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Executive Summary

The Rights, Empowerment and Cohesion for Rural and Urban Fijians (REACH) project aims to strengthen and promote sustainable and democratic governance by adopting a peaceful, socially cohesive, and socially inclusive approach. The project commenced in June 2015 and an Inception Report was produced for the period June to December 2015.

During 2016 there was overall progress towards the project's development objectives, however this was not to the level as expected due to Tropical Cyclone Winston, a category 5 cyclone (highest category), which severely impacted on Fiji in February 2016.

During 2016 the main achievements were the continued awareness raising and service delivery missions being undertaken by the REACH teams; comprised of the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation (MWCPA), Legal Aid Commission (LAC), and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) providing the coordination and monitoring; expanded from the pilot location of Northern Division to very remote communities in Eastern and Central Divisions reaching 1,034 people (Women:504 and Men:530), institutional strengthening and gender equality and empowerment activities involving 99 people (Women:51 and Men:48); the design and build in Fiji of the three Mobile Service Delivery Buses with one bus launched in December 2016; and the writing and commencement of production of a set of awareness raising videos on topics of service delivery in three languages to be used during outreach activities. A further achievement was the interest and agreement of the Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission to join in with outreach activities, building an even strong cross-institutional partnership for project implementation.

The main challenge for project implementation was the availability of stakeholders to undertake outreach activities due to important higher priorities related to the recovery and ongoing support to government activities (such as Help for Homes) being implemented in response to Tropical Cyclone Winston. Given the limited availability of the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation teams for outreach missions, when missions were planned they were targeted towards the most remote locations, which requires considerable logistical planning and coordination, to ensure maximum impact for the most vulnerable.

Situational Background

UNDP maintains a successful and track record in supporting Fiji at both the country-level and regional governance-related programming on issues related to parliamentary development, civic education, local governance, human security and youth leadership. Following the return to parliamentary democracy in 2014, opportunities for UNDP's engagement in the field of governance emerged in Fiji. The REACH project addresses the development challenge of strengthening and promoting sustainable and democratic governance through a peaceful, socially cohesive, and socially inclusive approach. The REACH project supports key government agencies in becoming more effective and accountable in their provision of greater transparency and justice through the rule of law (SDG 16), whilst promoting the rights of women (SDG 5) and the youth.

The project primarily works with the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation (MWCPA) and the Legal Aid Commission (LAC) seeking to achieve the following key results:

- Increased awareness in urban informal and rural communities of constitutional rights social and economic wellbeing and justice, focusing on legal aid, through the provision of mobile teams.
- Enhanced delivery of services provided by the MWCPA and the LAC through the provision of mobile teams visiting urban informal and rural communities.
- Strengthened capacity of the MWCPA and the LAC through support to strategic planning, monitoring of results, and support of coordination for effective and coordinated service delivery to urban informal and rural communities.
- Informed policymaking based on evidence through research and analysis on the relevant areas related to 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.

There were no substantial changes in the development context during 2016 that affected the project rationale or strategic approach of the project. The changes made to the project following the Inception Period, to focus the overall scope of the project, proved beneficial in 2016 in enabling an even stronger focus and partnership by all stakeholders on working towards the key results and broadening the range of options and funds available for the Mobile Service Delivery Buses.

Results and Achievements – Output 1: Capacity Building for Peace Building and Social Cohesion on Democratic Governance, Access to Justice, Rule of Law, Human Rights and Gender Equality

Key results:

Capacity Building undertaken and operational coordination support provided to enable MWCPA and LAC to raise awareness of social, economic and social rights as provided under the Constitution of Fiji and deliver the associated services, thereby strengthening support for democratic governance; and design and build of 3 mobile units commenced, with one mobile unit launched.

Output 1 Indicators	AWP Activity Results	Annual Target, Status and Progress
Indicator 1. Number of mobile units procured to improve service delivery.	Activity Result 1.1. Supporting rural and urban settlements service delivery for women and vulnerable groups through putting up mobile units for legal and other services and advice.	Target 1: 3 mobile units procured and in operation. Achievement: Not Achieved. Procurement of 3 Mobile Service Delivery buses commenced. The launch of one of the mobile service delivery units took place in December 2016. In relation to the mobile service delivery units, three buses were ordered (2 x 11.5 meter and 1

<p>Indicator 2. % of total number of Districts in each Division in Fiji reached for awareness raising by joint mobile teams (disaggregated by Divisions and Provinces).</p>		<p>x 9 meter) at a total cost USD 440,000 including VAT. Also, other costs were related to signage, inside items such as projectors, printers, laminating machines, plus also what Ministry is providing (laptops). The design focus was for mobile service delivery, essentially a mobile office. It is not a transportation vehicle for large groups. The design focus was also on eco-friendly with full environmental considerations taken into account.</p> <p>From period of the Project Board's decision in December 2015, there was then the UNDP internal processes for a waiver of an international competitive process to ensure the "Fijian Made" stamp which was completed by February 2016. As this was a design process, there was two-step procurement process. The first step involved an Expression of Interest conducted between March and April 2016. From this, the design and 'market and indicative prices were tested' (resulting in change from 4WD to 2WD) and two Fijian companies selected. The second step was the Invitation to Bid, conducted between May to June 2016. P.A. Lal Coachwork was selected, then contract negotiations took place, with the contract awarded August 2016. The Chassis from overseas arrived in late September 2016, and the first bus was completed in early December 2016, with a small ceremony undertaken on 15 December. Following this, a contract amendment related to two matters was made; first a stakeholder request for buses to have air-conditioning, and the second requirement for the payment of VAT.</p> <p>Target 2: 50% of Districts in Northern, Western and Central Provinces reached for awareness-raising by joint teams undertaking mobile outreach services.</p> <p>Achievement: Not Achieved.</p> <p>6% (12 out of 196) Districts in Northern, Central, Western and Eastern Divisions reached for awareness raising by joint mobile teams. All data in attached data analysis report.</p>
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<p><u>Indicator 3.</u> Number of people participating in awareness raising sessions conducted by joint teams undertaking mobile outreach services (disaggregated by sex).</p> <p><u>Indicator 4.</u> Number of people (disaggregated by district and sex) provided</p>		<p>Planning meetings were undertaken in February 2016 in Lautoka for missions to commence in the Western Division, however all missions were suspended due to TC Winston. All missions across all of Fiji were put on hold until July 2016, due to focus of stakeholders on higher priority service delivery related directly to recovery operations for TC Winston. During the period of three months, when no missions were conducted, the focus was on the procurement process for the mobile service delivery units, conduct of a workshop, and production of outreach awareness videos. The Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission joined REACH missions from July 2016 onwards.</p> <p>Between June to December 2016, 19 days of awareness-raising on economic, social and legal rights and service delivery to Northern, Central and Eastern (maritime) Divisions.</p> <p>6% (12 out of 196) Districts reached for awareness raising by joint mobile teams. 66 communities from 12 different Districts in 4 Provinces across three Divisions. [Northern Division: 5 out of 37 Districts (35%). Central Division: 3 out of 56 Districts (5%). Eastern Division: 4 out of 41 Districts (10%)].</p> <p><u>Target 3:</u> 4,000 people participating in awareness raising sessions conducted by joint teams undertaking mobile outreach services.</p> <p><u>Achievement:</u> Not Achieved.</p> <p>Awareness raising was conducted for 1,034 people (Women: 504 (49%); Men: 530 (51%). 82% of participants reported increased awareness.</p> <p><u>Target 4:</u> 2,500 people provided with service delivery by joint teams undertaking mobile outreach services.</p> <p><u>Achievement:</u> Not Achieved.</p>
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<p>with service delivery (disaggregated by nature of service and institution delivery the service) by joint teams undertaking mobile outreach services.</p>		<p>Services were immediately delivered to 841 people (Women: 454 (54%); Men 387 (46%)). Department of Women 181 services [168 women and 13 men], Department of Social Welfare 447 services [221 women and 226 men], Legal Aid Commission 180 services [55 women and 125 men] and Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission 33 services [10 women and 23 men] joint teams undertaking mobile outreach services.</p> <p>Significant that 81% of people who partook in awareness raising accessed a service. Noting this target was only partly achieved, it is relevant to know that high numbers are important, the focus of REACH however is to go to communities that are the most remote, which takes considerable logistical planning and coordination.</p>
	<p>Activity Result 1.2: Undertake capacity building for women and youth on peace-building, social cohesion and other development issues at national and sub-national levels.</p>	<p>Achievement: Undertaken as part of activities under Activity Result 1.1.</p>
<p>Indicator 5. Number of participants in trainings related to general awareness topics, strategic planning and awareness raising skills (disaggregated by sex, topic, districts or organisations).</p>	<p>Activity Result 1.3: Support key government institutions such as the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, with strategic planning, coordination with relevant line ministries for effective and coordinated service delivery to urban informal and rural communities.</p>	<p>Target 5: 100 participants in awareness and capacity building trainings.</p> <p>Achievement: Partly Achieved.</p> <p>99 participants (51 women and 48 men) in five institutional capacity strengthening workshops conducted under <u>Activity Results 1.3 and 1.4.</u></p> <p>Workshops have been undertaken on building parties' capacities for dialogue and service delivery to ensure the engagement of women, youth and excluded groups through skills workshops on public legal awareness raising utilising interactive teaching methods that involved 13 people (11 women, 2 men) from all four provinces across Fiji from the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation. 1.5 days were dedicated to each workshop. 100% participants reported achievement of the workshop aims.</p> <p>A workshop was undertaken on building parties' capacities for dialogue and service delivery to</p>

