiated at by Minister Hon. Vuniwaqa	National Council for Dis- able People Hall, 3 Brown Street, Suva
Thursday 2 nd May, 2019	Graduate Women Fiji STEM Camp for Girls Graduation officiated at by Minister Hon. Vuni- waqa	Fiji Club, Suva

ANNEX 1 | Community Outreach attended by the Honorable Minister and Honorable Assistant Minister (cont'd)

Date	Meeting/Visit	Location/Venue
Monday 6 th May, 2019	MOU signing with UN Women and MWCPA, officiated at by Minister Hon. Vuniwaqa	Ministry of Women Con- ference Room, Level 5, Civic Towers
Tuesday 11 th June, 2019	Closing of the National Poverty Forum officiated at by Minister Hon. Vuniwaqa	Novotel Hotel Conference Room, Lami.
Wednesday 12 th June, 2019	Press conference on the National Women's Expo (Minister Hon.Vuniwaqa)	FMF Gymnasium, Suva.
Monday 1st July, 2019	Gender, Violence against Women and Human Rights Training for Ministry for Women, Chil- dren and Poverty Alleviation Staff officiated at by Minister Hon. Vuniwaqa	Talanoa Hall, Warwick Fiji Resort, Coral Coast, Sigatoka
Wednesday 3 rd July, 2019	Joint Technical Working Group officiated at by Minister Hon. Vuniwaqa	Pullman Hotel, Nadi
Thursday 4 th July, 2019	Women on the Frontlines officiated at by Minister Hon. Vuniwaqa	Club 2000, Ex-Service- men, Lautoka
Friday 5 th July, 2019	Alamanah Hope Centre Graduation officiated at by Minister Hon. Vuniwaqa	Teidamu, Lautoka
Saturday 6 th July, 2019	Launch of the Suva Grammar School 2020 Diamond Jubilee Reunion officiated at by Minister Hon. Vuniwaqa	Albert Park Pavilion
Wednesday 16 th July, 2019	Courtesy Call from New Zealand High Commissioner (Minister Hon. Vuniwaqa)	Ministry Conference Room
Saturday 20 th July, 2019	Frank Hilton Wheelbarrow Race officiated at by Minister Hon. Vuniwaqa	Albert Park
Monday 22 nd July, 2019	Courtesy Call from India High Commissioner to Minister Hon. Vuniwaqa	Ministry Conference Room
Tuesday 23 rd July, 2019	TV Get Set Program - Video Readings (Minister Hon.Vuniwaqa)	CWM Hospital - Children's Ward, Suva
Wednesday 24 th July, 2019	UNESCAP - Fiji Launch and National Consultation on Enabling Environment for Women's Entrepreneurship officiated at by Minister Hon. Vuniwaqa	Grand Pacific Hotel, Suva
Thursday 25 th July, 2019	Fiji National Consultation On Enabling Environ- ment For Women's Entrepreneurship officiat- ed at by Minister Hon. Vuniwaqa	Pearl Resort, Pacific Harbor
Friday 26 th July, 2019	Breakfast with Australian Minister (Minister Hon. Vuniwaqa)	Grand Pacific Hotel, Suva
Friday 26 th July, 2019	Speaker - Session 3: The Equality Space (The Fiji Commerce & Employers Federation (FCEF) Top Executive Conference (TOPEX) officiated at by Minister Hon. Vuniwaqa	Pullman Bay Resort & Spa, Wailoaloa, Nadi
Saturday 27 th July, 2019	Opening of the Bula Festival officiated at by Minister Hon. Vuniwaqa	Prince Charles Park, Nadi
Tuesday 30 th July, 2019	Launch of 'The Business Case for Workplace Responses to Domestic and Sexual Violence in Fiji' officiated at by Minister Hon. Vuniwaqa	Holiday Inn, Suva
Tuesday 13 th August, 2019	Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, Hon. Mereseini Vuniwaqa accompanied the United Kingdom Minister of State for Asia and the Pacific Hon. Heather Wheeler to the Makoi Women's Vocational Training Centre	Makoi Women's Vocational Training Centre

