



Fiji Access to Justice Project

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Acronyms

CSO	Civil Society Organization
EU	European Union
HRADC	Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission
LAC	Legal Aid Commission
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme

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1. Overview

The key targeted result of the Fiji Access to Justice Project is for *Fijians to be empowered to access to justice and Fijian key justice sector institutions strengthened to deliver access to justice, particularly for impoverished and vulnerable groups.*

During Year 1, 11 July 2016 to 10 July 2017, implementation commenced in earnest in November 2016 when the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) received project funds. Implementation focused on initiating priority activities and planning for longer term activities, laying the groundwork with both national counterpart institutions and building up the UNDP for successful implementation.

Since submission of the first Annual Progress Report, the Project has made significant progress against stated results, as outlined below, covering the Reporting Period of 11 July 2017 – 31 December 2017.

1.1 Project Implementation Highlights by Output

Output 1 Enhanced Institutional Capacity of Legal Aid Commission to deliver access to justice for impoverished and vulnerable groups.

During the Reporting Period, the Project continued support to the Legal Aid Commission (LAC) to improve service delivery. As part of support to improve LAC's case management system, the Project developed equipment specifications and initiated procurement for ICT equipment, installation and training – supported by observations of Legal Aid South Africa's systems by LAC personnel attending a Knowledge Exchange to South Africa (described below). Procurement of the agreed upon equipment should be completed by 1st quarter 2018 with purchases, delivery and installation commencing shortly thereafter. The upgraded ICT infrastructure for LAC will enable full implementation and management of a case management system and increase the institution's ability to administer and manage services. It will further support the functioning of the Helpline once established.

Marking a significant milestone for the Project, UNDP signed a contract with The Hague Institute for the Innovation of Law (Hiil) to carry out the Access to Justice Assessment through a competitive process. Hiil, an internationally renowned justice institution, brings extremely strong and extensive experience carrying out high-quality access to justice assessment in varied contexts on behalf of national governments and international organizations. Work on the assessment, which will include a thorough desk review, broad stakeholder consultations, focus group discussions and a nationwide survey, will commence in earnest 01 January 2018 and is scheduled to be completed during 2nd quarter 2018. The Access to Justice Assessment will serve to identify priority areas to strengthen LAC's capacity to deliver responsive and timely services while providing a solid empirical knowledge base to guide justice sector development and direction in Fiji - in particular for the Judicial Department, the HRADC, and other constitutional bodies – while simultaneously providing a project baseline and informing the design of future interventions.

Additionally, the Project supported a Knowledge Exchange to Legal Aid South Africa and other relevant South African stakeholders from 12 - 26 August 2017. The Exchange included five key LAC personnel (Acting Director, Deputy Director, Principal Finance Officer, Client Information Officer and Administrative Assistant - 3 male, 2 female). LAC personnel confirmed the exchange enhanced South-South cooperation with Legal Aid South Africa, provided perspective and lessons learned and best practices, and entrenched participation in international knowledge networks. LAC's reports from the Knowledge Exchange detail key elements of interest and relevance from the South African context which might be adapted to the Fijian context with positive results. The Project will continue to support LAC in further refining and implementing change, drawing on lessons learned from the exchange, and eventually, the Access to Justice Assessment.

In continued support to LAC's development of a training plan and connection to international knowledge networks, the Project began initial planning with LAC for a Regional Legal Aid Conference. The Workshop will provide both a platform to showcase legal aid international best-practices, and for LAC to showcase their work to the region. Lessons learned will help inform LACs training programming. The Project continues discussion with LAC to finalize all aspects of the workshop.

Output 2 Enhanced Institutional Capacity of Judicial Department and other institutions to deliver access to justice for impoverished and vulnerable groups.

During the Reporting Period, the Project continued support to the Judicial Department in developing a contextualized Court Technology Strategy under support for the development of the updated Judicial Department Strategic Plan. On an ongoing basis, the Project supported review, consultations and development of the Judicial Department Strategic Plan, including convening technical workshops in February 2017 and June 2017, and provided additional technical inputs on the Strategic Plan in October 2017. It is anticipated the Strategic Plan will be ready to be signed off on during 1st quarter 2018, pending final revisions by the Judicial Department.

The Project marked significant progress in support to development of a Court Technology Strategy. Support is being provided in three phases: Phase 1. Assessment; Phase 2. Costed recommendations for consultation; Phase 3. Implementation with procurement and trainings. The expert successfully completed Phase 1 of the effort, subject to final inputs from the Judicial Department. The final draft for Phase 1 was completed during the reporting period. Phase 1 included extensive consultations with key stakeholders over two field missions, including 136 key stakeholders through a combination of one-on-one meetings, focus group discussions and direct observation of court proceedings and ICT infrastructure. Stakeholders interviewed included sitting Judges and Magistrates (across multiple Court jurisdictions and multiple courts, *inter alia* High Court, Magistrates Criminal and Civil Courts, Family Court), Judicial Department administrative personnel, IT personnel and Court Officers from multiple Court Registries, the Legal Aid Commission, the Fiji Independent Commission Against Corruption (FICAC), representatives from all three schools of law in Fiji, private lawyers from 7 different law firms, and members of local CSOs. Additionally, the expert carried out a comprehensive site assessment of the Judicial Department servers and ICT infrastructure, located in the secure facility of the Fiji Information Technology & Computing Services (ITC).

The expert report successfully identified weaknesses of the current system – largely offline, personnel-centred systems for internal administration of the Judicial Department, and filings and case management. These systems are heavily dependent upon individuals, which leads to inefficiencies, delays, and pose serious challenges to the effective and efficient administration of justice. Key priorities for court operations and potential solutions include: digitization of case filings (e-filing) and requisite payments, digitized case management system to ensure efficient dispensation and allocation resources in the Judicial Department, for example, efficiently assign and manage Judges, Magistrates and Court Officers time and assignment. All report recommendations are in line with, and linked to, the International Framework for Court Excellence, a global ‘gold standard’ on how courts should ideally function – and take into consideration the practical implications for other justice stakeholders as an indirect consequence of digitization in the Judicial Department. Work on Phase 2 will begin during 1st quarter 2018 while timing of Phase 3 will be contingent upon the final decisions taken with counterparts and the timing of procurements.

In August 2017, the Project provided continued support to the Judicial Department in producing and implementing a training plan, and train the trainer programme, including impact assessment. The Project and Judicial Department convened a Criminal Law Workshop from 2-4 August 2017, with 39 beneficiaries (10 female and 29 male). Training included a specialist criminal skills update for Judges and Magistrates (including juvenile justice, pre-trial conferencing, deportation orders, suppression orders, and more) with a focus on ‘in house’ presentations, representing a collaborative effort of the UNDP, the Project, the Judicial Department, and the Fiji Police Force. The impact of criminal justice on impoverished and vulnerable groups were considered and discussed at length – in particular, the different experiences of men and women; for example, the issue of diminished responsibility and provocation defences against murder charges when the Defence gives evidence of battered wife syndrome. Additionally, the training workshop increased the knowledge and skills of the participants in relation to early access to justice in criminal justice proceedings which involved, the United Nations Convention Against Torture (UNCAT); the First Hour Procedure; Video recorded interviews; and Judicial visits to places of detention. The Project will support development of further trainings in coordination with the Judicial Department training plan and Project activities.

Finally, the Project supported the participation of two key members of the Fiji Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission (HRADC) in the Knowledge Exchange to South Africa. The HRADC Director and Manager of Education, Advocacy and Communications attended the exchange, furthering South-South transfer of knowledge between national human rights institutions. HRADC successfully identified a number of key outcomes and best practices to be adapted and contextualized to the Fijian context which the Project will continue to support.

Output 3 Strengthened delivery of access to justice services to impoverished and vulnerable groups.

As part of the Knowledge Exchange to South Africa, the Project supported LAC with the first stages of developing a Helpline. Support included drafting of a concept note and providing direct access to international best practice through the Knowledge Exchange where Legal Aid South Africa’s effective systems were directly observed. LAC brought lessons learned from this

experience and is actively considering options for location, structure and function for a LAC Helpline, with a Project-supported pilot to be launched in 2018.

The Project continues to support development of Court Help Desks with the Judicial Department. A concept note has been prepared with the Judicial Department, including short, medium and long-term possibilities, and the Court Technology Strategy is being developed to integrate Helpdesks - as support mechanism for citizen users and professional lawyers alike to provide IT support and a help facility for any digitized systems the Judicial Department adopts.

Output 4 Strengthened capacity of NGOs to deliver accompaniment access to justice services to impoverished and vulnerable groups.

Project support for the development of a network of community advocates to deliver accompaniment access to justice services continued. During the reporting period, the Project supported an additional three HRADC-led discussions with youth and CSOs, reaching a total of 290 beneficiaries (166 women, 101 males, 20 LGBTQI, 3 who did not indicate, and 12 persons with disabilities), 83% of whom fully agreed the awareness-raising and discussions increased their knowledge on access to justice, the Fiji Bill of Rights, human and rights and anti-discrimination issues and the work of the HRADC.

Further, the Project convened a four-day pilot activity with HRADC in early November 2017. Drawing on a South African model, the pilot saw 49 beneficiaries trained as Community Advocates for Human Rights and Access to justice (24 women, 18 men, 7 LGBTQI, and 6 persons with disability – the majority of which (55%) were from outside Suva). Beneficiaries received training on human rights, law and justice services, and community engagement methods, 80% of whom fully agreed their knowledge and capacity to engage with communities as Community Rights Advocates increased while 77% fully agreed their ability to develop and deliver interactive rights-based and access to justice presentations increased.

In direct follow up to the Community Advocates for Human Rights Session, the Project worked with HRADC to convene a series of five outreach sessions across Fiji as part of Human Rights Day events in early December 2018. The sessions were arranged and led in coordination with Community Advocates for Human Rights trained in the November session, putting their newly-learned skills to the test. Total beneficiaries numbered 527 people (245 women, 172 men, 74 children, 36 LGBTQI, 74 persons with disabilities (41 women; 31 males; 2 LGBTQI) – the vast majority of which (85%) were from outside Suva).

These activities together lay a strong foundation for the Access to Justice Assessment; results from the Assessment will be fed back into these networks through the identification of priority issues and concerns to be targeted.

Output 5 Effective Project Management.

The Project continues to be managed in accordance with UNDP Programme and Operations Policies and Procedures with regular and ongoing oversight by the management of the UNDP Pacific Office in Fiji. All Project staff as foreseen by the Project Document are on board, with a change the Access to Justice and Monitoring Specialist position; the position has been upgraded to a more senior level of P4 in recognition of the appropriate level of skills required in the Fiji

context. Additional costs for the higher-level position will be met through UNDP Pacific Office regional programming, with a corresponding proportion of time allocated.

2. Context

The development challenge, outlined in detail in the Description of the Action, that the Fiji Access to Justice Project (the Project) seeks to address comprises two symbiotic components. First, the need to enhance empowerment of impoverished and vulnerable rights holders to access legal rights and services through relevant key justice institutions to obtain access to justice. Second, the need to strengthen key justice institutions duty bearers to realise and protect legal rights and provide service delivery to impoverished and vulnerable groups to deliver access to justice.

The Project will address this Development Challenge through a strategy founded on the Project Theory of Change as follows: In support of the enhancement of overall governance systems in Fiji, access to justice in Fiji for impoverished and vulnerable groups will be improved through empowering people to access legal rights and services through the relevant key justice institutions, in conjunction with strengthening those key justice institutions to undertake improved service delivery. The LAC and the Judicial Department have been identified as the two key justice institutions entry points for access to justice, along with links to other institutions, and will be strengthened under this project. Non-governmental organisations will also be strengthened under this project to deliver accompaniment access to justice services, particularly for impoverished and vulnerable groups.

The beginning of the design for the Fiji Access to Justice Project was undertaken following the adoption of a new Constitution in 2013, democratic elections in 2014, and then the reestablishment of Parliament, when all key stakeholders engaged in discussions, research and analysis on potential areas of support for reform in Fiji. On 16 June 2015, the Fiji Government and the European Union signed the National Indicative Programme 2014 – 2020 under the 11th European Development Fund which identified public administration reform and governance as a focus area to contribute to fostering democracy, governance and political stability. Following this the European Union engaged in further consultations with a broad range of stakeholders and identified improving the functioning of the justice system and facilitating better access to justice for the underprivileged as a priority area. On this basis, and with the strategy for the entry points to address the Development Challenge already determined, the next stage of the more detailed Project Design was undertaken by UNDP during the period October 2015 to April 2016.

The Project Document (Description of the Action) was agreed and then signed by the Chief Justice, Chairman of the LAC and the UNDP Country Director on 7 and 8 July 2016. The Fiji Government and EU Financial Agreement and Project Launch was undertaken on 29 August 2016. The EU and UNDP Delegation Agreement was signed on 5 October 2016, with retroactive implementation date for commencement on 11 July 2016, and the first financial instalment was received on 3 November 2016. The inaugural Project Board Meeting was conducted on 18 October 2016 with the Chief Justice, Chief Registrar, Acting Director LAC, EU Head of Cooperation, UNDP Country Director and UNDP Programme Manager participating. For Project implementation, the focus for the first four months (July to October 2016) was primarily on the

arrangements for the establishment of the Project and the initiation of procurements, with commencement in the main activity implementation from November 2016 onwards.

3. Progress against Stated Results

The Project intended outcome is: Fijians empowered for access to justice and Fijian key justice sector institutions strengthened to deliver access to justice, particularly for impoverished and vulnerable groups. The long-term, transformational nature of the intended change is acknowledged in the project design, with an emphasis placed on identifying short-term achievements (at the Activity Results and then Output Levels), and mid-term achievements (at the Outcome Level) that over time will collectively contribute to the longer-term change. The expected results will be delivered according to the Results Framework and the Multi-Year Work Plan.

The Results Framework details the expected change that will be attributable to the Project as identified in the outputs with specified targets aligned to the identified indicators. The achievement of these outputs will contribute towards achievement of the outcome. The Multi-Year Work Plan lists the ‘activities’ and the pathway to the ‘activity result’ and then to the ‘output’ and identifies the corresponding budget. The activities in the Multi-Year Work Plan have been identified by stakeholders as best suited to achieve the intended results.

In line with agreed reporting requirements, an updated table based on the logical framework matrix from the Project Document is provided below, including reporting of progress against Outputs, as measured by corresponding Indicators, agreed baselines and targets, and relevant data sources’.

Output 1: Enhanced Institutional Capacity of Legal Aid Commission to deliver access to justice for impoverished and vulnerable groups.
Cumulative Summary of Progress Against Output – 11 July 2016 – 30 December 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Towards improving the overall quality of the Legal Aid Commission (LAC) case management system, the Project consulted with LAC, agreed upon equipment specifications, and initiated a procurement process for ICT equipment, installation and training of LAC staff. LAC additionally consulted with the Fiji Information Technology & Computing Services (ITC) to confirm final specifications and compatibility with existing government IT systems/infrastructure. Amendments were made to specifications, bids were resolicited and received from potential vendors in December 2017. The process should be completed by 1st quarter 2018, with purchases, delivery and installation commencing shortly thereafter. An upgraded ICT infrastructure for LAC will enable full implementation and management of a case management system, eventually the Helpline, and increase the institution’s ability to administer and manage services.

- As part of the knowledge exchange to South Africa that took place 12-26 August 2017, LAC reviewed Legal Aid South Africa's systems and will provide feedback on desired direction for case management systems. The Project will support continued development of the case management system, ensuring compatibility with ICT equipment being procured.
- The Project completed procurement for the Access to Justice Assessment in December 2017. After a competitive process, The Hague Institute for the Innovation of Law (HiiL) succeeded. HiiL, an internationally renowned justice-based institution, brings strong and extensive experience carrying out high-quality access to justice assessment in varied contexts. The contract with HiiL was signed on 14 December 2017 and work will begin in earnest 01 January 2018. The Access to Justice Assessment will identify priority areas to strengthen LAC's capacity to deliver responsive and timely services, and providing a solid empirical knowledge base to guide the justice sector's development and direction in Fiji, in particular for LAC, the Judicial Department, the HRADC, while informing design of future Project activities and interventions.
- The Project has supported revisions of the draft LAC Strategic Plan 2017-2020 and the draft LAC Functional Review (prepared in 2016, updated in 2017), both of which are the process of being finalized. The Project supported the revision of the draft Human Resource Management Manual and draft Financial Manual. That support was supplemented by direct observation during the South Africa Knowledge Exchange undertaken 12-26 August 2017, and LAC will update its Manuals accordingly.
- With Project support, the Acting Director LAC (1 male) participated in and presented at the 2nd International Conference on Access to Legal Aid in Criminal Justice Systems held in November 2016 in Argentina, and also attended the International Legal Aid Group Conference from 14-16 June 2017, part of the Project's aim to promote access to international knowledge networks on access to justice. Additionally, the Project supported a Knowledge Exchange to Legal Aid South Africa and other relevant South African stakeholders from 12 - 26 August 2017. The Exchange included five key LAC personnel (Acting Director, Deputy Director, Principal Finance Officer, Client Information Officer and Administrative Assistant - 3 male, 2 female). LAC personnel confirmed the exchange enhanced South-South cooperation with Legal Aid South Africa, provided perspective and lessons learned and best practices, and entrenched participation in international knowledge networks. LAC's reports from the Knowledge Exchange detail key elements of interest and relevance from the South African context which might be adapted to the Fijian context with positive results. The Project will continue to support LAC in further refining and implementing change, drawing on lessons learned from the exchange, and eventually, the Access to Justice Assessment.
- The Project worked with LAC to determine priority training needs and developed series of trainings on Early Access to Justice. The Project held training sessions from 7-13 February 2017, reaching 120 beneficiaries (77 female and 43 male), attendees from LAC numbering 81 (55 female and 26 male) with immediate practical application in the workplace through

the 'First Hour Procedure'. Notably, 94% of participants agreed fully that the training had increased their knowledge and skills.

- In continued support to LAC's development of a training plan and connection to international knowledge networks, the Project began initial planning for a Regional Legal Aid Workshop. The Workshop will provide both a platform to showcase legal aid international best-practices, and for LAC to showcase their work to the region. Lessons learned will help inform LACs training programming. The Project continues discussion with LAC to confirm the final concept for the workshop and to determine the ideal dates to hold the Workshop.

Progress Against Indicators:

Indicator 1.1: Quality of Legal Aid Commission case management system - rated using a set of key features for case management system and reports from case management system with a four-point scale of very good 4 = 100% for all features, good = 3 for 75 to 99% of all features, poor = 2 for 50 to 74% of all features, very poor = 1 for less than 50% of features, and no existing system = 0.

Data Source: Field Data and Document Review. Informed by review of case management system routine and special issue reports, data on usage of case management system and disaggregated data available from case management system.

Baseline Year 0: 0

Target Year 1: 0

Target Result: 0

Indicator 1.2: Strategic planning and budgeting capacity of the Legal Aid Commission - rated using question of 'how would you rate the Legal Aid Commission capacity to plan their operations strategically, to budget efficiently and manage gender equality' using an average score of all relevant experts on a four-point scale corresponding to the following four response categories: very good = 4, good = 3, poor = 2, very poor = 1, and not yet assessed = 0.

Data Source: Expert Survey and Document Review. Informed by number of Legal Aid Commission strategies, plans (including training plans), policies, reports or systems that are gender-responsive and meet human rights standards developed or revised by 2020. Baseline to be established.

Baseline Year 0: 0

Target Year 1: 0

Target Result: 0

Indicator 1.3: Competence (skills and knowledge) of Legal Aid Commission staff (lawyers): rated using question 'to what extent do you agree that Legal Aid Commission staff (lawyers) have the professional skills, legal training and knowledge required to effectively undertake their duties' using an average score of all relevant experts and focus groups on a four-point scale corresponding to the following four response categories: full agree = 4, partly agree = 3, disagree = 2, strongly disagree = 1, and not yet assessed = 0.

Data Source: Expert Survey, Focus Groups and Document Review. Informed by Number of participants supported in international or regional knowledge networks accessed or hosted and Number of participants supported in trainings and workshops (disaggregated by sex, geographic, topic and type of professional such as lawyer, client officer, support staff etc.) and Availability of law reports. Baseline to be established

Baseline Year 0: 0

Target Year 1: 0
Target Result: 0

Indicator 1.4: Availability of free legal assistance for impoverished and vulnerable groups: rated using question 'how often do impoverished and vulnerable groups actually receive free legal assistance at all stages of proceedings against them?' using an average score of all relevant experts, focus groups and document review on a four-point scale corresponding to the following four response categories: very often = 4, often = 3, rarely = 2, never = 1, and not yet assessed = 0. (or % of defendants in cases who have legal representation)

Data Source: Expert Survey, Focus Groups and Document Review. Informed by data from case management system including total number of clients / case representation provided by Legal Aid Commission and percentage of criminal cases in which the defendant does not have legal representation in court.

Baseline Year 0: 0
Target Year 1: 0
Target Result: 0

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION STATUS

Intended activity result 1.1: Legal Aid Commission (LAC) able to effectively measure and analyse its data through the establishment of a case management system to enable improved service delivery and facilitate responsiveness to the justice needs of impoverished and vulnerable groups

Activities:

Activity 1.1.1: *The procurement, installation and training for the operationalization of two servers to bolster LAC's ICT infrastructure.*

Implementation to date: The project supported identification of LAC's needs and developed ICT equipment specifications in response. To this end, the Project sought technical advice in October 2016, reconfirmed in July 2017 by a dedicated expert. In early November, LAC received additional technical inputs on their needs from the Government of Fiji's Information Technology & Computing Services (ITC), ensuring final specifications were adequate and compatibility with existing government IT systems/infrastructure. These were added to the procurement listing soliciting bids, resulting in a round of queries from potential vendors which have since been answered, and bids received. The final updated specifications form the basis for an ongoing procurement process, soliciting quotations/bids from vendors against stated criteria. This process should be completed late 4th Quarter 2017. Once the items are purchased and received, installation will be undertaken in 1st quarter 2018. While separate equipment may be necessary for the Helpline, these core systems will effectively provide support to underpin it.

Activity 1.1.2: *The creation of a pilot case management system for LAC and training for its utilization, including on data analysis, with a focus on data disaggregated by sex and population group.*

Implementation to date: The Project carried out initial scoping for pilot case management systems. Earlier in the project, technical information on case management systems was shared with LAC. Afterward, LAC reviewed Legal Aid South Africa systems, as part of the South Africa Knowledge Exchange carried out 12-26 August 2017, and will provide feedback on desired direction based on observations. The Project will continue to support development and adaptation of case management systems as necessary, ensuring ICT compatibility with ICT equipment the Project is procuring for LAC.

Activity 1.1.3: The revision and finalization of the overall case management system in accordance with the results of the pilot programme and needs analysis, including lessons learned workshop.

Implementation to date: Not yet initiated. This will be undertaken after piloting the case management system.

Activity 1.1.4: Assistance in the production of reports and recommendations based on the analysis of the data.

Implementation to date: Not yet initiated. This will be undertaken after piloting the case management system.

Intended Activity Result 1.2: The capacity of the LAC is strengthened to enable improved service delivery and responsiveness to priority areas identified by the Access to Justice Assessment.

Activities:

Activity 1.2.1: The conduct of a 2016 Fiji Access to Justice Assessment to identify the justice needs of impoverished and vulnerable groups; including development of baselines and perception surveys, generation of disaggregated data, broad stakeholder discussions; with the analysis of findings to further inform project activities.

Implementation to date: As previously reported, the Project commenced a procurement process to secure the services necessary to execute the Access to Justice Assessment, using a 'pre-qualification' call to pre-clear a number of firms to bid on the forthcoming call for proposals. A total of three firms responded and all three were cleared in October. Full submissions were solicited and received in November. After a comprehensive review of the competitive submissions received, The Hague Institute for Innovation of Law (HiiL) succeeded. The Project/UNDP signed a contract with HiiL on 14 December 2017. HiiL has an excellent international track record in conducting high-quality access to justice assessments and a stellar reputation in the global justice community – the best qualified firm for the job. HiiL and the Project have agreed for work to commence in earnest 01 January 2018, with field visits commencing as soon as possible to fully inform and finalize methodology design and identify counterpart institution priorities with key national counterpart institutions, namely LAC, the Judicial Department and HRADC.

Activity 1.2.2: The provision of support, technical and workshops, to the LAC in the finalization of its five-year strategy, functional review, annual corporate plans, including financial and human resource management manuals.