		<p>ensure the engagement of women, youth and excluded groups through skills workshops on public legal awareness-raising that involved 60 people (29 women, 31 men) from all four provinces across Fiji from the Legal Aid Commission. 1.5 days was dedicated to each workshop. 100% of the participants reported achievement of workshop aims.</p> <p>One day versions of the workshop were also undertaken with two other groups. First, 5 people (3 women, 2 men) from University of South Pacific and Fiji National University; second, 8 people (4 women, 4 men) from the Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission and University of Fiji.</p> <p>All workshops included presentations on <u>women's access to justice</u> and the examination and discussion of the CEDAW July 2015 'General recommendations on women's access to justice' and how these recommendations could be addressed during awareness sessions, with the focus on the recommendations made in relation to 'D. Education and awareness-raising on impact of stereotypes' and 'E. Legal aid and public defence'. In relation to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, also included presentations on SDGs with a particular focus on 5 and 16.</p> <p>At the end of all of the above workshops, the participants were able to demonstrate significantly enhanced legal rights awareness raising skills, sensitive to the needs of women's access to justice, with a focus on interactive teaching and learning methods and also providing draft presentations that could potentially be utilized for awareness-raising to various groups in Fiji.</p> <p>Conducted six days of workshops with the Legal Aid Commission covering 13 people (4 women and 9 men, including Director and Deputy Directors, from North, Central and Western) for the consultative development of the Legal Aid Commission's Strategic Plan covering five years and baseline Functional Review. The plan was developed in line with United Nations Principles and Guidelines on Access to Justice in Criminal Justice System for best practice and also with</p>
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		respect to SDGs 5 and 16. Since development, the Strategic Plan has been updated with baseline data for 2016, and priorities and strategies identified under the plan are being undertaken.
Indicator 6. Number of assessments, strategies, SOPs, Code of Conduct, communications products or systems that are gender responsive and meet human rights standards, developed or revised.	Activity Result 1.4: Support to strengthening the capacity of the Legal Aid Commission to improve access to justice in urban informal and rural communities.	Target 6: Two strategies, SOPs, reports or systems developed or revised each year. Achievement: Achieved. 2 products developed, 1 Legal Aid Commission Strategic Plan and 1 Toolkit for Awareness Raising that are gender responsive and meet human rights standards developed or revised. Legal Aid Commission Strategic Plan not published in 2016. In support of mobile services production of awareness videos, one overview video and seven special topic videos being produced. All videos full scripted in in 3 languages (Fiji vernacular, Hindi and English). Key information-communication materials, including brochures, factsheets and banners, have been developed and disseminated and showcased. Government of Japan visibility was well-profiled throughout 2016 in all materials produced.

Results and Achievements – Output 2: Support Research and Analysis for evidence-based policy making to support access to justice, gender empowerment and legal equality

Key results:

Dedicated senior level technical advisory and analysis support provided to LAC which supported progress towards new LAC initiatives such as early access to justice and development of client information officers.

Output 2 Indicators	AWP Activity Results	Annual Target, Status and Progress
Indicator 1. Dedicated policy advisory and analysis undertaken on ongoing basis targeting women and vulnerable	Activity Result 2.1: Undertake policy research and analysis on access to justice and legal empowerment of vulnerable and disadvantaged groups and those in remote areas.	Target 1: Legal Aid capacity assessment, research and technical advice undertaken. Achievement: Achieved. As part of the process for the development and finalization of the LAC Strategic Plan consultative (internal and external stakeholders) capacity assessment undertaken

group access to legal aid.		of current LAC operations and services. Senior level technical support and analysis services provided to Legal Aid Commission throughout 2016, incorporating focus on women and vulnerable groups access to legal aid, international best practice for the provision of legal aid, early access to legal aid services in criminal justice systems and the further development options for client information officers (paralegals).
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Results and Achievements – Output 3: Project Management and effective Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) is applied to enhance project results

Key results:
 Effective project management achieved, with during the year a reduction of approximately 30% to the total UNDP staffing costs for this project undertaken. Staff are being shared across projects, which also provides the benefit of a broader skill set, with involvement of experienced national staff and specialist national UN Volunteers providing increased services.

Output 3 Indicators	AWP Activity Results	Annual Target, Status and Progress
<p>Indicator 1. Number of Project Staff recruited and trained.</p>	<p>Activity Result 3.1: Project is managed effectively and key results achieved and reported.</p>	<p>Target 1: Project staff recruited and operating effectively.</p> <p>Achievement: Achieved.</p> <p>Re-alignment of staffing towards the end of 2016 and recruitments commenced and to be finalized in early 2017, was undertaken through careful analysis and adjustment within UNDP, and sharing with the Fiji Access to Justice Project. The result was a reduction of approximately 30% to the total UNDP staffing costs for this project, and obtaining a broader skill set across the projects (experienced national staff and specialist national UN Volunteers), providing increased services and flexibility. Recruitments commenced in 2016, such as for the National Outreach Officer, to be finalized in early 2017.</p> <p>Now funded under REACH: 30% International Project Manager, 30% National Project Officer, 30% National Finance and Programme Assistant, 100% National Outreach Officer (to be recruited), 100% two National UNV positions, and 100% International Advocacy and Communication Specialist under individual contract.</p>

<p><u>Indicator 2.</u> Inception Report Completed.</p> <p><u>Indicator 3.</u> Number of Board meetings conducted effectively.</p> <p><u>Indicator 4.</u> Timelines of reporting.</p>		<p><u>Target 2:</u> Annual Report completed and considered by Project Board.</p> <p><u>Achievement:</u> Partially achieved. 2016 reported drafted to be finalized in 2017.</p> <p><u>Target 3:</u> Project Board Meetings conducted effectively.</p> <p><u>Achievement:</u> Partially achieved. Project Board Meetings conducted in December 2015. Due to inability to establish mutually acceptable date in late 2016 amongst all stakeholders planning for Project Board meeting in March 2017.</p> <p><u>Target 4:</u> Timelines of reporting.</p> <p><u>Achievement:</u> Achieved. Regular meetings and e-mail updates with all stakeholders undertaken.</p> <p><u>Visibility:</u> Government of Japan visibility was well-profiled throughout 2016 (see related section on “Visibility” as below) through all materials produced, during outreach missions, during the Japan Development Cooperation Tour on 18-19 February 2016 with 31 participants (Women: 9; Men: 22) from the Fiji Government, Government of Japan, Embassy of Japan, Japan International Cooperation Agency, Overseas Fisheries Co-operation Foundation of Japan Fiji Office, and Fijian media. The REACH bus launch on 15 December 2016 also provided good visibility opportunities. Website articles and media have been developed in relation to the above and other key REACH-led events.</p>
<p><u>Indicator 5.</u> Project follows UNDP POPP guidelines on Project evaluation.</p>	<p><u>Activity Result 3.2.</u> Independent Project Evaluations</p>	<p><u>Target 5:</u> Project follows UNDP POPP guidelines on Project evaluation.</p> <p><u>Achievement:</u> Achieved.</p> <p>Project team undertakes ongoing evaluations of all field work and this is reported in the Back to Office Reports. No external project evaluations planned for 2016.</p>

Challenges and Responses

Tropical Cyclone Winston resulted in implementation delays for the project, as the time and resources of partner organizations were diverted to important response and immediate and longer-term recovery actions. Therefore, field missions undertaken were limited. In this period, until missions were resumed with regularity, the focus for the project was on the design and procurement process for the mobile service delivery buses, conduct of institutional capacity strengthening workshops, and the design and production of REACH awareness videos. To further address this challenge, it will be proposed to the Project Board that the project be extended at no cost by six months to December 2018 to provide for maximum flexibility for implementation, flexibility for potential other resource mobilisation, and flexibility for any other events that may put temporary hold on outreach activities.

The planning and organisation of missions to Eastern Division (maritime) proved to be extremely challenging. Intensive coordination was required by UNDP for all the involved partners and organizations to be able to participate in, and conduct, these missions. The original plans had the team travelling by boat and also coordinating activities with other awareness programmes undertaken by the MWCPA. However, weather conditions in relation to travel by boat and alignment with available timelines of other MWCPA awareness raising teams proved extremely difficult to obtain an agreed time. Planning was attempted throughout 2016, with eventually the mission successfully undertaken in December 2016 using air transport and undertaken as a standalone mission. The practice of standalone missions will be adopted throughout 2017 to ensure effective outreach to maritime communities.

Contribution to longer-term results

Progress under Output 1, and the supporting mechanisms under Output 3, are contributing towards the project development objective of strengthening and promoting sustainable democratic governance through supporting key government agencies in the delivery of social, economic and legal rights provided under the Constitution of Fiji. The project is reaching remote areas across Fiji where previously communities have not been fully aware of their rights and the associated availability of government services. Through the provision of the combination of awareness and then immediate service delivery in the areas of social, economic and legal rights during the outreach missions the project is directly supporting potential social and economic changes in people's lives. The project has also further fostered and supported the institutional capacity of both MWCPA and LAC to reach the most remote areas and increase the provision of services to the most vulnerable. The coordination for the arrangement for joint mobile team missions to ensure meaningful engagement with local communities and also strong local ownership is extremely time intensive as it represents a new approach to service delivery in Fiji. The project is working towards the fine tuning of best practice and innovative models to ensure the sustainability of this approach.

Cross Cutting Issues

Gender Mainstreaming

During institutional capacity development of partners, the topics of gender equality and women's access to justice have been addressed. For example, these have been examined and discussed through presentations covering the CEDAW July 2015 'General recommendations on women's access to justice', and how these recommendations could be addressed during awareness sessions, focussing on the recommendations made in relation to 'D. Education and awareness-raising on impact of stereotypes' and 'E. Legal aid and public defence', and presentations on SDGs with a focus on SDG 5 covering Gender Equality.

During each awareness-raising presentation delivered to communities, and as part of women's empowerment, an overview of the Fiji National Women's Plan of Action is presented to participants. In particular, covering five areas of concern under the plan including formal sector employment and livelihood, equal participation in decision-making, elimination of violence against women and children, access to basic services, and women and the law. The MWCPA also includes in their presentations at community level information about the MWCPA longer programme on elimination of violence against women and children, incorporating the Zero Tolerance Violence Free Communities initiative undertaken with a range of stakeholders such as Fiji Police Force and NGOs. Also, one of the policies of the MWCPA, the Fiji National Gender Policy provides a framework for including gender perspectives in activities of government and civil society. Following each workshop and awareness-raising activity, a question and answer session ensues where participants are encouraged to raise issues and seek guidance.

