

RIGHTS, EMPOWERMENT AND COHESION (REACH) FOR RURAL AND URBAN FIJIANS PROJECT



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REPORT

June 2017



Location & Dates	Suva, Fiji. 12 June (Studio 6) and 14-16 June 2017 (Vodafone Arena)
Activities	(Pre-Expo) 1. Awareness-Raising and Service-Delivery Workshop; (During Expo) 2. REACH Service Delivery Sessions; 3. REACH and UNV Project Booths; 4. REACH Videos and 5. REACH Press Conference
Key Result 1	On 12 June, 100 women from the Eastern Division gained awareness on the REACH Project and on the workshop's theme of gender-based violence as well as protection of child rights. Services were provided on-venue by the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, Legal Aid Commission and the Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission. The Fiji Police Force contributed to the awareness-raising session, in addition to the above enlisted service providers.
Key Result 2	During the Expo, 137 women from the Western, Central and Eastern Divisions of Fiji participated in the REACH Project service-delivery sessions held at designated timeslots from 14-16 June, and gained information on the services provided by the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, Legal Aid Commission and the Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission.
Key Result 3	At the Expo, 137 participants and 79 visitors obtained information and services from the REACH Booth and REACH Bus situated at the venue respectively. Visitors also acquired information on the UN Volunteers Programme through advocacy materials and discussions at the UNV Booth.
Key Result 4	REACH videos were played at regular intervals in the Vodafone Arena, to 475 stallholders and an estimated 10,000 people who visited the Expo over three days.
Key Result 5	Key contributions to women participants through the REACH Project and Expo were visible in Fiji national media (print and web outlets), and in UNDP social media accessible globally.

BACKGROUND

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) supported the third Fiji National Women's Expo 2017 (the Expo) through the Rights, Empowerment and Cohesion (REACH) for Rural and Urban Fijians Project, being implemented by the UNDP Pacific Office in partnership with the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation and the Legal Aid Commission.

The REACH Project aims to promote peacebuilding, social cohesion and inclusiveness through awareness of rights, access to services, provision of legal advice and institutional capacity building in Fiji. The three-year project is funded by the Government of Japan, and commenced in June 2015 with the initial focus being to enhance delivery of services through the provision of 'mobile teams' visiting urban informal and rural communities.

The National Women's Expo 2017 was identified as an opportunity to promote the message and mandate of the REACH Project, as one of its key objectives is to empower women and girls to "be the change". Services were delivered to 137 women participants, in addition to the total of 79 visitors who came to the Expo, strengthening the synergy between REACH Project partners. A series of awareness-raising sessions and advocacy activities were conducted during the three days of the Expo, including a REACH Press Conference. In addition, a one-day pre-Expo workshop was organized by the REACH Project, with 100 women from the Eastern Division in attendance, on the theme of gender-based violence and protection of child rights.

Pre-Expo REACH Workshop

1. REACH Awareness-Raising and Service-Delivery Workshop (12 June 2017)

Key Result

On 12 June 2017, 100 women from the Eastern Division participated in a one-day workshop in Studio 6, Suva to gain awareness and develop their capacity on social, economic and legal services available to them. Presentations were made by the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, Legal Aid Commission, Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission and the Fiji Police Force.



The Hon. Mereseini Vuniwaqa, Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation delivered opening address at the workshop stating, "Two years ago, the Fijian Government, the Government of Japan and UNDP jointly signed an agreement to improve the access to social and legal services of disadvantaged Fijians, and so the REACH Project was born. In line with REACH's mandate to 'reach the furthest behind', we saw this time as opportune to bring essential services to women from across Fiji present at the Expo."

An underlying theme of the days' programme was gender equality and empowerment, and related remedial actions and options available for gender-based violence (GBV) victims, with presentations by the Fiji Police Force and Legal Aid Commission. Protection of child rights was also a key part of the programme, with awareness-raising presentations on the theme provided by the Department of Social Welfare. The workshop was organized by UNDP and the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation.

Topic 1: Services provided under the REACH Project (delivered by the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, Legal Aid Commission and the Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission).

Topic 2: Gender equality and empowerment

- The gravity of gender-based violence in Fiji, and the importance of awareness of rights and services was provided by the Fiji Police Force. The Eliminate Violence Against Women programme, related legislations and the Violence Free Communities programme were elaborated on by the Department of Women. Legal measures and remedial steps were provided by the Legal Aid Commission once domestic violence complaints are lodged.
- Information on protection of child rights was provided by the Department of Social Welfare.

Evaluation Results

The 12 June workshop proved to be an educational and informative training, and was acknowledged as such by most of the women from the Eastern Division who were in attendance. Over 80% of survey respondents agreed that the workshop increased their knowledge of the respective services provided by the Department of Women, Department of Social Welfare, Legal Aid Commission, Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission and the Fiji Police Force. Furthermore, 85.2% of the post-workshop survey respondents agreed that the workshop allowed participants to provide their inputs and obtain services. 92% of respondents were in agreement that the messages put forth in the REACH video were clear and understandable.

A representative from the Seniqori Women’s Club in Kadavu commented, “The workshop has enabled me to recognize the services provided by different Government Departments and welfare assistance that will be beneficial to people who live in extreme isolation in my community, and are still unaware of the Government assistance available to them.” A member of the Tarawa Women’s Club in Rotuma also added, “This workshop enabled me to share my new knowledge with my community, especially the youth.” The workshop reflected the need for more Government trainings and outreach services for people in remote areas of Fiji, especially maritime and remote inland regions of the country. The afternoon’s segment of the programme covered a visit to the Parliament of Fiji in Suva, where the women were given the opportunity to meet and engage with two women Members of Parliament, the Hon. Jilila Kumar and the Hon. Salote Radrodro. The women received a tour inside the chambers, a presentation on the role of the Parliament in Fiji, a tour of the Parliament Discovery Centre, concluding with afternoon tea hosted by Mme. Secretary General of the Parliament.



