



**THE MINISTER YOUTH AND SPORTS  
HONOURABLE JESE SAUKURU**

Parliamentary Response Wednesday (29/03/23)

**19/2023 Hon. Sakiusa Tubuna to ask the Minister for Youth and Sports – Can the Minister inform Parliament**

**(a) the dollar value of every boat, farming and sports equipment handed out by the Ministry -by date, locality (village or rural community centre), division, ethnicity and gender for the period of January 2018 to 23 December 2022; and**

**(b) the progress to date of every one of those community development assistance programmes for young people.**

**Hon. Speaker**, with reference to the question raised by the Honorable Member, I would like to begin with the;

### **1. Eastern Division:**

#### Considering the Boat Assistance:

- **Hon Speaker**, from 2018 – 2022 no boat assistance was given.

#### With the Farming Assistance

- In 2018 - \$34,435.68 worth of farming assistance was given out to 18 youth clubs.
- In 2019 - \$48,863.65 worth of farming assistance was distributed to 23 youth clubs.
- In 2020 - \$14,755.74 worth of farming assistance was distributed to 5 youth clubs.
- In 2021, \$26,209.39 worth of farming assistance was distributed to 22 youth clubs.
- In 2022, \$59,822.45 worth of assistance was distributed to 9 youth clubs.
- **Hon Speaker** a TOTAL FUNDING OF \$184,086.91 was spent on farming assistance for Eastern Division.

#### With the Sports Equipment

- In 2018, - \$1883.29 worth of sports equipment was distributed.
- In 2019, - \$8044.47 worth of sports equipment was distributed.
- In 2020, - \$6165.00 worth of sports equipment was distributed.

- In 2021, no assistance was provided
- In 2022, no assistance was provided to eastern Division.
- **Hon Speaker**, a TOTAL FUNDING of \$16,092.76 was spent on sports assistance for the Eastern Division.

In terms of ethnicity and gender, 95% of the Eastern Division Population are Itaukei's, 90% the youth clubs assisted are iTaukei's with a gender spread of 43% females and 57% males.

## **2. Western Division**

### With the Boat Assistance:

- **Hon Speaker**, from 2018 – 2020 no boat assistance was given.
- In 2021, 2 boats were handed over to youth clubs in the West (Ba and Tavua), at the sum of \$29,416.00
- In 2022, 4 boats were handed over for the West (Tavua, Ba, Ra and Lautoka) totaling \$61,000.00.
- **Hon Speaker** a TOTAL FUNDING OF \$90,416.00 was spent on Boat Assistance for the Western Division.

### With the Farming Assistance

- In 2018 - \$29,510.68 worth of farming assistance was distributed to 13 Youth Clubs.
- In 2019 - \$5762.88 worth of farming assistance was distributed 4 Youth Clubs.
- In 2020 - \$17,547.49 worth of farming assistance was distributed 6 Youth Clubs.

- In 2021, \$102,790.84 worth of farming assistance was distributed 62 Youth Clubs.
- In 2022, \$35,963.11 worth of farming assistance was distributed to 44 Youth Clubs.
- **Hon Speaker** a TOTAL FUNDING OF \$191,575.00 was spent on farming assistance for Western Division.

#### With the Sports Equipment

- In 2019, - \$9386.00 worth of sports equipment was distributed
- In 2020, - \$10,405.00 worth of sports equipment was distributed.
- In 2021, - no assistance was provided
- In 2022, \$9083.00 worth of sports equipment was distributed.
- **Hon Speaker**, a TOTAL FUNDING of \$28,874.00 was spent on sports assistance for the Western Division.

In terms of ethnicity and gender, 88% of the recipients are iTaukei's and 12% Indo Fijians with a gender spread of 45% females and 55% males.

### 3. Northern Division

#### With the Boat Assistance:

- **Hon Speaker**, from 2018 – 2020 no boat assistance was given.
- In 2021, 2 boats were handed over to youth clubs in the North (Bua and Macuata), at the sum of \$29,416.00
- In 2022, 2 boats were handed over for the North (Cakaudrove and Macuata), totaling \$29,416.00.
- **Hon Speaker** a TOTAL FUNDING OF \$58,832.00 was spent on Boat Assistance for the Northern Division.