Key statistics from awareness-raising activities are as follows. Women and men had an almost equal access to mobile services (Women: 504; Men: 530). 49% of the people who accessed mobile services were women, whilst 51% were men. Mobile service delivery varied, dependent upon the concerned agency. Men accessed more legal assistance than women (Women: 55, Men: 125), while women gained more services from the Department of Women (Women: 168; Men: 13). The Department of Social Welfare provided assistance to an almost equal number in both genders (Women: 221, Men: 226). There were 35 inquiries (Women: 33; Men: 2) regarding gender based violence (GBV) during dispensation of mobile services in 2016 and these were addressed on a case by case basis.

Partnerships

MWCPA and LAC continued to provide staff to undertake outreach missions and vehicles of each agency were agreed to be used for mobile services. The Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission (HRADC) joined REACH missions from July 2016 onwards.

Visibility

The visibility of the Government of Japan’s contribution to the REACH project has been carried out through the information-communication materials produced, as detailed in this section.

It is especially noteworthy to mention that the REACH project is mentioned in the Hon. Minister Rosy Akbar’s foreword in the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation’s Annual Corporate Plan 2016: *“Broadening service coverage to the disadvantaged population through the REACH Project (a partnership of UNDP and the Government of Japan), will improve their access to social services. The Project promotes the work to transform lives of deserving members of our country and to be inclusive in their outreach services.”*

Communications Material	Contents	Outreach Approach
1. Banners	<p>Pull-up banners, presenting the mobile services available from the MWCPA and LAC, have been developed and updated in English and i-Taukei.</p> <p>Pull-up banner on SDG 5 on gender equality developed to raise awareness amongst international community, media and civil society.</p>	<p>Showcased during REACH awareness raising presentations and other events.</p> <p>Showcased on occasions such as International Human Rights Day [December 10, 2016] and jointly held events with UN Women on related issues.</p>
2. Brochure	Covering REACH project overview, key go-to project information and contact information.	Disseminated to participants and key stakeholders during meetings and REACH events.
3. Fast Fact Sheet	Detailing the REACH project at-a-glance, key facts, aims and intended results.	Disseminated to participants and key stakeholders and can be accessed on UNDP Pacific Office webpage.
4. Web articles	Centred on REACH activities and outreach across different provinces on themes central to the project’s implementation.	Web articles uploaded on the UNDP Pacific Office webpage.
5. Social media	Social media posts have been shared on REACH activities, particularly highlighting the project’s implementation in field sites.	Tweets, Facebook posts and Flickr uploads by UNDP Pacific Officer on REACH activities shared by followers. Posts often feature photographs.

6. Photographs	Photographs on a variety of themes – capturing the presence of the project and community-based impacts.	REACH photographs have been used as visual accompaniment to web articles, press releases and other media and outreach materials.
7. Events	Commissioning the REACH Mobile Service Delivery Bus [14 December 2016], organized by the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, provided a big visibility opportunity where several information-communication materials were distributed.	Outreach materials provided at the event: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project brochure • Project banners
8. Press Coverage	Media in Fiji has featured news reports on REACH.	Media presence has been invited for key events and in the presence of a high-level delegation.
9. Videos	One outreach video and seven special topic videos have been developed.	Videos will be shown to the communities where REACH missions are being undertaken, as well as for external communications and awareness-raising purposes.



Project Brochure, Banner, Fast Facts and Sticker



The Fiji Sun, Thursday, 28 April 2016

Commissioning of the REACH Mobile Service Delivery Bus, 14 December 2016 (L-R: UNDP Pacific Office in Fiji Country Director, Bakhodir Burkhanov; Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, Hon. Mereseini Vuniwaqa; Minister for Health and Medical Services, Hon. Rosy Akbar; and Ambassador of Japan, H.E. Mr. Takuji Hanatani)



Facebook post on 6 November 2016 and Twitter post on 14 December 2016

Environmental Considerations

The REACH project will purchase environmental friendly vehicles (i.e., buses) for supporting mobile service provision in three divisions of Fiji (Central, North and East), agreed upon by the Local Project Appraisal Committee Meeting, following the meetings conducted with the Government of Fiji in June 2015. Environmental teams in UNDP provided input regarding environmentally friendly vehicle procurement. A draft Options Paper on Transportation Units was shared with the Project Board in its 18 December 2015 meeting in Suva, Fiji.

Risk Management

The Project Risk Log identified the potential risk of natural disasters that impact directly on stakeholder priorities and service delivery and ability to implement and participate in activities under the project. Given the impact of TC Winston in Fiji and the requisite changed stakeholder priorities the only mitigation available was to delay activities, and for the small project team to focus on longer term activities such as progressing with the mobile service delivery units' procurement and development of awareness materials.

Lessons Learned

Key lessons learned are conveyed as follows:

There were considerable challenges in coordination and planning of REACH missions to villages, and to also include Government counterparts. In some of the communities, specific challenges were faced in accessing some of the target groups to benefit from the awareness-raising sessions. Particularly for Indo-Fijian communities, usually workshops can be conducted only at night, because the men are involved in agricultural work in the daytime. Furthermore, during periods of harvest of sugarcane crops, from morning to night the community is engaged in this process so no activities can be organized. If there is loss of a life in a community, to observe respect all activities is cancelled. In case of community events, such as Sports Days, other activities are given less priority. Lastly, it is difficult to plan missions to communities only accessible by boat, owing to the remoteness and limited reliability of transportation modes involved in reaching there.

Whilst coordination and planning has its challenges, it is important to mention that the project's implementation has carried on effectively, with awareness-raising activities and outreach missions having been undertaken in the Northern, Central and Eastern (maritime) Divisions of Fiji. It is especially worth mentioning that extra efforts have been made to carry out activities in maritime areas, some of which did not benefit from any such activities in the past. This challenge conveys essentially why the REACH project is very important for reaching the most disadvantaged and least accessible sections of the society and empowering them. The project implementation team has demonstrated flexibility in their approach for awareness-raising. One such example is when a Sports Day event was taking place in a village the REACH team was visiting. Instead of not

carrying out the activities, a booth was set up on the sports field with awareness-raising activities carried out in opportune moments.

A further key lesson was to ensure that the project staffing was appropriate for the outreach activities with the need for sufficiently senior national staff to be involved for both the coordination tasks required and also the conduct of activities in the communities.

Conclusions and Way Forward

The handover and transfer of the three mobile service delivery units to the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation is expected in 2017, which will be an important step in taking the implementation of the project forward. Despite the challenges in connectivity, missions to the remote maritime areas (particularly Eastern Division) shall continue during the remainder of the project.

In relation to research and analysis that the project has scope to support, noting that the activity results for areas of policy research and analysis detailed in the Results and Resources Framework can be adjusted and with flexibility in the Agreement with Japan, there is consideration of innovative options. An example is a focus on iData and the use of technology to map, improve and innovate for service delivery across Fiji.

With the endorsement of the 2017 Annual Work Plan, in terms of the next steps, a pilot on mobile service delivery is to be conducted over the period 19 April to 17 June 2017, including the Fiji National Women's Expo. A Lessons Learned Workshop will follow this, with representatives participating from across Fiji, following which the Operational Manuals shall be finalized. Project reports will continue to be provided at frequent intervals, taking forward the inroads made between 2015 and 2016.

Annexes

1. Financial Summary (USD)
2. 2016 Annual Work Plan
3. 2016 Fast Facts
4. 2016 Brochure
5. 2016 Consolidated Data
6. 2016 Stories from the Field

Annex 1. Financial Summary (USD)

OVERALL PROJECT SUMMARY	
Total Project Budget (2015 – 2018)	2,685,000
Total expenditure (disbursements and commitments) in 2015 and 2016	1,243,690
Balance of overall project (1 Jan 17)	1,441,310
Delivery: % of project total funds expended to date (31 Dec 16)	46%
Duration: % of project total duration lapsed (18 out of 36 months)	Half Way - 50%
2015	
Total planned 2015 Budget	632,500
<u>Revised</u> 2015 Budget	360,000
Total Expenditure 2015 (disbursement and commitments)	324,067
Balance from 2015 Budget	35,933
Delivery: % of project funds expended against project funds planned in 2015	90%
2016	
Total planned 2016 Budget (approved at Dec 15 Project Board meeting)	1,397,370
<u>Revised</u> 2016 Budget (September 2016)	961,647
Total Expenditure 2016 (disbursement and commitments)	919,623
Balance from 2016 Budget	42,024
Delivery: % of project funds expended against project funds planned in 2016	96%
2017	
Balance of project funds as of 1 Jan 17	1,441,310
Total planned 2017 Budget (DRAFT)	825,000
2018 (provisional)	
Total planned 2018 Budget (DRAFT)	616,310

Annex 2. 2016 Annual Work Plan

PROJECT REACH - 2016 ANNUAL WORK PLAN (revised in accordance with decisions from the 2015 Project Board Meeting)

