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FOOD PACKS BRING SMILES TO FAMILIES

The second round of grocery and essential item packs distribution initiated by the Ministry of Economy continued in lockdown areas in the Suva-Nausori corridor on Saturday last week. Families living in Qauia, Lami, were provided with basic food items such as flour, sugar, cooking oil, potatoes, onions and toiletries. A total of 485 food packs were distributed in Qauia.

Members of the Republic of Fiji Military Forces (RFMF), Fiji Police Force and civil servants assisted with the distribution. **Photos: NANISE NEIMILA**



HELP FOR FIJIANS

A-G promises more aid to COVID-affected families

PRASHILA DEVI

THE current phase of assistance to Fijians affected by the COVID-19 pandemic that has seen the Government getting the private sector on board has been allocated \$5 million.

With the rising number of COVID-19 positive cases seeing an increasing dependence on the services provided by the Government, certain services have been outsourced to ensure that they are carried out in a timely and safe manner.

Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum had earlier announced that to deliver food rations and other important household items to the 4000

to 5000 Fijians that are in isolation, two supermarket chains have been engaged.

"After an expression of interest was put out, which saw applications from 19 businesses, New World and Shop n Save have been selected. The staff have received training by the Ministry of Health team as they will be delivering the ration to these communities," the A-G said.

The household packs cover all the essentials a family typically uses, ranging from groceries and vegetables, to cleaning supplies and toiletries.

Outside of the standard provisions, a few special items like diapers, sanitary pads, and baby milk, will also be delivered upon request.

Yet another initiative that will see private sector participation is the General Practitioners (GPs) engaged as part of a new scheme developed by the Fijian Government to improve access to medical services during the pandemic.

The A-G said this scheme will see General Practitioners in communities offer free medical services to Fijians who used to depend fully on the public health system for General Outpatient Services.

The cost of these services will be fully borne by the Fijian Government.

The approved medical services under the scheme are; consultation, review, referrals, injections, dressings, and other minor dressings.

The full list of General Practitioners selected to provide these services can be accessed on the Fijian Government Facebook page.

The third round of the \$50 assistance was also announced and rolled last week to assist individuals affected by COVID-19 in Viti Levu.

In the second phase, the Fijian Government had paid out around \$11.2 million to over 224,000 Fijians as part of its \$50 cash assistance program for the informal sector.

Meanwhile, the A-G said more of Government's initiatives in response to the COVID-19 pandemic will be announced in the 2021-2022 National Budget which will be delivered on July 16, 2021.



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Bainimarama.

The private sector has an important role in the Government's response to defeat the virus. Eliminating the virus requires a whole-of-society approach underpinned by multi-stakeholder partnership.

Voreqe Bainimarama
Prime Minister

NUMBERS

Around **3.5 million** times the careFIJI CHECK-IN QR code have been scanned since its launch in June 10, 2021. The app has been downloaded more than **394K** times.

TWEET OF THE WEEK



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Half of all eligible adults in Fiji have now received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. A safer Fiji is within reach, but until many more of us are fully-vaccinated, we must remain vigilant— wear masks, maintain physical distance, and wash your hands often and well!

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Retail outlets reopen in containment zone

THE Ministry of Commerce, Trade, Tourism and Transport and the Ministry of Health and Medical Services, have released protocols to allow for re-opening of the retail sector.

This is in light of the Government's progressive effort to safely resume more economic activity.

The protocols establish the requirements for safely operating businesses in ways that mitigate the risk of the transmission of COVID-19.

Fiji's retail sector has been amongst the hardest hit by the pandemic. This has especially been the case for non-essential retail in the Lami-Suva-Nausori containment zone, which have been closed for over two months.

"Without COVID-safe pathways to open, many risk shutting down permanently, costing Fijian families' years of hard-earned progress and jobs that many count on," said the Minister for Commerce, Trade, Tourism and Transport, Faiyaz Koya.

"These protocols pave the way for retail businesses to operate safely in line with our COVID-safe mitigation strategy, so they can

employ Fijians and stimulate vital economic activity. These businesses — and the Fijians they employ — have not been forgotten or overlooked. Instead, these important economic contributors will sit at the heart of a strong recovery," Minister Koya added.

Retail businesses must apply for a 'Permit to Operate' using the online COVIDpass portal www.covidpass.mctt.gov.fj and must submit documents, including signed protocols and COVID Safe plans or Standard Operating Procedures by 15 July 2021.

While retail businesses outside the Nausori-Suva-Lami containment zone do not need to apply, they must adhere to the protocols.

"Despite being closed, we've seen businesses pivot and adapt to the new norm. Whether it's increasing its digital presence, or offering completely new products. Fijians must remember that all economic considerations are taken, together with health and safety. No business, however large or small, will be permitted to operate if they are not following the protocols set by the Fijian Government," Minister Koya said.

Authorities will not hesitate to shut down and take businesses to task, should they fail to comply with the protocols.

"We are doing our part, by creating a safe environment for businesses to operate again, and we urge all Fijians to do theirs. And one way every Fijian and every Fijian business can do this, is by getting vaccinated. That will remain key," Minister Koya added.

Currently, only essential business and those with special approval can operate in the Lami-Suva-Nausori containment zone.

For the rest of Viti Levu, with the exception of 'high-risk', all other businesses can operate. All businesses in the North and our maritime islands can operate following all COVID safe protocols.

As part of the next phase, the Ministry of Commerce, Trade, Tourism and Transport is now considering protocols to safely re-open restaurants, food courts and gyms in Viti Levu. Fijians are reminded that restaurants in Viti Levu remain open for takeaway only with no in-dining services.

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Garment factory back in operation

JOSEFA ULUILAKEBA

LIKE any other business, Mark One Apparel in Valelevu had to completely shut down their operations after the Government declared restrictions as a more devastating second wave of COVID-19 outbreak hit the country.

In light of this, it was a case of "zero business" as the General Manager Quoc Pham described their dilemma with workers who had to be sent home with no other source of income.

"When we learnt about the Government's initiative of providing permits to operate, we were quite positive about it and ever since we received our permit, we started to operate under strict COVID protocols," Mr Pham said.

"It's been working fine and we have started to fulfil our incomplete orders which have been outstanding for over a month now."