#### • With the Farming Assistance

- In 2018 - \$91,053.37 worth of farming assistance was distributed to 39 youth clubs.
- In 2019 - \$90,079.63 worth of farming assistance was distributed to 12 youth clubs.
- In 2020 - \$26,828.68 worth of farming assistance was distributed to 7 youth clubs.
- In 2021, \$41,169.04 worth of farming assistance was distributed 45 youth clubs.
- In 2022, \$29,134.41 worth of farming assistance was distributed 18 youth clubs.

- **Hon Speaker** a TOTAL FUNDING OF \$278,265.13 was spent on farming assistance for Western Division.

#### With the Sports Equipment

- In 2018, - no sports assistance was provided
- In 2019, - \$361.00 worth of sports equipment was distributed.
- In 2021, - no assistance was provided
- In 2022, \$3610.00 worth of sports equipment was distributed.
- **Hon Speaker**, a TOTAL FUNDING of \$3,971.00 was spent on sports assistance for the Northern Division.

In terms of ethnicity and gender, 92% of the recipients are iTaukei's and 8% Indo Fijians with a gender spread of 47% females and 53% males.



## 4. Central Division

### With the Boat Assistance:

- In 2018 one boat was given at a cost of \$14,708.00 to Beqa Village Youth Council.
- In 2019 and 2021, no boat assistance was given.
- In 2022, 2 boats were handed over for Central (Tailevu), totaling \$29,416.00.
- **Hon Speaker** a TOTAL FUNDING OF \$44,124.00 was spent on Boat Assistance for the Central Division.

### With the Farming Assistance

- In 2018 - \$80,857.82 worth of farming assistance was distributed to 32 youth clubs.
- In 2019 - \$26,773.42 worth of farming assistance was distributed to 12 youth clubs.
- In 2020 - \$15,544.88 worth of farming assistance was distributed to 6 youth clubs.
- In 2021, \$24,601.29 worth of farming assistance was distributed to 18 youth clubs.
- In 2022, \$61,776.40 worth of farming assistance was distributed to 29 youth clubs.

- **Hon Speaker** a TOTAL FUNDING OF \$209,554.31 was spent on farming assistance for Central Division.

#### With the Sports Equipment

- In 2018, - \$9386.00 worth of sports assistance was distributed.
- In 2019, - \$5776.00 worth of sports equipment was distributed.
- In 2020 and 21, - no assistance was provided
- In 2022, \$6859.00 worth of sports equipment was distributed.
- **Hon Speaker**, a TOTAL FUNDING of \$21,751.00 was spent on sports assistance for the Northern Division.

In terms of ethnicity and gender, 97% of the recipients are iTaukei's and 3% Indo Fijians with a gender spread of 45% females and 55% males.

#### **(ii) The progress to date of all these Community Development Assistance.**

##### Regarding the Boat Assistance

- All clubs assisted across the divisions are actively engaged in utilizing this assistance to generate income and help improve livelihood.

##### Regarding the Farm Assistance:

- For Eastern Division: Out of the 77 youth clubs supported under the farming assistance since 2018, 52 are still active (67.5% Active) while 29 have become inactive.



- For Northern: Out 131 youth clubs supported under the farming assistance program since 2018, 84 are still active (64.1% Active) 45 have become inactive.
- For Western: Out of the 129 youth clubs supported since 2018, 73 are still active (57% Active) while 56 have become inactive.
- For Central: Out of the 97 youth clubs supported since 2018, 54 youth clubs are still active (56% Active) while 43 have become inactive.

#### Regarding the Sports Equipment Assistance

- **Hon Speaker**, as of today, majority of the basic sports equipment have experienced wear and tear. Some recipients have replenished their own. However, proper monitoring will need to be conducted to ascertain the status of this assistance.

**Hon Speaker**, resources relating to Monitoring and Evaluation needs strengthening within the Ministry of Youth and Sports to ensure that proper checks are in place to regulate the effective implementation of programs and activities within the Ministry.

Finally, **Hon Speaker**, Youth and Sports Development should always be high on the agenda of priorities given its cross-cutting nature and its huge potential in projecting socio-economic benefits that could be realized when aligned with appropriate resources.

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