EXPECTED OUTPUTS <i>And baseline, indicators including annual targets</i>	PLANNED ACTIVITIES <i>List activity results and associated actions</i>	TIMEFRAME				RESPONSIBLE PARTY	PLANNED BUDGET		
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		Funding Source	Budget Description	Amount USD
Output 1: Capacity Building for Peace Building and Social Cohesion on Democratic Governance, Access to Justice, Rule of Law, Human Rights and Gender Equality. Baselines: 1. Pilot Services Feasibility Study conducted in Northern Division to inform decision on type of mobile units to be procured. 2. 28% of Districts across all 3 Provinces in Northern Division reached for awareness raising by joint teams undertaking mobile outreach services. 3. 1,206 people (Women:542, Men:508, Children:156) participating in awareness raising sessions conducted by joint teams undertaking mobile outreach services. 4. 729 people (Women:546, Men:183) provided with service delivery	Activity Result 1.1: Supporting rural and urban settlements service delivery for women and vulnerable groups through providing mobile units for awareness raising, legal advice and other services.					UNDP	Cost-sharing	74200- Advertising	2,000
	1.1.2 Undertake consultations in Vitilevu and Vanualevu and develop implementation roadmap and annual/monthly plans for setting up of national mobile units in two major islands in Fiji – Vitilevu and Vanua Levu.	X	X					72200 – Equipment and operating expenses	297,500
	1.1.3 Undertake procurement for 3 national mobile units and associated equipment and related operational strategy for improved service delivery by joint teams undertaking mobile outreach services.	X	X					61300, 71500, 61200, 71600 Technical advisory, coordination, project management costs	573,500
	1.1.4 Provide operational support for the first 18 months of the project (July 2015 to December 2016) to facilitate the joint teams	X	X	X	X			72800 - IT Equipment	19,000

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		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		Funding Source	Budget Description	Amount USD
5. 160 participants (Women:144, Men:16) in awareness and capacity building trainings (Services, GBV and Financial Literacy; Lessons Learned from Pilot, SDGs and GBV; Legal Aid Commission Strategic Planning, SDGs and Women's Access to Justice).	undertaking mobile outreach services, and provide technical advisory support to Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation to develop operational and financial support plan from January 2017 onwards.								
	1.1.5 Technical advisory, planning & coordination for mobile units and project management (3 years).								
6. 3 Communications products produced (Project Banners, Brochures and Expo Bag) linked to Project Activities and other events such as Fiji Women's National Expo, 16 Days of Activism Against GBV and Gender Equality.	Activity Result 1.2: Undertake capacity building for women and youth on peace-building, social cohesion and other development issues at national and sub-national levels.					UNDP	Cost-sharing	71200-Int Consultant	6,000
	1.2.1 Develop training and awareness roadmap/plans for women's rights and access to justice workshops and awareness activities.	X	X					75700-Workshop Expenses	27,000
Indicators: 1. Number of mobile units procured to improve service delivery.	1.2.1 Develop training and awareness roadmap/plans for women's rights and access to justice workshops and awareness activities.	X	X					74200 – Audio Visual and Printing	30,000
	1.2.2 Produce communications, knowledge and training materials, including tool kits and presentation materials for joint teams undertaking mobile outreach services	X	X					72400 – Communications and Audio-Visual	25,000
								72100 – Contractual Services Companies	25,000

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2. % to total number of Districts in each Division in Fiji reached for awareness raising by joint mobile teams. (disaggregated by Divisions and Provinces)	1.2.3 Support to Fiji Women's National Expo including the conduct of a one day workshop each year prior to commencement of Expo on thematic issue related to gender equality.				X				
3. Number of people participating in awareness raising sessions conducted by joint teams undertaking mobile outreach services (disaggregated by sex).	Activity Result 1.3: Support key government institutions, such as the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, with strategic planning, coordination with relevant line ministries for effective and coordinated service delivery to urban informal and rural communities.					UNDP	Cost-sharing	75700-Meeting Cost	5,000
4. Number of people (disaggregated by district and sex) provided with service delivery (disaggregated by nature of service and institution delivering the service) by joint teams undertaking mobile outreach services.		1.3.1 Undertake strategic analysis and assessment of capacity in the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation in relation to peace building, social cohesion and democratic governance.		X	X				71200-International Consultant
5. Number of participants in trainings related to general awareness topics, strategic planning and awareness raising skills (disaggregated by sex, topic, districts or organisation)	1.3.2 Based on recommendations from strategic analysis and assessment provide targeted advisory support and equipment to the stakeholder identified high priority areas to support effective coordination, planning, monitoring			X				71600 Travel	5,000
6. Number of assessments, strategies, SOPs, Code of Conduct, communications								75700-Wrkshop Expenses	50,000
								74200 – Audio Visual and Printing	4,000
								74200 – Communications and Audio-Visual	4,000

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products or systems that are gender responsive and meet human rights standards developed or revised.	and reporting.				X				
Targets:	1.3.3 Linked to recommendations form the strategic analysis and assessment recommendations and stakeholder priorities create a platform and mechanism for on effective coordination, planning, monitoring and reporting.					UNDP	Cost-sharing		
1. 3 mobile units procured and handed over to Government.	Activity Result 1.4: Support to strengthening the capacity of the Legal Aid Commission to improve access to justice in urban informal and rural communities.							71200-International Consultant	30,000
2. 50% of Districts in Northern, Western and Central Provinces reached each year for awareness raising by joint teams.	1.4.1 Undertake training & capacity needs Assessment of Legal Aid and support to strategic planning.	X	X					71600 - Travel	10,000
3. 4,000 people each year participating in awareness raising sessions conducted by joint teams undertaking mobile outreach services.	1.4.2 Conduct trainings for Legal Aid Officers on special issues such as awareness raising skills, domestic violence and family law matters (relative to international best practice)	X						75700-Training/ Workshops	60,000
4. 2,500 people each year provided with service delivery by joint teams undertaking mobile outreach services.	1.4.3 Conduct awareness programmes for Legal Aid Services.		X	X					
5. 100 participants each year in awareness and capacity building trainings.									
6. 3 Assessments, strategies, SOPs, Code of Conduct,									

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		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		Funding Source	Budget Description	Amount USD
communications products or systems developed or revised each year.									
							Subtotal Output 1	1,188,000	
Output 2: Support Research and Analysis for evidence based policy making to support access to justice, legal empowerment and gender equality.	Activity Result 2.1: Undertake policy research and analysis on access to justice and legal empowerment of vulnerable and disadvantaged groups and those in remote areas.								
Baselines: 1. In 2015 initial technical advice provided for strengthening legal aid access, for women and vulnerable population.	2.1.1 Provide technical advice and analysis for strengthening legal aid policies and capacities.	X	X			UNDP	Cost-sharing	71200-International Consultant 30,000	
Indicators: 1. Dedicated policy advisory and analysis undertaken on an ongoing basis targeting women and vulnerable group access to legal aid.	2.1.2 Undertake and support technical advice and research on legal aid and women's access to justice best practices for improved service and legal aid access.							71600-Travel 5,000	
Targets: 1. Legal Aid capacity assessment, research and technical advice undertaken.									
Sources: Annual Report, quarterly									

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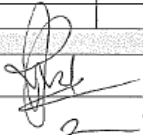

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progress reports, ATLAS reporting, Project Evaluation									
							Subtotal Output 2	35,000	
Output 3: Project Management and effective Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) is applied to enhance project results	Activity Result 3.1: Project is managed effectively and key results achieved and reported								
Baseline: 1. 3.7 Project Staff recruited and trained. 2. Zero – Inception Report to be completed by March 2016. 3. First Project Board Meeting conducted in December 2015. 4. Zero – First Progress Report will be for period January to March 2016. 5. Zero – Mid-term Evaluation planned for October to December 2016.	3.1.1 Project Board is updated on Project Progress	X	X	X	X	UNDP	Cost-sharing	75700- Hospitality / Catering 4,000	
	3.1.2 Project Inception Report provided after first six months and thereafter Quarterly and Annual Progress Reports produced	X	X	X	X			72400- Communications 4,000	
	3.1.3 Project Staff recruited and trained	X	X					74500 – Direct Project Costs 30,000	
	3.1.4 Communications and Visibility	X	X	X	X			75100 – GMS 96,370	
	3.1.5 Project Operational Expenses	X	X	X	X				
	3.1.6 UNDP GMS (8%)	X	X	X	X				
Indicators: 1. Number of Project Staff recruited and trained. 2. Inception Report completed. 3. Number of Board meetings conducted effectively.	Activity Result 3.2: Independent Project Evaluations								
	3.2.1 Mid-term Evaluation is conducted and results shared and discussed with stakeholders				X	UNDP	TRAC	71200-International Consultant 25,000	
								71600- Travel 15,000	

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		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		Funding Source	Budget Description	Amount USD
4. Timelines of reporting. 5. Project follows UNDP POPP guidelines on Project evaluation. Targets: 1. Project staff recruited and operating effectively. 2. Inception Report completed and considered by Project Board. 3. Project Board Meetings conducted. 4. Quarterly Progress Reports completed and considered by Project Board. 5. Mid-term Evaluation conducted. Sources: Annual Report, quarterly progress reports, Inception Report, ATLAS reporting, Project Evaluation Reports									
							<i>Subtotal Output 3</i>	174,370	
TOTAL								1,397,370	

Signed by Fiji Government-PS Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation: _____

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Rights, Empowerment and Cohesion (REACH) for Rural and Urban Fijians Project

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Constitution of the Republic of Fiji in three languages.

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Dawara village, Wailevu District, Cakaudrove Province, Northern Division.

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Taganikula Settlement, Nannuka District, Macuata Province, Northern Division.