Division	Province	Districts	Province Districts Communities	Participants Adult Female	Participants Participants Adult Adult Male Female	Participants Youth Female	Participants Youth Male	Participants Child Female	Participants Child Male	TOTAL PARTICIPANTS	% TOTAL PARTICIPANTS
Central	5	7	51	257	212	75	64	55	63	726	%9
Eastern	2	17	06	732	696	236	181	797	818	3,733	33%
Northern	2	2	25	105	06	70	99	795	969	1,822	16%
Western	3	22	130	1,123	1,073	439	264	1,083	1,213	5,195	45%
TOTAL	12	48	296	2,217	2,344	820	575	2,730	2,790	11,476	100%
% TOTAL	80%	25%		19%	20%	2%	2%	24%	24%	100%	

Division	Province	Districts	Province Districts Communities	Service Delivery Adult Female	Service Delivery Adult Male	Service Delivery Youth Female	Service Delivery Youth Male	Service Delivery Child Female	Service Delivery Child Male	TOTAL SERVICES DELIVERED	% TOTAL SERVICES DELIVERED
Central	5	7	51	274	198	106	86	28	44	748	3%
Eastern	2	17	06	4,684	3,794	1,277	1,518	637	589	12,499	51%
Northern	2	2	25	156	57	26	34	3	1	277	1%
Western	3	22	130	5,246	3,328	1,049	718	325	316	10,982	45%
TOTAL	12	48	296	10,360	7,377	2,458	2,368	993	950	24,506	100%
% TOTAL	%08	72%		42%	30%	10%	10%	4%	4%	100%	

Service Delivery per Stakeholders from August 2018 – July 2019

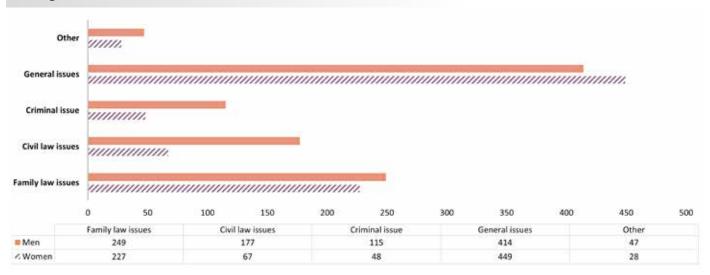
Stakeholders	AF	AM	ΥF	ΥM	CF	CM	Total	% Total	Women	Men
Legal Aid Commission	929	821	120	135	43	46	1,821	%/	819	1,002
Department of Women	2,203	231	312	18	1	0	2,765	11%	2,516	249
Department of Social Welfare	1,898	1,642	166	92	200	180	4,178	17%	2,264	1,914
Local Government Officials	475	602	50	49	23	24	1,223	2%	548	675
Fiji Human Rights & Anti-Discrimination Commission	44	61	33	42	4	3	187		81	106
Medical Services Pacific	2,064	444	296	699	175	173	4,121	17%	2,835	1,286
Births, Deaths & Marriages	917	996	477	493	302	305	3,460	14%	1,696	1,764
Fiji Competition & Consumer Commission	931	786	217	125	5	0	2,064	%8	1,153	911
Other Companies/ Government Department(s)/ Ministries	1,172	1,824	487	745	240	219	4,687	19%	1,899	2,788
Total	10,360	7,377	2,458	2,368	993	950	24,506	100%	13,811	10,695
% Total	45%	30%	10%	10%	4%	4%	100%		26%	44%

Total Participants is the total number of people present during the awareness raising session whereas total services delivered is the total number of services delivered by various stakeholders.