Implementation to date: The Project supported finalization of the Draft Strategic Plan 2017-2020 with LAC. The Project further assisted in collating and updating statistics, however there still remain some minor updates and clarifications on statistics to be completed by LAC, and the LAC Chairperson's foreword has yet to be added.

Pending final approvals by LAC, the Plan will be sent onward for design and printing. The Strategic Plan is consistent with the United Nations Principles and Guidelines on Access to Justice in Criminal Justice Systems. Priorities identified in the Strategic Plan are aligned with priorities and activities identified under the Fiji Access to Justice Project.

The Project also supported LAC in reviewing its draft Human Resource Management Manual and provided recommendations for LAC's consideration. Additionally, the Project supported LAC in reviewing its draft Financial Manual and provided recommendations for LAC's consideration. LAC has subsequently reviewed these Manuals using practices observed during the South Africa Knowledge Exchange undertaken 12-26 August 2017 and will update its Manuals accordingly.

Activity 1.2.3: The provision of technical support to LAC to develop quality monitoring policies and procedures, criteria for evaluating the quality of assistance provided and other tools.

Implementation to date: Not yet initiated. While the timing is contingent upon LAC finalizing its internal planning documents, the Project anticipates commencing this activity during in 1st and 2nd quarter 2018.

Activity 1.2.4: Support to the LAC in accessing and hosting international and regional knowledge networks in relation to access to justice.

Implementation to date: The Project supported a Knowledge Exchange to Legal Aid South Africa and other relevant South African stakeholders from 12 - 26 August 2017. The Exchange included five key LAC personnel (Acting Director, Deputy Director, Principal Finance Officer, Client Information Officer and Administrative Assistant - 3 male, 2 female). As confirmed by the participating LAC personnel, the exchange enhanced South-South cooperation with Legal Aid South Africa, provided perspective and lessons learned and best practices, and entrenched participation in international knowledge networks. Subsequent to the exchange, LAC prepared internal reports detailing key elements of interest and relevance from the South African context which might be adapted to the Fijian context with positive results. In particular, LAC drew strong lessons from the South African model in the following areas: 1. Practitioner per court – the practice of assigning at least one legal aid lawyer per court, regardless of minimum case load; 2. The immediate hearing, processing and clearing of legal aid applications carried out instantly in Court; 3. The use of an online document management and access database including template legal documents; 4. The legal briefing-out system whereby legal cases in which LAC is conflicted would be delegated to private firms; 5. The potential application of “impact litigation”, undertaken to clarify points of law and establish precedents, 6. Perspective on the establishment and running of a LAC Helpline (discussed in detail below); and 7. How to improve marketing and promotion of LAC services. The Project will continue to support LAC in further refining and implementing change based on the exchange.

Activity 1.2.5: Support to the LAC in the production and implementation of a training plan and train the trainer programme, and the evaluation of its subsequent impact; with

the design of the training plan to be responsive to priority areas identified by the Access to Justice Assessment.

The Project continued planning for a Pacific Regional Legal Aid Workshop to be held in partnership with LAC. The Regional Workshop will provide both a platform to showcase legal aid international best-practices, and for LAC to showcase their work to the region. Lessons learned from the Regional Workshop will be captured as a knowledge product to help inform LACs training programming, in addition to the Access to Justice Assessment.

Project support included the development of a concept note and agenda with LAC, as well as preliminary identification of regional and global legal aid community attendees from government, academia and service provider CSOs alike. While the workshop was anticipated for 4th quarter 2017, a large regional conference requires significantly more time and effort to effectively organize. The Project continues discussion with LAC to confirm the final concept for the conference and to determine the ideal dates to hold the workshop.

Activity 1.2.6: The conduct of a 2020 Fiji Access to Justice Assessment, including lessons learned workshop, and analysis.

Implementation to date: Procurement for the initial Access to Justice Assessment is completed and HiIL is selected, however implementation has not yet begun. Another procurement will be necessary for the conduct of the 2020 Assessment.

Intended Activity Result 1.3: The LAC able to accurately access and invoke the relevant law in the provision of its services through the updating of the LAC's library.

Activity:

Activity 1.3.1: Obtaining and making available at least two major law reports from countries used as comparative sources of law by Fijian lawyers and courts (such as Australia, New Zealand and England and Wales).

Implementation to date: As previously reported, the Project supported initial discussions with the Judicial Department and LAC on the provision of major law reports from other countries. However, recurrent upkeep costs need to be further considered by stakeholders along with further considerations on the digitization and online access to such reports. The project will continue to support counterparts with these considerations.

Output 2: Enhanced Institutional Capacity of Judicial Department and other institutions to deliver access to justice for impoverished and vulnerable groups.

Cumulative Summary of Progress Against Output – 11 July 2016 – 30 December 2017

- The Project retained an expert to conduct a needs assessment and development a contextualized Court Technology Strategy, aiming toward development of international

management and case management systems in the Judicial Department. This is being undertaken in three phases: Phase 1. Assessment; Phase 2. Costed recommendations for consultation; Phase 3. Implementation with procurement and trainings. The expert successfully completed Phase 1 of the effort, subject to final inputs from the Judicial Department.

- As part of Phase 1, the expert held extensive consultations with key stakeholders over the course of two field missions, including 136 key stakeholders through a combination of one-on-one meetings, focus group discussions and direct observation of court proceedings and ICT infrastructure. Stakeholders interviewed included sitting Judges and Magistrates (across multiple Court jurisdictions and multiple courts, *inter alia* High Court, Magistrates Criminal and Civil Courts, Family Court), Judicial Department administrative personnel, IT personnel and Court Officers from multiple Court Registries, the Legal Aid Commission, the Fiji Independent Commission Against Corruption (FICAC), representatives from all three schools of law in Fiji, private lawyers from 7 different law firms, and members of local CSOs. Additionally, the expert carried out a comprehensive site assessment of the Judicial Department servers and ICT infrastructure, located in the secure facility of the Fiji Information Technology & Computing Services (ITC). The expert report identifies weaknesses of the current system – largely offline, personnel-centred systems for internal administration of the Judicial Department, and filings and case management. These systems are heavily dependent upon individuals, which leads to inefficiencies, delays, and pose serious challenges to the effective and efficient administration of justice. Key priorities for court operations and potential solutions include: digitization of case filings (e-filing) and requisite payments, digitized case management system to ensure efficient dispensation and allocation resources in the Judicial Department, for example, efficiently assign and manage Judges, Magistrates and Court Officers time and assignment. All report recommendations are in line with, and linked to, the International Framework for Court Excellence, a global ‘gold standard’ on how courts should ideally function – and take into consideration the practical implications for other justice stakeholders as an indirect consequence of digitization in the Judicial Department. Work on Phase 2 will begin during 1st quarter 2018 while timing of Phase 3 will be contingent upon the final decisions taken with counterparts and the timing of procurements.
- As noted under Output 1, HiiL has been selected to carry out the Access to Justice Assessment through a competitive procurement process. This will serve to identify priority areas of need for the Judicial Department to address to enhance service delivery and responsiveness.
- The Project supported review, consultations and development of the Judicial Department Strategic Plan, including convening technical workshops in February and June 2017. The Project provided additional technical inputs on the Strategic Plan in October 2017. It is anticipated the Strategic Plan will be ready to be signed off on during 1st quarter 2018.

- The Project supported the Judicial Department in producing and implementing a training plan, and train the trainer programme, including impact assessment. As part this support, the Project worked with the Judicial Department to convene a Criminal Law Workshop from 2 - 4 August 2017 with 39 beneficiaries (10 female and 29 male). The workshop provided a specialist criminal skills update for Judges and Magistrates (including juvenile justice, pre-trial conferencing, deportation orders, suppression orders, and more) with a focus on 'in house' presentations, representing a collaborative effort of the UNDP, the Project, the Judicial Department, and the Fiji Police Force. The impact of criminal justice on impoverished and vulnerable groups were considered and discussed at length – in particular the different experiences of men and women; for example, the issue of diminished responsibility and provocation defences against murder charges when the Defence gives evidence of battered wife syndrome. The training workshop increased the knowledge and skills of the participants in relation to early access to justice in criminal justice proceedings which involved, the United Nations Convention Against Torture (UNCAT); the First Hour Procedure; Video recorded interviews; and Judicial visits to places of detention. 71% of beneficiaries fully agreed the workshop increased their knowledge and skills in relation to use of video recorded interviews and the United Nations Convention Against Torture. Further trainings will be developed in coordination with the Judicial Department training plan and Project activities, such as the Court Technology Strategy, priority areas identified by the Access to Justice Assessment and other priorities identified by the Judicial Department.
- Production of the 2007, 2005 and 2006 Fiji Law Reports. Copies of the 2005 and 2007 Reports have been distributed to justice sector and other relevant stakeholders, while the 2006 was received in late December and will be subsequently distributed. The Project launched a procurement process for production and digitization of Law Reports from 2002-2008, 2009-2016, and 2012; unfortunately, the process did not identify a vender able to provide the requisite services. The Project will consult with stakeholders in early 2018 to devise a new strategy to secure production.
- The Project also supported the Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission (HRADC) with selected activities related to access to justice. Priority training needs were assessed with HRADC and HRADC personnel were beneficiaries in the trainings on Early Access to Justice undertaken in February 2017. This resulted in immediate application in practice as part of the ongoing early access to justice initiative of the 'First Hour Procedure'.
- Additionally, the Project supported a Knowledge Exchange to the South Africa Human Rights Commission and other relevant South African stakeholders for two HRADC personnel (The HRADC Director and Manager Education Advocacy and Communications – 1 male and 1 female), furthering South-South transfer of knowledge and experiences. HRADC identified a number of key outcomes that could be applied in the Fijian context, including the use of private and public interest litigation to develop human rights jurisprudence for the country, embedding human rights education in early school curricula,

and development of a 'street law manual' to be used by human rights advocates (who were trained subsequently under Activity 4.2.1 in November 2017).

Progress Against Indicators:

Indicator 2.1: Quality of Judicial Department case management system: rated using a set of key features for case management system and reports from case management system with a four-point scale of very good 4 = 100% for all features, good = 3 for 75 to 99% of all features, poor = 2 for 50 to 74% of all features, very poor = 1 for less than 50% of features, and no existing system = 0.

Data Source: Field Data and Document Review. Informed by review of case management system routine and special issue reports, data on usage of case management system and disaggregated data available from case management system.

Baseline Year 0: 1 (less than 50% of the features case management systems and reports should ideally have)

Target Year 1: 0

Target Result: 0

Progress to date: At present, the Judicial Department operates a rudimentary case management system (CMS). The CMS captures basic case information, party information and the physical location of the case jacket. These details can be used to perform party searches and to find the location of the case jacket. Statistics and reports for the Key process indicators (KPI) based on the Case Initiated, Pending and Disposed can be generated and are currently provided to the Chief Administrator and Chief Registrar monthly. A standard template is provided by the Statistical Unit to all the Registries at various Courts in each Island to provide the Returns monthly – manually. Once the figures are received, the numbers are checked and are collated together by the Statistical Unit to generate the reports - in an Excel file. The following reports are generated Nationwide: 1. Initiated Cases based on Case Type, by Category, by Stages and No action since period. 2. Pending Cases based on Case Type, by Category, by Stages and No action since period. 3. Disposed Cases based on Case Type, by Category, by Stages and No action since period. The CMS is located on servers kept at the Data Centre IT site, managed by the Fiji Information Technology & Computing Services (ITC). With the CMS reliant upon manual entry and updates to an Excel file, the ability to generate spot reports with diverse criteria effectively does not exist. For example, it is impossible to determine average case lengths for specific civil or criminal matters, nor possible to establish time lined for individual cases – or entire categories of cases.

Indicator 2.2: Strategic planning and budgeting capacity of the Judicial Department: rated using question of 'how would you rate the Judicial Department (court) capacity to plan their operations strategically, to budget efficiently and manage gender equality' using an average score of all relevant experts on a four-point scale corresponding to the following four response categories: very good = 4, good = 3, poor = 2, very poor = 1, and not yet assessed = 0.

Data Source: Expert Survey and Document Review. Informed by number of Judicial Department strategies, plans (including training plans), policies, reports or systems that are gender-responsive and meet human rights standards developed or revised by 2020.

Baseline Year 0: 0

Target Year 1: 0

Target Result: 0

Progress to date:

Indicator 2.3: Competence (skills and knowledge) of Judicial Department staff (Judges): rated using question 'to what extent do you agree that Judicial Department staff (Judges) have the

professional skills, legal training and knowledge required to effectively undertake their duties' using an average score of all relevant experts and focus groups on a four-point scale corresponding to the following four response categories: full agree = 4, partly agree = 3, disagree = 2, strongly disagree = 1, and not yet assessed = 0.

Data Source: Expert Survey, Focus Groups and Document Review. Informed by Number of participants supported in international or regional knowledge networks accessed or hosted and Number of participants supported in trainings and workshops (disaggregated by sex, geographic, topic and type of professional such as lawyer, client officer, support staff etc.) and availability of law reports.

Baseline Year 0: 0

Target Year 1: 0

Target Result: 0

Progress to date:

Indicator 2.4: Number of Other Constitutional Bodies supported disaggregated by institution and nature of support. (Specific indicators to be developed when nature of support is further defined, for example for HRADC 'Capacity of HRADC strengthened supporting the fulfilment of nationally and internationally ratified human rights obligations.' (From UNDP SP 2.3.1).

Data Source: (Specific data sources to be developed when nature of support is further defined)

Baseline Year 0: 0

Target Year 1: 1

Target Result: 1

Progress: Support has been provided HRADC for selected activities related to access to justice (further details are in the implementation for Activity 2.4.1; though also supported under Output 4).

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION STATUS

Intended Activity Result 2.1: The Judicial Department able to effectively measure and analyse its data through the establishment of a case management system to enable improved service delivery and facilitate responsiveness to the justice needs of impoverished and vulnerable groups.

Activities:

Activity 2.1.1: *The creation of a pilot case management system for the judiciary and training for its utilization, including on data analysis, with a focus on data disaggregated by sex and population group.*

Implementation to date: As previously reported, the Project engaged an expert to undertake a needs-based assessment of the current internal administration, filing system, and case management system in the Judicial Department, with the aim of developing an overall Judicial Department Court Technology Strategy. This is being undertaken in three phases: Phase 1. Assessment; Phase 2. Costed recommendations for consultation; Phase 3. Implementation with procurement and trainings.

The expert successfully concluded two assessment missions, during late July 2017 and November 2017. Phase 1 included extensive consultations with key stakeholders over the

course of two field missions, including 136 key stakeholders through a combination of one-on-one meetings, focus group discussions and direct observation of court proceedings and ICT infrastructure. Stakeholders interviewed included sitting Judges and Magistrates (across multiple Court jurisdictions and multiple courts, *inter alia* High Court, Magistrates Criminal and Civil Courts, Family Court), Judicial Department administrative personnel, IT personnel and Court Officers from multiple Court Registries, the Legal Aid Commission, the Fiji Independent Commission Against Corruption (FICAC), representatives from all three schools of law in Fiji, 19 private lawyers from 7 different law firms, and members of local CSOs. Additionally, the expert carried out a comprehensive site assessment of the Judicial Department servers and ICT infrastructure, located in the secure facility of the Fiji Information Technology & Computing Services (ITC).

In consultations, the expert discussed potential ramifications and reverberations throughout the justice system in moving the Judicial Department toward digital systems – including resource implications for private lawyers, LAC, the Department of Public Prosecutions, not just for the Judicial Department in isolation. To this end, consultations included a simple survey to determine computer capacity and literacy among respondents. One of the most striking results: nearly half of the 55 participants (which included sitting Judges/Magistrates, practicing lawyers, and active judicial officials) had never received any formal computer training, but professed computer literacy, indicating a heavy emphasis on ICT training may be required for implementation.

Additionally, the Expert met with the Research Lead from the Fiji Women’s Rights Movement prior to the release of their 2017 Report to ensure specific gender concerns are woven into the report and ICT responses.

Based on the information gleaned from the site visits, a first draft for Phase 1 was developed 29 August. This was followed up by revisions and the November field mission secured requisite additional data, and a revised report submitted in December. The findings of the expert report detail some of the key weaknesses of the current offline, personnel-centred systems both with the internal administration of the Judicial Department, and with regard to filings and case management; all systems are heavily dependent upon individuals, which leads to inefficiencies, delays, and poses serious challenges to the effective and efficient administration of justice.

Key priorities have been identified related to court operations and potential solutions. These include: potential digitization for case filings and requisite payments, a fully digitized system of case management to ensure efficient dispensation – linked to digitization of internal administration systems in the Judicial Department – ensure efficient assignment and management of Judges, Magistrates and Court Officers. All report recommendations are in line with, and linked to, the International Framework for Court Excellence, a global ‘gold standard’ on how courts should ideally function.

These factors will underpin Phase 2 – the development of costed options. Phase 2 with relevant field visits by the expert should be undertaken during 1st quarter 2018 with an accompanying field visit.

The timing of Phase 3 will be contingent upon the final decisions taken with counterparts and the timing of procurements – aiming to be completed by year end 2018.

Activity 2.1.2: The revision and finalization of the overall case management system in accordance with the results of the pilot programme and needs analysis, including lessons learned workshop.

Implementation to date: Activity not yet implemented. To be commenced after the pilot of the case management system in 2019.

Activity 2.1.3: Assistance in the production of reports and recommendations based on the analysis of the data.

Implementation to date: Activity not yet implemented. To be commenced after the pilot of the case management system in 2019.

Intended Activity Result 2.2: The capacity of the Judicial Department is strengthened to enable improved service delivery and responsiveness to priority areas identified by the Access to Justice Assessment.

Activity 2.2.1: The conduct of a 2016 Fiji Access to Justice Assessment to identify the justice needs of impoverished and vulnerable groups; including development of baselines and perception surveys, generation of disaggregated data, broad stakeholder discussions; with the analysis of findings to further inform project activities.

Implementation to date: See Activity 1.2.1.

Activity 2.2.2: The provision of support, technical and for workshops to the Judicial Department in the production of its strategy, functional review, annual corporate plans and implementation plan for a five-year period.

Implementation to date: The Project continues to support the Judicial Department in developing its Strategic Plan. The Project received additional information from the Judicial Department to finalize the draft Strategy in September. The Strategy was reviewed and additional technical inputs made. The Project provided layout and formatting support and the revised version was shared back with the Judicial Department. With competing priorities, follow up inputs to finalize the report had not been received by 31 December 2017; however, the Strategic Plan will be updated and ready to be signed off on during 1st quarter 2018.

Activity 2.2.3: Support to the Judicial Department in accessing and hosting international and regional knowledge networks in relation to access to justice.

Implementation to date: Activity not yet implemented.

Activity 2.2.4: Support to the Judicial Department in the production and implementation of a training plan, and train the trainer programme, and the evaluation of its subsequent impact; with the design of the training plan to be responsive to priority areas identified by the Access to Justice Assessment.

Implementation to date: As part of support to the development of a training programme, the Project worked with the Judicial Department to convene a Criminal Law Workshop from 2 - 4 August 2017 with 39 beneficiaries (10 female and 29 male). The training workshop was

developed in line with the Judicial Department's Training Plan and was designed as an initial Project capacity development intervention for the Judicial Department. The workshop provided a specialist criminal skills update for Judges and Magistrates (including juvenile justice, pre-trial conferencing, deportation orders, suppression orders, and many more) with a focus on 'in house' presentation, representing a collaborative effort of the UNDP, the Project, the Judicial Department, and the Fiji Police Force. The Project provided overall funding support for the workshop, including venue and logistics.

Beyond the specialist criminal skills, additional support was provided in two linked areas. First, a senior expert trainer from the Association for the Prevention of Torture and six Fijian police officers (7 males) led a session on skills in ill-treatment related cases and inspections of places of detention (this support came at no cost to the Project). This session included presentation on the United Nations Convention Against Torture (UNCAT – relevant as Fiji became a state party only in 2016), a review on the Pilot First Hour Procedure and Video Recorded Interviews, a presentation on and demonstration of video recorded interview, and a presentation on the value of judicial visits to places of detention to see and understand conditions first hand.

Second, the Project supported the Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Geneva, Ambassador Nazhat Shameem-Khan, as a facilitator and technical expert, providing training during the workshop. This included training and technical expertise on subject areas including: human rights, international law, gender based violence, juvenile justice, and prevention of police brutality.

Throughout the criminal law training programme, the issues of impact of criminal justice on impoverished and vulnerable groups were considered and discussed – in particular the different experiences of men and women, for example, in consideration of diminished responsibility and provocation defences against murder charges when the Defence gives evidence of battered wife syndrome.

In addition to facilitating the successful completion of the criminal law portion, the training workshop succeeded in increasing the knowledge and skills of the participants in relation to early access to justice in criminal justice proceedings which involved, the United Nations Convention Against Torture (UNCAT); the First Hour Procedure; Video recorded interviews; and Judicial visits to places of detention. Indeed 71% of beneficiaries agreed fully the workshop increased their knowledge and skills in relation to use of video recorded interviews and the United Nations Convention Against Torture.

Further trainings will be developed in coordination with the Judicial Department in line with Project activities such as the Court Technology Strategy, priority areas identified by the Access to Justice Assessment and other priorities identified by the Judicial Department, and will include a training-of-trainers component.

Activity 2.2.5: Support to the Judicial Department in the production of a feasibility study on the creation of a judicial training institute.

Implementation to date: Activity not yet implemented.

Activity 2.2.6: The conduct of a 2020 Fiji Access to Justice Assessment, including lessons learned workshop, and analysis.

Implementation to date: See Activity 1.2.6.

Intended Activity Result 2.3: The Judicial Department able to accurately access and invoke the relevant law in the provision of its services through support to the production of the Fiji Law Reports and updating the Judicial Department library.

Activities:

Activity 2.3.1: Producing outstanding Fiji Law Reports (2004-2011; 2013-onwards) with copies to also be provided to the LAC Offices.

Implementation to date: The international company contracted to produce the annual Fiji Law Reports for 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 began. Delivery of the 2005 and 2007 Fiji Law Reports is complete, including distribution to justice sector and other relevant stakeholders. The 2006 Report arrived at the Court of Appeal on 20 December 2017 and will be subsequently distributed to stakeholders. The 2004 Report is anticipated for February 2018 and the 2008 Report is expected by March 2018.

Separately, the Project initiated a procurement process for the production and digitization of Law Reports from years: 2009-2016; 2002 – 2008; and 2012. The contracting modality was identified and the Project developed comprehensive terms of reference to solicit invitations to bid in a publicly advertised process.

Unfortunately, the procurement process proved unsuccessful in identifying a vendor able to provide the requisite services. The Project will consult with stakeholders in early 2018 to develop a new strategy to secure production of hard copies of the Reports and digitization of all years.

Activity 2.3.2: Obtaining and making available at least two major law reports from countries used as comparative sources of law by Fijian lawyers and courts (such as Australia, New Zealand and England and Wales).

Implementation to date: See Activity 1.3.1.

Intended Activity Result 2.4: Other Constitutional bodies have enhanced capacities to deliver access to justice.

Activities:

Activity 2.4.1: Informed by the Access to Justice Assessment, support to the Human Rights & Anti-Discrimination Commission (HRADC) for selected activities related to access to justice (to be determined following finalisation of HRADC Strategic Plan and stakeholder consultations).

Implementation to date: The Project provided support to HRADC in finalizing drafting of the HRADC Strategic Plan. A Knowledge Exchange to the South Africa Human Rights Commission and other relevant South African stakeholders took place from 12 – 26 August 2017. Two HRADC personnel attended (The HRADC Director and Manager Education Advocacy and Communications – 1 male and 1 female), furthering the South-South transfer of knowledge and experiences. HRADC identified a number of key outcomes that could be applied in the Fijian context, including the use of private and public interest litigation to develop human rights

jurisprudence for the country, embedding human rights education in early school curricula, and development of a 'street law manual' to be used by human rights advocates (who were trained subsequently under Activity 4.2.1 in November 2017).

Activity 2.4.2: Informed by the Access to Justice Assessment, support to other Constitutional bodies for selected activities related to access to justice.

Implementation to date: Activity not yet implemented. Activities to be discussed and designed after completion of Access to Justice Assessment with priorities identified.

Output 3: Strengthened Service Delivery of Legal Aid Commission and Judicial Department for impoverished and vulnerable groups.