Minister Vuniwaqa with the women during the workshop

Women benefit from REACH service delivery



Eastern women visit the Parliament of Fiji



Parliament staff interact with the women

Voices of Participants



“Social welfare services, legal aid services, information on the issue on child abuse and other issues shared during the REACH programme was an eye-opener. It was very informative”.
Marieta Tiuhe’a, Rotuma Women’s Association President

“In rural areas, we have limited opportunities to access information and services [on social, economic and legal rights]. I found the REACH programme is the chance for us to do so. It will assist in the needs of our elders, who are the foundation of our Women’s Club.”
Livia Mariwa, Kadavu Province



Fiji National Women's Expo 2017

2. REACH Awareness-Raising and Service Delivery (14-16 June)

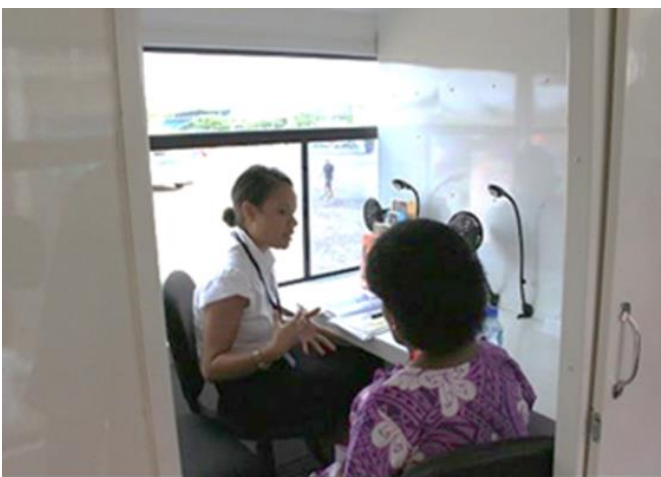
Key Result

During the Expo, held from 14-16 June 2017, 137 women across Fiji (Northern, Eastern, Central and Western Divisions) obtained services that were provided by the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, Legal Aid Commission and the Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission at the REACH bus and their respective booths in the Vodafone Arena, Suva.

Further, 79 persons participating at the Expo gained information and awareness on the REACH Project provided by UNDP's REACH team, Legal Aid Commission and the Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission. In addition, eight REACH videos were regularly played, which were viewed by 475 women stallholders and potentially by 10,000 visitors who were present over three days at the Expo.



Some members of the UNDP REACH team with the President of the Republic of Fiji Major General (Retd.) Jioji Konusi Konrote, the Hon. Mereseini Vuniwaqa Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, the Hon. Veena Bhatnagar Deputy Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, and Dr Josefa Koroivueta, Permanent Secretary for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation



Service delivery on the REACH bus



Visitors to the REACH Booth at the Expo



Leading representatives (L-R) from the Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission, Ministry, UNDP Pacific Office, Embassy of Japan and Legal Aid Commission



UNDP REACH representatives with the REACH Bus



Women artisans receive services offered on the bus



Women artisans boarding the bus to receive

REACH Mobile Service Delivery

REACH awareness-raising sessions and mobile service delivery was provided for 1-2 hours daily, together with the REACH partners – the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, the Legal Aid Commission and the Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission. Services were provided to 137 people, including women artisans and Expo visitors. Some of the services provided during the Expo included assistance for family law issues, criminal law issues, civil law issues, the poverty benefit scheme, bus fare assistance, social pension scheme and child protection, amongst others.

Voices of Participants



"We appreciate REACH awareness-raising and service delivery. I am now preparing my application for receiving assistance, as advised by the officer handling my case."

Salote Cakau, Suva, originally from Koro Island

"We are very happy regarding the services we received through the REACH Project here. I am currently staying in Suva, after our house in Koro Island was destroyed by Cyclone Winston last February and sending my four children to school. The assistance received will help my family."

Amelia Diwabau, Mudu Village, Koro Island



Some Images of the Women's Handicrafts



3. Visibility

REACH Project Booth

The funding support of Japan to the REACH Project was visible in various Expo information-communication materials at the Vodafone Arena. A REACH Booth was set up, providing information and awareness to Expo participants and visitors over three days, with materials displayed and disseminated covering:

- REACH Brochures available at the REACH Booth and bus
- REACH SDG stickers with the slogan "REACH the Furthest Behind First" at the REACH Booth
- 8 REACH videos played on the large screen behind the main stage at the Vodafone Arena
- REACH Project and SDG banners on display at the booths and within the Vodafone Arena
- REACH hanging banners on display at the booths and within the Vodafone Arena
- REACH pop-up wall banner on display, also providing photo opportunities
- REACH "eco" tote-bags distributed to Expo participants and visitors

To provide further information on the services provided under the REACH Project, the Legal Aid Commission and the Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission had designated booths inside the Expo venue beside the REACH Booth.



The REACH Booth



UN Volunteers Booth



Dissemination of REACH Bags



REACH Products

REACH Press Conference

A REACH Press Conference was undertaken on 14 June to highlight the achievements of the REACH Project and contributions made by the Government of Japan. (Articles on the Expo have been featured on the UNDP Pacific website, and contained in Annex 5.) Speakers at the Press Conference were:

H.E. Mr. Tsuguyoshi Hada, Chargé d’Affaires a.i., Embassy of Japan

“As Japan is a partner of the REACH Project, together with Fiji’s Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, UNDP’s Pacific Office, the Fiji Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission and the Legal Aid Commission, I am very pleased to see that it is a key sponsor of the Fiji National Women’s Expo 2017. This is a practical contribution by the REACH Project, in line with its core objective, which is to empower the women of Fiji.”

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

“REACH is an extension of Government’s mandate, the Government’s vision and its services to rural residents. Accessibility to government services remains quite a challenge. REACH was put together for this accessibility issue. One

of the core targets that REACH aims to reach is women and particularly rural women”.

Mr. Seremaia Waqanabeite, Deputy Director, Legal Aid Commission

“The Legal Aid Commission has been mandated by law and given the responsibility by the Fijian Government to provide free legal services to all Fijians regardless of where they live. Through the REACH project, we have been able to fulfil the common objective of the REACH Project and also of the Legal Aid Commission by promoting greater access to justice.”