Annex 4. 2016 Brochure

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Annex 5. 2016 Consolidated Data

1.1) Total number of participants of all REACH activities from June to December

LOCATION			PARTICIPATION				SERVICES				DATES
Division	Province(s)	Number of villages/communities	Women	Men	Children	Total	Women	Men	Children	Total	
Northern	Macuata	7	65	56	0	121	79	54	0	133	(9-10)-Jun
	Cakaudrove	22	150	185	0	335	146	157	0	303	(5-10)-Dec
Central	Naitasiri	3	23	8	0	31	30	11	0	41	13-Jul
	Naitasiri	16	133	118	0	251	131	98	0	229	(1-4)-Nov
Eastern	Kadavu	18	133	163	0	296	68	67	0	135	(21-24)-Nov
TOTAL	4	66	504	530	0	1034	454	387	0	841	

			Tubarua	Wainimala	1	1	0	2	
			Matawalevu	Wainimala	2	1	0	3	
	3	4-Nov	Sawanikula	Wainimala	15	12	0	27	
			Korovou	Wainimala	0	1	0	1	
			Nadovu	Wainimala	0	1	0	1	
Sub-Total	16				2	133	118	0	251
KADAVU									
Kadavu	1	21-Nov	Solodamu	Tavuki	9	17	0	26	
	3	22-Nov	Waisomo	Tavuki	14	7	0	21	
			Namara	Tavuki	10	11	0	21	
			Mataso	Tavuki	3	2	0	5	
	9	23-Jan	Richmond Community	Yawe	6	10	0	16	
			Korovou	Yawe	2	3	0	5	
			Natokalau	Yawe	1	4	0	5	
			Busa	Yawe	0	2	0	2	
			Nab-i-ra	Yawe	0	1	0	1	
			Galoa	Tavuki	12	24	0	36	
			Ravitaki	Ravitaki	7	17	0	24	
			Nataruku	Ravitaki	0	1	0	1	
			Burelevu-i-ake	Ravitaki	1	0	0	1	
	5	24-Nov	Nakaunakoro	Nakaseleka	6	1	0	7	
			Joma 1	Nakaseleka	1	0	0	1	
			Lomanikoro	Nakaseleka	5	4	0	9	
			Nakoronawa	Nakaseleka	3	3	0	6	
			Nakaugasele	Nakaseleka	1	2	0	3	
			Namalata Central Primary School		52	54	0	106	
Sub-Total	18				4	133	163	0	296
CAKAUDROVE									
Cakaudrove	2	5-Dec	Lovonivonu	Cakaudrove	11	16	0	27	
	5	6-Dec	Lavena	Wainikeli	14	15	0	29	
			Neba	Wainikeli	0	1	0	1	
			Pea	Wainikeli	0	1	0	1	

	9	23-Nov	Richmond Community, Korovou, Natokalau, Busa, Nabira, Galoa, Ravitaki, Nataruku, Burelevu-i-cake	Yawe, Tavuki, Ravitaki	Kadavu	29	62	0	91
	5	24-Nov	Nakaunakoro, Joma 1, Lomanikoro, Nakoronawa, Nakaugasele	Nakaseleka	Kadavu	16	10	0	26
			Namalata Central Primary School			52	54	0	106
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DECEMBER MISSION (5-10 Dec 2016) - CAKAUDROVE									
	1	5-Dec	Lovonivonu	Cakaudrove	Cakaudrove	11	16	0	27
	4	6-Dec	Lavena, Tavuki, Naba, Pea	Wainikeli & Cakaudrove	Cakaudrove	31	37	0	68
	8	7-Dec	Navakacoa, Qeleni, Paigai, Dala, Vunivase, Vurevure, Vuniga, Navaqiqi	Wainikeli	Cakaudrove	32	46	0	78
	3	8-Dec	Navakawau, Kanacea, Waimaqere	Vuna	Cakaudrove	20	28	0	48
	4	9-Dec	Nalova, Qalawalu, Delaivuna, Naselesele	Wainikeli	Cakaudrove	35	47	0	82
	2	10-Dec	Welagi, Vunidacoa	Cakaudrove	Cakaudrove	21	11	0	32
Sub-Total	22					150	185	0	335
TOTAL	66					504	530	0	1034

1-3) Missions Sort by Province

Province	No. of Communities	Date	Name of village/settlement	District	Women	Men	Children	Total	
MACUATA									
Macuata	2	9-Jun	Korowiri & Tovata	Labasa	30	20	0	50	
Macuata	5	10-Jun	Nubu	Nadogo	23	22	0	45	
			Nabukebull	Nadogo	2	4	0	6	
			Nabutubutu	Nadogo	3	6	0	9	
			Wainidru	Nadogo	5	3	0	8	
			Vatutiqeri	Nadogo	1	0	0	1	
			Qelewara	Nadogo	1	0	0	1	
			Natabe	Nadogo	0	1	0	1	
Sub-Total	7				2	65	56	0	121
NAITASIRI									
Naitasiri	3	13-Jul	Navatukia	Vunidawa	15	7	0	22	
		13-Jul	Vunidawa	Vunidawa	6	0	0	6	
		13-Jul	Walkalou	Vunidawa	2	1	0	3	
Sub-Total	3				1	23	8	0	31
NAITASIRI									
Naitasiri	3	1-Nov	Nukuloa	Matalobau	10	13	0	23	
			Navuniyao	Matalobau	8	10	0	18	
			Lutu	Matalobau	29	22	0	51	
	6	2-Nov	Boteinaulu	Wainimala	0	1	0	1	
			Matainasau	Wainimala	5	3	0	8	
			Lutu	Wainimala	4	8	0	12	
			Waibasaga	Wainimala	13	15	0	28	
			Lasalevu	Matalobau	23	17	0	40	
			Udu	Matalobau	0	2	0	2	
	4	3-Nov	Nasauvere	Wainimala	0	4	0	4	
			Nasava	Wainimala	23	7	0	30	

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			Lomanikoro	Nakaseleka	5	4	0	9
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			Naba	Wainikeli	0	1	0	1
			Pea	Wainikeli	0	1	0	1

			Tavuki	Cakaudrove	17	20	0	37
			Dala	Wainikeli	0	1	0	1
	6	7-Dec	Navakaoa	Wainikeli	17	28	0	45
			Qeleni	Wainikeli	12	14	0	26
			Paigal	Wainikeli	1	1	0	2
			Vunivase	Wainikeli	1	0	0	1
			Vurevure	Wainikeli	1	0	0	1
			Vuniga	Wainikeli	0	1	0	1
			Navaqiqi	Wainikeli	0	1	0	1
	3	8-Dec	Navakawau	Vuna	9	16	0	25
			Kanacea	Vuna	11	12	0	23
			Waimaqere	Vuna	13	23	0	36
	4	9-Dec	Nalova	Vuna	15	11	0	26
			Qalawalu	Vuna	5	3	0	8
			Defaivuna	Vuna	1	2	0	3
			Naselesele	Wainikeli	1	8	0	9
	2	10-Dec	Welagi	Cakaudrove	20	11	0	31
			Vunidaoa	Cakaudrove	1	0	0	1
Sub-Total	22				3	150	185	0
TOTAL	66				12	504	530	0

2-1) Awareness data-before and after

Pilot 1	awareness session		Knowledge increase	
	yes	no	yes	no
9-Jun	0	100	95.2	5.0
10-Jun	20	80	28.3	71.7
Average	10	90	62	38

Pilot 2	awareness session		Knowledge increase	
	yes	no	yes	no
13-Jul	0	100	100.0	0.0
Average	0	100	100	0

Pilot 3	awareness session		Knowledge increase	
	yes	no	yes	no
1-Nov	0	100	90.0	10.0
2-Nov	0	100	63	37
4-Nov	0	100	99	1
Average	0	100	84	16

Pilot 4	awareness session		Knowledge increase	
	yes	no	yes	no
21-Nov	0	100	96.0	4.0
22-Nov	0	100	85	15
23-Nov	0	100	88	12
24-Nov	0	100	60	40
Average	0	100	82	18

Pilot 5	awareness session		Knowledge increase	
	yes	no	yes	no
5-Dec	0	100	96.0	4.0
6-Dec	0	100	82	18
7-Dec	0	100	76	24
8-Dec	0	100	72	28
9-Dec	0	100	91	9
10-Dec	0	100	100	0
Average	0	100	86	14

AVERAGE	awareness session		Knowledge increase	
	yes	no	yes	no
Average	2	98	82.0	18.0

3-1) Figures and chart of services delivered by Legal Aid Commission

Date & Province	(9-10)-June (Macuata)		13-July (Naitasiri)		(1-4)-Nov (Naitasiri)		(21-24)-Nov (Kadavu)		(5-10)- Dec (Cakaudrove)		TOTAL		TOTAL	GRAND TOTAL
	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men		
Family law issues	1	9	1	1	13	10	8	8	14	14	37	42	79	
Civil law issues	0	5	1	1	2	3	3	8	2	19	8	36	44	
Criminal issue	0	3	0	0	2	3	1	1	2	9	5	16	21	
General issues	0	6	0	0	2	4	2	8	1	13	5	31	36	
Total	1	23	2	2	19	20	14	25	19	55	55	125	180	

Consolidated Data from June to December 2016

Service	Women	Men	Total
Family law issues	37	42	79
Civil law issues	8	36	44
Criminal issue	5	16	21
General issues	5	31	36
Total	55	125	180

Chart 3 data Total (W&M)

Service	Total
Family law issues	79
Civil law issues	44
Criminal issue	21
General Issues	36

3-2) Number of services delivered by Legal Aid Commission by mission

Month	Province	Services	Women	Men	Total
(9-10)-Jun	Macuata	Family law issues	1	9	10
		Civil law issues	0	5	5
		Criminal issue	0	3	3
		General issues	0	6	6
Sub-Total			1	23	24
13-Jul	Naitasiri	Family law issues	1	1	2
		Civil law issues	1	1	2
		Criminal issue	0	0	0
		General issues	0	0	0
Sub-Total			2	2	4
(1-4)-Nov		Family law issues	13	10	23
		Civil law issues	2	3	5
		Criminal issue	2	3	5
		General issues	2	4	6
Sub-Total			19	20	39
(21-24)-Nov	Kadavu	Family law issues	8	8	16
		Civil law issues	3	8	11
		Criminal issue	1	1	2
		General issues	2	8	10
Sub-Total			14	25	39
(5-10)-Dec	Cakaudrove	Family law issues	14	14	28
		Civil law issues	2	19	21
		Criminal issue	2	9	11
		General issues	1	13	14
Sub-Total			19	55	74
Total	4		55	125	180

4-1) Charts and figures of service delivered by Department of Women

All numbers are consolidated from one mission

Date & Province	(9-10)-Jun		13-Jul (Naitasiri)		[1-4]-Nov (Naitasiri)		(21-24)-Nov		(5-10)-Dec		Total		Total
	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	GRAND TOTAL
Services													
Women's club activities/ management/ registration	25	1	3	0	20	0	1	0	15	4	64	5	69
Women' Leadership training related	2	0	1	0	7	0	0	0	2	0	12	0	12
Income generation programme related	6	1	5	0	22	0	10	0	3	2	46	3	49
Elimination of GBV	2	0	1	0	23	0	0	0	7	2	33	2	35
other general	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	12	3	13	3	16
Total	35	2	10	0	73	0	11	0	39	11	168	13	181