Cumulative Summary of Progress Against Output – 11 July 2016 – 30 December 2017

- As part of the Project's support to strengthen LAC's capacity to deliver responsive and timely justice services, the Project began support to expand delivery of free legal aid to impoverished and vulnerable groups in more remote areas. With Project support, LAC preliminarily identified Kadavu, Rotuma, Keyasi and Vunidawa for the prospective establishment of LAC Offices from 2017 onwards. As of 31 December, selection of locations and timelines had not been finalized.
- The Project supported LAC in the first stages of developing a Helpline, including drafting of a Concept Note and facilitating drawing on international best practice through participation in the Knowledge Exchange with Legal Aid South Africa 12-26 August 2017. LAC is now considering options for location, structure and function, and will determine final direction, and requisite Project support.
- The Project continues to support the Judicial Department in developing the Court Help Desk concept. As of 31 December, the Project has supported drafting of a concept note submitted to the Judicial Department, including short, medium and long-term possibilities. Additionally, the Court Helps Desks are being considered by, and integrated into, the Court Technology Strategy as an enabling mechanism for lay users and professional lawyers alike, providing an IT resource and help facility for e-filing of requisite court document and e-payment of fees and fines.

Progress Against Indicators:

Indicator 3.1: % of callers to the toll-free helpline in the Legal Aid Commission indicating that services were provided at a satisfactory level.

Data Source: Administrative and Field Data. Helpline monitoring report (including client feedback and complaint mechanisms) with disaggregated data, the analysis of the reports and details on subsequent actions.

Baseline Year 0: 0

Target Year 1: 0
Target Result: 0

Indicator 3.2: % of users of the information centres in courts indicating that services were provided at a satisfactory level.

Data Source: Administrative and Field Data. Information centre monitoring reports (including client feedback and complaint mechanisms) with disaggregated data, the analysis of the reports and details of subsequent actions.

Baseline Year 0: 0

Target Year 1: 0

Target Result: 0

Indicator 3.3: Number of people indicating increased understanding and awareness of their rights as a result of awareness campaigns disaggregated by provider, topic, and for people by sex, geographic and population group.

Data Source: Administrative and Field Data. Awareness raising mission reports including copy of awareness raising materials, reports, sign in sheets, photographs, and evaluation and feedback reports.

Baseline Year 0: 0

Target Year 1: 0

Target Result: 0

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION STATUS

Intended Activity Result 3.1: Expanding the delivery of free legal aid for impoverished and vulnerable groups through supporting the establishment of four offices of LAC across Fiji.

Activities:

Activity 3.1.1: *Procurement of furniture and equipment to support the functioning of four legal aid offices opened outside of the capital Suva.*

Implementation to date: The four prospective locations identified for additional LAC offices are Kadavu, Rotuma, Keyasi and Vunidawa. Set up was anticipated to commence in 2017 and onward. As of 31 December, LAC had yet to finalize selection of locations and timing for opening these offices.

Intended Activity Result 3.2: Expanding the delivery of access to justice for impoverished and vulnerable groups through supporting the establishment of a toll-free helpline at the LAC.

Activity 3.2.1: *Development of concept note, and implementation, reporting, monitoring and evaluation plans for the helpline, based on priorities identified by the Access to Justice Assessment.*

Implementation to date: Establishment of a Helpline was identified to be ‘fast tracked’ noting links to delivery of legal advisory services in the Pilot of the First Hour Procedure and Video Recorded Interviews. The Project supported development of a Concept Note for the Helpline with LAC (29 May 2017 developed) and supported gaining further information and perspective from South Africa remotely (28 June 2017 received additional feedback from South Africa) and subsequently on the Knowledge Exchange. LAC is now considering options for location, structure and function, and will determine final direction, and requisite Project support. Exigent priorities for LAC have pushed action on the Helpline into 1st quarter 2018.

Activity 3.2.2: Support to the implementation plan for the helpline, including training LAC staff as required, and establishment of reporting, monitoring and evaluation mechanisms.

Implementation to date: Activity not yet implemented. See Activity 3.2.1.

Activity 3.2.3 Procurement of furniture and equipment to support the functioning of a helpline.

Implementation to date: Activity not yet implemented. See Activity 3.2.1.

Intended Activity Result 3.3: Increasing the availability of services for impoverished and vulnerable groups through supporting the establishment of three information centres in courthouses across Fiji.

Activities:

Activity 3.3.1 Development of concept note, and implementation, reporting, monitoring and evaluation plans for the three information centres.

Implementation to date: The Project supported development of a Concept Note on Court Help Desks which the Judicial Department considered as part of the Strategic Planning workshop in June 2017 to identify immediate and medium-term options. The main remaining challenges for the concept include limited human resource availability and a strategic decision on whether the Help Desks need to be staffed by qualified lawyers (e.g. able to dispense actual legal advice directly) or by lay people to accurately direct users to the appropriate institutions. Further feedback will be provided by the Judicial Department on the proposed next steps. Additionally, careful attention will be paid to ensuring full linkage and synergy with anything proposed for implementation under the Court Technology Strategy being developed – including providing on-demand technical advice/support for users of digitized court systems. It is anticipated this will move forward on conjunction with the Court Technology Strategy and Judicial Department’s Strategic Plan in 1st quarter 2018.

Activity 3.3.2: Support to the implementation plan for the information centres, including training court staff as required, and establishment of reporting, monitoring and evaluation mechanisms.

Implementation to date: Activity not yet implemented. See Activity 3.3.2.

Activity 3.3.3: Procurement of furniture and equipment to support the functioning of information centres.

Implementation to date: Activity not yet implemented. See Activity 3.3.2.

Intended Activity Result 3.4: Increasing impoverished and vulnerable groups awareness on accessing legal rights and services

Activities:

Activity 3.4.1: Informed by priorities identified in the 2016 Access to Justice Assessment, and mapping and lessons learned of other access to justice awareness raising activities, development of a concept note, and implementation, reporting, monitoring and evaluation plans for awareness-raising campaigns.

Implementation to date: Activity not yet implemented. See **Activity 1.2.1**. However, the Project undertook initial awareness raising as a precursor to the Assessment, reported under Activity 4.2.1. More activities for the broader awareness raising are planned to be conducted in the project's third and fourth years, to be informed by the Access to Justice Assessment.

Activity 3.4.2: Support to the implementation plan for awareness-raising campaigns including training, support for presentation materials and establishment of a reporting, monitoring and evaluation mechanisms.

Implementation to date: Activity not yet implemented. Planned to be conducted in the project's third and fourth years.

Output 4: Strengthened capacity of non-governmental organisations to deliver accompaniment access to justice services for impoverished and vulnerable groups.

Cumulative Summary of Progress Against Output – 11 July 2016 – 30 December 2017

- The Project supported development of a model and implementation plan for a network of community advocates to deliver accompaniment access to justice services, including the following:
- On the theme of Early Access to Justice (Pilot of the First Hour Procedure and Video Recorded Interviews), the Project supported the first consultation with NGOs/CSOs on 14 February 2017 with 32 participants (18 female and 14 male). Through this session, the Project identified access to justice and human rights issues related to youths as an additional high priority area.
- Subsequently, the Project supported an HRADC-led discussion with youth and CSOs conducted on 3 and 4 July 2017 respectively in Lautoka, Western Division. An additional 3 sessions were held in Labasa (26 July), Savusavu (27 July) and Suva (30 August). 290

individuals benefitted from these sessions, including: 166 women, 101 males, 20 LGBTQI, 3 who did not indicate, and 12 persons with disabilities. 83% of beneficiaries fully agreed the awareness-raising and discussions increased their knowledge on access to justice, the Fiji Bill of Rights, human and rights and anti-discrimination issues while 84% fully agreed they understand the work of the HRADC after the sessions.

- Toward establishing a model for a network of community advocates to deliver selected accompaniment access to justice services, the Project convened a four-day pilot activity with HRADC 6-10 November 2017. Drawing on a South African model, the Pilot saw 49 beneficiaries trained as Community Advocates for Human Rights and Access to justice (24 women, 18 men, 7 LGBTQI, and 6 persons with disability – the majority of which (55%) were from outside Suva). Beneficiaries received training on human rights, law and justice services, and community engagement methods. 80% of beneficiaries fully agreed their knowledge and capacity to engage with communities as Community Rights Advocates increased while 77% fully agreed their ability to develop and deliver interactive rights-based and access to justice presentations had increased.
- In direct follow up to the Community Advocates for Human Rights Session, the Project worked with HRADC to convene a series of 5 outreach sessions across Fiji as part of ongoing Human Rights Day from 2 – 9 December 2018 – led by Community Advocates for Human Rights trained in the November session. Putting their newly-learned skills to the test, sessions were supported in Northern Division (Labasa, 2nd December; Savusavu 6-7 December), Central Division (Suva, 8th December); Eastern Division (Levuka, 2nd December) and Western Division (Lautoka, 9th December). Total beneficiaries numbered 527 people (245 women, 172 men, 74 children, 36 LGBTQI, 74 persons with disabilities (41 women; 31 males; 2 LGBTQI) – the vast majority of which (85%) were from outside Suva). Seventy organisations which support all sectors of society including the LGBTQI community and persons with disabilities (27 youth groups, 11 women’s groups, 3 men’s groups, 29 NGOs and CSOs) participated.
- These activities lay a strong foundation to facilitate the Access to Justice Assessment, and results from the Assessment will be fed back into these networks through the identification of priority issues and concerns to be targeted.

Progress Against Indicators:

Indicator 4.1: Competence (skills and knowledge) of NGO staff rated using question ‘to what extent do you agree that NGO staff have the professional skills, legal training and knowledge required to effectively undertake their duties and address gender equality’ using an average score of all relevant experts and focus groups on a four-point scale corresponding to the following four response categories: full agree = 4, partly agree = 3, disagree = 2, strongly disagree = 1, and not yet assessed = 0.

Data Source: Expert Survey, Focus Groups and Document Review. Informed by Number of participants supported in trainings and workshops (disaggregated by sex, geographic, topic and type of professional such as lawyer, client officer, support staff etc.).

Baseline Year 0: 0

Target Year 1: 0
Target Result: 0

Indicator 4.2: Number of networks of community advocates established, operational and producing regular monitoring disaggregated data and analysis reports.

Data Source: Field Data and Document Review. Copy of reports and analysis, copy of submission to next relevant stage and details on subsequent actions.

Baseline Year 0: 0

Target Year 1: 1

Target Result: 5

Through the pilot Community Advocates for Human Rights and Access to Justice training with HRADC carried out in November 2018, preliminary networks of community advocates have been established – covering each Division (Central Eastern Northern Western). These include 49 individual beneficiaries, representing a greater number of organizations, including 24 women, 18 men, 7 LGBTQI, and 6 persons with disability – the majority of which (55%) were from outside Suva. 80% of beneficiaries fully agreed their knowledge on how to engage with the community as community advocates had increased while 77% fully agreed their skill and ability to prepare and deliver interactive presentations on human rights and access to justice had increased. The networks demonstrated capacity to convene and provide rights and justice information through subsequent five Human Rights Day knowledge and awareness raising sessions convened in December by Community Advocates for Human Rights and Access to Justice who benefited from the November pilot.

Indicator 4.3: Number of people indicating increased awareness or satisfaction with services provided by networks of community advocates disaggregated by provider, topic, and for people by sex, geographic and population group. (Specific indicators to be developed when nature of support is further defined.)

Data Source: (Specific data sources to be developed when nature of support is further defined)

Baseline Year 0: 0

Target Year 1: 849 persons

Target Result: 0

Progress & Disaggregation: On the theme of Early Access to Justice (Pilot of the First Hour Procedure and Video Recorded Interviews), the first consultation with NGOs/CSOs was supported by the Project undertaken on 14 February 2017 with 32 participants (18 female and 14 male). An additional high priority area identified was access to justice and human rights issues related to youths. The Project further supported HRADC-led discussions with youth, NGOs and CSOs conducted in Lautoka (3, 4 July), Labasa (26 July), Savusavu (27 July) and Suva (30 August). The overall annual total of beneficiaries is 290, including: 166 women, 101 males, 20 LGBTQI, 3 who did not indicate, and 12 persons with disabilities. 83% of beneficiaries fully agreed awareness-raising and discussions increased their knowledge on access to justice, the Fiji Bill of Rights, human and rights and anti-discrimination issues while 84% fully agreed the workshop enabled them to understand the work of the HRADC. Additionally, from Human Rights Day sessions, total beneficiaries numbered 527 people, including 245 women, 172 men, 74 children, 36 LGBTQI, 74 persons with disabilities (41 women; 31 males; 2 LGBTQI) – the vast majority of which (85%) were from outside Suva.

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION STATUS

Intended Activity Result 4.1: The development of a model and implementation plan for a network of community advocates to deliver accompaniment access to justice services.

Activities:

Activity 4.1.1: The conduct of a 2016 Fiji Access to Justice Assessment to identify the justice needs of impoverished and vulnerable groups; including development of baselines and perception surveys, generation of disaggregated data, broad stakeholder discussions; with the analysis of findings to further inform project activities.

Implementation to date: Activity not yet implemented. **See Activity 1.2.1.** Despite the Access to Justice Assessment having not yet been undertaken, the Project began initial consultations and supporting networking between justice stakeholders and NGOs on the justice needs of impoverished and vulnerable groups, starting with the topic of the Early Access to Justice (Pilot of the First Hour Procedure and Video Recorded Interviews).

Additionally, building on consultations previously reported, HRADC led an additional 3 consultations with CSOs and youth in rural areas in Labasa (26 July), Savusavu (27 July) and Suva (30 August). These sessions bring the overall annual total of beneficiaries to 290, including: 166 women, 101 males, 20 LGBTQI, 3 who did not indicate, and 12 persons with disabilities. Overall results: 83% of beneficiaries agreed fully the awareness-raising and discussions increased their knowledge on access to justice, the Fiji Bill of Rights, human and rights and anti-discrimination issues while 84% agreed fully that the workshop enabled them to understand the work of the HRADC.

Activity 4.1.2: Informed by the Access to Justice Assessment, development of concept note, and implementation, reporting, monitoring and evaluation plans to establish the model for a network of community advocates to deliver selected accompaniment access to justice services including stakeholder workshop.

While the Access to Justice Assessment has not yet been completed, a pilot activity was undertaken with HRADC to train community advocates to deliver accompaniment access to justice and human rights services for impoverished and vulnerable groups, based on a model from South Africa. With HRADC, the Project convened a four-day workshop to train Community Advocates for Human Rights and Access to Justice, 6 - 10 November 2017. A total of 49 beneficiaries benefited from the training, including 24 women, 18 men, 7 LGBTQI, and 6 persons with disability – the majority of which (55%) were from outside Suva. 80% of beneficiaries fully agreed their knowledge on how to engage with the community as community advocates had increased while 77% fully agreed their skill and ability to prepare and deliver interactive presentations on human rights and access to justice had increased.

This work will be expanded upon pending results of the Access to Justice Assessment.

Activity 4.1.3: The conduct of a 2020 Fiji Access to Justice Assessment, including lessons learned workshop, and analysis.

Implementation to date: Activity not yet implemented. See Activity 2.2.6.

Intended Activity Result 4.2: Establishment of and support to the network of community advocates to deliver accompaniment access to justice services.

Activities:

Activity 4.2.1: Informed by the implementation plan developed at Activity 4.1.2, provision of support and undertake training and train the trainer programme, to establish a pilot for the network of community advocates, including support to raise awareness of the network, and to monitor, evaluate and report on the accompaniment services undertaken.

Implementation to date: Activity not yet implemented; however, initial groundwork activities have been undertaken with HRADC with the Community Advocates under Activity 4.1.2.

Building on the success of the session under 4.1.2, the Project supported HRAC and Community Advocates to put their newly learned skills into practice in Human Rights Day activities across Fiji. From 2nd – 9th December, five sessions were supported in Northern Division (Labasa, 2nd December; Savusavu 6-7 December), Central Division (Suva, 8th December); Eastern Division (Levuka, 2nd December) and Western Division (Lautoka, 9th December). Total beneficiaries numbered 527 people, including 245 women, 172 men, 74 children, 36 LGBTQI, 74 persons with disabilities (41 women; 31 males; 2 LGBTQI) – the vast majority of which (85%) were from outside Suva. Beyond the direct value for beneficiaries who saw their knowledge of human rights increased, the sessions also provided an ideal proving ground for the skills and knowledge Community Advocates received through training under the Project and solidified collaboration between HRADC, NGOs and CSOs for service delivery; seventy organisations which support all sectors of society including the LGBTQI community and persons with disabilities (27 youth groups, 11 women’s groups, 3 men’s groups, 29 NGOs and CSOs) participated. In addition, the Legal Aid Commission, two Provincial Offices and two Government Ministries participated in the activities.

These activities lay a strong foundation to facilitate the Access to Justice Assessment, while results from the Assessment will be fed back into these networks through the identification of priority issues and concerns to be targeted – ready to scale this work up under Activity 4.2.

Activity 4.2.2: Analysis and stakeholder workshop on the pilot and lessons learned to inform future operations of the network and ascertain feasibility of expansion of the network of community advocates.

Implementation to date: Activity not yet implemented. Planned to be conducted following the pilot activities under Activity 4.2.1.

Activity 4.2.3: Informed by the analysis of the pilot, support to ongoing accompaniment access to justice services.

Implementation to date: Activity not yet implemented. Planned to be conducted following the pilot activities under Activity 4.2.1.

Output 5: Effective Project Management

Cumulative Summary of Progress Against Output – 11 July 2016 – 30 December 2017

- The Project continues to be managed in accordance with UNDP Programme and Operations Policies and Procedures with regular and ongoing oversight by the management of the UNDP Pacific Office in Fiji. All Project staff as foreseen by the Project Document are on board, with a change the Access to Justice and Monitoring Specialist position; the position has been upgraded to a more senior level of P4 in recognition of the appropriate level of skills required in the Fiji context. Additional costs for the higher-level position will be met through UNDP Pacific Office regional programming, with a corresponding proportion of time allocated.
- Toward meeting the contract-specified reporting requirements, the Annual Project Progress Report has been submitted for the period 11 July 2016 to 10 July 2017. The current Project Progress Report covering 11 July 2017 to 31 December 2017 is submitted in anticipation of the next payment request. Subsequent Annual Progress Reports will be due 01 January annually, or when another payment request is submitted, if earlier.
- The Communications and Visibility Plan has been successfully implemented, in accordance with that outlined in Annex 6 to the Project Document. The Annex to the Progress Report bears related information.

Progress Against Indicators:

Indicator 5.1: Number of Communication and Visibility materials and events conducted in accordance with the agreed Communication and Visibility Plan.

Data Source: Administrative Data and Document Review. Copies of communications materials produced and evidence of where displayed in the media.

Baseline Year 0: 0

Target Year 1: 4

Target Result: 11 (Data sourced from Annex 2 to this Progress Report)

Indicator 5.2: Number of independent project evaluations with results shared and discussed with Project Board.

Data Source: Administrative Data. Copy of evaluation reports and evidence of sharing and discussion with Project Board (minutes of meeting).

Baseline Year 0: 0

Target Year 1: 0

Target Result: 0

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION STATUS

Intended Activity Result 5.1: Project is managed effectively and key results achieved and reported.

Activities:

Activity 5.1.1: Project managed in accordance with UNDP Programme and Operations Policies and Procedures.

Implementation to date: Project is managed in accordance with UNDP Programme and Operations Policies and Procedures with regular and ongoing oversight by UNDP Pacific Office in Fiji management. All Project staff have been hired and are on board by the end of Year 1. A detailed staffing table is included after this section.

Activity 5.1.2: Project Board is updated on the progress of the project.

Implementation to date: The Project provided an update to the Project Board in two Project Board Meetings conducted on 27 June 2017 and on 18 October 2016. An additional Project Board meeting was scheduled for November 2017, however could not be convened due to stakeholder availability. It is tentatively re-scheduled for early 1st quarter (January) 2018.

Activity 5.1.3: Inception Report, Progress Reports, EU Reports and Final Report produced on time.

Implementation to date: The Project submitted the Progress Report for the period 11 July 2016 to 10 July 2017. A related decision was taken during the Project Board Meeting on 16 October 2017, where it was agreed that the Fiji Access to Justice Inception Report will be part of the 2017 Progress Report. Initial feedback on the Annual Progress Report was received on 18 October and discussed verbally. In line with feedback received, the Project re-submitted the report with formatting changes on 15 December 2017.

The current Project Progress Report covering 11 July 2017 to 31 December 2017 is being submitted in anticipation of the next payment request. Subsequent annual reports will be due 01 January annually, or when another payment request is submitted, if earlier.

Activity 5.1.4: Communication and Visibility undertaken through implementation of Communication and Visibility Plan and reporting on implementation and results.

Implementation to date: Communication and Visibility Plan successfully implemented as reported on in Section VI and with more detail in Annex 2.

Intended Activity Result 5.2: Independent Project Evaluations

Activities:

Activity 5.2.1: Mid-Term Evaluation is conducted and results shared with stakeholders

Implementation to date: Activity not yet implemented. Planned to be conducted during project's third year (August 2018).

Activity 5.2.2: Mid-Term Recommendations incorporated into Project Document (Theory of Change and Results Framework).

Implementation to date: Activity not yet implemented. To be undertaken following the Mid-Term Evaluation.

Activity 5.2.3: Final Evaluation conducted and results shared with stakeholders.

Implementation to date: Activity not yet implemented. Planned to be conducted during project's fourth year (June 2020).

3.1 Staffing

The project team involved in the Direct Management of the Project comprises a team of six. The Direct Management of the Project Technical Team includes two international contracted staff undertaking project management, technical advisory, reporting and monitoring, with the costs for these team members incorporated under Outputs 1 to 4.

The Direct Management of the Project Support Team will comprise four staff, including one international volunteer and three national staff who undertake project management support including communications, administrative, financial and procurement tasks, with the costs for these team members identified under Output 5.

During the first two years of the Fiji Access to Justice Project, some project staff will also contribute to other projects related to access to justice, rule of law and human rights, with only the relevant proportional cost of their costs attributed to the Fiji Access to Justice Project, and this is clearly indicated in the budget notes.

As indicated in Table 1 below, for the period from commencement of the project or when recruited, three of the project positions will have costs shared between Fiji Access to Justice Project (70%) and Project REACH (30%). This arrangement will end for each position after two years of the position being occupied, and will then have all costs attributed to the Fiji Access to Justice Project (100%) with the overall project team to then reduced from six to five (reduction of the International UNV position) and the duties of the International UNV absorbed into the remaining five team member positions.

In addition, the Access to Justice and Monitoring Specialist position has been upgraded to a more senior level of P4 in recognition of the appropriate level of skills required in the Fiji context. Additional costs for the higher-level position will be met through UNDP Pacific Office regional programming, with a corresponding proportion of time allocated. The P4 Access to Justice Specialist joined the Project in late December 2017, completing staffing up. The project technical advisory team has significant gender expertise.

Table 1: Updated Staffing Table for the Fiji Access to Justice Project

Title of Position and Occupant	Level of Position	Direct Management of the Project - Key Functions	Status	Allocation of time and costs to Fiji Access to Justice Project									
				Six monthly periods									
				Jul 16 to Dec 16	Jan 17 to Jun 17	Jul 17 to Dec 17	Jan 18 – Jun 18	Jul 18 – Dec 18	Jan 19 to Jun 19	Jun 19 to Dec 19	Jul 19 to Jun 20	Jul 20 to Dec 20	
Project Manager / Adviser on Access to Justice, Rule of Law and Human Rights – Christine Fowler	International P4	Provision of full duties of Project Manager and provide high-level technical support for access to justice.	Recruited – since Project Commencement	70%	70%	70%	70%	100%	100%	100%	100%		
Access to Justice and Monitoring Specialist – Andrew Harrington	International P4	Provide access to justice specialist technical services and provide access to justice specialist monitoring services.	Recruited September 2017			80%	80%	80%	80%	80%	80%		
Deputy Project Manager – Tevita Dawai	National SC5	Provide specialist project management services and oversight of project support team.	Recruited January 2017		70%	70%	70%	70%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
Reporting and Communications Specialist – Ria Sen	International UNV	Provide specialist reporting and communications services, including support to Communications	Recruited March 2017		100%	100%	100%	100%					

		and Visibility Plan.											
Project Associate – Finance – Adarshana Narayan	National SC4	Provide specialist financial support services in the management and reporting of project finances.	Recruited – March 2017		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
Project Associate – Administration, Procurement and Finance – Debra Williams	National SC4	Provide specialist administration support services (workshops, trainings, travel, and logistics) and procurement services.	Recruited – since Project Commencement	70%	70%	70%	70%		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

4. Challenges and Responses

As of 31 December 2017, the Project has not encountered any major challenges. The planned budget for Year 1 was overly ambitious, resulting in underspend across all five outputs. Delivery accelerated in the final quarter of 2017, including conclusion of procurement processes during the reporting period. For the next reporting period (01 January 2018 – 31 December 2018), the forecast budget will be carefully considered based on more detailed and informed planning of activities, utilising unspent funds from Year 1 combined with the estimated stakeholder absorptive capacity. The Project Board has, and will continue to, identify and discuss challenges and responses.