Mr. Bakhodir Burkhanov, Country Director, UNDP Pacific Office in Fiji and Head of Pacific Regional Programme and Policy

“The REACH Project is designed to support the Government of Fiji to ‘reach out’ to deliver social, economic and legal rights enshrined in the Constitution. Indeed, the Government and development partners have prioritized the provision of these services to all, reinforcing Fiji’s commitment to the implementation of the Sustainable Development agenda, which pledges to ‘leave no one behind’. UNDP is truly proud to be involved in an amazing event that contributes to gender equality and women’s empowerment.”



Press Conference speakers with women from the Eastern Division at the Expo

REACH Videos

The REACH overview video was played in iTaukei and English at regular intervals on a wide screen at the main stage in the Vodafone Arena. The Legal Aid Commission video was also played in English, iTaukei and Hindi. The video introduced services provided by the Legal Aid Commission and its work as part of the REACH Project.

The general feedback received on the REACH video was positive, with comments stating it was “very interesting” and “understandable”. Many of the women artisans agreed that the message was clear and succinct enough for them to understand more about the services being delivered under the REACH Project. Some areas for improvement were requests to highlight child protection and also show more REACH visitations to the community.

In relation to feedback on the screening at the venue, a bigger screen for projection as well as more visible subtitles were suggested by viewers at the Expo. There was a request for having DVDs of the REACH videos on sale so the message could be disseminated to more persons. Some of the suggested topics for new videos were to include testimonies of women vendors at the Expo, social welfare assistance, and empowerment of women.

UNDP Pacific Social Media

Dedicated posts from the Expo have been shared on UNDP's [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) social media channels. Details are contained in annexes 6 and 7 of this report.

Coverage in the Press

REACH presence during the Expo was covered in the Fijian media's print and website outlets respectively. Further details are provided in annexes 4 and 5.



Fiji Sun, June 12 coverage on the REACH Capacity Development Workshop



Fiji Sun, June 16 coverage on REACH Press Conference

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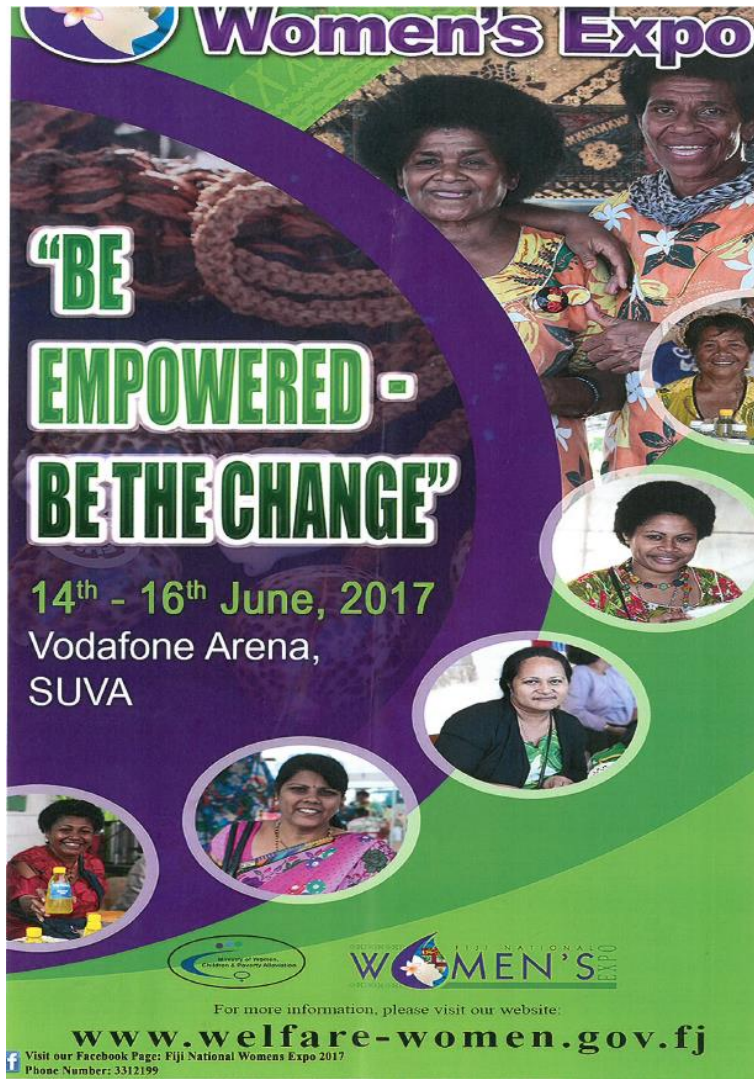
Access to Justice, Rule of Law and Human Rights Programme
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Pacific Office

Level 8, Kadavu House, 414 Victoria Parade, Suva, Fiji

Website: <http://www.pacific.undp.org/>

Annex 1

Copy of the Expo flyer and Invitation



Women's Expo

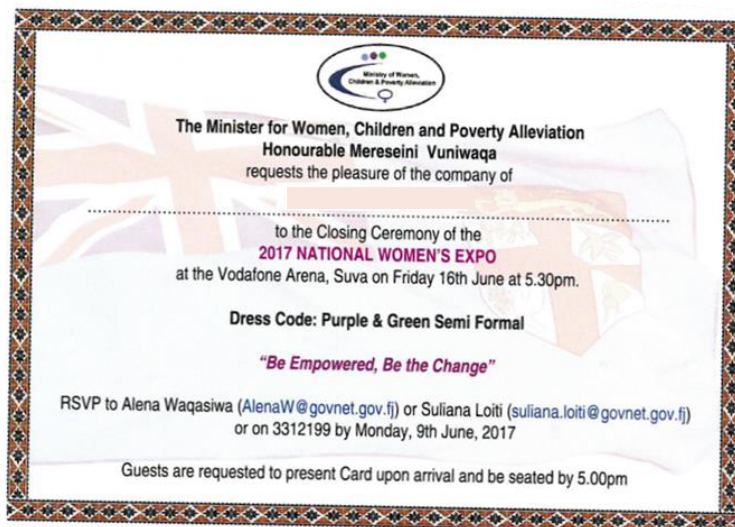
"BE EMPOWERED - BE THE CHANGE"

14th - 16th June, 2017
Vodafone Arena,
SUVA

For more information, please visit our website:
www.welfare-women.gov.fj

Visit our Facebook Page: Fiji National Womens Expo 2017
Phone Number: 3312199

The flyer features a purple and green color scheme with several circular inset photos of women. At the top left, there is a logo for the Ministry of Women, Children & Poverty Alleviation. At the bottom, there is a logo for the 2017 National Women's Expo.