"We are not there yet but are thankful to this Government permit that we are getting something out of our primary business instead of zero."

"Our number of staff have been very limited but we try to rotate them so we can give everyone a chance to earn during this challenging period and what we plan to do from next week is to get in most of our staff who have been vaccinated and to rotate two teams into three days a week rotation," Mr Pham explained.

"From the statistics we have, we have deduced that 80 per cent of our staff have been vaccinated and these are the ones we will look to."

"Eventually when the whole workforce has been vaccinated, we will then apply for a larger number of staff to work."

Rewa native Elena Vu is thankful that the Government has allowed her workplace to reopen.

Residing in Makoi and looking at a bleak future, Ms Vu was pleasantly surprised to get the call to return to work and attributed this to her



Elena Vu is thankful that the Fijian Government has allowed her workplace to reopen.
Photo: JOSEFA ULUILAKEBA

being vaccinated.

"I am thankful that the Government permit has allowed the factory to reopen and, that I was one of the first to be recalled to allow business to continue," she said.

Her colleague Rashida Begum on the other hand encourages her fellow workers to get vaccinated.

"I was proud when my factory got the permit and I encourage everyone to get the vaccine. It will not only prevent you from getting the virus but will get you back to work and also help our country recover economically," she said.

Permanent Secretary for Commerce, Trade, Tourism and Transport, Shaheen Ali, adds that the Ministry was pleased to help one of Fiji's

largest companies resume safely.

"Businesses were just recuperating from the impact of Fiji's first wave when we suffered another setback. Therefore, getting Fijians back to work, as safely, and quickly as possible, is imperative to a more sustainable recovery. There's also the gender lens to consider."

"Fiji's key export sectors, such as textile, clothing and footwear, have both economic and social impact in terms of livelihoods. Markets will favor countries who have the ability to adapt and respond faster. And to retain our market share in what is now an even more competitive market, we facilitated Mark One Apparels' reopening, under COVID safe protocols and best practices," Mr Ali said.



Aussies commit \$40m to help Fiji

AZARIA FAREEN

THE Australian High Commissioner to Fiji, John Feakes has commended the Fijian Government for appropriately managing its finances in particular to support COVID-19 relief initiatives.

Mr Feakes made these comments during the signing of the second amendment to the Fiji Recovery and Resilience Budget Support Programme recently which grants Fiji an additional AUD \$26 million (FJD \$40.9 million).

“Australia has been able to provide general budget support due to the confidence we have in the Government of Fiji’s public financial management systems,” he said.

As a consequence, under our COVID response package in December of last year, we provided FJD \$31.59 million to Fiji to support social welfare schemes and payments. In April of this year, we committed an additional grant package of FJD \$55.1 million as general budget support.”

“The agreement we have signed today is for a further FJD \$40.9 million as general budget support for this financial year,” he added.

“The economic impact of containing the virus for so long has taken a huge toll on the economy and on livelihoods and this budget support helps the Government to keep up the excellent job it is doing in managing COVID-19,” Mr Feakes further added.

Mr Feakes relayed that in 2019, assessment was made of Fiji’s public financial management budgetary processes to the external audits and Fiji qualified for budget support assistance after having passed the rigid assessment with flying colors.

In thanking the Australian Government and its people, Attorney-General and Minister for Economy Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum said since January 2021, this funding has supported the Fijian Government in maintaining social welfare allowances for over 37,000 Fijians.

“The second amendment raises the total value of the Funding Arrangement for the Fiji Recovery and Resilience Budget Support Program to AUD \$83.5 million (FJD \$131.87 million) to be utilised in the current (2020-2021) financial year and partially in the coming financial year (2021-2022),” the A-G said.

“The Fijian Government has spent over FJD \$300 million on COVID-19 relief programmes and initiatives to assist 115,000 workers from the formal sector through the Fiji National Provident Fund unemployment assistance initiative.”

“This includes supporting 5,000 Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) through the MSME Concessional Loan to assist over 118,000 families in the lockdown areas through the \$90 cash assistance and 224,000 individuals above 18 years of age through the \$50 cash assistance,” he added.

The A-G adds this was in addition to over FJD \$150 million spent on ongoing social protection initiatives that have not been scaled back despite massive decline in fiscal revenue to ensure that the most vulnerable are taken care of.

Massive uptake for careFIJI app

PRASHILA DEVI AND ILISAPECI TUIVALE

F IJIANs have quickly adapted to new safety measures as the uptake of the careFIJI CHECK-IN feature has seen the QR Code being scanned more than 3.5 million times after certain businesses resumed operations under COVID safe protocols.

This feature, which adds another layer to the COVID safe measures and makes contact tracing more easier, is an add-on to the careFIJI app that has been downloaded more than 394,000 times.

Ministry of Communications acting permanent secretary, Tupou’tuah Baravilala, said there has been a positive response to the careFIJI CHECK-IN QR codes by both the Fijians accessing services and the approved businesses resuming operations. In fact, there have been 3.5 million scans since the check-in service commenced last month.

“The careFIJI CHECK-IN service enhances

the efforts of the Ministry of Health and Medical Services contact tracing teams. In addition to the phone notification, the QR scanning also acts as a reminder to check that the app is active and to reinforce the importance of adherence to the COVID-19 safe measures, especially when we are outside our home bubble,” Ms Baravilala said.

Last month, as many businesses started operations after registering with the Ministry of Commerce, Trade, Tourism and Transport, the careFIJI CHECK-IN feature became an integral part of ensuring that resumption of economic activity happens without compromising on the health and safety of Fijians.