An updated Project Risk Log is attached in Annex 3.

Financial Results and Legal Commitments

Financial Results

The financial summary of the project from 11 July 2017 – 31 December 2017 is as follows.

Table 2: Financial Summary

Financial Summary Fiji Access to Justice Project 11 July 2016 to 31 December 2017			
Funds Received	Euro	Rate	USD
Year 1			
1 EU Pre-financing	2,358,427	0.9897	2,382,994
2 UNDP	99,253	0.9897	98,230
Total	2,457,680		2,481,224

Funds Utilization	Euro	Rate	USD
Year 1			
Output 1	766,938	0.9897	759,031
Output 2	527,219	0.9897	521,784
Output 3	20,721	0.9897	20,507
Output 4	307,085	0.9897	303,919
Output 5	266,474	0.9897	263,727
GMS	62,315	0.9897	61,673
Total	1,950,752		1,930,641 -

Detailed financial information is provided in Annex 1.

Legal Commitments

The legal commitments entered into under the project from 11 July 2017 to 31 December 2017 are as follows.

Table 3 (a): Company Contracts

Company Contracts			
Date	Vendor Name	Activity	Amount in USD
28/12/2017	DATEC FIJI LIMITED	ACTIVITY 1.1	\$161,917.67
28/12/2017	VT SOLUTIONS	ACTIVITY 1.1	\$216,569.47
15/12/2017	HAGUE INSTITUTE FOR INNOVATION OF LAW	ACTIVITY 1.2 ,2.2,4.1	\$243,573.00
23/11/2017	INTERNATIONAL EMBROIDERY CO LTD	ACTIVITY 2.3	\$1,515.15
17/10/2016	REED INTERNATIONAL BOOKS AUSTRALIA	ACTIVITY 2.3	\$126,913.06
11/24/2017	IMAGING TECHNOLOGIES	ACTIVITY 5.1	\$7,238.68
8/23/2017	SIGNZ PLUS	ACTIVITY 5.1	\$1,270.94
28/12/2017	DATEC FIJI LIMITED	ACTIVITY 1.1	\$161,917.67

Table 3 (b): Individual Contracts

Individual Contracts					
Date	Name	Start Date	End Date	Activity	Amount in USD
2/2/2017	Mr. David Mcquoid-Mason (International)	2/2/2017	30/04/2018	ACTIVITY 1.2 & 2.2 & 2.4	\$20,478.00
11/7/2017	Mr. Jose Cabral (International)	27/6/2017	30/04/2018	ACTIVITY 2.1	\$27,054.68
02/10/2017	Ms. Grace Kiernan (International)	2/10/2017	31/12/2018	ACTIVITY 1.2 ,2.2,4.1	\$32,199.68
1/8/2017	Ms. Hamidan Bibi (Local)	1/8/2017	15/12/2017	ACTIVITY 1.2 ,2.2,4.1	\$14,024.39

5. Communications and Visibility

Under Output 5 (Effective Project Management), Activity 5.1.4 (Communication and Visibility), and in line with the signed project document's Annex VI (bearing related guidelines), the following can be reported in relation to the expected communications outputs, pre-defined success indicators, and related results. Communication and Visibility

The visibility of the EU's contribution to the Fiji Access to Justice Project has been successfully undertaken to meet the overall aim of communicating the positive results and achievements of the project among the target beneficiaries. In the reporting period from 11 July 2017 till 31 December 2017, the project-supported events and products have centred on communicating about ongoing activities supported by the project and related results, whilst applying the key communications principles, as outlined in the Communication and Visibility Plan.

Events under the Fiji Access to Justice Project were conducted in line with the agreed Communication and Visibility Plan, utilising a range of communication tools resulting in coverage in national print and web media outlets. To this effect, media documents (advisories and press releases), social media posts on Twitter and Facebook, as well as UNDP-issued articles have been published. All external communications material, including media documents and information products, issued by UNDP with the EU logo have been cleared in advance with the concerned EU focal media and communications officers based at the EU Delegation for the Pacific in Suva, Fiji. Tailored messages have been disseminated to the project's identified target groups; covering a range of stakeholders such as key Government beneficiaries, media, public, and concerned members of the international development community. The products have been carefully developed and issued in keeping with the communication approach outlined in the Communication and Visibility Plan, including consistent and clear visual identity and branding of materials. Various communications materials have also been developed for display and dissemination at project-supported events and outreach activities.

Detailed below in Table 4 is the Report on Implementation of the Communication and Visibility Plan. Furthermore, in Annex 2, the Implementation and Supporting Materials for the Communication and Visibility Plan are provided chronologically and in greater detail.

Table 4: Communication and Visibility Plan: Report on Implementation

Outcome Level	Output Level	Success Indicators	Result	Verification
1. Raised awareness and understanding about the Project among targeted audiences	- Stakeholders received communications messages	Number of people in target groups who receive messages	898,760 people in target groups received project messages, i.e., total number of people in Fiji who have access to TV, radio or printed newspapers. (Note: Estimate based on total population of Fiji).	Population estimates
		Number of published broadcasted, narrow casted messages in print, broadcast and online media	Number of published media coverage: - 5 online media articles covering project activities and disseminating key messages (Annex 2). - 1 article published in a nationwide printed newspaper, <i>Fiji Sun</i> (Annex 2).	Media monitoring, press clippings
	- Stakeholders understand communications messages	Number of people in target groups who understand the project's messages	To be collected in the following year of implementation.	Feedback from participants in events
2. (a) Development and maintaining of mutually beneficial, dialogic, two-way communications with targeted public and project stakeholders (b) Increased participatory communication and interactivity	- Stakeholders took part in events	Number of likes, comments, shares in social media	Social media engagement: - 29,658 people reached worldwide through social media posts on Twitter and Facebook respectively using, UNDP Pacific channels. - 771 engagements (Likes and re-Tweets) took place with Tweets done in relation to the project (Annex 2, section [b] bears details). - 40 engagements (Likes and re-Tweets) took place with Facebook posts done in relation to the project (Annex 2, section [b] bears details). - Project webpage created under the UNDP Pacific website was linked in Facebook and Twitter posts.	Social media measurement tools

among project's stakeholders				
		Measurement of quality of relationships with project's stakeholder based on focus groups/ expert discussions	To be collected in the following year of implementation.	Feedback from participants in events
3. Communication used as a tool for: - better understanding of project related issues - solving (communications related) project's challenges and problems - empowering project's stakeholders to make informed decisions - engaging local communities - influencing behaviours of decision makers in local communities	- Stakeholders received communications messages - Stakeholders understand communications messages	Number of people in target groups who positively (re)act and start with actions based on Project's messages which influenced their behaviours	To be collected in the following year of implementation.	Feedback from participants in events
4. Increased media understanding of project's issues and areas of expertise of the EU and UNDP	- Media published/ broadcasted stories about the project	Number of participants in PR events	- Approximately 10 media persons typically representing media present for various events (such as the Fiji Times, Fiji Sun, Fiji One and FBC)	Participant registration (media persons present)

	- Project related messages disseminated via different forms and channels of communications			
		Project's key messages presented by media	Refer to Annex 2 (section [f] on media coverage).	Media content analysis
		Prominent, affirmative presentation of donors and partners in the media	Refer to table 6 in this section of the report.	Media content analysis
		Number of disseminated messages (media advisories, speeches, news and feature stories, posts on social media – Facebook, YouTube and Twitter)	<p>Number of disseminated messages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 media advisories and 2 press releases issued (Annex 2, section [e] enlisting the issued media documents and section [f] bearing related copies of issued press releases). - 8 UNDP-published articles (Annex 2, sections [c] and [g] containing the website links and article copies). - 1 speech (Annex 2, section [d] enlisting the speech made for the project-supported events). - Posts on Facebook (6) and Twitter (62) (Annex 2, section [a]). 	Media monitoring, press clipping

Outcome Level	Output Level	Success Indicators	Result	Verification
1. Raised awareness and understanding about the Project among targeted audiences	- Stakeholders received communications messages	Number of people in target groups who receive messages	837,271 people in target groups received project messages, i.e., total number of people in Fiji who have access to TV, radio or printed newspapers. (Note: Estimate based on total population of Fiji, derived from last national Census conducted by Fiji Bureau of Statistics in 2007).	Population estimates
		Number of published broadcasted, narrow casted messages in print, broadcast and online media	<p>Number of published media coverage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 35 online articles covering project activities and disseminating key messages (Annex 2). - 17 articles published in major nationwide printed newspapers; including the major dailies The Fiji Times and Fiji Sun (Annex 2). - 7 broadcasts in three languages (English, Hindi and iTaukei) by two major nationwide TV and radio companies, Fiji One and FBC Online (Annex 2). 	Media monitoring, press clippings
	- Stakeholders understand	Number of people in target groups who understand the	To be collected in the following year of implementation.	Feedback from participants in
Outcome Level	Output Level	Success Indicators	Result	Verification
2. (a) Development and maintaining of mutually beneficial, dialogic, two-way communications with targeted public and project stakeholders (b) Increased participatory communication	- Stakeholders took part in events	Number of likes, comments, shares in social media	<p>Social media engagement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 46,181 people reached worldwide through social media posts on Twitter and Facebook respectively. - For Twitter, there were 180 direct engagements with project-related Tweets posted on the UNDP Pacific Twitter page. - For Facebook, the reach was 6,206 through the UNDP Pacific Facebook page. - Project webpage created under the UNDP Pacific website. 	Social media measurement tools

and interactivity among project's stakeholders				
		Measurement of quality of relationships with project's stakeholder based on focus groups/ expert discussions	To be collected in the following year of implementation.	Feedback from participants in events
3. Communication used as a tool for: - better understanding of project related issues - solving (communications related) project's challenges and problems - empowering project's stakeholders to make informed decisions - engaging local communities - influencing behaviours of decision makers in local communities	- Stakeholders received communications messages - Stakeholders understand communications messages	Number of people in target groups who positively (re)act and start with actions based on Project's messages which influenced their behaviours	To be collected in the following year of implementation.	Feedback from participants in events
4. Increased media understanding of project's issues and areas of expertise of the EU and UNDP	- Media published/ broadcasted stories about the project	Number of participants in PR events	- 6 media persons typically representing media present for events (Fiji Times, Fiji Sun, Fiji One and FBC) - 140 participants in the event as a whole (excluding media persons) for the below key events:	Participant registration (media persons present)

Outcome Level	Output Level	Success Indicators	Result	Verification
	- Project related messages disseminated via different forms and channels of communications		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Signing ceremony in the presence of the Attorney-General of Fiji (Suva, 29 August 2017) (100 participants). - EU-UNDP signing of the project (Suva, 19 October 2016) (8 participants). - Fiji Law Reports 2007 Launch (Suva, 27 June 2017) (32 participants). 	
		Project's key messages presented by media	Refer to Annex 2 (section [f] on media coverage).	Media content analysis
		Prominent, affirmative presentation of donors and partners in the media	Refer to table 6 in this report.	Media content analysis
		Number of disseminated messages (media advisories, speeches, news and feature stories, posts on social media – Facebook, YouTube and Twitter)	<p>Number of disseminated messages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 media advisories and 2 press releases issued (Annex 2, section [e] enlisting the issued media documents and section [f] bearing related copies). - 7 UNDP-published articles (Annex 2, sections [c] and [g] containing the website links and article copies). - 3 speeches (Annex 2, section [d] enlisting the speeches made on the occasion of the project-supported events). - 7 radio and televisions broadcasts in three languages (English, Hindi and iTaukei) (Annex 2, section [a]) (as reported under point 1 of this table). - Posts on Facebook (2) and Twitter (77) (Annex 2, section [a]) (as reported under point 2 of this table). 	Media monitoring, press clipping

Key Fiji Access to Justice Project visibility tools, depicted as follows, are:

- Project Brochure
- Pull-up project banners
- LAC Brochure
- Sticker for HRADC
- Banner for HRADC
- Folder for HRADC
- Bag for HRADC (produced in this reporting period)
- USB sticker for HRADC (produced in this reporting period)

To note, some of the above items have been produced earlier than the reporting period under consideration (11 July 2017-31 December 2017), but all of which have been utilized at the various outreach and advocacy events being conducted with the support of this project.

Table 5: Fiji Access to Justice Project Visibility Tools



Fiji Access to Justice Brochure (front)



Fiji Access to Justice Brochure (reverse)



Fiji Access to Justice pull-up banners



LAC Brochure (front)



LAC Brochure (reverse)

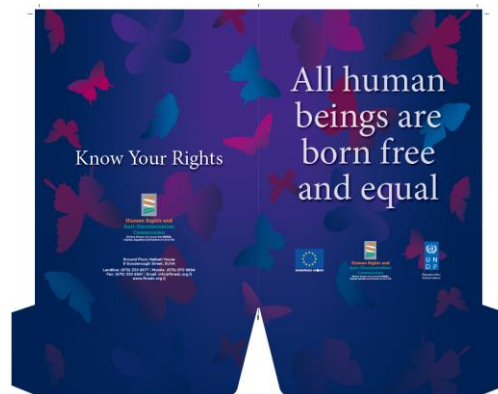


Human Rights and
Anti-Discrimination Commission

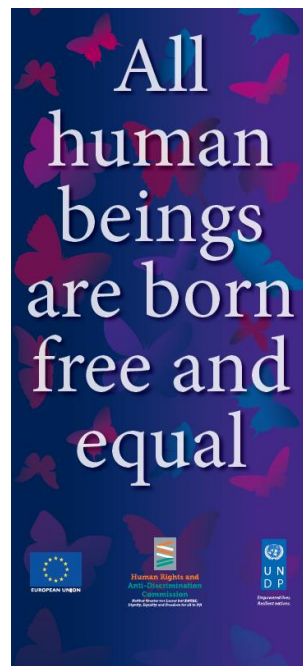


Empowerment lives
Resilient nations.

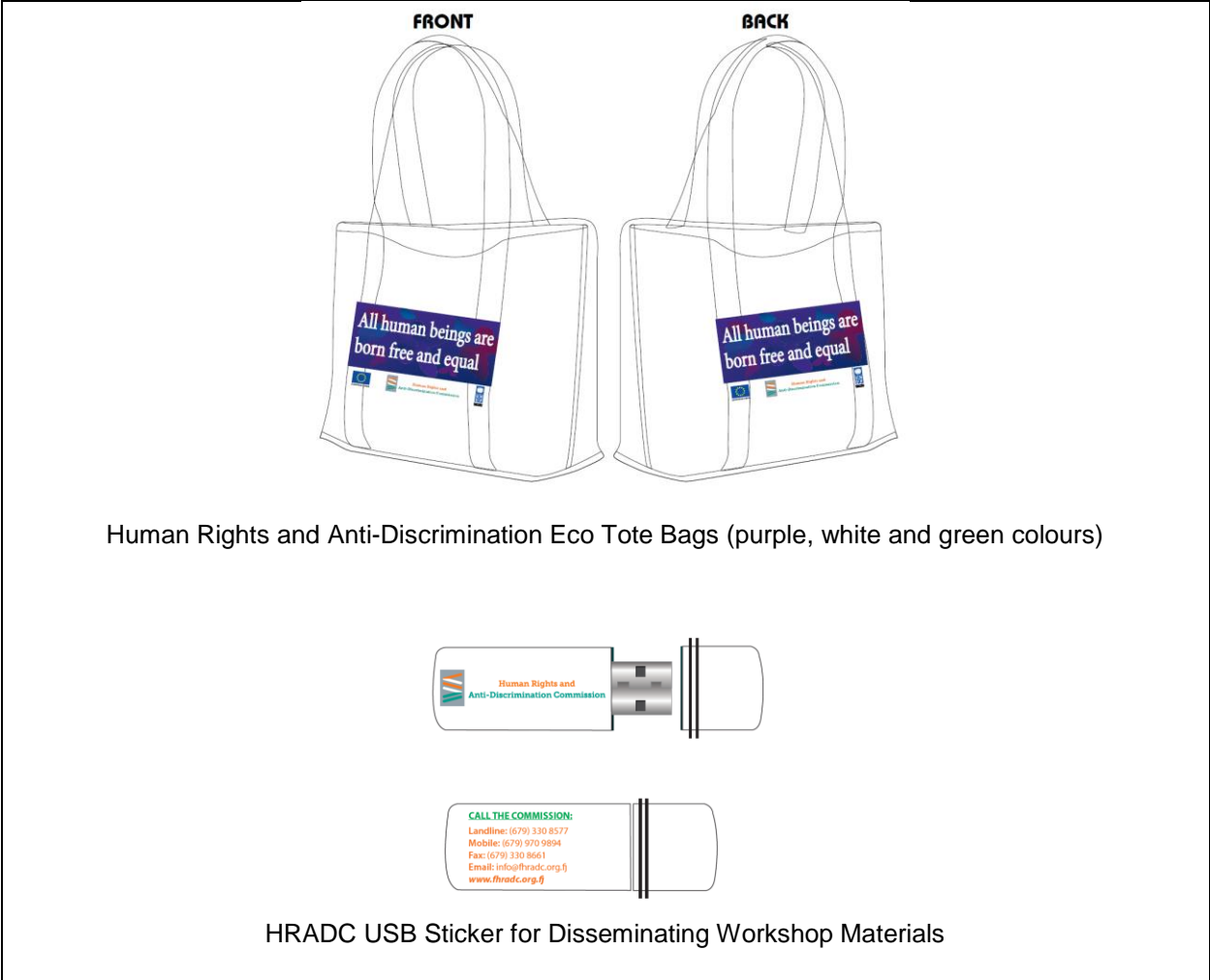
Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission Sticker



Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission A4 Folder



Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Banner (0.85m x 2m)



Some of the key messages communicated by the project, and related coverage, are highlighted in Table 6 below. Coverage has been undertaken in the two leading daily newspapers, *The Fiji Times* and *Fiji Sun*, in addition to other outlets.

Table 6: Dissemination of Project Messages – Highlights

<p>Awareness on access to justice 11-12-17, The Fiji Times Online</p> <p>Director of HRADC Ashwin Raj said the engagement with diverse groups was a progressive step towards building a robust human rights culture in Fiji. European Union ambassador to Fiji and the Pacific Julian Wilson said the EU was proud to be working together with the HRADC and the UNDP to facilitate and nurture this growing culture of human rights in Fiji.</p>	<p>Human Rights Day 11-12-17, Fiji Times Online</p> <p>Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission communications officer Mithleshni Gurdoyal said [...], "It is encouraging to see how the community advocates for human rights play a lead role in organising such celebrations and for working closely with the Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission on creating its awareness."</p>
<p>Proud Fijians Celebrate Living With isabilities</p>	<p>Human Rights Means Inclusive Spaces: Raj 31-08-2017, Fiji Sun Online</p>

<p>09-12-17, Fiji Sun Online</p> <p>Deaf and transgender human rights advocate, Eve Naqio was proud to celebrate human rights and equality at the International Day of Persons with Disabilities celebration in Suva yesterday. “For me it means celebrating our diversity. It’s also recognising that we are all equal – me as a transgender person and women, men, children, because God has created us equally,” she signed. “I think we’ve made a lot of changes. There’s a lot of progress. We, the disabilities community, are now being respected...”</p>	<p>Human rights are the rights to narrate in spaces that are inclusive, said Director of Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission, Ashwin Raj. “This could be based on their sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, ethnicity, linguistic minority, and maybe they represent the disability community,” Mr Raj said.</p>
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6. Conclusion and Ways Forward

The Project has made solid progress during Year 1 and this has continued during the reporting period, including making solid steps toward achieving major project goals. The Year 1 Financials and Year 2 Work Plan and Forecast Budget are collectively presented in a tabular format in Annex 1. Further discussions on project implementation will be undertaken during the next Project Board Meeting, planned for October 2017.

6. Annexes

Annex 1. Fiji Access to Justice Project Financials

Annex 2. Communications and Visibility

Annex 3. Updated Risk Log

Annex 4. Management Declaration

Annex 1. Fiji Access to Justice Project Financials

Budget for the Action (USD) Fiji Access to Justice Project - Financials - 11 July 2016 to 31 December 2017 and Work Plan & Forecast Budget 01 January 2018 to 31 December 2018

EXPECTED OUTPUTS & PLANNED ACTIVITIES	Budget Description	Total Planned Budget for 2016 to 2020 (USD)	Planned Budget 2016-2017	Actual Incurred Expenditure 2016-2017	Committed 2016-2017	Total Expenditure 2016-2017	Balance Carryover 2016-2017	Balance Carryover 2018-2020	Planned Budget 2018	Forecasted Budget 2018
Output 1										
Enhanced Institutional Capacity of Legal Aid Commission (LAC) to deliver access to justice for impoverished and vulnerable groups.										
Activity Result 1.1:										
<i>Legal Aid Commission (LAC) able to effectively measure and analyse its data through the establishment of a case management system to enable improved service delivery and facilitate responsiveness to the justice needs of impoverished and vulnerable groups</i>	61300 International Professional Staff	175,000.00	68,000.00	33,332.64		33,332.64	34,667.36	141,667.36	50,000.00	50,000
	71200 International Consultants	30,000.00	15,000.00		16,341.50	16,341.50	(1,341.50)	13,658.50	15,000.00	15,000
	71600 Travel	12,000.00	6,000.00				6,000.00	12,000.00	6,000.00	6,000
Activity 1.1.1: The procurement, installation and training for the operationalization of two servers to bolster LAC's ICT infrastructure. <i>(Installation of and training on partial listing of items procured to be completed in Q1&Q2 2018 – strategy to be developed to obtain remaining system critical components – storage and router)</i>	72100 Contractual Services – Companies	120,000.00	60,000.00				60,000.00	120,000.00	60,000.00	60,000
	72800 IT Equipment	430,000.00	230,000.00		378,487.14	378,487.14	(148,487.14)	51,512.86	200,000.00	100,000
Activity 1.1.2: The creation of a pilot case management system for LAC and training for its utilization, including on data analysis, with a focus on data disaggregated by sex and population group. <i>(Final criteria to be agreed with LAC in Q1 – potential to develop ICT strategy for LAC - and pilot should be</i>	75700 Workshop Expenses	40,000.00	20,000.00				20,000.00	40,000.00	10,000.00	10,000
	74200 Audio Visual & Printing Production Costs	20,000.00	5,000.00		3,947.73	3,947.73	1,052.27	16,052.27	5,000.00	5,000

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<p><i>completed in Year 2/2018 – utilizing new IT resources)</i></p> <p>Activity 1.1.3: The revision and finalization of the overall case management system in accordance with the results of the pilot programme and needs analysis, including lessons learned workshop. (To be undertaken from Year 3 onwards)</p> <p>Activity 1.1.4: Assistance in the production of reports and recommendations based on the analysis of the data. (Ongoing)</p>										
<p>Activity Result 1.2:</p> <p>The capacity of the LAC is strengthened to enable improved service delivery and responsiveness to priority areas identified by the Access to Justice Assessment.</p> <p>Activity 1.2.1: The conduct of a 2016 Fiji Access to Justice Assessment to identify the justice needs of impoverished and vulnerable groups; including development of baselines and perception surveys, generation of disaggregated data, broad stakeholder discussions; with the analysis of findings to further inform project activities. (To be completed in Year 2)</p> <p>Activity 1.2.2: The provision of support, technical and workshops, to the LAC in the finalization of its five-year strategy, functional review, annual corporate plans, including financial and human resource management manuals. (Year 2 for Strategy, Functional Review, Financial and Human Resource Management manuals and ongoing – anticipated by Q2)</p> <p>Activity 1.2.3: The provision of technical support to LAC to develop quality</p>	61300 International Professional Staff	230,400.00	69,900.00	33,073.68		33,073.68	36,826.32	197,326.32	64,500.00	44,500
	71200 International Consultants	65,000.00	25,000.00	34,852.03		34,852.03	(9,852.03)	30,147.97	15,000.00	15,000
	71600 Travel	180,000.00	65,000.00	44,744.92		44,744.92	20,255.08	135,255.08	50,000.00	50,000
	72100 Contractual Services - Companies	300,000.00	200,000.00	13,276.25	96,599.24	109,875.49	90,124.51	190,124.51		50,000
	75700 Workshop Expenses	240,000.00	80,000.00	64,487.70		64,487.70	15,512.30	175,512.30	70,000.00	50,000
	74200 Audio Visual & Printing Production Costs	40,000.00	15,000.00	4,642.72		4,642.72	10,357.28	35,357.28	10,000.00	10,000