Ministry of Women, Children & Poverty Alleviation

The Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation
Honourable Mereseini Vuniwaqa
requests the pleasure of the company of

to the Closing Ceremony of the
2017 NATIONAL WOMEN'S EXPO
at the Vodafone Arena, Suva on Friday 16th June at 5.30pm.

Dress Code: Purple & Green Semi Formal

"Be Empowered, Be the Change"

RSVP to Alena Waqasiwa (AlenaW@govnet.gov.fj) or Suliana Loiti (suliana.loiti@govnet.gov.fj)
or on 3312199 by Monday, 9th June, 2017

Guests are requested to present Card upon arrival and be seated by 5.00pm

The invitation card has a decorative border and a background image of the Fiji flag.

Annex 2 Expo Programme

(a) 12 June: Awareness-Raising and Service Delivery Workshop (detailed agenda)

National Women's Expo 2017

Awareness-Raising & Service Delivery for Women from Fiji's Eastern Division

Monday, 12 June 2017

Studio 6, Off Waimanu Road, 1-3 Walu Street, Suva, Fiji

Programme

Time	Session	Facilitators
8.00am	Registration of participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNDP
8.45am	Welcome and introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (8.45am-8.55am) Welcome address (8.55am-9.00am) Workshop objectives (9.00am-9.15am) Screening of REACH overview video 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNDP & MWCPA
9.15am	REACH awareness-raising session: focus on gender-based violence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (9.15am-9.30pm) Dept. of Women, MWCPA (9.30am-9.45am) Dept. of Social Welfare, MWCPA (9.45am-9.55am) LAC Service Video (9.55am-10.10am) LAC (10.10am-10.25am) HRADC (10.25am-10.40am) Fiji Police Force 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MWCPA LAC HRADC Fiji Police Force
10.40am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (10.40am-10.55am) Address by Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation (10.55am-11.00am) Group photo with the Minister (11.00am-11.15am) Morning Tea 	
11.15am	REACH service-delivery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (11.15am-12.15pm) Service-delivery by MWCPA, LAC and HRADC (12.15pm-12.25pm) Introduction to post-survey questionnaire, UNDP (12.25pm-12.40pm) Administering post-survey questionnaire, UNDP (12.40pm-12.45pm) Concluding remarks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MWCPA LAC HRADC UNDP
12.45pm	(12.45pm-1.45pm) Lunch (1.45pm-2.00pm) Transport to the Parliament of Fiji	
2.00pm	Visit to the Parliament of Fiji <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (2.00pm-2.05pm) Assemble outside Parliament (2.05-2.10pm) In-house greeting by the Civic Staff (2.10pm-2.20pm) Tour of the chamber (2.20pm-2.50pm) Presentation on the role of the Parliament (2.50pm-3.00pm) Q&A session (3.00pm- 3.15pm) Meet an MP (TBC) (3.15pm-3.45pm) Tour of the Parliament Discovery Centre (3.45pm-4.15pm) Afternoon Tea with Mme. Secretary General (4.15pm-4.30pm) Group photo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNDP and Parliament



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The image shows the front cover of a programme for the Fiji National Women's Expo. The background is a dark purple with a pattern of lighter purple dots and large, stylized, overlapping shapes. At the top right, the text 'MINISTRY OF WOMEN, CHILDREN & POVERTY ALLEVIATION' is written in white. In the center, there is a circular graphic with a green background, featuring a white silhouette of a woman's head in profile, a pink flower, and the Fiji national flag. Below this graphic, the title 'FIJI NATIONAL Women's Expo' is written in white, with 'Women's Expo' in a larger font. Underneath the title is the slogan 'Be Empowered, Be the Change!' in a green, cursive font. A white rectangular box with a purple border contains the text 'OFFICIAL PROGRAMME' in purple. At the bottom, the dates '14th - 16th' are written in large green numbers, followed by 'JUNE 2017' in white. At the very bottom, 'Vodafone Arena, Suva' is written in white. In the bottom left corner, there is a logo for the Ministry of Women, Children & Poverty Alleviation, which consists of a white oval with a blue and green swoosh, three colored dots (blue, green, red), and a female symbol. Below the logo, the text 'MINISTRY OF WOMEN, CHILDREN & POVERTY ALLEVIATION' is written in white.

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Women's Expo
Be Empowered, Be the Change!

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

14th - 16th
JUNE 2017
Vodafone Arena, Suva

DAY 1

Wednesday
14th June

OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY—NATIONAL WOMEN'S EXPO 2017

9.00am	Participants & Invited Guests to be seated
9.25am	Arrival of the Chief Guest: H.E. The President of the Republic of Fiji Major General (Retired) Jioji Konusi Konrote
9.30am	Singing of the National Anthem
9.40am	Devotion Garland
9.50am	Welcome Address by the Minister for Women, Children & Poverty Alleviation - Hon. Mereseini Vuniwaqa
9.55am	Official Opening Address of the National Women's Expo by H.E. The President of the Republic of Fiji - Major General (Retired) Jioji Konusi Konrote
10.20am	Launch & Unveiling of the National Women's Expo Commemorative Stamp
10.30am	Vote of Thanks
10.40am	End of the Opening Ceremony - Tour by the Official Entourage - Morning Tea - Welcoming Entertainment
11.15am	Retirement of the Chief Guest & the Official Entourage
11.20am	Expo Open to the General Public Ministry of Health and Medical Services
12.30pm	Wellness Screening

NETWORK & INTERACTION SESSION (MAIN STAGE)