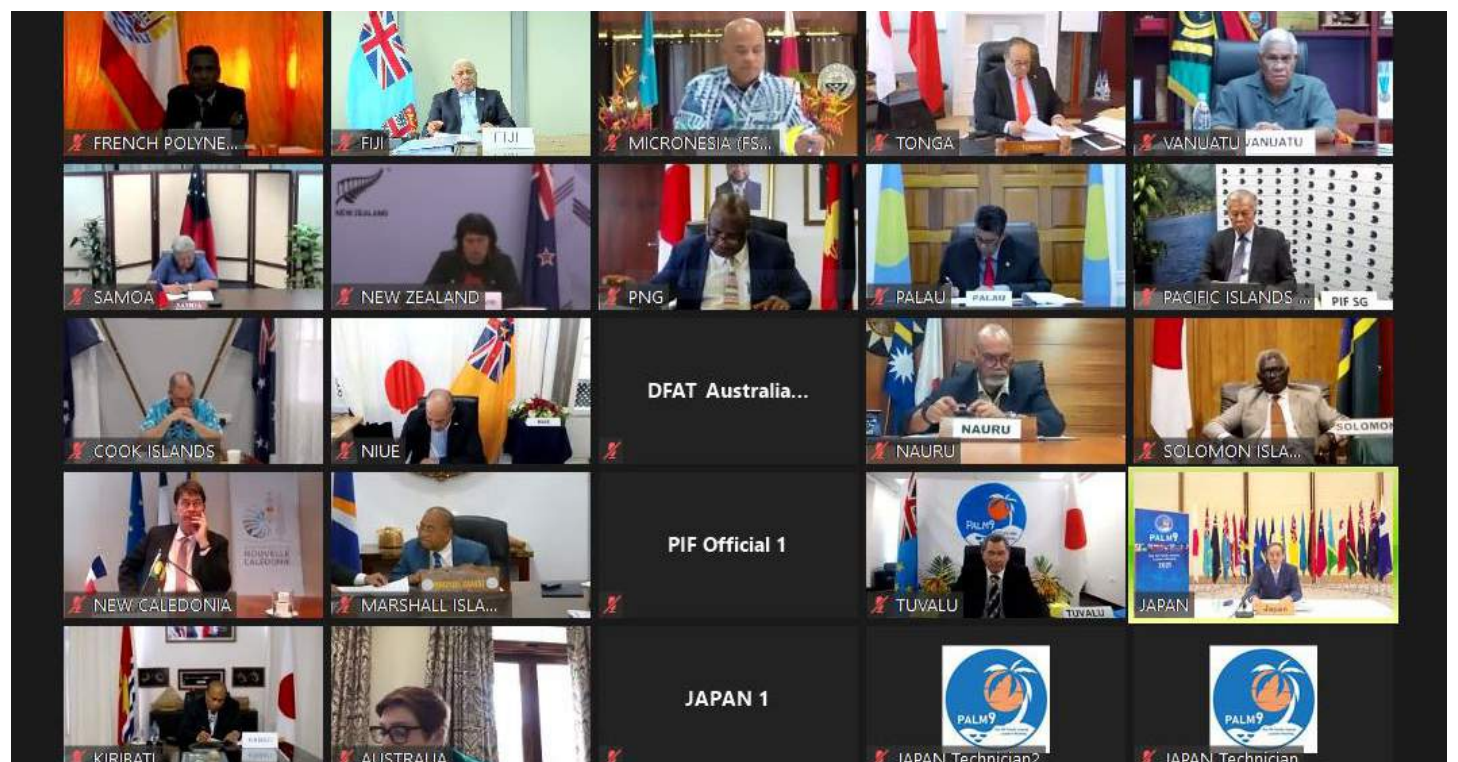
Ministry permanent secretary, Shaheen Ali emphasised that the addition of the QR code into the careFIJI app has been a vital initiative of the Fijian Government and since the announcement; the MCTTT has received tremendous response in terms of application and positive feedback from businesses.

“Scanning is very simple – it takes a few seconds. The beauty about this technology is that it does not cost any data or money.”

Mr Ali also stated that the careFIJI CHECK-IN system is also a sure, consistent and definite way to register Fijians at business outlets.

The scope for the entities that can now use #careFIJI CHECK-IN QR has now expanded to include; Government Ministries and Departments, Statutory Bodies/Independent Commissions, Public Service Vehicle Operators, Cooperatives, Municipal Councils, Disciplined Forces, Schools, Universities and Higher Education Institutions, Foreign Missions and Multilateral Organisations

The careFIJI app with the CHECK-IN feature is available on the Google Play Store, Apple App Store and Huawei App Gallery. More information on careFIJI app can be found on www.careFIJI.digitalfiji.gov.fj while businesses can register through checkin.digitalfiji.gov.fj.



Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama during the virtual 9th Pacific Islands Leaders' Meeting (PALM 9). Photo: SUPPLIED

PM among PIF leaders at PALM talks

THE Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) Leaders and Prime Minister of Japan Yoshihide Suga convened the 9th Pacific Islands Leaders' Meeting (PALM 9) last week with a renewed commitment to sustainable recovery and resilience through regional solidarity.

Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama expressed his appreciation to Japan for its leadership through the PALM process which provides opportunities to collaboratively address challenges in the region in particular the COVID-19 pandemic.

Japan’s continued assistance in the region through socioeconomic development programs and initiatives was acknowledged at PALM 9.

On Pacific regionalism, Prime Minister Bainimarama said the 2050 Strategy

for Blue Pacific Continent represents our collective aspirations for deepened commitment and shared stewardship of the Pacific Ocean.

He further emphasised that the 2050 Strategy will comprehensively guide the region’s collective action.

Prime Minister Bainimarama acknowledged Japan’s support for the Pacific’s prosperity and he called on the development partners to realign their efforts to the regional aspirations in the shared strategic interests as the Blue Pacific.

He said the partnership between Japan and PIF Leaders is founded on historic bonds and mutual trust and it significantly promotes strengthened cooperation at all levels between Japan and the Pacific Islands Forum.

Japan and Pacific island countries (PICs) are important, longstanding partners, sharing the Pacific Ocean and addressing common challenges.

Fiji was among the following Pacific Island countries that participated at PALM 9: Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, French Polynesia, New Caledonia, Australia and New Zealand.

In order to further enhance this partnership with the PICs, Japan has been hosting Summit-level meeting named Pacific Islands Leaders Meeting (PALM) every three years since 1997.

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A representative of Valebasoga Tropik Boards Private Limited makes his submissions for the upcoming National Budget. Photo: ILISAPECI TUIVALE

2021/2022 NATIONAL BUDGET IN BRIEF

TELCOS PART OF DIALOGUE

Attorney-General and Minister for Economy Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum met with telecommunications providers for the 2021-2022 National Budget consultations today.

The consultation was attended by Telecom Fiji Ltd, FINTEL, Digicel and Vodafone, all of which presented their proposals for the National Budget and also spoke on matters related to the telecommunications sector.