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<p>monitoring policies and procedures, criteria for evaluating the quality of assistance provided and other tools. (Ongoing)</p> <p>Activity 1.2.4: Support to the LAC in accessing and hosting international and regional knowledge networks in relation to access to justice. (Tentative plans for a Regional Legal Aid Workshop were for Q4 2017, pushed to 2018 – to be discussed further and finalized with LAC - ongoing)</p> <p>Activity 1.2.5: Support to the LAC in the production and implementation of a training plan and train the trainer programme, and the evaluation of its subsequent impact; with the design of the training plan to be responsive to priority areas identified by the Access to Justice Assessment. (Ongoing)</p> <p>Activity 1.2.6: The conduct of a 2020 Fiji Access to Justice Assessment, including lessons learned workshop, and analysis. (To be completed in Year 2)</p>										
<p>Activity Result 1.3:</p> <p>The LAC able to accurately access and invoke the relevant law in the provision of its services through the updating of the LAC's library.</p> <p>Activity 1.3.1: Obtaining and making available at least two major law reports from countries used as comparative sources of law by Fijian lawyers and courts (such as Australia, New Zealand and England and Wales). (Issues of sustainability for ongoing upkeep to be further considered in conjunction with contribution towards digitization of Fiji Law Reports and placing online to be further discussed with stakeholders during Year 2)</p>	72100 Contractual Services - Companies	215,000.00	140,000.00				140,000.00	215,000.00	40,000.00	40,000

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Monitoring	61300 International Professional Staff	100,000.00	38,000.00	35,245.62		35,245.62	2,754.38	64,754.38	28,000.00	28,000
Sub-Total for Output 1		2,197,400.00	1,036,900.00	263,655.56	495,375.61	759,031.17	277,868.83	1,438,368.83	623,500.00	533,500
Output 2										
<u>Enhanced Institutional Capacity of Judicial Department and other institutions to deliver access to justice for impoverished and vulnerable groups.</u>										
Activity Result 2.1:										
<i>The Judicial Department able to effectively measure and analyse its data through the establishment of a case management system to enable improved service delivery and facilitate responsiveness to the justice needs of impoverished and vulnerable groups.</i>										
Activity 2.1.1: The creation of a pilot case management system for the judiciary and training for its utilization, including on data analysis, with a focus on data disaggregated by sex and population group (To be completed in Year 2 founded on the Judicial Department Court Technology Strategy – phase 1 of which is 99% complete and will be re-submitted for inputs; phase 2 – costs options – to be prepared for review by Q2)										
Activity 2.1.2: The revision and finalization of the overall case management system in accordance with the results of the pilot programme and needs analysis, including lessons learned workshop. (To be undertaken in Year 3)										
	61300 International Professional Staff	175,000.00	68,000.00	33,073.68		33,073.68	34,926.32	141,926.32	50,000.00	50,000
	71200 International Consultants	30,000.00	15,000.00	9,693.84	4,491.18	14,185.02	814.98	15,814.98	15,000.00	15,000
	71600 Travel	12,000.00	6,000.00	1,663.91		1,663.91	4,336.09	10,336.09	6,000.00	6,000
	72100 Contractual Services – Companies	120,000.00	60,000.00		22,700.00	22,700.00	37,300.00	97,300.00	60,000.00	40,000
	72800 IT Equipment	430,000.00	230,000.00				230,000.00	430,000.00	200,000.00	100,000
	75700 Workshop Expenses	40,000.00	20,000.00	1,375.33		1,375.33	18,624.67	38,624.67	10,000.00	10,000
	74200 Audio Visual & Printing Production Costs	20,000.00	5,000.00		1,515.15	1,515.15	3,484.85	18,484.85	5,000.00	5,000

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Activity 2.1.3: Assistance in the production of reports and recommendations based on the analysis of the data. <i>(Ongoing)</i>										
<p>Activity Result 2.2:</p> <p><i>The capacity of the Judicial Department is strengthened to enable improved service delivery and responsiveness to priority areas identified by the Access to Justice Assessment.</i></p> <p>Activity 2.2.1: The conduct of a 2016 Fiji Access to Justice Assessment to identify the justice needs of impoverished and vulnerable groups; including development of baselines and perception surveys, generation of disaggregated data, broad stakeholder discussions; with the analysis of findings to further inform project activities. <i>(To be completed in Year 2)</i></p> <p>Activity 2.2.2: The provision of support, technical and for workshops to the Judicial Department in the production of its strategy, functional review, annual corporate plans and implementation plan for a five-year period. <i>(Launch of the strategic plan should take place by Q2 2018.)</i></p> <p>Activity 2.2.3: Support to the Judicial Department in accessing and hosting international and regional knowledge networks in relation to access to justice. <i>(Ongoing)</i></p>	61300 International Professional Staff	230,400.00	69,900.00	33,073.68		33,073.68	36,826.32	197,326.32	64,500.00	39,500
	71200 International Consultants	65,000.00	25,000.00	5,019.30		5,019.30	19,980.70	59,980.70	15,000.00	15,000
	71600 Travel	180,000.00	65,000.00	11,792.42		11,792.42	53,207.58	168,207.58	50,000.00	15,000
	72100 Contractual Services - Companies	300,000.00	200,000.00	13,276.25	96,599.00	109,875.25	90,124.75	190,124.75		30,000
	75700 Workshop Expenses	355,000.00	125,000.00	52,783.54		52,783.54	72,216.46	302,216.46	100,000.00	30,000
	74200 Audio Visual & Printing Production Costs	50,000.00	20,000.00				20,000.00	50,000.00	10,000.00	10,000

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<p>Activity 2.2.4: Support to the Judicial Department in the production and implementation of a training plan, and train the trainer programme, and the evaluation of its subsequent impact; with the design of the training plan to be responsive to priority areas identified by the Access to Justice Assessment. (Ongoing)</p> <p>Activity 2.2.5: Support to the Judicial Department in the production of a feasibility study on the creation of a judicial training institute. (Ongoing – to be begun during Q3, 2018, completed during 2019.)</p> <p>Activity 2.2.6: The conduct of a 2020 Fiji Access to Justice Assessment, including lessons learned workshop, and analysis. (To be completed in Year 2)</p>										
<p>Activity Result 2.3:</p> <p><i>The Judicial Department able to accurately access and invoke the relevant law in the provision of its services through support to the production of the Fiji Law Reports and updating the Judicial Department library.</i></p> <p>Activity 2.3.1: Producing outstanding Fiji Law Reports (2003-2011; 2013-onwards) with copies to also be provided to the LAC Offices. (Ongoing – procurement failed; will revise approach in Q1 2018 and re-initiate.)</p> <p>Activity 2.3.2: Obtaining and making available at least two major law reports from countries used as comparative sources of law by Fijian lawyers and courts (such as Australia, New Zealand and England and Wales). (Issues of sustainability for ongoing upkeep to be further considered in conjunction with contribution towards digitization of Fiji Law Reports and placing online to be</p>	72100 Contractual Services - Companies	465,000.00	390,000.00	51,121.14	126,913.06	178,034.20	211,965.80	286,965.80	40,000.00	100,000

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<i>further discussed with stakeholders during Year 2)</i>										
Activity Result 2.4: Other Constitutional bodies have enhanced capacities to deliver access to justice. Activity 2.4.1: Informed by the Access to Justice Assessment, support to the Human Rights & Anti-Discrimination Commission (HRADC) for selected activities related to access to justice (to be determined following finalisation of HRADC Strategic Plan and stakeholder consultations). Activity 2.4.2: Informed by the Access to Justice Assessment, support to other Constitutional bodies for selected activities related to access to justice. (Year 2 and ongoing)	61300 International Professional Staff	90,000.00	30,000.00				30,000.00	90,000.00	20,000.00	20,000
	71200 International Consultants	80,000.00	20,000.00	2,362.03		2,362.03	17,637.97	77,637.97	20,000.00	20,000
	71600 Travel	25,000.00	10,000.00	12,033.43		12,033.43	(2,033.43)	12,966.57	5,000.00	5,000
	75700 Workshop Expenses	40,000.00	10,000.00	7,051.58		7,051.58	2,948.42	32,948.42	10,000.00	10,000
	74200 Audio Visual & Printing Production Costs	20,000.00	5,000.00				5,000.00	20,000.00	5,000.00	5,000
Monitoring	61300 International Professional Staff	100,000.00	38,000.00	35,245.62		35,245.62	2,754.38	64,754.38	28,000.00	28,000
Sub-Total for Output 2		2,827,400.00	1,411,900.00	269,565.75	252,218.39	521,784.14	890,115.86	2,305,615.86	713,500.00	553,500
Output 3 Strengthened delivery of access to justice services to impoverished and vulnerable groups. Activity Result 3.1: Expanding the delivery of free legal aid for impoverished and vulnerable groups through supporting the	72800 IT Equipment	50,000.00	50,000.00				50,000.00	50,000.00		25,000
	72200 Equipment & Furniture	40,000.00	40,000.00				40,000.00	40,000.00		20,000

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<p>establishment of four offices of LAC across Fiji.</p> <p>Activity 3.1.1: Procurement of furniture and equipment to support the functioning of four legal aid offices opened outside of the capital Suva. (2018 will determine LAC needs; potential to request residual needed IT equipment instead of furniture; central IT infrastructure services new offices outside Suva as well – e.g. CMS & storage.)</p>	72400 Communications & Audio Equipment	10,000.00	10,000.00		1,270.94	1,270.94	8,729.06	8,729.06		5,000
<p>Activity Result 3.2:</p> <p>Expanding the delivery of access to justice for impoverished and vulnerable groups through supporting the establishment of a toll-free helpline at the LAC.</p>	61300 International Professional Staff	14,000.00	8,000.00	9,750.00		9,750.00	(1,750.00)	4,250.00	3,000.00	3,000
	72800 IT Equipment	30,000.00	30,000.00				30,000.00	30,000.00		
<p>Activity 3.2.1: Development of concept note, and implementation, reporting, monitoring and evaluation plans for the helpline, based on priorities identified by the Access to Justice Assessment. (Concept note completed; lessons drawn from RSA; follow up visit with FICAC to review their system in Q1 2018; final decision on form will determine IT needs which will be subsequently fulfilled per 3.2.3; a pilot will be developed.)</p> <p>Activity 3.2.2: Support to the implementation plan for the helpline, including training LAC staff as required, and establishment of reporting, monitoring and evaluation mechanisms. (Pending development and piloting of system in 2018)</p> <p>Activity 3.2.3 Procurement of furniture and equipment to support the functioning of a</p>	72200 Equipment & Furniture	25,000.00	25,000.00				25,000.00	25,000.00		
	72300 Materials & Goods	25,000.00	25,000.00				25,000.00	25,000.00		
	74200 Audio Visual & Printing Production Costs	25,000.00	25,000.00				25,000.00	25,000.00		
	72400 Communications & Audio Equipment	50,000.00	50,000.00				50,000.00	50,000.00		

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helpline. <i>(Pending development and piloting of system in 2018)</i>										
Activity Result 3.3: <i>Increasing the availability of services for impoverished and vulnerable groups through supporting the establishment of three information centers in courthouses across Fiji.</i> Activity 3.3.1 Development of concept note, and implementation, reporting, monitoring and evaluation plans for the three information centres. <i>(An initial concept note has been completed; additional linkages to the Court Technology Strategy are being established – Court Help Desk combined with Service Desk for any e-systems selected)</i> Activity 3.3.2: Support to the implementation plan for the information centres, including training court staff as required, and establishment of reporting, monitoring and evaluation mechanisms. <i>(Year 2/2018 one information center established, the others from Year 3 onwards, linked to ICT Strategy and any e-systems selected)</i> Activity 3.3.3: Procurement of furniture and equipment to support the functioning of information centres. <i>(Year 2 onwards)</i>	61300 International Professional Staff	14,000.00	8,000.00	9,750.00		9,750.00	(1,750.00)	4,250.00	3,000.00	3,000
	72800 IT Equipment	90,000.00	90,000.00				90,000.00	90,000.00		20,000
	72200 Equipment & Furniture	90,000.00	90,000.00				90,000.00	90,000.00		40,000
	72300 Materials & Goods	30,000.00	30,000.00				30,000.00	30,000.00		
	74200 Audio Visual & Printing Production Costs	30,000.00	30,000.00				30,000.00	30,000.00		20,000
	72400 Communications & Audio Equipment	30,000.00	30,000.00				30,000.00	30,000.00		20,000
Activity Result 3.4:	61300 International Professional Staff	21,000.00	5,000.00				5,000.00	21,000.00	8,000.00	8,000

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<i>Increasing impoverished and vulnerable groups awareness on accessing legal rights and services</i>	71600 Travel	240,000.00	80,000.00				80,000.00	240,000.00	80,000.00	40,000
	74200 Audio Visual & Printing Production Costs	110,000.00	50,000.00				50,000.00	110,000.00	30,000.00	30,000
Activity 3.4.1: Informed by priorities identified in the 2016 Access to Justice Assessment, and mapping and lessons learned of other access to justice awareness raising activities, development of a concept note, and implementation, reporting, monitoring and evaluation plans for awareness-raising campaigns. <i>(Implementation Plan to be developed in Year 2/2018, to commence in Year 3/2019 – pending any procurement/grant making procedures as determined.)</i>										
Activity 3.4.2: Support to the implementation plan for awareness-raising campaigns including training, support for presentation materials and establishment of a reporting, monitoring and evaluation mechanisms. <i>(Year 3/2019 onward, pending 3.4.1)</i>										
Monitoring	61300 International Professional Staff	8,000.00	4,000.00	1,006.99		1,006.99	2,993.01	6,993.01	2,000.00	2,000
Sub-Total for Output 3		932,000.00	680,000.00	20,506.99	1,270.94	21,777.93	658,222.07	910,222.07	126,000.00	236,000
<u>Output 4</u>										
<u>Strengthened capacity of NGOs to deliver accompaniment access to justice services to impoverished and vulnerable groups.</u>										
Activity Result 4.1	61300 International Professional Staff	50,000.00	50,000.00	34,511.54		34,511.54	15,488.46	15,488.46		
<i>The development of a model and implementation plan for a network</i>	71600 Travel	10,000.00	10,000.00	3,875.84		3,875.84	6,124.16	6,124.16		

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<p>of community advocates to deliver accompaniment access to justice services.</p> <p>Activity 4.1.1: The conduct of a 2016 Fiji Access to Justice Assessment to identify the justice needs of impoverished and vulnerable groups; including development of baselines and perception surveys, generation of disaggregated data, broad stakeholder discussions; with the analysis of findings to further inform project activities. (To be completed in Year 2/2018)</p> <p>Activity 4.1.2: Informed by the Access to Justice Assessment, development of concept note, and implementation, reporting, monitoring and evaluation plans to establish the model for a network of community advocates to deliver selected accompaniment access to justice services including stakeholder workshop. (To be completed in Year 2/2018)</p> <p>Activity 4.1.3: The conduct of a 2020 Fiji Access to Justice Assessment, including lessons learned workshop, and analysis. (2020)</p>	72100 Contractual Services – Companies	300,000.00	200,000.00	24,354.87	96,598.76	120,953.63	79,046.37	179,046.37		25,000
	75700 Workshop Expenses	50,000.00	25,000.00	25,956.63		25,956.63	(956.63)	24,043.37		
	74200 Audio Visual & Printing Production Costs	20,000.00	10,000.00	11,320.61		11,320.61	(1,320.61)	8,679.39		
<p>Activity Result 4.2:</p> <p>Establishment of and support to the network of community advocates to deliver accompaniment access to justice services</p> <p>Activity 4.2.1: Informed by the implementation plan developed at Activity 4.1.2, provision of support and undertake training and train</p>	61300 International Professional Staff	214,102.00	50,000.00	34,511.54		34,511.54	15,488.46	179,590.46	60,000.00	45,000
	71600 Travel	40,000.00	10,000.00	13,181.76		13,181.76	(3,181.76)	26,818.24	10,000.00	20,000
	72600 Grants	600,000.00	150,000.00				150,000.00	600,000.00	150,000.00	75,000
	75700 Workshop Expenses	60,000.00	15,000.00	30,404.44		30,404.44	(15,404.44)	29,595.56	15,000.00	30,000

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<p>the trainer programme (THROUGH GRANTS), to establish a pilot for the network of community advocates, including support to raise awareness of the network, and to monitor, evaluate and report on the accompaniment services undertaken. <i>(Pilot activity to be undertaken and following that commencement of initial grant, with other grants to be undertaken in Year 3).</i></p> <p>Activity 4.2.2: Analysis and stakeholder workshop on the pilot and lessons learned to inform future operations of the network and ascertain feasibility of expansion of the network of community advocates. <i>(Year 3 onwards)</i></p> <p>Activity 4.2.3: Informed by the analysis of the pilot, support to ongoing accompaniment access to justice services. <i>(Year 3 onwards)</i></p>										
Monitoring	61300 International Professional Staff	115,000.00	45,000.00	29,203.47		29,203.47	15,796.53	85,796.53	25,000.00	25,000
Sub-Total for Output 4		1,459,102.00	565,000.00	207,320.70	96,598.76	303,919.46	261,080.54	1,155,182.54	260,000.00	220,000
<u>Output 5</u> <u>Effective Project Management</u> Activity Result 5.1: <i>Project is managed effectively and key results achieved and reported</i>	71400 & 61205 National Staff - Deputy Project Manager, two Project Associates and Quality Assurance (noting Technical Team Staff Salaries for International Project Manager and International Access to Justice and Monitoring Specialist included in Outputs 1 to 4 above)	581,546.59	223,237.00	110,968.82		110,968.82	112,268.18	470,578.18	134,690.00	81,061

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Activity 5.1.1: Project managed in accordance with UNDP Programme and Operations Policies and Procedures. (Ongoing)	71500 International UNV Reporting and Communications Specialist	104,520.00	52,260.00	37,419.98		37,419.98	14,840.02	67,100.02	37,500.00	37,500
Activity 5.1.2: Project Board is updated on the progress of the project. (Ongoing)	63400 Learning Costs	8,400.00	4,200.00				4,200.00	8,400.00	2,100.00	2,100
Activity 5.1.3: Inception Report, Progress Reports, EU Reports and Final Report produced on time. (Ongoing)	72800 IT Equipment	13,190.00	13,190.00	14,876.04		14,876.04	(1,686.04)	(1,686.04)		
Activity 5.1.4: Communications and Visibility undertaken through implementation of Communication and Visibility Plan and reporting on implementation and results. (Ongoing)	72200 Equipment & Furniture	6,980.00	6,980.00	7,323.98		7,323.98	(343.98)	(343.98)		
	64300 & 74500 Direct Project Costs - Human Resources Services (estimate)	24,628.29	15,622.00	9,286.63		9,286.63	6,335.37	15,341.37	4,398.00	11,090
	64300 & 74500 Direct Project Costs - Finance Resource Management Services (estimate)	6,840.86	2,505.00	6,308.15		6,308.15	(3,803.15)	532.85	1,670.00	7,533
	64300 & 74500 Direct Project Costs - Procurement and Travel Services (estimate)	27,806.58	10,409.00	8,869.92		8,869.92	1,539.08	18,937.08	6,939.00	10,592
	64300 & 74500 Direct Project Costs - Information Technology (estimate)	681.00	681.00	865.90		865.90	(184.90)	(184.90)		1,034
	64300 & 74500 Direct Project Costs - Registry and Administration Services (estimate)	50.00	50.00	33.84		33.84	16.16	16.16		40

EXPECTED OUTPUTS & PLANNED ACTIVITIES	Budget Description	Total Planned Budget for 2016 to 2020 (USD)	Planned Budget 2016-2017	Actual Incurred Expenditure 2016-2017	Committed 2016-2017	Total Expenditure 2016-2017	Balance Carryover 2016-2017	Balance Carryover 2018-2020	Planned Budget 2018	Forecasted Budget 2018
	64300 & 74500 Office Costs (Common Shared Building Operating Expenses estimate)	122,987.33	45,612.00	35,028.86		35,028.86	10,583.14	87,955.14	31,612.00	41,829
	72800 & 72505 Consumables and Project Office Supplies (Printer Cartridges and Stationary)	15,628.00	5,020.00	3,941.59	7,238.68	11,180.27	(6,160.27)	4,447.73	4,415.00	4,415
	72100 & 74200 Project Communications & Visibility	175,500.00	67,500.00	20,293.31		20,293.31	47,206.69	155,206.69	45,000.00	45,000
	74100 Professional Services (Audit) (estimate)	10,000.00	2,500.00				2,500.00	10,000.00	2,500.00	2,500
Activity Result 5.2:										
Independent Project Evaluations	71200 International Consultants	80,000.00						80,000.00	40,000.00	66,130
Activity 5.2.1: Mid-Term Evaluation is conducted and results shared with stakeholders. <i>(To be undertaken in Year 3, August 2018)</i>	71600 Travel	20,000.00						20,000.00	10,000.00	10,000
Activity 5.2.2: Mid-Term Recommendations incorporated into Project Document (Theory of Change and Results Framework). <i>[Year 3, October 2018]</i>										
Activity 5.2.3: Final Evaluation conducted and results shared with stakeholders. <i>(To be undertaken in Year 4, June 2020)</i>										
Sub-Total for Output 5		1,198,758.65	449,766.00	255,217.02	7,238.68	262,455.70	187,310.30	936,300.30	320,824.00	320,824
Sub-Total for Outputs 1 - 5		8,614,660.65	4,143,566	1,016,266	852,702	1,868,968	2,274,598	6,745,689.60	2,043,824	1,863,824

EXPECTED OUTPUTS & PLANNED ACTIVITIES	Budget Description	Total Planned Budget for 2016 to 2020 (USD)	Planned Budget 2016-2017	Actual Incurred Expenditure 2016-2017	Committed 2016-2017	Total Expenditure 2016-2017	Balance Carryover 2016-2017	Balance Carryover 2018-2020	Planned Budget 2018	Forecasted Budget 2018
<u>Indirect Costs / General Management Support (GMS)</u>		603,026.25	290,050.00	61,672.92	-	61,672.92	228,377.08	541,353.08	143,068.00	138,061
<u>Total for Outputs 1 – 5 and Indirect costs / Remuneration</u>		9,217,686.90	4,433,616.00	1,077,938.94	852,702.38	1,930,641.32	2,502,974.68	7,287,042.68	2,186,892.00	2,001,885

Annex 2. Communications and Visibility

- a) List of Media Coverage (Print, Electronic and Online)
- b) List of Social Media Posts (UNDP and Partners)
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- f) Full-length published Print and Online Articles, and Social Media Posts (Twitter and Facebook)
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Section (a): List of Media Coverage (Print, Electronic and Online)

No.	Date	Media	Page	Headline
Print media				
1.	31-08-2017	Fiji Sun	Dialogue	Human Rights Means Inclusive Spaces: Raj
Online news				
1.	11-12-17	The Fiji Times Online		Awareness on access to justice
2.	11-12-17	The Fiji Times Online		Human Rights Day
3.	09-12-17	Fiji Sun Online		Proud Fijians Celebrate Living with Disabilities
4.	31-08-2017	Fiji Sun Online		Human Rights Means Inclusive Spaces: Raj
5.	27-07-2017	Fiji Sun Online		Children Not Knowing Their Rights Worries Raj
TV News				
1.	08-12-17	FBC 7PM NEWS		The Human Rights Advocacy on 8 Dec 17 in Suva
2.	27-06-2017	FBC 7PM NEWS		The launch of the Fiji Law Reports

Section (b): List of Social Media Posts on Twitter and Facebook (UNDP and Partners)