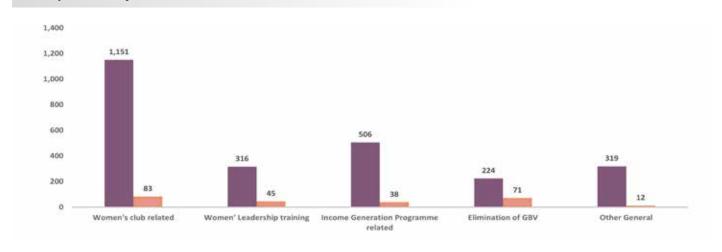
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Service Delivered by Stakeholders from August 2018 - July 2019

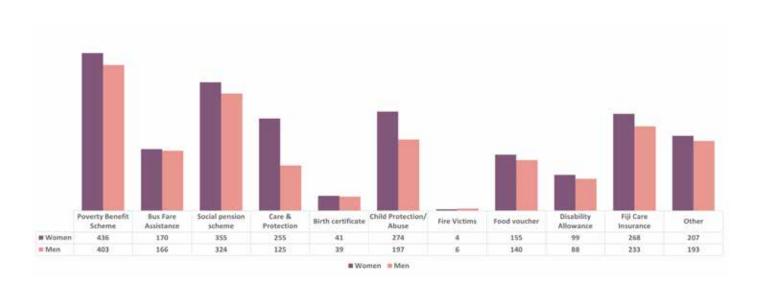
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2. Department of Women Services

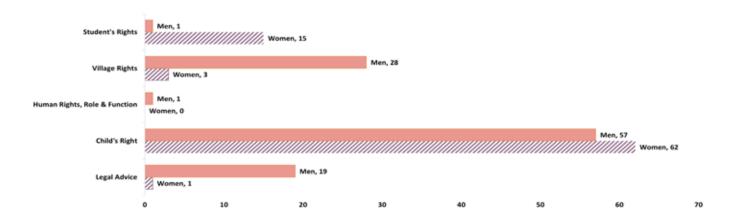


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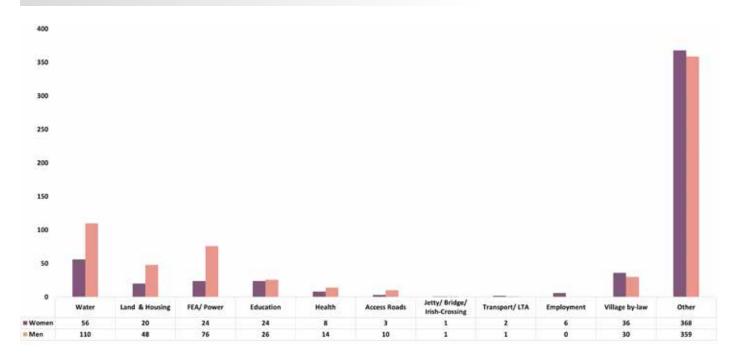


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4. Fiji Human Rights & Anti-Discrimination Commission