Participants discussed the need to move towards a cashless economy, improvements needed for online businesses, online learning & interactive platforms to support students and teachers and need for maintaining and further enhancing telecommunications infrastructure. The Attorney-General emphasised that despite the current challenges faced by the country, the economy will be revived but this can only be achieved through getting 586,000 Fijians vaccinated by October, 2021.

FDB, CANE GROWERS SHARE VIEWS

The Attorney-General and Minister for Economy Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum participated in a virtual discussion with the board and management of Fiji Development Bank and members of the Sugar Cane Growers Council this afternoon.

Participants shared their views on the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic and the widespread adverse effects of tropical cyclones still faced by some farmers in the Northern division.

They also presented their input on the upcoming 2021/2022 National Budget and how there can be a better collaboration from all parties for the success of the sugar sector.

The A-G encouraged all the participants to get immunized as it takes a concerted effort to build back the Fijian economy.

The virtual consultations on the 2021/2022 national budget will continue next week.

VENDORS, BUSINESS COUNCILS SUBMIT OUTLOOK

The Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum continued with the 2021-2022 National Budget Consultation today.

He met with the various market vendors associations from around the country and the Fiji/New Zealand, New Zealand/Fiji, Fiji/Australia, Australia/Fiji and Fiji/USA Business Councils

The consultation also allowed participants to make submissions on the budget and discuss challenges caused by the current wave of the coronavirus.

The A-G highlighted key initiatives undertaken by the Fijian Government that has assisted Fijians during the COVID-19 pandemic.

-PRASHILA DEVI

Logging, fishing industries raise viewpoints

ILISAPECI TUIVALE

ATTORNEY-General and Minister for Economy, Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum virtually met with stakeholders from the Saw Millers Association, Forestry, Loggers Association/Businesses and the Fishing Industry Association who made submissions to the upcoming National Budget.

In addressing the participants during the consultations, the A-G stressed the importance of the forestry and fisheries sectors for employment creation, export earnings and overall

economic diversification.

Submissions were made for improvements in processing time for certifications/ permits, tax incentives and access to finance for vessel replacement.

Ensuring that Fiji flagged ships are competitive in the international arena was also discussed by the participants.

The A-G also held consultations with supermarket chains and hire purchase and finance companies on their submissions to the upcoming National Budget.

He acknowledged the fact that supermarkets

have also been impacted by COVID-19 but the provision of food and supplies to lockdown and isolation areas for Fijians remains a priority.

The participants from both the supermarket and hire purchase sectors shared similar sentiments of being greatly affected by the current wave of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The A-G emphasised the importance of getting 586,000 adult Fijians vaccinated because it is the panacea of getting Fiji back on track and revenue levels back up. This will also give the ability for businesses to open up a bit more.

A-G in talks with retailers, SMEs, NGOs, CSOs

AZARIA FAREEN AND RONAL DEO

THE Attorney-General and Minister for Economy Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum held discussions with members of the Suva Retailers Association, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and the Fiji Bus Operators Association.

Participants shared their views on the current challenges inflicted by the COVID-19 pandemic and provided suggestions for the upcoming 2021/2022 National Budget.

Discussions focused on vaccination, safe reopening of businesses, relief for employers and employees and overall economic revival.

The A-G explained the Government's current approach in terms of containing/managing the vi-



A virtual discussion between the members of the Suva Retailers Association, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and the Fiji Bus Operators Association with Attorney-General and Minister for Economy Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum during the 2021/2022 National Budget. Photo: AZARIA FAREEN

rus and shared the broad strategy guiding the formulation of the upcoming budget.

He highlighted that supporting the unemployed and getting back people to jobs will be a key focus of the budget.

To support women, the A-G highlighted that Government was

working on providing sanitary pads to girls in late primary and secondary schools which will be fully paid for by the Fijian Government.

The CSO participants also included members from the Fiji Council of Social Services, Life-Flight Fiji, Empower Pacific,

Femlink Pacific, Rainbow Pride, Asia Pacific Forum on Families International, Fiji Women's Rights Movement, Citizens Constitutional Forum, Reproductive Health Association of Fiji, Foundation for Education of Needy Children, Save the Children Fund.



2021/2022 NATIONAL BUDGET
IN BRIEF

TRADE UNIONS MAKE SUBMISSIONS

The Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum and his team from the Ministry held a virtual meeting with trade unions for the 2021-2022 National Budget consultations. Invitation for participation was sent out to the Fiji Teachers Union, Fiji Teachers Association, Transport Workers Union, Fiji Banks and Finance Sector Employee Union, Federated Airlines Staff Association, Fiji Public Service Association, National Union of Hotel and Catering Employees and the Fiji Trades Union Congress. The Fiji Banks and Finance Sector Employee Union and the Fiji Public Service Association participated in the virtual consultations and made their submissions for the upcoming 2021-2022 National Budget.

FAITH GROUPS TELL OF CHALLENGES

Faith-based organisations had the opportunity to virtually meet with the Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum to make their submissions for the upcoming 2021-2022 National Budget. Discussion during the consultations included environmental laws, climate change, nature-based projects, investment into the education sector and the strengthening of the agriculture sector. He also stressed on the importance of being compassionate and kind and for Fijians to maintain a general level of honesty. "Every Fijian is going through some sort of challenge especially during this COVID-19 wave that is looming over the country, it is important that we are kind to our fellow citizens." He added that getting rid of the culture of dishonesty is important.

YOUTH SHARE POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

The Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum met with various youth group representatives during the 2021-2022 National Budget consultation. With much anticipation, the youth shared their ideas, proposed solutions and experiences faced by their members during the current COVID-19 pandemic. The A-G emphasised to the youth the importance of reaching herd immunity so that more businesses can operate, more jobs in the formal and informal sectors can resume, and certain restrictions can be lifted. The youth were reminded that despite the pandemic situation the country is facing, programmes by the Fijian Government such as free bus fare scheme, poverty alleviation programmes and free education need to continue. Participants from Serua, Labasa, Tailevu and Narere were some of the youth group reps who were part of today's budget consultations

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Ministries, corporate bodies, FNPF make proposals

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THE Attorney-General and Minister for Economy Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum consulted with heads of Government ministries, major corporate companies and Fiji National Provident Fund on the 2021-2022 National Budget.