Service	Women	Men	Total
Women's club related	64	5	69
Income generation programme	12	0	12
Women' Leadership training	46	3	49
Elimination of GBV	33	2	35
other general	13	3	16
Total	168	13	181

Service	Total
Women's club related	69
Income generation programme	12
Women' Leadership training	49
Elimination of GBV	35
other general	16
Total	181

4-2) Service delivered by Departmen of Women

Month	Province	Services	Women	Men	Total
(9-10)-Jun	Macuata	Women's club activites/management/registration	25	1	26
		Women' Leadership training related	2	0	2
		Income generation programme related	6	1	7
		Elimination of GBV	2	0	2
		other general	0	0	0
Sub-Total			35	2	37
13-Jul	Naitasiri	Women's club activites/management/registration	3	0	3
		Women' Leadership training related	1	0	1
		Income generation programme related	5	0	5
		Elimination of GBV	1	0	1
		other general	0	0	0
Sub-Total			10	0	10
(1-4)-Nov		Women's club activites/management/registration	20	0	20
		Women' Leadership training related	7	0	7
		Income generation programme related	22	0	22
		Elimination of GBV	23	0	23
		other general	1	0	1
Sub-Total			73	0	73
(21-24)-Nov	Kadavu	Women's club activites/management/registration	1	0	1
		Women' Leadership training related	0	0	0
		Income generation programme related	10	0	10
		Elimination of GBV	0	0	0
		other general	0	0	0

Sub-Total			11	0	11
(5-10)-Dec	Cakaudrove	Women's club activites/management/registration	15	4	19
		Women' Leadership training related	2	0	2
		Income generation programme related	3	2	5
		Elimination of GBV	7	2	9
		other general	12	3	15
Sub-Total			39	11	50
TOTAL	4		168	13	181

5-1) Charts and figures of Services delivered by Department of Social Welfare

Province Services	(9-10)-Jun (Macuata)		13-July (Naitasiri)		(1-4) Nov (Naitasiri)		(21-24) Nov (Kadavu)		(5-10) Dec (Cakaudrove)		Total		Total
	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	GRAND TOTAL
Poverty Benefit Scheme	25	13	5	2	20	59	12	7	25	22	87	103	190
Bus Fare Assistance	1	6	2	1	0	5	5	8	25	33	33	53	86
Social pension scheme	12	3	1	0	1	1	5	9	16	12	35	25	60
Care and Protection	2	2	1	2	6	1	6	2	17	2	32	9	41
Birth certificate	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Child Protection/abuse case	0	2	5	0	0	2	3	2	1	4	9	10	19
Fire vicims	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	2	4	6
Food voucher	0	0	0	0	8	2	3	0	1	2	12	4	16
Other	2	1	2	0	0	0	4	3	2	13	10	17	27
Total	43	29	16	5	35	70	39	31	88	91	221	226	447

5-3) Department of Social Welfare services summary

Service	Women	Men	Total
Poverty Benefit Scheme	87	103	190
Care and Protection	33	53	86
Bus Fare Assistance	35	25	60
Social pension scheme	32	9	41
Child Protection/abuse case	1	1	2
Other	9	10	19
Fire vicims	2	4	6
Birth certificate	12	4	16
Food voucher	10	17	27
Total	221	226	447

Service	Total
Poverty Benefit Scheme	190
Care and Protection	86
Bus Fare Assistance	60
Social pension scheme	41
Child Protection/abuse case	2
Other	19
Fire vicims	6
Birth certificate	16
Food voucher	27
Total	447

5-2) Number of services delivered by Department of Social Welfare

Month	Province	Services	women	men	total
(9-10)-Jun	Macuata	Poverty Benefit Scheme (PBS)	25	13	38
		Bus Fare Assistance	1	6	7
		Social pension scheme	12	3	15
		Care and Protection	2	2	4
		Birth certificate	1	1	2
		Child Protection/abuse case	0	2	2
		Fire vicims	0	1	1
		Food voucher	0	0	0
		Other	2	1	3
Sub-Total			43	29	72
13-Jul	Naitasiri	Poverty Benefit Scheme	5	2	7
		Bus Fare Assistance	2	1	3
		Social pension scheme	1	0	1
		Care and Protection	1	2	3
		Birth certificate	0	0	0
		Child Protection/abuse case	5	0	5
		Fire vicims	0	0	0
		Food voucher	0	0	0
		Other	2	0	2
Sub-Total			16	5	21
(1-4)-Nov	Naitasiri	Poverty Benefit Scheme	20	59	79
		Bus Fare Assistance	0	5	5
		Social pension scheme	1	1	2
		Care and Protection	6	1	7
		Birth certificate	0	0	0
		Child Protection/abuse case	0	2	2
		Fire vicims	0	0	0
		Food voucher	8	2	10
		Other	0	0	0

Sub-Total			35	70	105
(21-24)-Nov	Kadavu	Poverty Benefit Scheme	12	7	19
		Bus Fare Assistance	5	8	13
		Social pension scheme	5	9	14
		Care and Protection	6	2	8
		Birth certificate	0	0	0
		Child Protection/abuse case	3	2	5
		Fire vicims	1	0	1
		Food voucher	3	0	3
		Other	4	3	7
Sub-Total			39	31	70
(5-10)-Dec	Cakaudrove	Poverty Benefit Scheme	25	22	47
		Bus Fare Assistance	25	33	58
		Social pension scheme	16	12	28
		Care and Protection	17	2	19
		Birth certificate	0	0	0
		Child Protection/abuse case	1	4	5
		Fire vicims	1	3	4
		Food voucher	1	2	3
		Other	2	13	15
Sub-Total			88	91	179
TOTAL	4		221	226	447

6-1) Charts and figures delivered by FHRADC

Date Service	13th July, 16 (Naitasiri)		(1-4 Nov - 16) Naitasiri		(21-25 Nov-160) Kadavu	
	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men
Legal advice	2	0	2	0	4	11
Child rights	0	2	1	3	0	0
Human rights, role and functions	0	1	0	3	0	0
Village rights	0	1	0	2	0	0
Student's rights	0	0	1	0	0	0
TOTAL	2	4	4	8	4	11

(5-10 Dec-16)		Total Women	Total Men	TOTAL
Women	Men			
0	0	8	11	19
0	0	1	5	6
0	0	0	4	4
0	0	0	3	3
0	0	1	0	1
0	0	10	23	33

Service	Women	Men
Legal advice	8	11
Child rights	1	5
Human rights, role and functions	0	4
Village rights	0	3
Student's rights	1	0
TOTAL	10	23

Service	Total
Legal advice	19
Child rights	6
Human rights, role and functions	4
Village rights	3
Student's rights	1
TOTAL	33

6-2) Service delivered by FHRADC

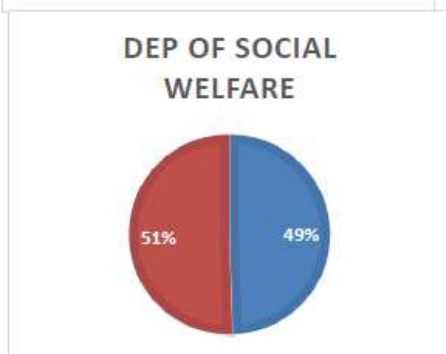
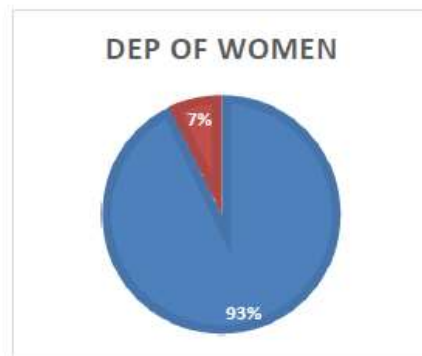
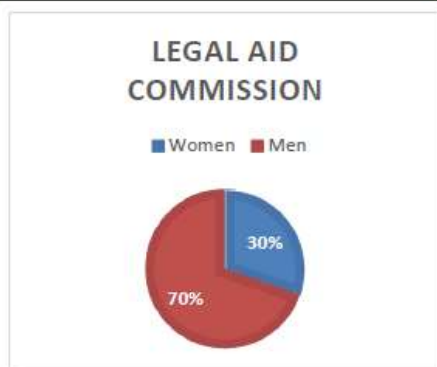
Month	Province	Services	women	men	total
13-Jul	Naitasiri	Legal advice	2	0	2
		Child rights	0	2	2
		Human rights, role and functions	0	1	1
		Village rights	0	1	1
		Student's rights	0	0	0
Total			2	4	6
(1-4)-Nov-16	Naitasiri	Legal advice	2	0	2
		Child rights	1	3	4
		Human rights, role and functions	0	3	3
		Village rights	0	2	2
		Student's rights	1	0	1
Total			4	8	12
21-24) Nov-16	Kadavu	Legal advice	4	11	15
		Child rights	0	0	0
		Human rights, role and functions	0	0	0
		Village rights	0	0	0
		Student's rights	0	0	0
Total			4	11	15
(1-4) Dec-16	Cakaudrove	Legal advice	0	0	0
		Child rights	0	0	0
		Human rights, role and functions	0	0	0
		Village rights	0	0	0
		Student's rights	0	0	0
Total			0	0	0

6-1) Service delivered by three agencies (detailed information are latter sheets)