Twitter					https://twitter.com/UNDP_Pacific
SNo.	Date	Original Post	Likes	Retweets	Contents
1.	15-12-17	@UNDPEU	4	2	https://twitter.com/UNDPEU/status/941580589458706432
2.	15-12-17	@Ria1S1	5	1	https://twitter.com/Ria1S1/status/941416425477980160
3.	08-12-17	@gracerossa18	5	5	https://twitter.com/gracerossa18/status/939343123624239104
4.	08-12-17	@gracerossa18	4	13	https://twitter.com/gracerossa18/status/939266959698362373

5.	07-12-17	@gracerossa18	4	22	https://twitter.com/gracerossa18/status/938948494764621824
6.	06-12-17	@gracerossa18	5	19	https://twitter.com/gracerossa18/status/938614041294995456
7.	05-12-17	@gracerossa18	1	3	https://twitter.com/gracerossa18/status/938614041294995456
8.	05-12-17	@gracerossa18	5	15	https://twitter.com/gracerossa18/status/938280913171034112
9.	05-12-17	@gracerossa18	8	16	https://twitter.com/Ria1S1/status/938287883034808321
10.	04-12-17	@Ria1S1	3	8	https://twitter.com/Ria1S1/status/937895975514914816
11.	04-12-17	@Ria1S1	4	10	https://twitter.com/Ria1S1/status/937894093362831360
12.	02-12-17	@Ria1S1	2	11	https://twitter.com/Ria1S1/status/937150959704145921
13.	01-12-17	@Ria1S1	4	0	https://twitter.com/Ria1S1/status/936844771032571904
14.	01-12-17	@Ria1S1	4	3	https://twitter.com/Ria1S1/status/936842108433920001
15.	01-12-17	@Ria1S1	4	1	https://twitter.com/Ria1S1/status/936836930846601216
16.	01-12-17	@Ria1S1	9	5	https://twitter.com/Ria1S1/status/936835490505940992
17.	01-12-17	@Ria1S1	9	2	https://twitter.com/Ria1S1/status/936726628972994560
18.	01-12-17	@Ria1S1	4	1	https://twitter.com/Ria1S1/status/936680418966872064
19.	30-11-17	@Ria1S1	2	1	https://twitter.com/Ria1S1/status/936486588829143040
20.	30-11-17	@Ria1S1	10	6	https://twitter.com/Ria1S1/status/936485713259913216
21.	30-11-17	@Ria1S1	1	0	https://twitter.com/Ria1S1/status/936482951298088960
22.	30-11-17	@Ria1S1	9	3	https://twitter.com/Ria1S1/status/936402536625344512
23.	30-11-17	@Ria1S1	3	0	https://twitter.com/Ria1S1/status/936401324802916353
24.	28-11-17	@Ria1S1	6	4	https://twitter.com/Ria1S1/status/935671951959326721
25.	28-11-17	@Ria1S1	5	3	https://twitter.com/Ria1S1/status/935650868698816512

26.	28-11-17	@UNDP_Pacific	20	11	https://twitter.com/UNDP_Pacific/status/935609360281083905
27.	28-11-17	@UNDP_Pacific	7	5	https://twitter.com/UNDP_Pacific/status/935608576629907456
28.	20-11-17	@Ria1S1	1	1	https://twitter.com/Ria1S1/status/932771658342920198
29.	13-11-17	@Ria1S1	1	1	https://twitter.com/Ria1S1/status/930163415888228355
30.	12-11-17	@Ria1S1	4	5	https://twitter.com/Ria1S1/status/929806815176491008
31.	09-11-17	@Ria1S1	7	2	https://twitter.com/Ria1S1/status/928752330333237249
32.	08-11-17	@Ria1S1	17	4	https://twitter.com/Ria1S1/status/928448673700179968
33.	07-11-17	@Ria1S1	13	6	https://twitter.com/Ria1S1/status/927987026690850816
34.	06-11-17	@RiaS1	16	10	https://twitter.com/Ria1S1/status/927721044109967362
35.	30-11-17	@Ria1S1	9	1	https://twitter.com/Ria1S1/status/925210833667309569
36.	14-09-17	@Ria1S1	5	2	https://twitter.com/Ria1S1/status/908513958104985600
37.	12-09-17	@Ria1S1	8	7	https://twitter.com/Ria1S1/status/907807340799287296
38.	30-08-17	@Ria1S1	3	4	https://twitter.com/Ria1S1/status/903007569374986240
39.	29-08-17	@Ria1S1	3	2	https://twitter.com/Ria1S1/status/902668476371746816
40.	28-08-17	@Ria1S1	7	2	https://twitter.com/Ria1S1/status/902640005167800322
41.	28-08-17	@Ria1S1	3	3	https://twitter.com/Ria1S1/status/902362454486728705
42.	21-08-17	@Ria1S1	9	9	https://twitter.com/Ria1S1/status/899738635045453824
43.	21-08-17	@Ria1S1	6	2	https://twitter.com/Ria1S1/status/899735635027570689
44.	13-08-17	@Ria1S1	8	3	https://twitter.com/Ria1S1/status/896918704633462784
45.	13-08-17	@BakhodirUNDP	27	9	https://twitter.com/BakhodirUNDP/status/896636455736430594
46.	04-08-17	@Ria1S1	7	6	https://twitter.com/Ria1S1/status/893025546065412096

47.	03-08-17	@Ria1S1	6	5	https://twitter.com/Ria1S1/status/893023600403333120
48.	03-08-17	@EUPasifika	33	12	https://twitter.com/EUPasifika/status/893244064090423298
49.	03-08-17	@Ria1S1	4	4	https://twitter.com/Ria1S1/status/893238230711058432
50.	02-08-17	@BakhodirUNDP	4	3	https://twitter.com/BakhodirUNDP/status/892882291193651205
51.	02-08-17	@BimpeFemiOyewo	4	1	https://twitter.com/BimpeFemiOyewo/status/892646321118617601
52.	01-08-17	@BakhodirUNDP	25	10	https://twitter.com/BakhodirUNDP/status/892518179339026432
53.	01-08-17	@Ria1S1	7	1	https://twitter.com/Ria1S1/status/892554817305952256
54.	01-08-17	@Ria1S1	6	2	https://twitter.com/Ria1S1/status/892549548668669952
55.	01-08-17	@Ria1S1	7	4	https://twitter.com/Ria1S1/status/892545135015100416
56.	01-08-17	@BakhodirUNDP	18	12	https://twitter.com/BakhodirUNDP/status/892526323695894528
57.	27-07-17	@Ria1S1	8	4	https://twitter.com/Ria1S1/status/890680596455768064
58.	26-07-17	@Ria1S1	9	3	https://twitter.com/Ria1S1/status/890427336587214850
59.	26-07-17	@BimpeFemiOyewo	8	4	https://twitter.com/BimpeFemiOyewo/status/890371543661912064
60.	25-07-17	@BimpeFemiOyewo	6	1	https://twitter.com/BimpeFemiOyewo/status/890018747783684097
61.	25-07-17	@BimpeFemiOyewo	3	1	https://twitter.com/BimpeFemiOyewo/status/890018065315799040
62.	25-07-17	@BimpeFemiOyewo	5	1	https://twitter.com/BimpeFemiOyewo/status/889997079828770816
	TOTAL		454	317	
Facebook					www.facebook.com/UNDP.Pacific/

	Date	Posted by	Likes	Shares	Contents
1.	06-12-17	European Union in the Pacific	10	1	Human Rights Day 2017 Celebrations
2.	04-08-17	UNDP in the Pacific	4	0	Criminal Law Workshop Press Release
3.	14-07-17	UNDP in the Pacific	6	0	NGO/CSO Consultations
4.	14-07-17	UNDP in the Pacific	8	0	NGO/CSO Consultations
5.	13-07-17	UNDP in the Pacific	5	0	Knowledge-Exchange to South Africa
6.	12-07-17	UNDP in the Pacific	6	0	Launch of Fiji Law Reports 2007
	TOTAL		39	1	

Section (c): List of UNDP Articles

SNo.	Date	Headline
1.	09-12-17	HRADC, UNDP and EU Join Forces to Facilitate and Nurture a Culture of Human Rights
2.	01-12-17	Creating a Community of Advocates for Human Rights and Access to Justice in Fiji
3.	27-11-17	South-South Knowledge Exchange between Fiji and South Africa for Fiji's Legal Aid Commission and Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission
4.	15-09-17	Dialogues in Fiji strengthen youth and civil society engagement to support good governance and democracy-enabling conditions
5.	14-08-17	Fiji Courts plan ahead to further improve service delivery
6.	14-08-17	Fiji Annual Law Reports contribute to greater professionalism in the justice sector
7.	12-08-17	Engaging the Youth for Greater Awareness on Human Rights in Fiji's Northern and Western Divisions
8.	04-08-17	Workshop for Judges and Magistrates to upgrade skills and knowledge on Criminal Law

Section (d): List of UNDP Speeches

SNo.	Date	Headline
1.	02-08-17	Bakhodir Burkhanov: Opening of the Fiji Criminal Law Workshop

Section (e): List of Project Media Documents (Press Releases and Media Advisories)

Media Document Type			
SNo.	Date	Press Release	Issued by
1.	09-12-17	HRADC, UNDP and EU Join Forces to Facilitate and Nurture a Culture of Human Rights	EU-UNDP-HRADC
2.	04-08-17	Workshop for Judges and Magistrates to upgrade skills and knowledge on Criminal Law	EU-UNDP-HRADC
SNo.	Date	Media Advisory	Issued by
1.	11-2017	Community Advocates for Human Rights and Access to Justice: Advocacy for Human Rights Day	EU-UNDP-HRADC
2.	08-2017	National Human Rights Commission Dialogue with Youth	EU-UNDP-HRADC
3.	07-2017	National Human Rights Commission Dialogue with NGOs, CSOs and Youth	EU-UNDP-HRADC

Section (f): Full-length Published Print and Online Articles, Electronic Media Coverage and Social Media Posts

Print Media

31-08-2017, Fiji Sun, “Dialogue” Section, Human rights means inclusive spaces: Raj



Online Media

11-12-17, The Fiji Times Online, Awareness on access to justice

<http://www.fijitimes.com/story.aspx?id=427056>

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Members of the Fiji Disabled Association joined the Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission to celebrate the Human Rights Day in full force.

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"This collaboration with the Community Advocates for Human Rights and Access to Justice will go beyond Human Rights Day, as we will continue to engage with the communities and civil society organisations to promote human rights, in particular, among the vulnerable citizens across the country."

European Union ambassador to Fiji and the Pacific Julian Wilson said the EU was proud to be working together with the HRADC and the UNDP to facilitate and nurture this growing culture of human rights in Fiji.

"The European Union and its 28-member states have made the protection of human rights a cornerstone of our union," he said.

"Today, the European Union and its Member States join Fiji and the United Nations in calling upon states and people to stand up for human rights on the occasion of Human Rights Day 2017."

World Human Rights Day was celebrated worldwide yesterday.

11-12-17, Fiji Times Online, Human Rights Day

<http://www.fijitimes.com/story.aspx?id=427055>

The screenshot shows the top of a news article on the Fiji Times Online website. The main heading is "Human Rights Day" in a large, bold, serif font. Below the heading, the author's name "Solomone Rabulu" and the date "Monday, December 11, 2017" are displayed. The article text begins with "MEMBERS and supporters of the Fiji Disabled People's Association gathered at the Fiji Disabled People's Association headquarters in Suva to mark Human Rights Day on Thursday." It continues with "The event featured members who participated in art competition, drama and skits." A quote from Mithleshni Gurdalay, Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission communications officer, follows: "Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission communications officer Mithleshni Gurdalay said she was overwhelmed by how people expressed their knowledge on human rights through talents." Another quote states: "We had 75 participants who participated in the art competition, drama and singing," she said. The final visible quote reads: "It is encouraging to see how the community advocates for human rights play a lead role in organising such celebrations and for working closely with the Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission on creating its awareness." The website's navigation menu at the top includes links for Home, Local, Sport, World, Letters, Editorial, Nai Lalakai, Business, Features, and Classifieds. The breadcrumb trail shows the article is on the Front page / News section.

Human Rights Day

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Monday, December 11, 2017

MEMBERS and supporters of the Fiji Disabled People's Association gathered at the Fiji Disabled People's Association headquarters in Suva to mark Human Rights Day on Thursday.

The event featured members who participated in art competition, drama and skits.

Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission communications officer Mithleshni Gurdayal said she was overwhelmed by how people expressed their knowledge on human rights through talents.

"We had 75 participants who participated in the art competition, drama and singing," she said.

"It is encouraging to see how the community advocates for human rights play a lead role in organizing such celebrations and for working closely with the Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission on creating its awareness.

"We will continue to work with these community advocates and civil society organizations to promote human rights."

Human Rights Day is observed on December 10, to commemorate the day the UN General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948.

09-12-17, Fiji Sun Online, Proud Fijians Celebrate Living With Disabilities

<http://fijisun.com.fj/2017/12/09/proud-fijians-celebrate-living-with-disabilities/>



Proud Fijians Celebrate Living With Disabilities

Kogo Fujiki

Monday, December 09, 2017

Deaf and transgender human rights advocate, Eve Naqio was proud to celebrate human rights and equality at the International Day of Persons with Disabilities celebration in Suva yesterday.

“For me it means celebrating our diversity. It’s also recognizing that we are all equal – me as a transgender person and women, men, children, because God has created us equally,” she signed.

“I think we’ve made a lot of changes. There’s a lot of progress. We, the disabilities community, are now being respected, maybe not as much we want but we’re getting there.”

The event, which is part of Human Rights Week sported a range of activities, with children and adults from diverse backgrounds under the Fiji Disabled People’s Federation coming together in festivity.

“In one of today’s activities we’re getting the children to articulate on paper what human rights means to them,” Ms Naqio signed.

Children drew pictures and highlighted areas such as “right to safety” and “right to inclusion” as people living with disabilities in the wider community.

Psychiatric Survivors Association community liaison officer, Vereniki Mataka said the celebrations reminded people that those with disabilities were just like everyone else.

“For me it’s very important for us with disabilities because it makes us known that we’re just like everybody else – we’re human beings and we like to be treated like human beings,” he said.

“When we say hello we’re just like you.”

Mr Mataka said people with disabilities are not “an item or an object” and he is glad the human rights commissions have given the community the opportunity to be noticed.

“In Fiji there’s a lot of us out there in the community,” he said.

“In the villages that they need to be educated on what we’re like and we’re so glad that various departments here today represent all of us for the whole of Fiji.”

The event was held at the Fiji Disabled Association headquarters in Suva, featuring a live band, plenty of smiles, laughter and activity.

Edited by Ranoba Baa

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31-08-2017, Fiji Sun Online, Human Rights Means Inclusive Spaces: Raj

<http://fijisun.com.fj/2017/08/31/human-rights-means-inclusive-spaces-raj/>



Human Rights Means Inclusive Spaces: Raj



Participants and stakeholders of the National Human Rights Commission Dialogue in Suva on August 30, 2017.
Photo: Vilimoni Vaganalau

Human Rights Means Inclusive Spaces: Raj

Mere Satakala

Thursday, August 31, 2017

Human rights are the rights to narrate in spaces that are inclusive, said Director of Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission, Ashwin Raj.

“This could be based on their sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, ethnicity, linguistic minority, and maybe they represent the disability community,” Mr Raj said.

He said sometimes the powerful get to speak at the exclusion of people who were in society’s margins.

Mr Raj was speaking yesterday to about 60 youths from various youth groups and institutions who attended the National Human Rights Commission Dialogue that was held at the Holiday Inn Suva.

Youth Champs 4 Mental Health advocate, Paul Volau was keen to gain more understanding on the issue of human rights.

Mr Volau said there was still a stigma associated with mental patients.

Newly crowned Adi Senikau and Haus of Khameleon representative, Elaine Munroe said she would advocate on human rights for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ+) community.

Mr Raj said Human Rights were about recognising everyone's inherent dignity.

The event is supported by Fiji Access to Justice Project which is funded by the European Union and implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

Edited Rusiate Mataika

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27-07-2017, Fiji Sun Online, Children Not Knowing Their Rights Worries Raj

<http://fijisun.com.fj/2017/07/27/children-not-knowing-their-rights-worries-raj/>



Children Not Knowing Their Rights Worries Raj

Shratika Singh

Thursday, July 27, 2017

All children need to know about their rights and they have the right to know, says Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission director Ashwin Raj.

During the National Human Rights Commission's Dialogue session at the Friendly North Inn in Labasa yesterday, Mr Raj said it was a concern to know that many children are not aware about their rights.

"Children have the right to know that they have rights," Mr Raj said.

“There needs to be a greater discussion about this,” he said.

Mr Raj said he was very happy to see about 60 people from diverse groups in the Northern Division gathered for the dialogue had raised a number of issues and concerns.



Fiji Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission director Ashwin Raj (middle) with participants during the National Human Rights Commission dialogue at Friendly North Inn in Labasa on July 26. Photo:SHRATIKA SINGH

The dialogue focused on awareness about human rights, access to justice and the role of the Commission.

“We had members from disability communities, children with special needs, faith-based organizations, civil society organizations, youth groups and women movement,” Mr Raj said.

He said they raised fundamental questions regarding their rights in relation to the domestic violence restraining order (DVRO) and how it is used by married people and those in defacto relationships.

“They questioned about village by-laws, right to cultural autonomy, do we balance that with individual rights for instance the rights of women or rights of a child.

“One of the significant things about such consultations is to understand and appreciate what the key human rights concerns of the public are,” he said.

“We want to make sure that the public have a say in what the human rights agenda is and what their key concerns are.

“We need to be with the people in every geographical setting and that is what we are doing,” he said.

The dialogue was supported through the Fiji Access to Justice Project funded by European Union and implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Pacific office in Fiji.

Today the dialogue session will be at Savusavu Hot Springs Hotel from 9am.

Edited by Karalaini Waqanidrola

Twitter posts in the reporting period from 11 July 2017 – 31 December 2017

UNDP in Brussels @UNDP_EU · 58m
 "Know your rights!" @UNDP and #EU undertake nation-wide campaign in #Fiji to create awareness about #HumanRights, diversity and non-discrimination: bit.ly/2koy89d #UNDP_EUpartnership #EUResults



You, EuropeAid, UNDP Pacific & PNG and 3 others

Ria S @Ria1S1 · 12h
 #FijiA2J: #HRADC Fiji, @UNDP_Pacific and @EUPasifika join forces to facilitate and nurture a culture of #HumanRights in Fiji! For more: bit.ly/2koy89d



UNDP Pacific & PNG, EU Pacific, UNDP in Brussels and 2 others

Grace Rossa Kiernan @gracerossa18 · Dec 8
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 Arieta Grace celebrates #HumanRightsDay: #NGOs, #HRADC and @UNDP_Pacific in collaboration for #HumanRights and #AccesstoJustice in Lautoka, supported by the @EUPasifika funded #FijiA2J Project.



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Grace Rossa Kiernan @gracerossa18 · Dec 7
 #HumanRightsDay: #NGOs, #HRADC and @UNDP_Pacific in collaboration for #HumanRights and #AccesstoJustice in Suva with Fiji Disabled Peoples Federation, supported by the @EUPasifika funded #FijiA2J Project.



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Grace Rossa Kiernan @gracerossa18 · Dec 6
 #HumanRightsDay in Savusavu: #NGOs, #LAC, #HRADC and @UNDP_Pacific in collaboration for #HumanRights and #AccesstoJustice with 87 participants, supported by the @EUPasifika funded #FijiA2J Project.



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Ria S @Ria1S1 · Dec 5
 #HumanRightsDay: Bringing together #NGOCommunityAdvocates, #LAC, #HRADC and @UNDP_Pacific in collaboration for #HumanRights and #AccesstoJustice in Savusavu, supported by the @EUPasifika funded #FijiA2J Project.

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Grace Rossa Kiernan @gracerossa18 · Dec 5
 #HumanRightsDay preparations for Saturday's workshop: #NGOs, #LAC, #HRADC and @UNDP_Pacific in collaboration for #HumanRights and #AccesstoJustice in Lautoka, supported by the @EUPasifika funded #FijiA2J Project.

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Ria S @Ria1S1 · Dec 4
 #HumanRightsDay: #NGOs, #LAC, #HRADC and @UNDP_Pacific in collaboration for #HumanRights and #AccesstoJustice in Levuka, supported by the @EUPasifika funded #FijiA2J Project.

Bakhodir Burkhanov, EU Pacific, UNDP Pacific & PNG and 2 others

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Ria S @Ria1S1 · Dec 2
 #FijiA2J #HumanRightsDay celebrations in Labasa, Fiji: Rapper Isikeli Savu engages persons with disabilities to raise awareness on #HumanRights & #AccesstoJustice through #rap lyrics! Event jointly conducted by #HRADC and @UNDP_Pacific, supported by @EUPasifika. #PwD

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Ria S @Ria1S1 · Dec 1
 #FijiA2J #HumanRightsDay celebrations: The #NGOCommunityAdvocates, #HRADC and #LAC facilitator team raising awareness on #AccesstoJustice and #HumanRights in Levuka! A day of fun and learning for all.

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Ria S @Ria1S1 · Dec 1
 #FijiA2J Project: From #HumanRightsDay celebrations TODAY in Labasa, and a fun day for #youth and #children to build their awareness on #HumanRights and #AccesstoJustice! #NGOCommunityAdvocates #SDG16

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Ria S @Ria1S1 · Dec 1
 #FijiA2J Project: #HumanRightsDay celebrations TODAY in Levuka, with #NGOCommunityAdvocates and #Youth also putting up their #Christmas wishlist on a tree, towards greater #AccesstoJustice and #HumanRights for all! #SDG16

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Ria S @Ria1S1 · Dec 1
 Now on! #FijiA2J #HumanRightsDay celebrations in Labasa, children meet #CommunityAdvocates and enjoy the festivities! Activities organized jointly by #HRADC and @UNDP_Pacific, supported by @EUPasifika.

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Ria S @Ria1S1 · Dec 1
 #FijiA2J #HumanRightsDay celebrations open to all a Levuka Town Foreshore TODAY from 10am-2pm: a joint collaboration between #NGOs, #HRADC and #LAC in Fiji! #HumanRights and #LegalAid awareness raising, activities for children and youth, and lots more! With @EUPasifika support.

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Ria S @Ria1S1 · Nov 30

#FijiA2J for #InternationalHumanRightsDay: #Rapper Isikeli Savu is guiding budding young rappers! Come see local talent perform TOMORROW at an open air event outside Labasa Civic Centre from 10am-2pm! #Youth4HumanRights

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Ria S @Ria1S1 · Nov 30

Kicking off week-long activities with #NGOs for celebrating #HumanRightsDay across Fiji, under the @EUPasifika-supported #FijiA2J Project! Stay tuned for exciting activities to raise awareness on #HumanRights & #AccessToJustice. More on the lead up: bit.ly/2zDz8wy



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Ria S @Ria1S1 · Nov 30

#FijiA2J Project: Youth #CommunityAdvocates rapping on #HumanRights and #AccessToJustice issues, for #HumanRightsDay celebrations in Labasa! This activity is a first for the North of Fiji; stay tuned. All the best to the budding rappers!



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Ria S @Ria1S1 · Nov 30

Under the #FijiA2J Project, supported by @EUPasifika, @UNDP_Pacific & @HRADCFiji jointly preparing for #HumanRightsDay celebrations in Labasa, with youth Community Advocates.



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Ria S @Ria1S1 · Nov 28

Under #FijiA2J Project, supported by @EUPasifika, @UNDP_Pacific & @HRADCFiji jointly preparing for Community Advocates #HumanRightsDay celebrations in Levuka, with Legal Aid Commission Fiji. #HumanRightsDay



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Ria S @Ria1S1 · Nov 28
 #FijiA2J: #SouthSouth #KnowledgeSharing b/w South Africa & Fiji in #LegalAid & #HumanRights, supported by @EUPasifika. For more, read: bit.ly/2AjvOT7



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 The legal aid system of Fiji actively protects the rights of women.
 #oragetheworld #16days #SDG5 #GenderEquality #FijiConstitution #AccessToJustice #SDG16



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Ria S @Ria1S1 · Dec 1
 From the exciting #HumanRightsDay celebrations held TODAY in Levuka under the #FijiA2J Project, supported by @EUPasifika, jointly conducted by #HRADC, #LAC & @UNDP_Pacific. Thanks to the #NGOCommunityAdvocates for a lively engaging day!