Business owners shared their experience on the challenges caused by the current COVID-19 pandemic and provided recommendations for the upcoming 2021-2022 National Budget.

Participants also raised issues of some of their staff not willing to get vaccinated due to personal reasons, and which is not safe for the operation of their business.

The importance of encouraging consumers via their social media platforms and leading by example of getting vaccinated so there is a way forward for businesses was also highlighted during the meeting.

The A-G said it is the right of a person if they want to accept or not accept a medical procedure or treatment but it is in everyone's best



Permanent Secretary for Forestry Pene Baleinabuli during a virtual consultation on the 2021/2022 National Budget with heads of Government ministries, major corporate companies and Fiji National Provident Fund.

Photo: AZARIA FAREEN

interest to get vaccinated.

He will be meeting other stakeholders for the budget consultation throughout the week.

Participation during this budget consultation included Ministry of Local Government, Municipal Councils, iTaukei Land Trust Board, Ministry of Lands and Mineral Resources, In-

vestment Fiji, Fiji Roads Authority, Ministry of Environment and Waterways, Biosecurity Authority of Fiji, the Fiji National Provident Fund management and board members including Jacks of Fiji, Fijian Holdings Limited, Tappoos Limited, C.J Patel and Ashabhai & Company Limited.



Virtual budget consultation between Attorney-General and Minister for Economy Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum and heads of organisations from different sectors

Photo: NANISE NEIMILA

Livestock council, rice, flour millers raise issues

NANISE NEIMILA

VIRTUAL budget consultations were held whereby the Attorney-General and Minister for Economy Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum engaged with heads of organisations from different sectors.

The A-G held meetings with the Fiji Livestock Council, Fiji Coconut Millers, Fiji Rice Millers and the Fiji Law Society.

Participants shared their experiences on the challenges caused by the current COVID-19 pandemic and provided certain recommendations for the upcoming 2021-2022 National Budget.

The A-G suggested mechanisms and way forward for industries that are involved with farmers namely the Fiji Livestock Council and Fiji Rice Limited to be able to adapt during this pandemic until Fiji recovers from this pandemic. He emphasised to heads of these entities on the need to assist the Government in the vaccination drive and to reach out to their customers to vaccinate.

The A-G explained that if Fiji was to achieve herd immunity by vaccinating at

least 70 per cent of the adult population, then it would be able to open up its borders to Australia and New Zealand and even so relax a few of these COVID safe measures.

He also took the opportunity to speak to members of the Fiji Law Society and some of the members made their submissions towards the 2021-2022 National Budget.

Some of the submissions centered on the need to move into digitalisation, encouraging virtual court sitting especially during this pandemic. Other submissions included the need for Government to re-look at some of processes with the ease of doing business as most times there are too many channels to follow in order to fast track some processes involved.

Meanwhile, the A-G also met with Fiji Airways Board whereby submissions were made on some areas that Government would consider for the 2021-2021 National Budget.

This included COVID safe plans when borders open up and how Fiji Airways will be assisting the Government and the Ministry of Health and Medical Services in encouraging their clients to vaccinate.

EFL, food and kava exporters share experiences



Attorney-General and Minister for Economy Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum during a virtual meeting with stakeholders.

Photo: NANISE NEIMILA

THE Attorney-General and Minister for Economy Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum virtually met stakeholders like Energy Fiji Limited Board and Management, Agriculture Marketing Authority (AMA), Food Processors, Kava Council and Exporters.

Participants shared their experiences on the challenges caused by the current COVID-19 pandemic and provided submissions for the upcoming 2021-2022 National Budget.

This platform provided an opportunity for members to suggest innovative ideas on how they can improve agricultural exports, including adoption of new technology, increasing scale of production, access to finance and markets.

While addressing the various stakeholders, the A-G highlighted key initiatives that the Fijian Government is currently providing to assist those Fijians that have been affected by the current COVID-19 pandemic.

He also stressed the need to assist the Government in the vaccination drive and reach out to their customers to vaccinate.

The A-G adds that if Fiji was to achieve herd immunity by vaccinating at least 70 per cent of the adult population, then it would be able to open up borders to Australia and New Zealand and even relax a few of these COVID safe measures.

Meanwhile, the A-G and his team from the Ministry of Economy also met virtually with the members of the Reserve Bank of Fiji (RBF) Board and management.

The meeting centred on plans and appropriate measures for the way forward for the Government and RBF.



Aussie PM praised for support



In a phone call with his counterpart, Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama conveyed his appreciation to the Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison and the Australian Government for their remarkable support to Fiji at this time of great need.

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AUSTRALIA'S commendable efforts through swift assistance to Fiji are a testament of our unbreakable bonds of friendship and collaboration achieved through the Vuvale Partnership.

In a phone call with his counterpart, Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama conveyed his appreciation to the Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison and the Australian Government for their remarkable support to Fiji at this time of great need.

Prime Minister Bainimarama said Fiji was grateful for Australia's efficient response in providing 320,000 doses of Australian manufactured AstraZeneca vaccines.

This support has been mobilised immediately after Prime Minister Morrison's commitment to assist Fiji with one million doses of vaccines.

The collective assistance from Australia, New Zealand and India will enable the eligible population to be fully vaccinated.

So far, Fiji has administered first doses to 272,354 individuals since the beginning of the vaccination campaign and second doses to 38,031 individuals; 46 per cent of adults in Fiji have received one dose, and 6.5 per cent are now fully vaccinated.

Prime Minister Bainimarama acknowledged Australia's enduring support in providing Personal Protective Equipment and deployment of Australian Medical Assistance Team (AUSMAT) officials who are working closely with Fiji's Health care professionals to trace and contain COVID-19.

Australia has also rendered support through the AUD\$26million (FJ\$40.7m) in direct budget support to assist the Fijian Government in prudently managing the socioeconomic challenges facing Fiji at present.

This in addition to Australia's support to Fiji through direct budget support totalling AU\$35 million (approximately FJ\$55 million).

Prime Minister Bainimarama reiterated that challenges posed by the pandemic reinforced the need for enhanced cooperation and opportunities to work in solidarity to support our collective response to health, security and economic recovery.