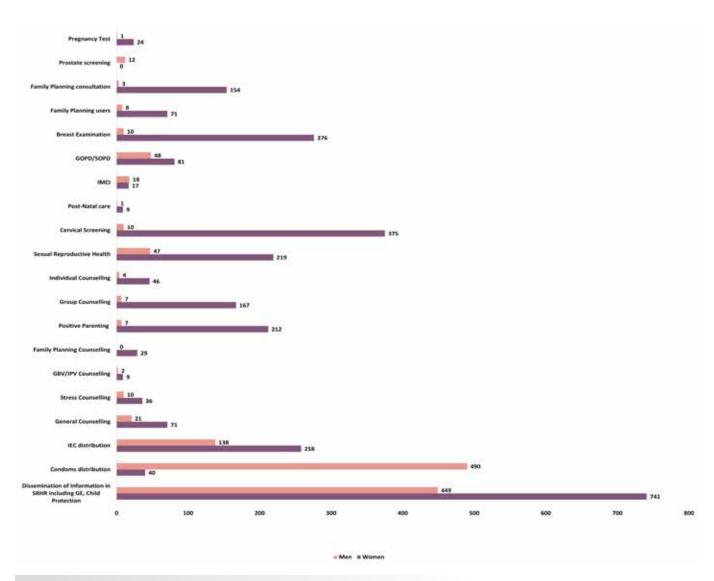
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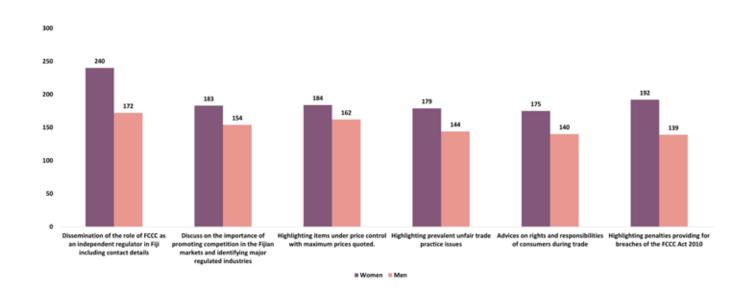
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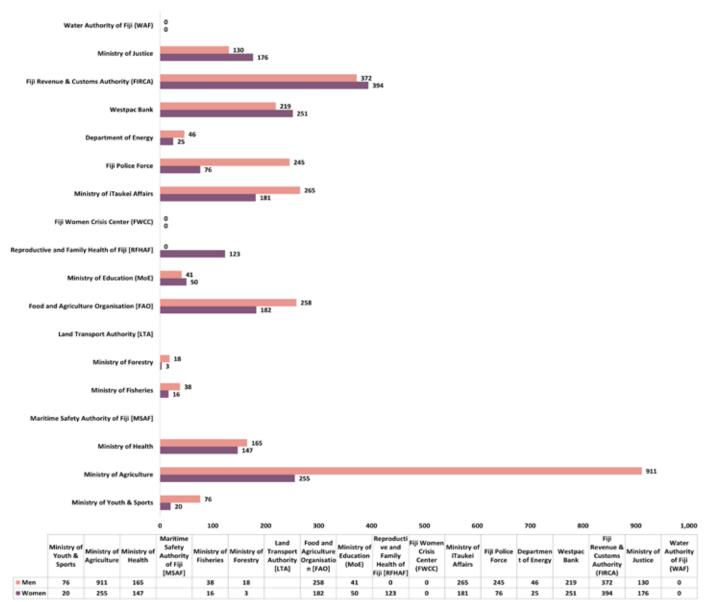
7. Medical Services Pacific Services



8. Fiji Competition & Consumer Commission Services



9. Other Ministries, Departments & NGO Total Services



1. TOT AND CHILD PROTECTION AWARENESS COVERAGE

No.	Divisions	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
1	Northern	тот: 6	тот: 6	TOT: 2	CP Awareness: 7
		Qaranivai village Cawaru village Nukusa village Nukudamu village Nabouono village Vunikodi village	 Korokuli village Vuinadi & Nakorovou Village Nakanacagi Village, Dreketi Kubulau, Korovou village Korovuli Village Nacula village CP Awareness: 1 Bose Ni Koro (1): Naviqiri village, Bua 	Wailevu West, Cakaudrove: Vakativa village Naloaloa village CP Awareness: 13 Mali Island (3): Nakawaga village Vesi village Ligaulevu village Faith Based (3): District Seaqaqa Methodist Church District Buca Circuit Methodist Church AOG Women's Ministry Bose Ni Tikinas (6): Makolei village Bua village Tavea village Sawani village Nasau village Dama village Schools (1): Bua Central College	Professionals (1): • Kubulau District School Government Road show (1): • Vunisalusalu Central School, Vaturova, Cakaudrove Community (1): • Bulileka village School Awareness (4): • Ahmaddiya Muslim High School, Dreketi • Dreketi Central College, Dreketi • St. Mary Primary School • Holy Family Secondary School
2	North West	TOT: 2	CP Awareness: 1		
		Tikina Nailuva Burelevu Namara Nararavou Tikina Saivou Vatukacevaceva Raiwasa Vatusekiyasawa Narara CP Awareness: 2 NGO (1): A girl & her world Organization, Rakiraki Community (1): Rabulu village, Tavua	Community Group (1): • Varoko Tauvegavega Nari Sabha Women's group, Ba		