1.00pm - 1.30pm	Climate Change Information Session Permanent Secretary - Rural and Maritime Development and National Disaster Management, Mr. Meleti Bainimarama
1.45pm - 2.15pm	Human Trafficking Session - Pacific Dialogue, Ms. Kelera Karavakibau
2.30pm - 3.00pm	Fiji Women's Fund Information Session - DFAT, Ms. Michelle Reddy Side Events - Outside the Vodafone Arena
2.00pm	Afternoon Session (2.00pm - 3.30pm) a.) Women in Business Forum b.) REACH Services c.) Sewing / Maintenance d.) Flower Arrangement e.) Rocket Stove Training f.) Basic Beauty Therapy / Hair Salon
2.00pm	Press Conference - REACH Project Audience with the Minister of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, Counselor and Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Japan, Deputy Director Legal Aid Commission & Country Director and Head of Regional Policy and Programme UNDP Provincial Fun Segment
3.10pm	Entertainment by the Cakaudrove Women
3.25pm	Entertainment by the Bua Women
3.40pm	Entertainment by the Macuata Women

NETWORK & INTERACTION SESSION (MAIN STAGE)

4.00pm	Child Welfare Information Session, Assistant Director Child Services, Ela Tukutukulevu Provincial Fun Segment
4.45pm	Entertainment by the Ba Women
5.15pm	Entertainment by the Lau Women
5.45pm	Entertainment by the Naitasiri Women
7.45pm	END OF PROGRAMME—DAY 1

DAY 2

Thursday
15th June

9.00am	Expo Open to the General Public Side Events - Outside the Vodafone Arena
10.00am	Morning Session (10am - 12pm) a.) Career and Vocational Session b.) Floral Arrangement c.) REACH Programme d.) Sewing & Maintenance

NETWORK & INTERACTION SESSION (MAIN STAGE)

10.00am - 10.30am	Women in Entrepreneurship Session, Ms. Api Kurusiga
10.40am - 11.10am	NCD & Wellness Session - Ministry of Health & Medical Services, Dr. Isimeli Tukana
11.20am - 11.50am	Career and Vocational Session, Ministry of Education, Mrs. Reama Pareti

RURAL WOMEN FASHION SHOW SEGMENT

1.00pm	Welcome
1.10pm	Official Opening Address of the Rural Women Fashion Show by the Assistant Minister of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation - Hon. Veena Bhatnagar Welcome Entertainment by the Women of Rotuma Entertainment Segment from the Women of Ra Indonesian Cultural Show
1.20pm	Fashion Show - Traditional Category Entertainment Segment by the Banaban Women
1.30pm	- Casual Wear Category Entertainment Segment by the Tailevu Women
1.45pm	Fashion Show - Traditional Category - Casual Wear Category
2.45pm	End of the Rural Women Fashion Show
3.00pm	Provincial Fun Segment - Entertainment by the Nadroga/ Navosa Women - Entertainment by the Rewa Women
4.00pm	END OF PROGRAMME—DAY 2
5.30pm	
7.45pm	

DAY 3

Friday
16th June

9.00am	Expo Open to the General Public HANDING-OVER CEREMONY, FIJIAN CRAFTED LICENSE
10.00am	Welcome Remarks
10.05am	Official Address
10.10am	Presentation of the Fijian Crafted License Certificates Vote of Thanks End of the Programme
10.30am	Talanoa Session, Minister for Women, Children & Poverty Alleviation, Hon. Mereseini Vuniwaqa
10.45am	Side Events - Outside the Vodafone Arena
12.00pm	Mid Day Session (12pm—1pm) a.) Career and Vocational Session b.) Rocket Stove c.) REACH Programme d.) Women in Business
1.30pm	Afternoon Session (1.30pm—2.30pm) a.) Basic Beauty / Hair Therapy b.) Sewing Maintenance c.) Floral Arrangement

NETWORK & INTERACTION SESSION (MAIN STAGE)

12.00pm - 12.30pm	Senior Citizens Session - Department for Social Welfare, Ms. Dililitiana Baleinabuli
12.40pm - 1.10pm	Women with Disability Session, Ms. Mere Rodan Entertainment by the Lomaiviti Women
1.20pm	
2.00pm - 2.30pm	Legal Aid Commission Session, Mr. Seremaia Waqalnabete
2.40pm - 3.10pm	Census and Statistic Session, Email Sodaberg
3.30pm	Set-up for Closing Ceremony

OFFICIAL CLOSING CEREMONY—NATIONAL WOMEN'S EXPO 2017

5.50pm	Participants & Invited Guests to be seated
5.55pm	Arrival of the Chief Guest: Minister of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, Hon. Mereseini Vuniwaqa Devotion Welcome
6.00pm	Address by the Minister of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, Hon. Mereseini Vuniwaqa
6.10pm	Presentation of Prizes - Cultural Performance, Indonesian Embassy Provincial Fun Segment
6.15pm	Entertainment by the Serua Women Entertainment by the Namosi Women Entertainment by the Kadavu Women Vote of Thanks
6.40pm	END OF PROGRAMME—DAY 3
7.10pm	
7.20pm	
7.30pm	
7.30pm	
7.45pm	



PROJECT OVERVIEW

- PROJECT DURATION**
2015 - 2018
- PROJECT LOCATION**
Throughout Fiji
- PARTNERSHIP**
The Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, and the Legal Aid Commission
- TOTAL BUDGET**
USD2,885 million
- FUNDS**
Government of Japan and UNDP



REACH Mobile Service Delivery

The REACH Mobile Service Delivery Buses are custom designed and equipped in Fiji for effective service delivery. They cater for service delivery to all, including children, the elderly and people with disabilities, reaching out to rural and urban communities in Fiji to leave no one behind.

RIGHTS, EMPOWERMENT AND COHESION (REACH)

FOR RURAL AND URBAN
FIJIANS PROJECT

Reach the furthest behind first



The REACH Project aims to promote peace building, social cohesion and inclusiveness.

The Project conducts awareness-raising of the basic, economic and legal rights enshrined in the Constitution of the Republic of Fiji, provides access to the services associated with these rights, and also strengthens institutional capacity to deliver these services. A mobile service delivery approach is undertaken to reach communities throughout all of Fiji with the focus to reach the furthest behind first.








Sustainable Development Goals

The Fiji Government has endorsed the global Sustainable Development Goals which aim to ensure that no one will be left behind and endeavour to reach the furthest behind first.