Reflecting on regional developments, the two Prime Ministers also discussed the current priorities in the region and the opportunity for the next Pacific Forum Leaders meeting.

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Telcos provide thermal guns for Covid response

PRIME Minister Voreqe Bainimarama recently received a donation of 300 thermal guns from Vodafone Fiji Limited and Telecom Fiji Limited.

The thermal guns cost \$19,500 and the two companies each contributed \$9,750 towards this initiative.

The in-kind donation is in response to the Prime Minister's commitment in Parliament recently to support the Tailevu, Rewa and other provinces in the provision of personal protective equipment (PPEs).

"The private sector has an important role in the Government's response to defeat the virus," Prime Minister Bainimarama said.

He added that eliminating the virus requires a whole-of-society approach underpinned by multi-stakeholder partnership.

The PM thanked both Vodafone

and Telecom for rising to the call and in supporting the Government's efforts during the pandemic.

"This donation will significantly contribute to the Government's efforts to secure our villages, especially in the three provinces of Tailevu, Rewa and Naitasiri," Prime Minister Bainimarama said.

Vodafone Fiji Regional chief executive officer, Pradeep Lal, agreed with the Prime Minister's approach and stated that helping those in genuine need of PPEs at this time was a no-brainer.

"We have a responsibility to give back to society and through this donation, we are fulfilling that obligation," Mr Lal said.

Telecom Fiji chief executive officer, Charles Goundar, said that this assistance was the right thing to do at this time because it will help the communities in taking precautionary measures in order

to save lives.

"We are happy to assist, where possible, in supporting the efforts of the Government to combat the spread of this virus," Mr Goundar said.

Earlier, the Prime Minister received a donation of 5,000 masks from Gold Rock Investment, which was distributed to the 14 provinces by the iTaukei Affairs Board.

The Ministry of Health and Medical Services will provide sanitizers which will be distributed as well throughout the 14 provinces.

The Prime Minister conveyed his appreciation to the private sector and reiterated the importance of continuing important pandemic response related partnerships with the private sector in the containment of the recent COVID-19 outbreak and Government's recovery efforts.

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President of the People's Republic of China, Xi Jinping (right), in a phone call, says the People's Republic of China has pledged greater support to Fiji in building back better with accelerated response to contain COVID-19, sustainable and resilient economic recovery advancement, with Fijian Prime Minister, Voreqe Bainimarama recently where he also extended assistance in tackling climate change.

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Chinese leader reaffirms Fiji assistance

THE People's Republic of China has pledged greater support to Fiji in building back better with accelerated response to contain COVID-19, sustainable and resilient economic recovery advancement.

This message was conveyed by President of the People's Republic of China, Xi Jinping in a phone call with Fijian Prime Minister, Voreqe Bainimarama recently where he also extended assistance in tackling climate change.

These discussions coincided with the Asia and Pacific High Level Conference on Belt and Road Cooperation convened by China's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Wang Yi.

Fiji joined other countries within the Asia-Pacific and representatives of the United Nations at the Conference focused on the theme, "Promoting Cooperation on Combating the Pandemic for Sustainable Recovery."

The meeting focused on coop-

eration in the areas of combating the pandemic to support economic resilience, redoubling cooperation on resilient health infrastructure, investment and finance; and promoting sustainable economic recovery through the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

President Jinping said that China stands in solidarity with Fiji and support will be provided to assist Fiji through setting up China-Pacific Island Countries reserve of emergency supplies to help Fiji and other island countries improve their ability to cope with major public health events and natural disasters.

"China is ready to strengthen strategic relations with Fiji, jointly build the Belt and Road, deepen cooperation in trade and investment, infrastructure, transportation and communications, tourism and other areas, and continue to implement projects including Juncao and agricultural technology coop-

eration to help Fiji's economic and social development. China will continue supporting Fiji's efforts to improve its ability to cope with climate change," President Jinping said.

In appreciation of 46 years of diplomatic relations between Fiji and China, President Jinping reaffirmed China's commitment to strengthen partnership through BRI.

Prime Minister Bainimarama said the partnership is representative of our two nations' mutual understanding and respect for each other's sovereignty, common development and shared prosperity for the mutual benefit of both the countries.

PM Bainimarama acknowledged China for the multi-sectoral approach taken to assist Asia Pacific countries in their efforts to achieve sustainable recovery with the Belt Road Initiative being an important platform to promote unified cooperation. -news@govnet.gov.fj



A-G holds virtual climate talks

THE Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum virtually met with the United Kingdom's International Champion on Adaptation and Resilience for the COP26 Presidency and Minister of State for Energy, Clean Growth and Climate Change, Anne-Marie Trevelyan.

The A-G highlighted the need for developed countries such as the United Kingdom to help reduce the cost of accessing affordable climate adaptation finance for small island developing states and to use their convening power to mobilise much needed private sector climate finance.

He added that climate induced Loss and Damage is an issue of great importance for Pacific countries which needs to be focused on at COP26.

Ms Trevelyan acknowledged Fiji for its active role in cham-



United Kingdom's Minister of State for Energy, Clean Growth and Climate Change, Anne-Marie Trevelyan (top) and COP26 Regional Ambassador to Asia-Pacific and South Asia Ken O'Flaherty during a virtual meeting with the Attorney-General and Minister for Economy Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum. Photo: AZARIA FAREEN

pioning climate adaptation and resilience issues. She thanked the Fijian Government for co-leading the establishment of the

Taskforce on Access to Climate Finance.

She also extended an invitation to join the Risk Early Action

Partnership championed by the Government of United Kingdom.

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Healthy land investment 'a smart decision'

INVESTING in healthy land is a smart economic decision that drives action to protect and restore the natural ecosystem, which was the goal of the 2021 Desertification and Drought Day.

This was the message by the Minister for Agriculture, Waterways and Environment, Dr Mahendra Reddy on the occasion of the 'Desertification and Drought Day 2021' commemorated at the Ministry of Agriculture Headquarters in Raiwaqa on June 16.

Minister Reddy explained the activities the Ministry of Agriculture was undertaking to restore degraded land.

"The Ministry through its Sustainable Land Management activities focuses on addressing land degradation for rural villages and settlements, ensure that changes in land use have limited effect on the extinction of native species and Green House Gas Emission."