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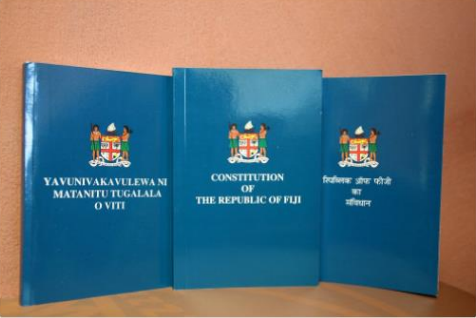
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 The Fiji Bill of Rights guarantees every person has the right to equality.
 #oragetheworld #16days #SDG5 #GenderEquality #FijiConstitution #AccessToJustice #SDG16



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Ria S @Ria1S1 · Nov 20
 #FijiA2J @UNDP_Pacific & @EUPasifika

Fiji Women's Rights @FWRM1
 Now available on our website!! Access our new Balancing the Scales: Improving Fijian Women's Access to Justice Research here: goo.gl/KaMcsv #BalancingTheScales #A2JFiji

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Ria S @Ria1S1 · Nov 13

Last week's knowledge-share conducted with #youth and #civilsociety on #innovation for #acesstojustice & #humanrights! #SDG9 #SDG16



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Ria S @Ria1S1 · Nov 12

#FijiA2: Coming to a close! Training #CommunityAdvocates for #HumanRights & #AccesstoJustice in Fiji this week, supported by @EUPasifika. #SDG16 #SDG5



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Ria S @Ria1S1 · Nov 9

Am now conducting a #deepdive on #innovation for #accessingjustice and #humanrights related services in #Fiji. Great ideas and feedback from the group! Vinaka. #SDG9 #inno4dev @UNDPpublicserv



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Ria S @Ria1S1 · Nov 8

#FijiA2: NGO & CSO representatives actively exchange ideas and build their skills for #HumanRights awareness and #AccesstoJustice at an @EUPasifika funded workshop. #SDG16 @SDG5



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Ria S @Ria1S1 · Nov 7

#FijiA2: Director HRADC and Director LAC in active discussions with NGOs/CSOs from across Fiji on #acesstojustice and #humanrights. #SDG16



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Ria S @Ria1S1 · Nov 6

#FijiA2: Kick-starting training #CommunityAdvocates for #HumanRights & #AccesstoJustice in Fiji this week, supported by @EUPasifika. #SDG16



Setaita Tavanabola, Bakhodir Burkhanov, Dyfan Jones and 2 others

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Ria S @Ria1S1 · Oct 30

#FijiA2: Active planning w @HRADCfiji & @UNDP_Pacific ahead of next weeks' #ToT: #CommunityAdvocates 4 #HumanRights & #AccesstoJustice!



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Ria S @Ria1S1 · Sep 14
 Intl #DemocracyDay 2017: #Youth+ #NGOs 4 #GoodGovernance & #HumanRights w EU support. For more: bit.ly/2x5W099 #SDG16 #Youth4Change

EU Pacific, Human Rights Fiji, UNDP Pacific & PNG and 2 others

Ria S @Ria1S1 · Sep 12
 #FijiA2J, funded by @EUPasifika & implemented by @UNDP_Pacific, in support of early access to justice. @UNDPEU @BakhodirUNDP @JonesDyfan

Fiji Mission Geneva @FijiGeneva
 Director Ali Legal Aid Commission at #HRC36 side event on first hour procedure for all suspects and govt support LAid

Ria S @Ria1S1 · Aug 30
 #FijiA2J: @HRADCFiji Chairperson opens #HumanRights Dialogue where 53 #youth consulted. #Youth4SDGs #GlobalGoals #Access2Justice #Youth4Dev

Human Rights Fiji, EU Pacific and UNDP Pacific & PNG

Ria S @Ria1S1 · Aug 29
 #FijiA2J: #Youth actively engage w @HRADCFiji on #HumanRights discussions in #Suva, w @EUPasifika support. #SDG16 #Youth4SDGs #GlobalGoals

EU Pacific, UNDP Pacific & PNG and Human Rights Fiji

Ria S @Ria1S1 · Aug 29
 #FijiA2J: @HRADCFiji & @UNDP_Pacific led #HumanRights #youth consultations, supported by @EUPasifika. #SDG16 #Youth4SDGs #Access2Justice

Human Rights Fiji, EU Pacific and UNDP Pacific & PNG

Ria S @Ria1S1 · Aug 28
 #FijiA2J: New report on revival of #FijiLawReports by Justice Chandra of #FijiJudiciary. See: bit.ly/2wk6SOF #SDGs @RELXGroupHQ

Levi'sNews Australia, RELX Group, UNDP Pacific & PNG and EU Pacific

Ria S @Ria1S1 · Aug 21
 @FijiA2J: #Fiji #LawReports enhance professionalism in #justicesector, w #EU support. bit.ly/2xILZSs #SDG16 #SDG5 #accesstojustice



EU Pacific, UNDP in Brussels, UNDP Pacific & PNG and 3 others

9 retweets, 9 likes

Ria S @Ria1S1 · Aug 21
 #FijiA2J: w #EU support #FijiCourts improve #judicial #servicedelivery thru #StrategicPlan & #CourtHelpDesks. #SDG16 bit.ly/2v8F12z



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Ria S @Ria1S1 · Aug 13
 #IYD2017: Under #A2J #youth engage 4 #humanrights awareness in #Fiji's North & West w @EUPasifika support. see bit.ly/2hWXZqz #SDGs



UNDP Pacific & PNG, EU Pacific, Human Rights Fiji and Setaita Tavanabola

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Bakhodir Burkhanov @BakhodirUNDP · Aug 13
 #IYD2017: Dialogues w/ #youth and NGO reps in Fiji focus on #HumanRights and access to #justice @EUPasifika @UNDP_Pacific #FijiA2J #YouthDay



You, Human Rights Fiji, EU Pacific and 6 others

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EU Pacific @EUPasifika · Aug 3
 Workshop for Judges & Magistrates to upgrade skills & knowledge on Criminal Law. Supported by the #EU. Read more eeas.europa.eu/delegations/fi...



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 #FijiA2J Press Release: #Fiji #Judicial sector upgrades skills in #CriminalLaw at @EUPasifika-supported workshop. bit.ly/2hsmL1L



APT Geneva, EU Pacific, Bakhodir Burkhanov and 2 others

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Ria S @Ria1S1 · Aug 3
 At #Judicial #CriminalLaw Workshop in #Fiji: @UNDP_Pacific & @apt_geneva presenting on 'Early Access to Justice' & #UNCAT. #SDG16 #A2J



APT Geneva, UNDP Pacific & PNG and EU Pacific

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Ria S @Ria1S1 · Aug 3
 #FijiA2J: @fijipoliceforce demonstrate the #Video Recorded #Interview at @EUPasifika-supported Fiji #Judicial #CriminalLaw Workshop. #SDG16



Fiji Police Force, EU Pacific, APT Geneva and UNDP Pacific & PNG

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Bakhodir Burkhanov @BakhodirUNDP · Aug 1

Pleased to join [#ChiefJustice](#), [@NazhatSKhan](#) and [@Andrew_JacobsEU](#) for the opening of the [#CriminalLaw](#) Workshop 🇺🇵



UNDP Pacific & PNG, EU Pacific, Dyfan Jones and UN in the Pacific

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Bakhodir Burkhanov @BakhodirUNDP · Aug 2

Read [@UNDP_Pacific](#) remarks at the [#CriminalLaw](#) training by [#Fiji](#) Judicial Department w/ [@EUPasifika](#) support bit.ly/2vqMTz4 [#FijiA2J](#)



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#CriminalLaw training of judges key to people-centered delivery of #justice services: Supported by [@EUPasifika](#) via [@UNDP](#) [#FijiA2J](#) project

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Bimpe Femi-Oyewo @BimpeFemiOyewo · Aug 2

This time last week, Labasa youth & NGOs were learning about their human rights & ways to access justice [@UNDP_Pacific](#) [@EUPasifika](#) [#FijiA2J](#)



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Ria S @Ria1S1 · Aug 1

Representatives from [#Fiji](#) [#Judiciary](#), [@apt_geneva](#), [@EUPasifika](#) & [@UNDP_Pacific](#) at [#FijiA2J](#) [#CriminalLaw](#) workshop discussing [#UNCAT](#). [#SDG16](#)



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Ria S @Ria1S1 · Aug 1

Keynote addressers [@#FijiA2J](#) [#CriminalLaw](#) Workshop 4 ppl-centred [#judicial](#) services facilitated by [@apt_geneva](#) w [@EUPasifika](#) support. [#SDG16](#)



Bakhodir Burkhanov, Andrew Jacobs, EU Pacific and 3 others

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Ria S @Ria1S1 · Aug 1

[#FijiAccessToJustice](#): [#Judicial](#) [#CriminalLaw](#) workshop opens in [#Fiji](#), with [@EUPasifika](#) support & [@UNDP_Pacific](#)! [#SDG16](#) [#FijiA2J](#)



EU Pacific, UNDP Pacific & PNG and Bakhodir Burkhanov

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Bakhodir Burkhanov @BakhodirUNDP · Aug 1
 #CriminalLaw training of judges key to people-centered delivery of #justice services; Supported by @EUPasifika via @UNDP #FijiA2J project



UNDP Pacific & PNG, Andrew Jacobs, tomoko kashiwazaki and Dyfan Jones

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Ria S @Ria1S1 · Jul 27
 #FijiAccessToJustice: Actively engaging #youth #NGOs #CSOs for #humanrights in Fiji's remote North, with @EUPasifika support & @UNDP_Pacific



UNDP Pacific & PNG, Bimpe Femi-Oyewo, EU Pacific and Human Rights Fiji

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Ria S @Ria1S1 · Jul 27
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UNDP Pacific & PNG, Bimpe Femi-Oyewo, EU Pacific and Human Rights Fiji

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Bimpe Femi-Oyewo @bimpefemiOyewo · Jul 26
 Participants discussing the challenges they face in exercising human rights in Savusavu @UNDP_Pacific @EUPasifika #FijiA2J



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Bimpe Femi-Oyewo @BimpeFemiOyewo · Jul 25
 "Human Rights are universal and inherent" They cannot be taken away from you and they apply to everyone. @UNDP_Pacific @EUPasifika #FijiA2J



Bimpe Femi-Oyewo @BimpeFemiOyewo · Jul 25
 USP students participating in the Human Rights Workshop for youth and NGOs in Labasa @UNDP_Pacific @EUPasifika #FijiA2J #HumanRights




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Bimpe Femi-Oyewo @BimpeFemiOyewo · Jul 25
 Participants registering at the Labasa Human Rights Workshop with youth and NGOs @UNDP_Pacific @EUPasifika #FijiA2J #HumanRights



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1.	<p data-bbox="505 323 1175 390">  UNDP in the Pacific shared European Union in the Pacific's post. </p> <p data-bbox="578 392 794 411">6 December at 18:59 · 🌐</p> <p data-bbox="505 426 1227 600"> Ongoing #FijiA2J #HumanRightsDay 2017 celebrations: NGOs, the Legal Aid Commission (LAC), the Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission (HRADC), and the UNDP Pacific Office in collaboration for human rights and access to justice awareness-raising and advocacy activities across Fiji, supported by the EU-funded Fiji Access to Justice Project. </p> <div data-bbox="505 621 1243 1377">  </div> <p data-bbox="513 1415 1214 1440"> Post on Human Rights Day 2017 Celebrations, 6 December 2017 </p>
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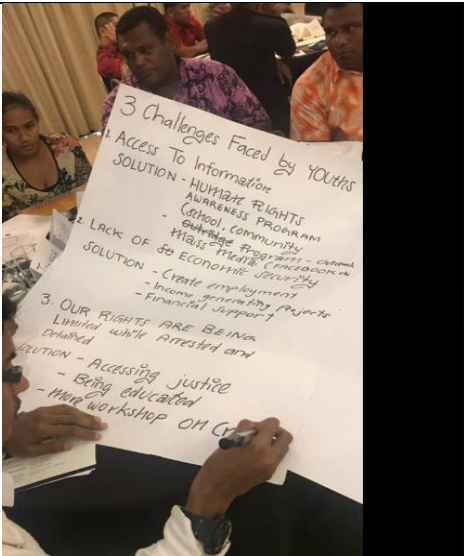
Strengthening on-going engagement in human rights talk by NGOs and CSOs

NGOs and CSOs discussed a range of matters including access to justice with the Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission in Lautoka. Participants provided input to the work the Commission will be undertaking during 2017 and potential areas to strengthen engagement and collaboration.

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Post on NGO/CSO Consultations, 14 July 2017

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Youths as advocates for human rights

Over 50 young people discussed the promotion, protection and fulfillment of human rights together with Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission in Lautoka. Youths as 'change agents' identified challenges and potentials.

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Post on NGO/CSO Consultations, 14 July 2017

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Fiji joins global talks to improve Access to Justice

Legal aid and legal service policy makers and scholars from over 30 jurisdictions recently met to discuss various topics to improve access to justice at the International Legal Aid Group Conference in Johannesburg, South Africa. Fiji's Legal Aid Commission was part of the three day meet with the objective to harness knowledge from delegates and showcase information on the Legal Aid Commission in Fiji. It was supported by the EU and UNDP through Fiji Access to Justice Project.

- Read more <http://bit.ly/2shw0CH>

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Post on Knowledge-Exchange to South Africa, 13 July 2017

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Post on Launch of Fiji Law Reports 2007, 12 July 2017

Section (g): Full-length published UNDP articles

FIJI ACCESS TO JUSTICE PROJECT



HRADC, UNDP and EU join forces to facilitate and nurture a culture of Human Rights in Fiji

9 December 2017

Suva, Fiji – Over the past week, the Fiji Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission, United Nations Development Programme and European Union organised six events across Fiji to facilitate and nurture the culture of human rights in Fiji and to raise awareness of access to justice reaching out to 516 people, with 85% reached being from outside of Suva.

“We are born free and equal, free to walk, free to talk, free to dance, free to jump and free to prance... Know your human rights 'cause it could help you someday” was beat out to music by some of the 230 participants in Labasa during their first ever rapping event.

To mark Human Rights Day 2017, advocacy activities have been undertaken in Labasa, Levuka, Savusavu, Suva and

Lautoka. These activities were implemented by the Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission (HRADC), the Legal Aid Commission (LAC), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Pacific Office in Fiji and the Community Advocates for Human Rights and Access to Justice whose capacity is being developed under the Fiji Access to Justice Project. The activities were funded under the Fiji Access to Justice Project which is funded by the European Union (EU) and implemented by UNDP Pacific Office in Fiji.

This advocacy for improving the human rights and access to justice of Fijians builds on six consultations with non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and civil society organizations (CSOs), led by the HRADC, and supported by

the EU-funded Fiji Access to Justice Project, conducted between February and August 2017. These consultations helped raise the awareness among Fijian citizens about their rights and were undertaken in locations across Fiji. They involved 290 participants with 71% of those consulted from outside of Suva. These consultations also demonstrated a strong desire among NGOs, CSOs and HRADC to network, collaborate and work together in the field.

This has now been effectively achieved. First, through the Community Advocates for Human Rights and Access to Justice Workshop which was undertaken in November 2017 with 49 participants where knowledge and skills were enhanced. Of the participants in the Workshop 55% were from outside of Suva and the participants represented over 25 different organisations. Second, through working in partnership with these Community Advocates for Human Rights and Access to Justice put into practice their advocacy skills over this past week across Fiji.

Mosese Walesi is one of those Community Advocates who helped facilitate Human Rights Day celebrations in Levuka. Mosese said, “My work as a Community Advocate has been an essential part of raising awareness at community-level, especially for the most vulnerable in my community. Building a strong rapport with communities, with the full support of the Fiji Access to Justice Project and its partner organizations, has left a lasting

impression for the people of Ovalau on the occasion of Human Rights Day 2017.”

One of the 55 participants at the Levuka event, Mesake Raiviu of the remote Bamba settlement said, “Today I came to learn of my rights for access to justice and of the recently opened Legal Aid Commission Office in Levuka. This new knowledge of the services available to me has inspired me to ask them about the legal procedures to formally adopt my daughter.”

Imparting some of the new learnings directly with his community, he added, “Immediately after the event, I convened a village meeting, where I shared some of my new knowledge with my other villagers. Going forward, I am now able to more actively pursue the adoption of my daughter with the LAC.”

One of the 77 participants at the Suva event, which included 32 participants with disabilities, Verenki Mataka said, “This is the first time for me to learn about my rights and I am thankful for these kinds of awareness programmes. It is encouraging that I am also included.”

Bonita Clemancew is one of the Community Advocates who helped facilitate Human Rights Day celebrations in Lautoka. Bonita said, “The value of the recent Community Advocates Workshop became even more apparent this week as I put the knowledge and skills gained at the workshop into practice. I am also delighted to work in

collaboration with HRADC as it allows the community to access justice, which is a basic need and a fundamental principle of human rights and has proved a huge asset in delivering the key messages of human rights to remote community members and particularly the youth.”

The Director of HRADC, Ashwin Raj commented, “The engagement with diverse groups –covering youth, women, children, village leaders, persons living with disability, LGBTI members and civil society organizations – is a progressive step towards building a robust human rights culture in Fiji. It is encouraging to see the Community Advocates for Human Rights and Access to Justice taking a forefront role in organizing Human Rights Day celebrations.”

The Director of HRADC added, “This collaboration with the Community Advocates for Human Rights and Access to Justice will go beyond Human Rights Day, as we will continue to engage with the communities and civil society organizations to promote human rights, in particular, among the vulnerable citizens across the country.”

The European Union Ambassador to Fiji and the Pacific H.E. Julian Wilson said the European Union is proud to be working together with the HRADC and the UNDP to facilitate and nurture this growing culture of human rights in Fiji. “The European Union and its 28 Member States have made the

protection of human rights a cornerstone of our Union – they are protected under law and defended by civil society and all our institutions. We see these rights as universal, being the right of every person on this planet. So, we naturally reach out to allies such as Fiji who share the same approach as ourselves and who have committed to ensure respect for human rights a cornerstone for their own societies.” “Today, the European Union and its Member States join Fiji and the United Nations in calling upon states and people to Stand up for Human Rights on the occasion of Human Rights Day 2017.”

Officer in Charge, for the UNDP Pacific Office in Fiji, Kevin Petrini commented, “The Human Rights Day 2017 advocacy activities held under the Fiji Access to Justice Project exemplify the collaboration and robust partnerships for awareness raising between independent institutions such as the Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission and the Legal Aid Commission, and civil society, together with the UNDP Pacific Office in Fiji. With advocacy being conducted at the grassroots level in locations across all Divisions of Fiji, strong efforts are being made to reach vulnerable groups towards bolstering their access to justice and human rights awareness and the provision of associated services.”

Human Rights Day is observed every year on 10 December, an event to commemorate the day in 1948 when the United

Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. This year the Human Rights Day marks the launch of a year-long campaign to celebrate the 70th anniversary in 2018.

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Creating a Community of Advocates for Human Rights and Access to Justice in Fiji

1 December 2017

Coral Coast, Fiji - Engagement with the Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission (HRADC), Legal Aid Commission, representatives from non-government organizations (NGOs), civil society organizations (CSOs) and youth were recently further strengthened, during the 'Community Advocates for Human Rights and Access to Justice Workshop'.

The workshop was held from 6 to 10 November in Korolevu, Fiji with 49 participants, with 51% of participants female, and participants also including 5 deaf persons and 1 person living with disability. The participants came from across Fiji, with 55% of the participants coming from outside Suva, and representing 25 different organizations.

To support the awareness and promotion of human rights and access to justice at the grassroots levels, the Community Advocates for

Human Rights and Access to Justice Workshop increased the skills and knowledge of the participants and provided resources to enable them to be 'advocates of change'. The workshop was supported by the European Union (EU) funded Fiji Access to Justice Project, implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Pacific Office in Fiji.

The Director of HRADC, Ashwin Raj commented, "The workshop is a concrete expression of the Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission's commitment towards constructively engaging civil society organizations and creating spaces for citizens from diverse backgrounds to shape the human rights discourse across all of Fiji."

The facilitator for the workshop, National Coordinator at Street Law South Africa, Lindi Coetzee said, "The five-day training

programme focused on improving facilitation skills of participants, equipping them to provide accompaniment advocacy and awareness-raising services to the HRADC, and in the area of access to justice. The aim is to improve human rights and legal literacy levels which will better the access to justice in Fiji."

This workshop builds on six consultations led by the HRADC, and supported by the Fiji Access to Justice Project with NGOs, CSOs and youth, conducted between February and August 2017 in locations across Fiji (Labasa, Savusavu, Lautoka and Suva). These past consultations have collectively engaged 290 participants (58% female), with 71% of those consulted being from outside of Suva. These previous six consultations increased knowledge on access to justice, human rights and the role of the HRADC; with participants demonstrating a strong desire for greater collaboration and networking between NGOs, CSOs, youth and the HRADC to deliver services at the community level throughout Fiji.

Country Director and Head of Regional Policy and Programme for the UNDP Pacific Office in Fiji, Bakhodir Burkhanov commented, "This workshop ably demonstrated grassroots engagement involving a diverse range of participants from civil society and youth hailing from across Fiji. Collaboration between institutions such as the HRADC and civil society for accompaniment services further enhances the flow of

awareness on human rights and access to justice from the centre to periphery. This enables reaching the furthest behind first, with a focus on delivery of services to all, and contributes to a robust foundation for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.”

The workshop concluded with agreed plans for the next stage of collaboration between HRADC, NGOs, CSOs, youth and other stakeholders for a range of innovative and interactive Human Rights Day 2017 Advocacy activities to be undertaken across Fiji during the period 2 to 9 December 2017.

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South-South Knowledge Exchange between Fiji and South Africa for Fiji's Legal Aid Commission and Human Rights and Anti- Discrimination Commission

27 November 2017

Durban, South Africa – From 12 to 26 August 2017, a delegation of seven (three women and four men) from the Legal Aid Commission (LAC) and the Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission (HRADC) of Fiji participated in a knowledge exchange in South Africa. Supported by the European Union-funded Fiji Access to Justice Project being implemented by the UNDP Pacific Office, the delegation was hosted by Legal Aid South Africa and South Africa Human Rights Commission, and supported by UNDP engaged consultant, David McQuoid-Mason, President of the Commonwealth Legal Education Association of the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies at the University of KwaZulu-

Natal (UKZN) in Durban. The objective of this exchange was to accelerate and ultimately scale up the sharing of knowledge, expertise and experience in the legal and human rights sectors between Fiji and South Africa as countries of the global South.

The study tour covered visits and knowledge exchange with the Legal Aid South Africa Head Office, the UKZN Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, the UKZN Law Clinic, the KwaZulu-Natal Regional Legal Aid Office, the Verulam Justice Centre, the Community Law and Rural Development Centre, and the Legal Resources Centre. HRADC participants additionally had knowledge exchanges with the South Africa Human Rights Commission and the Public Protector's Office.

Commenting on the South-South learning experience, Acting Director of the LAC, Shahin Rafique Ali stated, "The overall visit to Legal Aid South Africa was very informative and educational. The similarity of their operational context to that of Fiji made understanding their systems and procedures more relatable. Potentially applying certain learning outcomes and systems could result in enhancing the LAC's service delivery model in Fiji towards more efficiency, greater professionalism and higher quality."

Some of the key learnings and observations from the South African exchange for the LAC are outlined below, amongst others.

Towards operationalization of the Legal Aid Helpline in Fiji, the Call Centre staffed by paralegals under the supervision of qualified legal aid practitioners in South Africa was thought to be a good model; including its 'Call me back' facility whereby paralegals can call back clients who cannot get through. The use of innovative information technology programmes and tools to save time for tracking files and monitoring workloads was also deemed valuable. The importance of having a comprehensive Legal Aid Manual was recognized, for providing guidance to staff and stakeholders on operations and procedures of the institution. The benefit of including a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on the LAC website to enable visitors to access important information, including forms, was noted. The effective promotional awareness raising

campaigns of Legal Aid South Africa were also commended.

In relation to institutional learning, the Director of the HRADC, Ashwin Raj said, “The study tour was invaluable, as we learned about how the two institutions – the South African Human Rights Commission and Legal Aid Commission South Africa – served South Africans of diverse cultures and socio-economic disparities to access justice and seek redress for human rights violations. We were briefed on service-delivery, management and operations such as impact litigation, work ethics, monitoring of litigations on a daily basis, information technology systems, their communications strategy, and their approach for sharing resources across institutions.”