At **Goal 16** there is commitment to promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels. At **Goal 5** there is commitment to achieving gender equality and empowerment of all women and girls.

The REACH Project supports the achievement of these goals.





The REACH Project aims

- Increased awareness in urban, rural and maritime communities, of constitutional rights in the areas of social and economic wellbeing and justice, focusing on legal aid, through the provision of mobile teams.
- Enhanced delivery of the services provided by the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, and the Legal Aid Commission through the provision of mobile teams visiting urban, rural and maritime communities.
- Strengthened capacity of the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, and the Legal Aid Commission through support to strategic planning, monitoring of results and support of coordination for effective and coordinated service delivery to urban, rural and maritime communities.
- Policy making informed and based on evidence through research and analysis on the relevant areas related to the empowerment of women and girls, promotion of peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provision of access to justice for all, and building effective, accountable and inclusive institutions.



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    D --> E[Support to and delivery of services]
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    E --> G[TO SUPPORT]
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KEY RESULTS

SEPTEMBER 2015 - MARCH 2017

- 2158 people (1591 women, 1378 men and 198 children) benefited from the REACH mobile awareness raising and service delivery.
- 180 communities in 28 districts in 10 provinces across Central, Eastern, Northern and Western Divisions received the REACH mobile awareness raising and service delivery.
- 3280 services (1530 women and 850 men) immediately provided in the communities by the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, the Legal Aid Commission, and the Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission.
- 180 women (88 women and 92 men) from the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, the Legal Aid Commission, the Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission and other key stakeholders further strengthened their capacity to undertake awareness raising and service delivery.

Annex 4

List of Media Coverage

(a) Online Coverage

Fiji Sun Online 16 June 2017	https://fijisun.com.fj/2017/06/16/reach-initiative-assists-in-accessibility-to-govt-services/ REACH Initiative Assists In Accessibility To Govt. Services
Fiji Times Online 14 June 2017	http://www.fijitimes.com/story.aspx?ref=archive&id=404557 Workshop for women
Fiji Village Online 13 June 2017	http://fijivillage.com/news/Over-500-women-to-participate-in-Fiji-Womens-Expo-95kr2s/ Over 500 women to participate in Fiji Women's Expo
Pacnews Digest 21 June 2017	http://www.pina.com.fj/index.php?p=pacnews&m=read&o=15289427035949cc5d105ed7616fee Empowering women to empower more people

(b) Articles in Daily Papers

Fiji Sun 16 June 2017	REACH initiative assists in accessibility to govt. services
Fiji Sun 13 June 2017	Support our women, Vuniwaqa appeals
Fiji Sun 13 June 2017	Workshop prepares women for show

Annex 5

Articles published on the UNDP Pacific Website

(a) <http://bit.ly/2ry6wAJ>

(b) <http://bit.ly/2tL6FCO>

Empowering Women to Empower More People



*Women participants who have successfully completed the workshop by the REACH Project
Photo: UNDP/Tomoko Kashiwazaki*

A hundred women from Fiji's Eastern Division were able to access social, economic and legal services and increase their awareness on the rights enshrined in the Constitution of the Republic of Fiji during a workshop recently organized in Suva. The workshop was coordinated by the Rights, Empowerment and Cohesion (REACH) for Rural and Urban Fijians Project implemented by the UNDP Pacific Office in Fiji in partnership with the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, and the Legal Aid Commission with support from the Government of Japan and UNDP.

The workshop aimed to empower women by providing opportunities to access information and services for the women who came from maritime communities of Lau, Kadavu, Lomaiviti and Rotuma who have particular challenge to do so due to their geographical locations.

They had the opportunity to strengthen their knowledge on issues they are concerned about such as gender equality and gender based violence. The women were also provided with individual services by the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, Legal Aid Commission, Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission and Fiji Police Force to become empowered to address their issues of concern.

The Rotuma Women's Association President, Marieta Tiuhe'a said, "The social welfare services, legal aid services, information on the issue on child abuse and other information that was shared during the REACH programme was an eye-opener for us. It was very informative."

"We, 14 of us, are privileged to be part of the programme today. We don't have many chances to have this kind of awareness raising so we will share what we learned today with our people back home," she added.

Head of the Nabukelevu District of the Kadavu Province, Livia Mariwa, found the REACH service delivery a good opportunity to obtain necessary information to assist elderly women in her women's club.

“In the rural area, we have limited opportunity to access information and services. I found the REACH programme is the chance for us to do so. It will assist for the needs of our elders who are the foundation of our women’s club.”

“I am getting information on how to obtain assistance so they can benefit from those services such as bus/boat fare assistance and social pension scheme,” she added.

Providing the opportunity for women to have increased knowledge and access to information and services then enables women to support others who need assistance. Empowering women will result in empowering more people through them and further support gender equality which is a crucial condition for sustainable development.

The participants made their travel from their respective island communities to Suva to attend the Fiji National Women’s EXPO 2017 organized by the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation from 14 to 16 June 2017.



Women welcomed by Fiji’s Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, Hon. Mereseini Vuniwaqa (sitting, centre).

Photo: UNDP/Joeli Uluinayau.

The women were warmly welcomed to the workshop by Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, Hon. Mereseini Vuniwaqa.

“You, the women of the Eastern Division, from the provinces of Lau, Kadavu, Lomaiviti and Rotuma have travelled days ahead of the National Women’s Expo from so far away,” said Hon. Vuniwaqa.

“Rural women are leaders, entrepreneurs and service providers, and their contributions are vital to the well-being of families, communities and economies, and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

“We saw this time as an opportune one to bring to you essential services under the coordination of the REACH Project.” The Minister also raised the issue on gender based violence as one of the most severe obstacle in the empowerment of women and identified the efforts made by the Government and communities to eradicate the violence, including the recently launched national domestic violence helpline.

“Gender based Violence is one of the most severe, detrimental, and inhumane obstacle in the empowerment of women. One thing we have understood well, is that gender based violence is a result of gender inequality.

She added, “I wish to remind you that it is your right to be safe, protected and to have access to justice through legal services. I hope you have taken good note of the services that are available for you and all Fijian women and that you will help anyone in need with relevant information regarding these services.”