Legal Aid Commission			
Service	Women	Men	Total
Family law issues	37	42	79
Civil law issues	8	36	44
Criminal issue	5	16	21
General issues	5	31	36
Total	55	125	180
Department of Women			
Service	Women	Men	Total
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Income generation programme	12	0	12
other general	13	3	16
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Total	168	13	181
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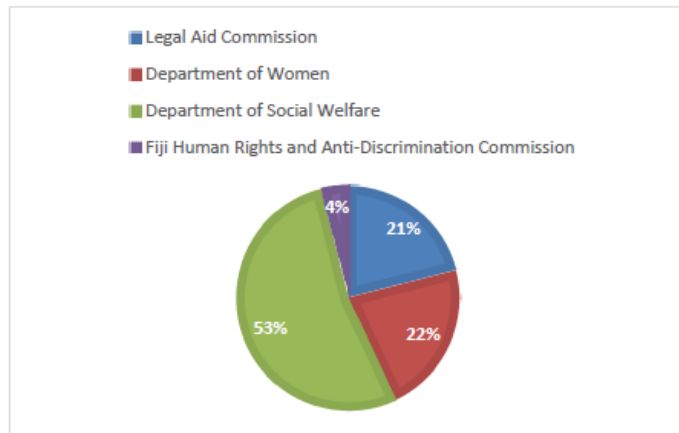
	Women	Men	Total
LAC	55	125	180
Women Men Total			
Dep of Women	168	13	181
Women Men Total			
Dep of Social Welfare	221	226	447
Women Men Total			
Fiji Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission	10	23	33

Fiji Human Rights And Anti-Discrimination Commission			
Service	Women	Men	Total
Legal advice	8	11	19
Child rights	1	5	6
Human rights, role and functions	0	4	4
Village rights	0	3	3
Student's rights	1	0	1
Total	10	23	33
Total for all the services delivered	women	men	total
	454	387	841



6-2) Total service delivery by segments

	Women	Men	Total	Total (%)
Legal Aid Commission	55	125	180	21
Department of Women	168	13	181	22
Department of Social Welfare	221	226	447	53
Fiji Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission	10	23	33	4
Total	454	387	841	100



Annex 6. 2016 Stories from the Field

RIGHTS, EMPOWERMENT & COHESION FOR RURAL AND URBAN FIJIANS PROJECT



Government Services will Leave No One Behind

29 February 2016

Suva, Fiji - Seventy three officers from the Legal Aid Commission and the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation have brushed up their skills of rights awareness raising, to facilitate improved service delivery to people in Fiji.

The Rights, Empowerment and Cohesion (REACH) for Rural and Urban Fijians 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 REACH project is being implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in partnership with the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation and the Legal Aid Commission and supported by the Government of Japan.

Christine Fowler, REACH Project Manager reported that between September to December 2015, mobile teams comprising of officers from the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation and the Legal Aid Commission conducted 17 days of awareness and service delivery to 48 villages and settlements in 10 of the 37 districts in all three provinces of Bua, Cakaudrove and Macuata in the Northern Division, reaching 1,127 people including 464 women, 507 men and 156 children.

"These mobile teams also delivered 729 services such as advice on eligibility for poverty alleviation schemes, information on women and child rights, and legal advisory services," she said. "For the majority of the missions, representatives from the Commissioner Northern Office and Provincial Councils also accompanied the mobile team and responded to many

enquiries raised by community members."

"Awareness and service delivery were conducted across all three provinces in the Northern Division, to remote and difficult to access areas, including outreach to maritime areas, with the end result being that these communities are now empowered with information and knowledge of their rights and also provided with services by the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation and the Legal Aid Commission right at their doorstep to access such rights," Ms Fowler added.

The REACH project started the New Year with a workshop to get the officers ready to go to the communities, raise awareness and provide information and services. REACH Project will now commence throughout Fiji, commencing the mobile services in Central and Western Divisions, as well as visiting the Eastern Division, while continuing the awareness raising and service delivery in the Northern Division.



Officers from the Legal Aid Commission and the President of the Commonwealth Legal Education Association at the University of KwaZulu-Natal in South Africa, Professor David McQuoid-Mason who facilitated the workshop

Sunil Sharma, the Director, Legal Aid Commission said, "the Legal Aid Commission is fully committed to going out and reaching all communities, in

order to help people understand their rights and also to access government services." He added, "it is important to ensure that all Fijians have access to information on their rights, have the information on the services that can be provided by the Government and have access to those services, wherever they live in Fiji. Importantly we must have an inclusive approach to reach out to all Fijians and not leave anyone behind."

The mobile team this year will be assisted with mobile units specially equipped and designed for efficient delivery of services and effective awareness raising. The information gained and lessons learned from the mobile team services

conducted in 2015, will inform the type and style of these mobile units (such as buses) and the processes to develop these vehicles have now commenced.

With the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals launched on 1 January 2016 with 17 goals which addresses the needs of people in both developed and developing countries, emphasising that no one should be left behind, the REACH project will contribute particularly to achieving the Goal 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls and Goal 16: Promote just, peaceful and inclusive societies.

"I am most pleased that UNDP through the REACH project, remains ready to continue to support and work in partnership with the Government of Fiji in its ongoing efforts to implement the 2030 Agenda particularly in those areas."

Osnat Lubrani, UNDP Resident Representative, UNDP Pacific Office in Fiji

Osnat Lubrani, UNDP Resident Representative said, "UNDP is marking its 50th anniversary in 2016, leading the UN development system in over 170 countries and territories and connecting countries to knowledge, experience and resources to help people build a better life. With over five decades of experience in development work, I am most pleased that UNDP through the REACH project, remains ready to

continue to support and work in partnership with the Government of Fiji in its ongoing efforts to implement the 2030 Agenda particularly in those areas."

H.E. Mr. Takuji Hanatani, Ambassador Extraordinary

and Plenipotentiary of Japan said, "Japan's assistance for the REACH project aims to effectively improve people's access to social services, especially for the women of Fiji in rural areas and informal settlements. This is in line with two of the main concepts for Japanese ODA, namely 'Strengthening Human Security' and 'Encouraging Gender Equality'. I am pleased to acknowledge good progress made by the REACH project since it started in June 2015, also strengthening the partnership between Japan, the Government of Fiji and UNDP".

Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, Hon. Rosy Sofia Akbar said the Project will create new platforms for socioeconomic empowerment of rural communities.

"The REACH Project is a unique way to raise awareness on Ministry's services, on social welfare programs, women empowerment and child protection. It includes information sharing on how to report cases of domestic violence, child welfare cases, positive parenting, male advocacy, gender equality, women's reproductive health services and counselling services. We will capitalize on the REACH Project to create well-informed, united and resilient communities in Fiji," Minister Akbar elaborated.

The REACH Project commenced in June 2015, with the initial focus to enhance delivery of services through the provision of 'mobile teams' visiting urban informal and rural communities in the Northern Division.

The Legal Rights Awareness Raising workshop was organized by REACH Project from 11 - 14 January.

<http://www.pacific.undp.org/content/pacific/en/home/presscenter/pressreleases/2016/02/29/government-services-will-leave-no-one-behind.html>



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Talking about Human Rights and Law in Interactive Ways

27 April 2016

Suva, Fiji - Lawyers from the Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission (HRADC) and Law Professors and students from the University of Fiji learned and practiced various interactive methods of raising awareness on human rights and legal issues at the community level with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

The Public Legal Awareness Workshop was aimed to equip lawyers with interactive methods of teaching and raising awareness among the public on law and human rights, including gender issues. The workshop was organized by the Rights, Empowerment and Cohesion (REACH) for Rural and Urban Fijians Project, and facilitated by the world renowned clinical law teacher, Professor David McQuoid-Mason from the University of Kwazulu-Natal,

South Africa. This workshop is a continuation of previous workshops undertaken early this year with participants from the Legal Aid Commission, Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, University of the South Pacific, and Fiji National University.

The participants were introduced to the rationale for using

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Ashwin Raj, Director, Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission

interactive teaching methods and given demonstrations of their use. They were then shown how to draw up a legal awareness lesson plan and divided into

three teams, each of which prepared and conducted a 30-minute presentation. The lessons chosen by the participants covered the topics of the right to education, prevention of domestic violence and what constitutes a crime. Following the presentations feedback was provided.

Jamie Anne Mayo Bancod was among the lecturers from the University of Fiji who participated in the workshop. She shared her feelings about the workshop, “I found the methods used at the workshop were exciting and informative. I teach first-year University students about legal methods and research and the methods I learned from the workshop would be effective to teach those young students.”

Laisiasa M. Rogoyawa, from the FHRADC, said, “I was particularly impressed by the session on formulating a logical oral argument on certain human rights issues, the learning from which I can put into practice in facilitating human rights education for school teachers and students.”

Ashwin Raj, Director, HRADC said, “Social and economic rights are inextricably woven with civil and political rights. The REACH

Project is an important embodiment of the intersectionality of these rights.”

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 REACH Project is implemented by UNDP in partnership with the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation and the Legal Aid Commission and is supported by the Government of Japan.

Christine Fowler, REACH Project Manager said that the REACH Project this year will soon commence mobile services of awareness raising and service delivery throughout Fiji. "The mobile teams this year will be assisted with mobile units which are currently being designed and will be specially equipped for efficient delivery of services and effective awareness raising."

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 - emphasising 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.

<http://www.pacific.undp.org/content/pacific/en/home/presscenter/articles/2016/04/27/talking-about-human-rights-and-law-in-interactive-ways-1.html>



The interactive sessions were facilitated by the President of the Commonwealth Legal Education Association at the University of KwaZulu-Natal in South Africa, Professor David McQuoid-Mason

In January 2016, the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) officially came into force. Over the next fifteen years, with these new Goals that universally apply to all, countries will mobilize efforts to end all forms of poverty, fight inequalities and tackle climate change, while ensuring that no one is left behind. The REACH Project will contribute particularly to achieving Goal 5 that is, to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls, and Goal 16 that is, to promote just, peaceful and inclusive societies.



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Government services reaching out further to people in communities

22 June 2016

Labasa, Fiji - Nai Nailevu raises four children who are attending primary and secondary school. She found it difficult to keep her family going after she separated from her husband. She did not have a paid job. She did not know if the Government could provide any support for her.