ANNEX 3 | Child Services Unit (cont'd)

2. PCAN PROJECTS AND DONATIONS

- 7th November 2018: Donation of a generator to Kasavu Primary school, Northern
- 9th November 2018: PCAN Launch at GPH
- 16th November 2018: Opening of the Navoalevu Kindergarten Play center, Northern
- 21st November 2018: Donation of a 5000L Water tank to Vasistmuni Primary School
- 22nd November 2018: Opening of the first ever Rakiraki Children's Park
- 22nd November 2018: Donations of school items to Tavuya, Naila and Naitasiri Kindergartens, Central
- 23rd November 2018: Handing over of 80 raincoats and 10 mattresses to Galoa Primary School, Northern
- 27th November 2018: Donations of school items to Nasalia Kindergarten, Naitasiri, Central
- November 2018: Donations of school items to Veisida HART and Mama's Place Kindergartens, Nasinu

3. INVITATIONS FROM SCHOOLS: ECE AND IDADAIT WEEK 46 SCHOOLS

No.	Invitations from schools	Districts/Divisions	No.	Invitations from schools	Districts/Divisions
1	Domonisavu District Schools	Labasa, Northern	25	Tuvuya Kindergarten	Central
2	Qawa Primary	Labasa, Northern	26	Nabaitavo District School	Central
3	Labasa Sangam Primary	Labasa, Northern	27	Nasautoka District	Central
4	Naduna Arya Pathshala	Labasa, Northern	28	Korovou District	Central
5	Labasa Muslim Primary	Labasa, Northern	29	Dilkusha Kindergarten	Central
6	Labasa Primary	Labasa, Northern	30	Nausori District School	Central
7	Kubulau District School	Kubulau, Northern	31	Lutu District School	Central
8	Nabea Primary	Savusavu, Northern	32	Muaniweni Primary	Central
9	Naweni District	Savusavu, Northern	33	Sanatan Kindergarten	Central
10	Batibalavu District	Savusavu, Northern	34	Rokovucago Primary	Central
11	Nasavusavu District	Savusavu, Northern	35	Turagabeci District	Central
12	Nasavusavu Public	Savusavu, Northern	36	Korociriciri Primary	Central
13	Naganivatu Primary	Savusavu, Northern	37	Ratu Ravuama	Central
14	Nasavusavu Kindergarten	Savusavu, Northern	38	Vunimono Sanatan	Central
15	Nukubalavu Kindergarten	Savusavu, Northern	39	Dilkusha Boys School	Central
16	Vuya District	Nabouwalu, Northern	40	Nabukaluka District	Central
17	Nawaido Village	Nabouwalu, Northern	41	Sila Central High	Central
18	Kindergarten	Nabouwalu, Northern	42	Dudley Intermediate	Suva, SE
19	Bua Central College	Nabouwalu, Northern	43	Suva Adventist Primary	Suva, SE
20	Koroinasolo Village School	Nabouwalu, Northern	44	Gospel High School	Suva, SE
21	Dama District	Nabouwalu, Northern	45	ST. Agnes Primary School	Suva, SE
22	Namau Primary	Nabouwalu, Northern	46	Nalagi Public School	Sigatoka, SW
23	Naruwai Primary	Nabouwalu, Northern			
24	Nawaca Kindergarten	Nabouwalu, Northern			



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