UNDP Programme Manager for Access to Justice, Rule of Law and Human Rights, Christine Fowler, said, “As of 12 June 2017, 4775 people have benefitted from the REACH Project awareness raising and service delivery of which 2326 are women. Also, 3428 services have been accessed by people including 2158 services provided to women by the REACH team comprised

of the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, Legal Aid Commission and Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission”.

The Government has endorsed the global Sustainable Development Goals which aim to ensure that no one will be left behind and endeavor to reach the furthest behind first. Goal 16 is a commitment to promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels. For Goal 5, there is commitment to achieve gender equality and empowerment of all women and girls. The REACH Project supports the achievement of these goals.

By Tomoko Kashiwazaki, Communications & Advocacy, UNDP Pacific Office

Be Empowered, Be the Change



*Amelia Diwabu (left) was grateful to be part of the Fiji National Women's Expo and spoke on the benefits of the REACH Project
(Photo: UNDP/Tomoko Kashiwazaki)*

Empowering a woman empowers a nation – this was recognized by women who were present at the recent Fiji National Women's Expo and had the opportunity to access social, economic and legal services provided by the Rights, Empowerment and Cohesion (REACH) for Rural and Urban Fijians Project.

Akanisi Tawa, President of Natogo Wise Women's Club, Tavua, Western Division found an opportunity to apply for a 'Care and Protection' support through REACH mobile services at the Expo.

"I am a mother of four children and also a grandmother. I sell vegetables at Tavua market and some handicrafts through our women's club. Those are our source of income, which is barely enough to support my family," she said.

"I was explained the documents required to apply for the assistance. And then I was assisted by a Legal Aid Commission officer immediately and provided with further assistance. I was given the statutory declaration to submit for my application".

"I am hopeful that my application will be accepted this time. I am glad that I took the opportunity provided through the REACH Project," she smiled.

Empowering women has a positive impact on their families and communities at large. Access to information, social, economic and legal services gives Fijian women a sense of boldness towards change.

The Expo organized by the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, brought women artisans to Suva, the capital city of Fiji and provided the platform to showcase their handicrafts and other products with the objective to promote their talent and provide them with access to new marketing opportunities. It included information and awareness raising sessions on health awareness and check-ups, financial products and climate change.

475 artisan women from the Western, Northern, Eastern, and Central Divisions of Fiji, many of whom are from rural and remote maritime communities, are now confident to make a positive change in their lives after the Expo.

Women and visitors at the Expo were able to meet and consult officers from the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, Legal Aid Commission and Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission who were part of the REACH mobile service team. The REACH Bus, also referred to as a 'mobile office' was showcased at the Expo and used by the team to deliver REACH services to remote and rural communities.

Women were also informed of their constitutional rights through videos featured in three languages - English, iTaukei and Hindi.

Mr. Seremaia K Waqainabete, the Deputy Director, Legal Aid Commission said, "During these outreach programs, the Legal Aid Commission has been providing services such as free legal advice, information on the rights of citizens under the Constitution, free witnessing of documents like birth certificates, academic transcripts, as well as assist in the filling of legal aid application forms for those seeking assistance."

Ameria Diwabau was another who made a positive step to improve her situation.

"I am from Mudu Village in Koro Island. The Tropical Cyclone Winston was devastating and destroyed my house, and so I currently stay in Suva with my four children and parents."

"The officer advised me what documents I need to submit to apply for the family assistance so I could continue sending my children to school as well as looking after my parents. I like this service provided while we are here."

Hon. Mereseini Vuniwaqa, Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation talked to women and said, "It is very important that in times where we are striving to promote women's economic empowerment, we create an equitable enabling environment for our women."

"Under the coordination of the REACH Project, we saw this time as an opportune to bring to you essential services that you may not be able to easily access," she added.

Mr. Ashwin Raj, the Director of Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission, who took part in the awareness raising activities with the women participants, encouraged them, "Every Fijian has the right to know exactly what these rights are and how to access institutions to be able to materialize those rights as well as where to seek redress when those rights have been impinged upon."

During Expo 82 people (70 women and 12 men), accessed the services on the REACH Bus and 79 people (67 women and 12 men) acquired information and assistance at the desk during the three days of the Expo.

Mr. Bakhodir Burkhanov, Country Director and Head of Pacific Regional Policy and Programme, UNDP Pacific Office in Fiji reported the result to-date, "the REACH mobile service delivery has reached 4,775 people in 48 districts across 11 of the 15 provinces in Northern, Eastern, Central and Western Divisions, on a mission to raise awareness of the social, economic and legal services available."

Mr. Tsuguyoshi Hada Chargé d'Affaires a.i., Embassy of Japan, said, "Japan is happy with the overall progress of the REACH project since it started in 2015. I am very pleased to see that the REACH Project is a key sponsor of the Fiji National Women's Expo 2017. This is a practical contribution by the REACH Project, in line with its core objectives, which is to empower the women of Fiji."

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals launched on 1 January 2016 with 17 goals, addresses the needs of people in both developed and developing countries - emphasizing that "No one should be left behind". The REACH project will contribute particularly to achieving Goal 5: Achieving gender equality and empowering all women and girls and Goal 16: Promoting just, peaceful and inclusive societies.

The REACH Project aims to promote peace building, social cohesion and inclusiveness through awareness of rights, access to services, provision of legal advice and institutional capacity building in Fiji. The project is implemented by the UNDP Pacific Office in Fiji in partnership with the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, and the Legal Aid Commission with support from the Government of Japan and UNDP.

By Adebimpe M. Femi-Oyewo, Intern, UNDP Pacific Office

Annex 6

Facebook Posts by UNDP Pacific

UNDP in the Pacific and PNG 18 hrs · 🌐

Women from Kadavu, Lau, Lomaiviti and Rotuma participated in awareness raising session on GBV, child abuse, gender equality and others with REACH team of Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, Legal Aid Commission, Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission and UNDP prior to the Women's EXPO 2017.



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and they had opportunities to access social, economic and legal services at the REACH workshop.



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REACH bus was made available for delivering services for participants and visitors during the Fiji Women's EXPO 2017.



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Legal Aid services were provided also at the booth inside the EXPO venue. Enquiries made, applications submitted, statutory declarations written, etc.