Ms Nailevu's situation is not unique in Fiji. Many people may not fully understand their rights under the Constitution of the Republic of Fiji nor understand the economic and social support and legal services provided by the Government that they could access.

"It was the first time the community received this type of awareness programme. We appreciated because it was very informative and educational."

Umesh Prasad, Advisory Council for Korowiri and Tovata communities

To raise awareness among people about their rights and services available to them, officers from the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, and the Legal Aid Commission came together as a team to visit communities to raise awareness of services

available and to also provide service delivery during the visit. The 'mobile service delivery' is coordinated as part of the project, Rights, Empowerment and Cohesion (REACH) for

Rural and Urban Fijians, called REACH Project.

REACH mobile service was recently undertaken for people in Korowiri and Tovata settlements in Labasa District, Macuata

Province, Northern Division. With the sun setting, around 50 people gathered at a nearby primary school after completing their work of the day. People learned from the officers various economic and social services and support programmes provided by the Government of Fiji through the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation. They also came to know how the Legal Aid Commission could help people in difficult situations. The mobile service delivery was also provided to over 70 people from Nubu, Nabukebuli, Nabutubutu, Naikelikoso and Wainaidru villages, Nadogo District, Macuata Province, Northern Division on the following day.

It was the first REACH mobile service for 2016 due to the impact of Tropical Cyclone Winston and government being fully engaged in various recovery and support programmes to the communities. Previously between September to December 2015, REACH mobile teams comprised of officers from the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation and the Legal Aid Commission conducted 17 days of awareness and service delivery to 48 villages and settlements in 10 of the 37 Districts in all three provinces of Bua, Cakaudrove and Macuata in the Northern Division, reaching 1,127 people including 464 women, 507 men and 156 children. These mobile teams also delivered 729 services such as advice on eligibility for poverty alleviation schemes, information on women and child rights, and legal advisory services. For the majority of the missions, representatives from the Commissioner Northern Office

and Provincial Councils also accompanied the mobile team and responded to many enquiries raised by community members.

REACH mobile service delivery will now be commencing throughout Fiji.

“It was the first time the community received this type of awareness programme. We appreciated because it was very informative and educational. The group session was useful and easy for us to ask questions to the officers. Now that people know what services are available, they are trying to apply for some services. Women’s group will be formed in the communities as well and will apply for the skill training the Ministry provide.” Umesh Prasad, Advisory Council for Korowiri and Tovata communities shared with the REACH mobile service delivery team.

Ms Nailevu was provided additional information on the poverty benefit scheme. She had previously applied and received the scheme assistance which has helped her continue to support her children’s education and more.

“The assistance enables me to pay to the schools for my children and buy daily necessities for my family. I also used the money from the scheme to help me start a small business at home so now I do not have to borrow money from others,” said Ms Nailevu.

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



Women obtaining more information as group and individuals during the REACH mobile service delivery to people in Nubu, Nabukebuli, Nabutubutu, Naikelikoso and Wainaidru villages (Photo: UNDP)

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 Rights, Empowerment and Cohesion (REACH) for Rural and Urban Fijians 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 REACH Project is being implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in partnership with the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation and the Legal Aid Commission and supported by the Government of Japan and UNDP.



Production of the REACH advocacy video was carried out during the REACH mobile service delivery mission.

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Awareness and service delivery provided in Fiji's remote communities

6 December 2016

Kadavu, Fiji – Men and women from across 18 villages in the four districts of Kadavu Province, for the first time learned about the legal aid services available to them from the Legal Aid Commission Officers who recently visited their communities.

The Legal Aid Commission Officers were part of a mobile initiative for awareness raising and service delivery provided by the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty

Alleviation, the Legal Aid Commission, Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission (HRADC) and the United Nations

Development Programme (UNDP).

The initiative is part of the Rights, Empowerment and Cohesion (REACH) for Rural and Urban Fijians Project, also called the

REACH Project implemented by UNDP in partnership with the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, the Legal Aid Commission and local governments supported by the Government of Japan. The mobile team carried out the programme over a period of five days in the villages and primary schools of

Nakasaleka, Ravitaki, Tavuki and Yawe Districts in Kadavu Province. The services were also provided under the tent at the provincial wide sports event,

"I heard about legal aid services for the first time and learned that the services are available for us for free. ... We are grateful that the group of officers came to this remote community all the way."

Bulou Varanise from Nakaunakoro village, Nakasaleka District, Kadavu Province

"Yaubula Sevens Festival" held in Vunisea, the center of the province in which more than 33 villages from all over the province participated.

Bulou Varanise from Nakaunakoro village came to the neighboring Nakoronawa village in Nakasaleka District which hosted the REACH mobile team and had a chance to talk to the officers.

"I heard about legal aid services for the first time and learned that the services are available for us for free. I was able to learn how to process adoption formally. We are grateful that the group of officers came to this remote community all the way."

"We would welcome more awareness programmes to be conducted at our community," she added.

Like Ms Varanise, people who participated in the awareness and service delivery sessions conducted by the REACH mobile team brought to the officers various issues concerning them, ranging from adoption, divorce, maintenance, deed poll (a legal document that proves a change of name), child custody, probate (the official proving of a will), transfer of assets, power of attorney, debt issue, land lease issue to matter of the registration of native landowners or *Voia ni Kawa Bula* (VKB).

Thirty nine particular individuals were provided with advice or referrals by the officers from the Legal Aid Commission during their visit.

Legal Aid Commission Senior Legal Officer, Keli Vulimainadave said, "People have been

encountering various issues, many of which can be solved with the legal assistance we provide. People should be able to access the social, economic and legal services they are entitled to and exercise their rights guaranteed in our Constitution”.

“Everyone, particularly those who has no means to do so, should be able to access legal aid services. This unique mobile approach enables people to access our services right in their communities even in remote areas,” she added.

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 Five, which is achieving gender equality and empowering all women and girls and Goal 16 that promotes just, peaceful and inclusive societies.

The REACH project aims to increase people’s awareness about their constitutional rights and deliver social, economic and legal services provided by the Ministry and the Legal Aid Commission at their doorsteps.



Students and teachers at Namalata Primary School learned about human rights at school from the REACH mobile team



Galoa village, Tavuki District

HIGHLIGHTS



The mobile service team met 199 people (81 women and 109 men) from 18 communities in 4 districts (Nakasaleka, Ravitaki, Tavuki and Yawe Districts) in the Eastern Division.



The mobile service team delivered 135 services (68 to women and 67 to men) which was comprised of: Department of Social Welfare delivered 70 services (39 to women and 31 to men); Department of Women delivered 11 services (11 to women); and the Fiji Legal Aid Commission delivered 39 services (14 women and 25 men); Huma Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission delivered 15 services (4 to women and 11 to men).



In addition, 106 (52 women/girls; 54 men/boys) students and teachers know more about their human rights through the REACH mobile awareness raising.



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Providing the remote population of Naitasiri access to social, economic and legal services

13 December 2016

Suva, Fiji - Remote villages in the Naitasiri province, for the longest time, found it difficult to access social, economic and legal services. The people of Matailou and Wainimala District would travel for hours on foot or horseback to the nearby bus stand to get to the city where these services are accessed.

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in partnership with the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, the Legal Aid Commission, and the Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission is changing that for the people in 16 remote villages in the two districts through the Rights, Empowerment and Cohesion (REACH) for Rural and Urban Fijians Project.

UNDP Access to Justice, Rule of Law and Human Rights Programme Manager, Christine

Fowler said, "This project has put together a mobile service team that includes the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, the Legal Aid Commission and the Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission representatives.

She added, "They go to these villages and provide their services to the communities rather than having them come to the main city which they find very difficult to do."



Participants at Lutu village, Wainimala District, Naitasiri Province

People from these remote areas have had to travel for two hours

on foot or horseback along the Wainimala River before getting on the public bus for another three hours to get to the main city area.

Social Welfare Officer for the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, Laisani Bainivalu said, "Many applications for social services submitted from people in remote villages show the necessity of us officers to reach out to those who are disadvantaged in terms of accessing services".

"Now I've learned that I could apply for a financial support scheme. That will help us".

Karalaini Lewaiwau, from Matawaulevu village, Wainimala District, Naitasiri Province

"REACH mobile service delivery approach enables both the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation and the Legal Aid Commission to come together and deliver our much needed services to the remote communities at their doorsteps," she added.

Karalaini Lewaiwau, from Matawaulevu village, met the team during one of their recent visits said, "My son was injured badly last year. He is recovering but I still need to take him to a hospital in Suva regularly which takes long walk and bus ride and costs me so much. Now I've learned that I could apply for a financial support scheme. That will help us".

Adi Ema Delaiwau from Lasalevu village looks after her two

grandchildren with her retired husband. Delaiwau has been receiving her Poverty Benefit Scheme but finds it difficult to feed all her family and send her two children to school.

"I asked the officer if the amount of the support could increase. She was helpful assisting me to obtain the required documents to verify my situation," said Delaiwau.

From the recent mobile services provided, thirty new applications for economic and social benefits including the Poverty Benefit Scheme, Social Pension Scheme, Bus Fare Assistance, Care and Protection Allowance and Rural Pregnant Mothers Food Vouchers were successfully submitted to the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation.

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 three-year project is being implemented by UNDP in partnership with the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation and the Legal Aid Commission and supported by the Government of Japan.

HIGHLIGHTS

The mobile service team met people from 16 villages in 2 districts (Matailobau and Wainimala), Naitasiri Province and the Central Division. Total number of participants: 250 (133 women and 117 men)

The mobile service team delivered 217 services (127 women and 90 men). The Department of Social Welfare delivered 105 (35 to women and 70 to men); the Department of Women delivered 73 (all to women); and the Legal Aid Commission delivered 39 (19 women and 20 men).



Riding on horseback to get to and from remote villages in Naitasiri (Photo: UNDP/Tamoko Kashiwazaki)



Nasava village, Wainimala District, Naitasiri Province



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