Minister Reddy said the Ministry also focused on other challenges such as; ongoing local land competition where agriculture prime land was used for other purposes, forcing farmers to move to marginal land which led to increased unsustainable and intensive land practices.

"With a commitment to restore and recover land, the Ministry continues to improve Research and Development on soil health and promote the use of Mucuna bean, vetiver system technology, Agroforestry farming and evaluation of resistant crop and vegetable varieties.

"Enhanced technical advisory services on good land and animal husbandry practices that strengthen Land-Based restoration," Minister Reddy explained.

He said the Ministry of Agriculture would continue to support the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration that would provide entrepreneurial youths working in ecosystem restoration with tools that would enable them to succeed.

"Through this program, the Ministry supports the Navuso Agriculture Technical Institute on training to become good land users. Engage with relevant Ministries, NGOs and private partners in enforcing restoration of degraded land in Fiji."

Minister Reddy said the Ministry was also part of the National Ridge to Reef project, working closely with the Ministry of Forestry, the Pacific Community (SPC), and Conservation International in creating awareness, establishing demonstration plots, orchard planting and identifying degraded land for restoration to six target catchment areas – Waidina/Rewa, Ba, Tuva in Viti Levu and Tunulua, Labasa catchment in Vanua Levu.

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Ministry launches jobs for nature rehab scheme

THE Ministry of Environment launched an inaugural conservation initiative that will integrate and collaborate the ecosystem restoration needs with the genuine needs of our local communities.

Focusing on Protection, Restoration and Rehabilitation of the natural (surrounding) environment, the Jobs for Nature Rehabilitation Program- a first of its kind in Fiji and the Pacific, will see the Ministry in a joint collaboration with the Adventist Development Relief Agency (ADRA) Fiji.

Minister for Agriculture, Waterways and Environment Dr Mahendra Reddy while launching the program said "Restoring damaged ecosystems is an efficient and cost-effective way in which people can work with nature to address the most pressing challenges humanity is facing today amidst the current global pandemic. Forests, grasslands, wetlands, and other terrestrial to inland water ecosystems, marine and coastal ecosystems are in dire need of some level of restoration, rehabilitation and protection".

The Minister further stated that this program will divert rural communities from unsustainable practices and be guardians of the environment and natural resources.

"It is the Ministry's effort and hope that this program will help and assist communities revitalise, restore and rebuild through nature-based employment and of course stimulate our economy as we fight and win over this Pandemic (COVID-19)," Minister Reddy said.

"We anticipate that these projects while producing great ecosystem restoration outcomes will also deliver to the people of Fiji job creation opportunities. We have used criteria to match jobs and projects to regions that have been most impacted and are vulnerable to COVID-19 and of course the downturn in international visitors," he added.

"The J-NR program Phase I has a total



Minister for Agriculture, Waterways and Environment Dr Mahendra Reddy during the official launch of the Focusing on Protection, Restoration and Rehabilitation of the natural (surrounding) environment, the Jobs for Nature Rehabilitation Program. Photo: SUPPLIED

budget of \$150,000 allocated. Each group will be awarded up to \$1000 with each area limited to one project. Thus in Phase I, a total of 150 awards will be made."

"Communal groups can apply and register themselves with the Ministry of Environment to be part of the initiative. Successful applicants will be paid in two tranches to implement environmental friendly conservation methods.

"We are grateful to partner again with the Adventist Development and Relief Agency International (ADRA), an NGO that has

proven itself locally in its areas of implementation," Minister Reddy said.

ADRA Fiji Country Director Iliapi Tuwai has expressed his gratitude to be chosen as an implementing partner.

"We are excited to be part of this new initiative. ADRA Fiji also champions conservation and we've had projects that focused on protecting the environment. Thank you for your consideration and we are looking forward to working with the communities through this program."

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Avoid using crowded buses or minibuses

It is better to wait for the next one.



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Avoid using public transport if you are feeling sick or suspect that you have COVID-19.

Stay home and call 158, a health team will reach you.



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Be considerate of other passengers

Always cover your cough or sneeze – cough or sneeze into your bent elbow

Keep your distance – try to sit at least 2 metres away from other passengers



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Do not sit in a crowded taxi

Do not share a ride with more than 3 passengers in a taxi.



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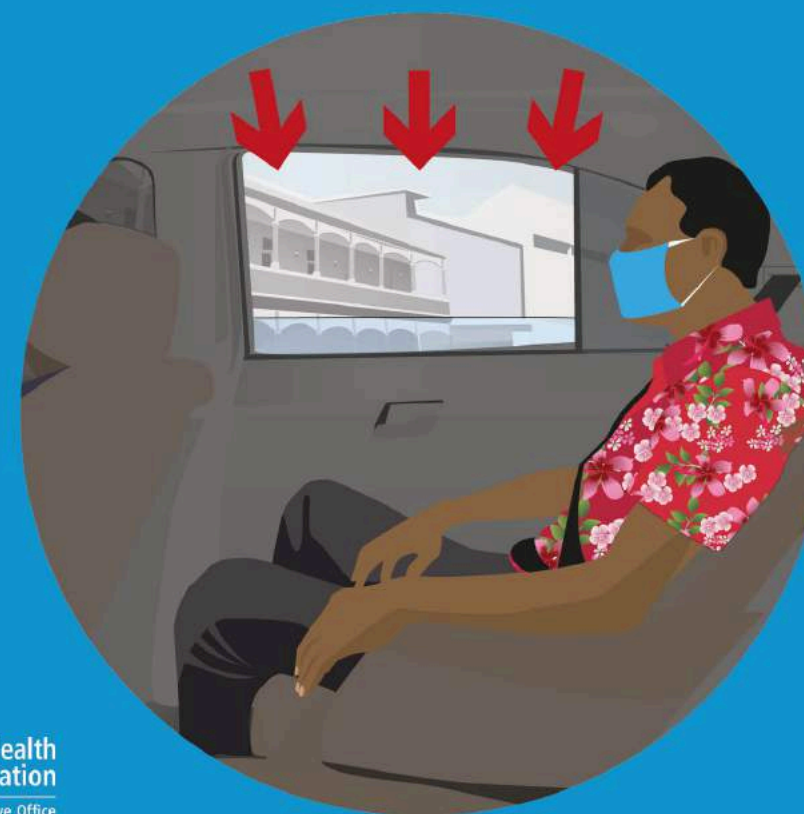
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Let the air in

Keep the windows open to maintain a constant flow of circulating fresh air.