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Twitter Posts by UNDP Pacific

tomoko kashiwazaki Retweeted
Joeli Uluinayau @uluji_joe · Jun 11
 Awareness Raising & Service Delivery to #Fiji Women Expo in Eastern Division supported by @UNDP_Pacific @JapanGov

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11 June 2017 <http://bit.ly/2sussy3>

Tevita Dawai @tubinawaqa09 · Jun 11
 Team FijiREACH reaching out to Women from the Eastern Division in Suva 4 Women Expo @UNDP_Pacific @JapanGov

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11 June 2017 <http://bit.ly/2rPvuuv>

BakhodirUNDP @BakhodirUNDP · Jun 13
 At #Fiji #Women's Expo in #Suva w/ @PresidentFiji and Min. Vuniwaqa in attendance: @UN_Pasifika agencies & partners are proud supporters

Republic of Fiji, UNDP Pacific & PNG, Emily V. Moli and 2 others

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13 June 2017 <http://bit.ly/2suoFk1>

BakhodirUNDP @BakhodirUNDP · Jun 13
 500 women from all over #Fiji bring an impressive range of products to Women's Expo: Traditional arts, crafts and even artisanal chocolate!

You, Republic of Fiji, UN in the Pacific and 5 others

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13 June 2017 <http://bit.ly/2sQLiSg>

BakhodirUNDP @BakhodirUNDP · Jun 13
 #FijiREACH team leads @UNDP_Pacific support for the #Women's Expo in #Suva: Helping remote communities access much needed services

You, UNDP Pacific & PNG, tomoko kashiwazaki and 3 others

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13 June 2017 <http://bit.ly/2skHdF1>

BakhodirUNDP @BakhodirUNDP · Jun 13
 Pleasure to join Min. Vuniwaqa, @HRADCFiji Director, #LAC and #Japan Embassy partners to mark another #FijiREACH milestone #WomensExpo

You, Republic of Fiji, MOFA of Japan and 5 others

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13 June 2017 <http://bit.ly/2sQObmj>



Ria S @Ria1S1 · Jun 13

Now happening! #Fiji #WomensExpo 2017. 500 #craftswomen showcasing their wares. #REACH presence too! Come one & all #SDG5 @UNDP_Pacific



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13 June 2017 <http://bit.ly/2rPsfmR>



Ria S @Ria1S1 · Jun 13

At #Fiji #WomensExpo 2017: @UNV_Pacific presence, for engaging #youth. @UNDP_Pacific #SDGs #empoweryouth



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13 June 2017 <http://bit.ly/2ry3GeU>



Tevita Dawai @tubinawaqa09 · Jun 13

UNDP Pacific Office Country Director providing his statement at Fiji Women Expo 2017-Being Empowered for Change @UNDP_Pacific



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13 June 2017 <http://bit.ly/2suxL0f>



Ria S @Ria1S1 · Jun 13

Now #FijiREACH Press Conf@ #WomensExpo 2017! Minister and dignitaries in presence, before #women #entrepreneurs @UNDP_Pacific @BakhodirUNDP



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13 June 2017 <http://bit.ly/2sk3pcd>



Tevita Dawai @tubinawaqa09 · Jun 13

Vnaka na volunteers at the Women Expo 2017 for your support #VolunteersWeek2017 #SDGadvocates @UNDP_Pacific



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13 June 2017 <http://bit.ly/2sudAje>



Tevita Dawai @tubinawaqa09 · Jun 13

FijiREACH at the Women Expo Event 2017 where more 1000 people were reached! @UNDP_Pacific @JapanGov



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13 June 2017 <http://bit.ly/2skLEQh>

Ria S @Ria1S1 · Jun 13
 #FijiREACH at #WomensExpo 2017: touring the #buses for #servicedelivery #SDGs #WomensEmpowerment @UNDP_Pacific

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13 June 2017 <http://bit.ly/2sQY6sa>

NayacalevuF @NayacalevuF · Jun 13
 #FijiREACH project press conference now at the National Women's Expo 2017. #SDG5 #NWE2017 #Rights #Empowerment #socialcohesion

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13 June 2017 <http://bit.ly/2sMPqDv>

tomoko kashiwazaki @tomokoUNV · Jun 15
 Services are explained n provided by the Legal Aid at its booth inside the Women's EXPO right now! #FijiREACH

UNDP Pacific & PNG, Setaita Tavanabola and Emily V. Moli

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15 June 2017 <http://bit.ly/2tHBqak>

Ria S @Ria1S1 · Jun 15
 At #WomensExpo2017: #UNDP #FijiREACH team meets Pres. of Fiji, together with Minister & dignitaries. #SDG5 #GlobalGoals #WomenInBusiness

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15 June 2017 <http://bit.ly/2rPRROJ>

tomoko kashiwazaki @tomokoUNV · Jun 16
 Follow-ups between Social Welfare and Legal Aid resulted in solving a long-time problem a woman had. @UNDP brings them together. #FijiREACH

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16 June 2017 <http://bit.ly/2tmCPUB>

tomoko kashiwazaki @tomokoUNV · Jun 16
 LegalAid Comm + SocialWelfare + HRs Comm + Japan + @UNDP empower youths through #FijiREACH mobile service delivery bit.ly/2swuIXt

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16 June 2017 <http://bit.ly/2sN3hJS>



tomoko kashiwazaki @tomokoUNV · Jun 16
 Workshop, Expo Aim To Empower Women bit.ly/2tuJfzj @UNDP_Pacific
 supports women from maritime communities in Fiji #FijiREACH



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16 June 2017 <http://bit.ly/2suzfzf>



Viliame Vocevuka @VocevukaViliame · Jun 11
 Women from the Eastern division during Women's Expo today with #FijiREACH
 team and Ministry for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation.



You, tomoko kashiwazaki and UNDP Pacific & PNG

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11 June 2017 <http://bit.ly/2rPzmMa>



Ria S @Ria1S1 · Jun 15
 Minister Vuniwaqa closes the #WomensExpo2017 in #Fiji after 3 fruitful &
 enjoyable days #empoweringwomen #SDG5 #womenentrepreneurs



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