Observations and reflections useful for HRADC included the following highlights, amongst others. Chiefly how impact litigation can be used to assist marginalized communities and to develop a human rights jurisprudence for the country, the importance of using interactive teaching methods to provide human rights education, particularly infusing human rights education across the school curriculum from year 1 to year 9, and the need to include human rights education in the country’s Human Rights Action Plan was recognized, together with developing human rights indicators. The importance of marketing human rights was appreciated in relation to specific campaigns launched in South Africa. The use of Braille in brochures and pamphlets

that promote human rights was also acknowledged as a key way to make communications more inclusive.

On the overall value of this study tour, David McQuoid-Mason commented, “This South-South exchange between Fiji and South Africa was especially beneficial for sharing knowledge, skills and expertise across countries. Participants were able to see first-hand how judicial and legal sector institutions function in South Africa, including at the very grassroots levels, and ascertain key areas where these learnings could directly be applied to their operations in the Fijian context.”

In relation to application of new knowledge, the Fiji Access to Justice Project Manager, Christine Fowler said, “The focus of the knowledge exchange was towards validating proposed new initiatives and fostering innovative ideas to further enhance service delivery across Fiji.

Activities under the Fiji Access to Project will support both the LAC and HRADC in the implementation of a range of initiatives to apply this new knowledge”.

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institutions to undertake improved service delivery. The Fiji Access to Justice Project is funded by the EU and implemented by UNDP.

The Fiji Government has endorsed the Sustainable Development Goals which highlights the importance of access to justice as an enabler for development and an outcome of development in its own right. 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 achieve gender equality and empowerment of all women and girls. The Fiji Access to Justice Project supports the achievement of these goals.

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Dialogues in Fiji strengthen youth and civil society engagement to support good governance and democracy-enabling conditions

15 September 2017

Suva, Fiji - With the wider objective to strengthen engagement, collaboration and empowerment of youths, non-government organizations (NGOs) and civil society organizations (CSOs) in furthering human rights across Fiji, more than 50 youths and civil society representatives from diverse backgrounds came together for the National Human Rights Commission Dialogue held on 30 August 2017 in Suva, Fiji.

Led by the Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission (HRADC), this consultation was supported by the European Union (EU) funded Fiji Access to Justice Project, implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Pacific Office in Fiji.

This joint UNDP-HRADC initiative was the fifth in the

series on awareness-raising and discussions with youths, NGOs and CSOs held since February until August 2017 across Fiji in locations in the Northern (Labasa and Savusavu), Western (Lautoka) and Central Divisions (Suva). These dialogues have collectively engaged 280 youths and civil society representatives of which there were 105 males, 167 females, 15 transgenders and 3 who did not wish to identify) across Fiji.

The youth and civil society consultations are of special importance towards marking International Day of Democracy held on 15 September this year. The 2017 theme of this day is "Democracy and Conflict Prevention", emphasizing the critical need to strengthen democratic institutions for

contributing to stability and promoting peace.

Adopting a cohesive approach through emphasizing respect for human rights and the rule of law calls for effective and inclusive democratic governance. This also links to the Global Goals, particularly Sustainable Development Goal 16 which acknowledges the connection between peaceful societies and effective, inclusive and accountable institutions.

More resilient societies can effectively mitigate disputes through dialogue, mediation and a reasonable degree of legitimacy of governance and other key institutions. In this context, the engagement of young people and civil society in human rights dialogues and discussions is a key factor in contributing to the long-term sustainability of democracy. The objective of this dialogue in Suva was for the empowerment of youths, as well as NGOs and CSOs who could be engaged as 'advocates of change' in promoting human rights-related issues in their communities.

The consultation in Suva on 30 August had 53 participants (25 females, 23 males and 5 transgender persons) coming from different backgrounds; including persons living with disabilities and members of the LGBTI community. The HRADC Chairperson, Justice Mohammed Ajmeer, delivered opening remarks for this event, highlighting the important role of HRADC in promoting human rights and the procedures for

seeking remedial action with HRADC support for any rights-based violations.

An active advocate for youth affairs in Fiji, workshop participant Mr. Mosese Walesi said, "Democracy and human rights must coexist to ensure a better, brighter future for our country. The voices of all citizens matter and must be heard. Empowering youth to respect human rights and trust in democracy allows for creating young leaders who will have a positive impact on the nations' future. This human rights dialogue created an opportunity for us to discuss common concerns and misconceptions about human rights in Fiji. The discussions allowed us to dispel some of these issues."

Acknowledging that strong leadership can support democracy, strengthen civil society, empower women and uphold the rule of law for effective governance, Mr. Walesi added, "After the discussion, we walked away with an understanding of the importance of ensuring that human rights are upheld and protected. We should not condone the breach of human rights, and that we must always be ready to speak for those who have no voice in society and that true democracy must be a goal that we - as youth - must strive towards."

Importantly, the ongoing human rights consultations under this series, supported by the EU funded Fiji Access to Justice Project, focus on engaging youth and civil

society for building up their human rights awareness and contributing to their role in more democracy-enabling conditions. In addition to raising awareness and having discussions with youths and NGOs about human rights, access to justice and good governance, the consultations explored potential opportunities for collaboration with HRADC for engaging the youth in advancing human rights and in celebrating International Human Rights Day on 10 December 2017 across Fiji.

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The Fiji Government has endorsed the SDGs, which highlight the importance of access to justice as an enabler for development and an outcome of development in its own right. 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 achieve gender equality and empowerment of

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Fiji Courts plan ahead to further improve service delivery

14 August 2017

Suva, Fiji - Improved service delivery by Fiji's Judicial Department was a key area considered by twenty-three participants (12 women and 11 men) at the Judicial Department discussion on the Development of the Strategic Plan and Court Help Desks, which was held on 27 and 28 June 2017 in Suva, Fiji.

As part of the Fiji Access to Justice Project, funded by the European Union (EU) and implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Pacific Office in Fiji, the development of the Judicial Department's Strategic Plan for 2017-2020 is considered crucial to ensure the Judicial Department continues to grow from strength to strength.

The Project is also supporting the Judicial Department to establish Court Helpdesks which are designed to increase

the availability of services for all court users.

The workshop was opened by the Chief Registrar, Mr. Yohan Liyanage, who encouraged the participants to actively engage and robustly discuss the priorities and needs for the next four years. Chief Registrar Liyanage, encouraged the participants to ensure that the voices of the court users were heard both in the Strategic Plan and for the Court Helpdesks.

The workshop was built on previous discussions with key stakeholders and court users regarding both the Strategic Plan and Court Help Desks.

In developing the Strategic Plan, participants examined the International Framework for Court Excellence which focuses on seven areas designed to guide the successful functioning of courts. These areas reflect

global best practices, including court leadership and management; court planning and policies; court resources (human, material and financial); court proceedings and process; client needs and satisfaction; affordable and accessible court services; and public trust and confidence.

The participants also analyzed international best practices for Court Help Desks. It was noted by the participants that most people approaching the court system for the first time are unaware and unaccustomed to the processes and the institution itself. Thus, the need to consider court users' perspective in the logistical progression of their cases in the Fijian context was regarded as imperative.

Furthermore, the participants highlighted issues specific to the most vulnerable to include victims of domestic violence. The participants supported the option for a separate section at the Help Desk to ensure that such victims felt safe and were afforded privacy in pursuing justice.

The lead facilitator at the workshop, Professor David McQuoid-Mason, remarked, "The participants carried out the mandate of the Chief Registrar in a splendid manner by constantly providing their ideas for improvement to the Strategic Plan, resulting in a highly interactive discussion, whereby all participants had the opportunity to express their views and this will resound well during implementation of the

Strategic Plan by the participants.”

The draft Judicial Department Strategic Plan for 2017-2020, and plans for the introduction of Fiji’s Court Helpdesks, are now under consideration by the key stakeholders.

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Fiji Annual Law Reports contribute to greater professionalism in the justice sector

14 August 2017

Suva, Fiji - The new 2007 Fiji Law Reports provide access to legal precedents, supporting a higher level of professionalism in the justice sector, an improvement in the provision of justice services, and an improvement in efficiency. The publication of the Fiji Law Reports from 2004 onwards are being supported, as part of the Fiji Access to Justice Project, funded by the European Union (EU) and implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Pacific Office in Fiji. On 27 June 2017, the launch of the first of these Reports took place at the Government Buildings of Fiji in Suva.

The Fiji Annual Law Reports are utilized by a wide range of stakeholders that contribute to

and support access to justice, such as the Judiciary, legal practitioners and professionals, government policymakers, researchers, academia and students. They provide a record of some of the key cases decided in the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeal and the High Court of Fiji in any given year. The cases included in these reports are selected by the Judicial Department.

The invitees to the launch were warmly welcomed by the Honourable Mr. Justice Suresh Chandra who provided a background to the publication of the Reports by the Judicial Department and noted, "Since the Access to Justice Project ...we have been able to accelerate this process and we are fortunate

enough to get them to help us with the publication of the Law Reports and this as a result, Fiji Law Reports 2007, are being launched today."

Mr. Christoph Wagner, Head of Cooperation, the Delegation of the European Union for the Pacific, also addressed the guests and commented, "The Fiji Access to Justice Project is about promoting democratic governance, rule of law [and] respect for human rights, which are core values of the European Union, and the publication of the Law Reports is one such event in promoting all these values."

The Fiji Access to Justice Project is committed to producing the Fiji Annual Law Reports from 2004 onwards. The process for production of the Law Reports involves the selection of pertinent cases by the Judicial Department; the production of headnotes, indexes, formatting and setting for publication by the legal research and publishing company LexisNexis Australia (contracted by UNDP); comprehensive checking; and then printing and distribution to relevant stakeholders. It is also envisaged that future law reports will be made available electronically.

The Honourable Chief Justice, Mr. Anthony Gates noted the significance of the launch and expressed pride in the Reports as their standard is the "same standard as the Commonwealth Law Reports and very professionally produced". The Honourable Chief Justice further remarked that the progress achieved could not have been

done “without the partnership of the EU and UNDP” which was an “ideal combination of local input and the overseas community helping us to get where we need to be”.

The guests were also addressed by Mr. Bakhodir Burkhanov, Country Director and Head of Pacific Regional Policy and Programme, UNDP Pacific Office in Fiji, who also commented on the significance of the reports in that they “are not merely of use today, but will be of use and reference to many future generations both here and indeed in other common law jurisdictions”.

Mr. Burkhanov added, “UNDP is proud to be involved in the production of the Law Reports given the great potential of this undertaking to support an even higher level of professionalism in the justice sector. The Reports allow for greater transparency in decision-making and the development of legal principles, resulting in a more effective and efficient justice for all”.

The Fiji Annual Law Reports contribute to access to justice in their distribution to a wide range of stakeholders including the Judiciary, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, the Legal Aid Commission, the Fiji Police Force, legal practitioners, government policy makers and academia.

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Engaging the Youth for Greater Awareness on Human Rights in Fiji's Northern and Western Divisions

12 August 2017

Awareness-raising on human rights and access to justice was the underlying theme for dialogues with youth and non-government organizations (NGOs) in the Western and Northern Divisions of Fiji in July 2017.

Led by the Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission (HRADC), these workshops were supported by the European Union funded Fiji Access to Justice Project, implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

These consultations were timely and of special relevance in relation to International Youth Day, which is on 12 August 2017. As dynamic stakeholders in rising numbers, the youth are critical agents for affecting positive change in the Pacific. This makes the youth important advocates of change in the promotion human rights and anti-discrimination related

issues in their communities and as advocates for human rights.

In Fiji's Western Division, 75 youth (40 females, 26 males and 9 transgender) from the ages of 18 to 35 years participated in workshops held in Lautoka from the 3rd to the 4th July. In the Northern Division of Fiji, the workshops took place in Labasa on 26th July and in Savusavu on 27th July, with 50 youth participants (33 females, 13 males and 4 transgenders). The workshops were facilitated by a joint team from the HRADC and UNDP.

In addition to raising awareness and having discussions with youth and NGOs about human rights and access to justice, the dialogues also sought to explore potential opportunities for greater collaboration with the HRADC in the advancement of human rights across all of Fiji, including engaging the youth

to celebrate International Human Rights Day on 10 December 2017 across Fiji.

Youth participants at the dialogues were diverse which allowed for interesting and interactive discussions, and the opportunity for peer learning and collaboration with the HRADC on shared concerns and interests.

HRADC Director, Mr Ashwin Raj stated, "Public engagement in Fiji's North and West was a success in terms of the numbers and diversity of participants.

"Children, youth groups, disabled persons, women's organizations, the LGBTI community, faith-based organizations and international organizations have been represented in the discussions."

He added, "These workshops have raised the profile and visibility of HRADC, and increased awareness for the public – especially youth – on how to access the services and support offered by HRADC."

On the relevance of these dialogues for the youth, Mr Kristineel Naicker of the Ba Hart Youth Club said, "Human rights are my rights as a human being, and my responsibility as a youth and as a disabled person. It was an excellent workshop, because it was great hearing others' points of view, knowing common issues we face, and listening to UNDP and HRADC guest speakers.

"After the workshop, I will continue to be a part of similar

initiatives to know more about human rights, and then I will share the new knowledge with my friends and Youth Club in Ba.”

On the proceedings and outcome of the dialogue, Ms Vandana Pillay, a youth participant from Lautoka said, “This workshop was wonderful, because I now know that I have to be a fighter for human rights. After this experience, I feel more empowered to bring about good changes as a part of the youth.”

Further dialogues with the youth and NGOs are planned under the Fiji Access to Justice Project in August and September 2017. These initiatives will focus on developing the understanding and capacity of youth to know their rights and be effective change agents, and thereby contribute to young people better meeting their potential.

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Workshop for Judges and Magistrates to upgrade skills and knowledge on Criminal Law

4 August 2017

Sigatoka, Fiji -Strengthening of the rule of law in Fiji and improving the overall efficiency and effectiveness of the justice sector by enhancing the capacity of Fiji's Judges and Magistrates to deliver access to justice for all Fijians, is a key objective of a two and a half-day workshop which got underway yesterday on the Coral Coast in Sigatoka, Fiji.

Thirty nine Judges and Magistrates (ten women and twenty nine men) are attending their annual workshop to upgrade skills and knowledge in the area of criminal law. This year's workshop is supported by the Fiji Access to Justice Project, funded by the European Union (EU) and implemented by the

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Pacific Office in Fiji.

Hon. Chief Justice, Mr Justice Anthony Gates opened the Workshop noting the importance of continuous improvement to skills and knowledge which is essential for all reforms and improvements and that there was a comprehensive programme in place for the next three days. The Hon. Chief Justice raised a crucial component of access to justice stressing to the Judges and Magistrates, "Remembering the rights of victims, women, children, the disabled, the inarticulate, leads us on to realize that we have to lean forward in order to hear the accounts of those who find it difficult to be heard".

Speaking at the workshop yesterday, the European Union (EU) Ambassador to Fiji and the Pacific, His Excellency Andrew Jacobs said that since the launch of the Access to Justice Programme, back in August 2016, the European Union had provided significant support to the Judicial Department, the Legal Aid Commission and the Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission in order to enhance their institutional capacities to deliver access to justice to impoverished and vulnerable groups.

"The Criminal Law Workshop represents another milestone and the EU is delighted to be in a position to support such an important initiative ... (which) allows for important discussion on current practices, skills and knowledge ... ultimately contributing to a greater effectiveness of the criminal justice system, more importantly, this will reinforce citizens' confidence in the fairness of proceedings as well as awareness and protection of their rights enshrined in the Fijian Constitution," said Ambassador Jacobs.

Bakhodir Burkhanov, Country Director and Head of Regional Policy and Programme for the UNDP Pacific Office in Fiji also speaking at the opening of the workshop said, "An independent, impartial and efficient judiciary is a cornerstone of the rule of law in a democratic state. It serves to protect human rights and helps secure social progress and human development. Workshops such as this go a long way not only in

strengthening the capacity of the judiciary, but benefiting all citizens who are in need of fair and effective access to justice”.

“For us at UNDP, this partnership with the Judicial Department and the European Union has been truly rewarding by putting people at the centre of development,” he added.

Her Excellency Madam Nazhat Shameem stated that, “The rule of law and upholding human rights are intricately linked and are underlying themes of this workshop. Importantly this workshop supports ongoing initiatives, such as evidence from video recorded interviews, being undertaken following Fiji’s ratification of the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment on 16 March 2016. We are most pleased that the EU funded Fiji Access to Justice Project has provided support to have the Vice-President of the Association for the Prevention of Torture, Mr Mike Kellett, as a key presenter on these topics.”

“The Convention against Torture can only be effectively implemented in Fiji in partnership with the national police force. Both projects, the First Hour Procedure and the video recording of confessions are intended to create a police ethos and procedural climate which prompts fairness and adherence to the rights of suspects whilst ensuring effective police

investigations. These principles are consistent with

and fundamental to the public interest”, she added.

The Fiji Access to Justice Project supports access to justice for impoverished and vulnerable groups through empowering people to access legal rights and services through the relevant key justice institutions, in conjunction with strengthening those key justice institutions to undertake improved service delivery. The Fiji Access to Justice Project is funded by the European Union (EU) and implemented by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Pacific Office in Fiji.

The Fiji Government has endorsed the Sustainable Development Goals which highlights the importance of access to justice as an enabler for development and an outcome of development in its own right. 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 achieve gender equality and empowerment of all women and girls. The Fiji Access to Justice Project supports the achievement of these goals.

<http://www.pacific.undp.org/content/pacific/en/home/presscenter/pressreleases/2017/08/04/workshop-for-judges-and-magistrates-to-upgrade-skills-and-knowledge-on-criminal-law-.html>



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Annex 3. Updated Risk Log

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	<i>Enter a brief description of the risk</i>	<i>When was the risk first identified</i>	<i>Environmental Financial Operational Organizational Political Regulatory Strategic Other</i>	<i>Potential effect on the project if this risk were to occur by using Probability (P) on a scale from 1 (low) to 5 (high) and Impact (I) on a scale from 1 (low) to 5 (high).</i>	<i>What actions have been taken/will be taken to counter this risk</i>	<i>Who has been appointed to keep an eye on this risk</i>	<i>Who submitted the risk</i>	<i>When was the status of the risk last checked</i>	<i>Monitoring, reducing, increasing, no change</i>
1	Organisational and political environment impacts on project implementation through events such as change of government after elections or leadership change in stakeholder organisations	Jun 16	Political Organisational	Probability - 1 Impact - 3	Build trust through continuous dialogue with government and other stakeholders giving rise to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> flexible implementation strategies strong stakeholder ownership enhanced accountability processes through oversight by Project Board build formal and informal networks with a broad spectrum of leaders across and within sector agencies, and with other stakeholders including NGOs. 	UNDP	Project Manager	Dec 17	Monitoring
2	Challenges within Legal Aid Commission & Judicial Department to implement and participate in project activities such as absorptive capacity to adopt change or	Jun 16	Operational Organisational	Probability - 4 Impact - 4	With stakeholders careful and pragmatic prioritisation, planning and sequencing of project activities with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> project activities reflected in stakeholder's annual plans updates to Project Board on potential challenges 	UNDP	Project Manager	Dec 17	Monitoring – 2018 Annual Work Plan to reflect more realistic absorptive capacity approach and phase activities

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	resistance to change or implementation / publication of A2J Assessment				<p>and mitigation strategies identified early</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identify change leaders • avoid over ambitious scheduling and ensure appropriate pace of implementation to avoid 'project fatigue' and to match to absorptive capacity • ensure scope of activities and terms of references are endorsed by stakeholders • ease on delivery push, focus on key priority items, provide any external assistance as necessary 				for the project life cycle
3	Change in priority areas for stakeholders resulting in lack of priority to implement project activities	Jun 16	Political Organisational Strategic	Probability - 1 Impact - 2	<p>Through Project Board ongoing review on Project Theory of Change and adjustments if feasible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • review Project Theory of Change following the six-month project inception period and informed by the Access to Justice Assessment • review Project Theory of Change throughout the project • some flexibility in project design, for example in selection of training topics • avoid abrupt and unilateral changes adopting a more measured response • identify priorities through annual planning processes along with long term guide points 	UNDP	Project Manager	Dec 17	Monitoring – Project Theory of Change to be reviewed at Project Board meeting during Q4 17

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4	Lack of sector coordination to enable effective implementation of changes under the project	Jun 16	Strategic Organisational	Probability - 1 Impact – 2	Encourage establishment of sector coordination mechanisms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • development of Organisational Strategic Plans with inclusion of partnership strategies • regular stakeholder meetings with inclusion of wider selection of stakeholders where appropriate • seek opportunities in programme to involve wider range of stakeholders • ensure open and transparent reporting of project activities within the sector 	UNDP	Project Manager	Dec 17	Monitoring
5	Legal Aid Commission & Judicial Department not able to cope with increased demand for services, that in part are a result of project awareness raising activities and then also reflect negatively on stakeholders and project credibility	Jun 16	Organisational	Probability - 2 Impact – 2	Project activities designed to support efficiency and effectiveness measures for Legal Aid Commission and Judicial Department to match increasing demands: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • through Access to Justice Assessment data collection for baseline and ongoing information management • support to development of strategic and annual planning documents and associated financial documents that include provision for increased resources • prioritise implementation of project activities that relate to efficiency measures 	UNDP	Project Manager	Dec 17	Monitoring

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					<p>such as the case management system</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • support to develop potential strategies for alternative arrangements for service delivery 				
6	Lack of Government funding in budget allocations and distribution to sector insufficient to meet service delivery requirements which impacts on participation in project activities and project credibility	Jun 16	Financial	Probability - 1 Impact - 3	<p>Provision of support to Legal Aid Commission and Judicial Department to facilitate budgetary processes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • support to development of strategic and annual planning documents and associated financial documents that include provision for increased resources • support to data collection, analysis and reporting to demonstrate sector results • support to project visibility and communication actions to promote achievements and evidence based results • support to develop potential strategies for alternative arrangements for service delivery • where considered relevant, support for a strategy to increase Development Partners engagement with Legal Aid Commission and Judicial Department 	UNDP	Project Manager	Dec 17	Monitoring
7	Reduction in ownership and engagement by stakeholders in project results in	Jun 16	Political Strategic	Probability - 1 Impact - 3	Application of best practice project management and change management skills through:	UNDP	Project Manager	Dec 17	Monitoring

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	delays or halt to project implementation				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> engage in continuous engagement and dialogue and encourage regular review of Project Theory of Change ensure project activities remain related to long term organisational plans ensure active participation and robust dialogue in Project Board Meetings 				
8	Inflated level of stakeholder expectations that are not met results in negative perceptions of the project	Jun 16	Strategic	Probability - 1 Impact - 3	<p>Appropriate project management arrangements established and maintained:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ensure stakeholder understanding of project management tools, including annual work planning processes, corporate procurement practices and timelines ensure project is fully staffed and supporting project teams provide effective and timely services Project Board monitoring and oversight 	UNDP	Project Manager	Dec 17	Monitoring
9	Natural disasters that impact directly on stakeholder priorities and service delivery and ability to implement and participate in activities under the project	Jun 16	Environmental	Probability - 2 Impact – 1	Ensure flexible schedule for activity implementation to minimise potential impact on outputs and ensure sequenced and timely implementation of project activities, with adjustments made where necessary	UNDP	Project Manager	Dec 17	Monitoring
10	Project funds not fully mobilised or expended	Jun 16	Operational Financial	Probability - 1 Impact – 3	Application of monitoring and evaluation processes	UNDP	Project Manager	Dec 17	Monitoring

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					combined with Project Board oversight and monitoring				
11	Exchange rate fluctuations (EUR to USD, USD to FJD) that result in reduced funds available	Jun 16	Financial	Probability - 3 Impact - 3	Monitor exchange rates over time (for EUR funds this is relevant on the dates of instalment payments), update Project Board and as required undertake changes to multi-year work plans	UNDP	Project Manager	Dec 17	Monitoring – Exchange rate at time of EU & UNDP agreement 1 USD = 0.9150 EURO; Exchange rate at time of transfer of First Tranche 1 USD = 0.89542. Current: 1 USD 0.844 (1 EUR = USD 1.184); FJD continues to fluctuate significantly