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Remember to always wear your mask correctly whilst in public

Your mask should cover your nose and mouth



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Praise for COVID safe protocols



A Deluxe Footwear staff member at the shop entry to ensure shoppers follow COVID-19 guidelines and protocols in Nadi. Photo: RUPENI WAQAVONO

RUPENI WAQAVONO

BUSINESSES operating in the Western Division have applauded the Fijian Government for the various COVID-19 safety protocols put in place.

With the approval given by the Ministry of Commerce, Trade, Tourism and Transport for various businesses to operate after careful consideration and implementation of COVID-19 Safety Protocols, such measures has brought relief to many business owners.

Meenoos Nadi store manager Afraz Dean said the COVID-19 Safety Protocol is a necessity because of what the

country is facing right now.

"It's a good initiative from the Government because it protects us and our customers."

"We are following these guidelines and protocols because it allows us to have a safe shopping experience for our customers," Mr Dean said.

Gokal's store manager Ratnesh Deo also shared the same sentiments saying that the guidelines safeguard their staff. "We do monitor our staff movement because we want to keep them safe. We also have plans in place if any of our staff become a primary contact for a positive case."

Mr Deo added his staff are all back at

work but have reduced hours and are working in shifts.

Businesses in Nadi have been also urged to register their business for the careFIJI QR Scan feature which is now available.

Meanwhile, Ministry of Commerce, Trade, Tourism and Transport permanent secretary, Shaheen Ali has reminded businesses around the country that it's not 'business-as-usual'.

"Every business, irrespective of being in a containment or non-containment zone, still needs to adopt minimum protocols. And that's why the ministry has released protocols for safe operations of hairdressing services," Mr Ali said.

Lockdown areas supplied with ration packs

MEREANI GONEDUA

ATOTAL of 567 grocery and essential items packs have been delivered to families in lockdown areas.

These areas include Tramline, Qina Settlement, Nawejikuma and Qina, Nadi.

This assistance is an addition to the 700 grocery and essential item packs that were delivered earlier this month.

The families in these locked down areas received their third and fourth grocery and essential items packs apart from other assistance provided by the Fijian Government.

Mahendra Kumar, 58, while receiving his third grocery and essential items acknowledged the Fijian Government for its continuous assistance.

"This is the third grocery and essential items packs that we have received and we are grateful for the assistance



Lockdown areas in Nadi such as Tramline, Qina Settlement, Nawejikuma and Qina have received grocery and essential packs provided by Fijian Government. Photo: MEREANI GONEDUA

provided to us during this time. We do not have a choice but we have to stay home because of this lockdown and we are thankful that the Government is still looking out for us.

"Apart from this grocery and essential items pack, we also received the \$50 assistance in which we used to pay part of our bills including some more food for our family.

"We have received our first dose of vaccination and because we want to move forward I am calling on all my brothers and sisters out there to get their jab. This will help us get back to work and also create a safer environment to live in."

Similar sentiments were echoed by Josua Raivanua, 62, who was also grateful for what his family received.



Epeli Naua plants vegetables at his backyard garden at home. Photo: MEREANI GONEDUA

Residents back backyard gardening

MEREANI GONEDUA

"USE the small land you have to plant your food."

These were the sentiments of Nadi residents who have now accustomed themselves to using their backyard to plant vegetables and food crops for daily consumption.

For 32-year-old Vilas Goundar, who has been living in Nadi most of his life, that having his own backyard garden has helped him during these trying times.

"I was able to receive some seedlings from the Ministry of Agriculture a few months back and now I am already harvesting most of my vegetables.

"I just want to encourage my fellow Fijians out there to utilise the various assistance provided by the Fijian Government as I have done through the free seedlings provided by the Ministry of Agriculture. My backyard garden has really assisted my financial burdens and I know it will also assist many of you out there if only you take a little initiative."

Similar sentiments were echoed by Epeli Naua, 23, who stated that vegetables harvested from his backyard garden have been used for consumption for nearly two months now.

"I also received my seedlings through the free seedling programme and I am grateful for such initiative as it has helped many of us out here."

The Home Gardening Program was one of the initiatives which was announced earlier by the Fijian Government through the Ministry of Agriculture whereby Gardening Seed Packages were provided to all households in urban and peri-urban areas around Fiji.

The initiative aimed to enhance food security by giving Fijians opportunities such as direct access to a diversity of nutritionally rich foods; increased purchasing power from savings on food bills; and fall-back food provision due to the potential decrease in production and trade caused by the TC Harold and COVID 19.



Assistance helps food stall holder



Nia Bale (right) at her food stall in Sawani, Naitasiri. Photo: SUPPLIED

ILISAPECI TUIVALE

NIA Bale is a true testament of how one can achieve a lot with a little bit of faith, perseverance and endurance.

She started her food stall business at the Sawani border with her sister through the first round of \$50 cash assistance by the Fijian Government and since then, she has been serving villagers of the Naitasiri province at the Sawani border.

"We started this food stall on June 23rd and it was mainly because we had no other source of income because of unemployment.

"This food stall was only made a reality through the \$50 cash assistance that we received from the Government and we are grateful for how far that \$50 has brought us."

"We extend our thanks to the Fijian Government because through that unemployment assistance we were able to start our business and provide for our fami-

lies," she said.

Ms Bale's husband lost his job due to the COVID-19 pandemic and with five children to look after, she invested the \$50 cash assistance into what has become a thriving source of income for her family.

"We serve customers from the whole province of Naitasiri who come to do goods exchange at the Sawani border and we have received a lot of positive feedback from them about our stall," she said.

"Many of the vendors leave their homes early in the morning to sell their produce in Sawani and they miss out on having breakfast at their homes, we are happy that we are able to provide them with a decent meal when they come to do their business."

Following strict COVID-safe protocols, Ms Bale has hand sanitisers available in her stall for customers to use and only serves customers who are wearing face masks as well as maintaining the mandated two metre physical distance.

75-year-old Bui thankful for cash assistance

ILISAPECI TUIVALE

UNEMPLOYED Fijians above the age of 18 received \$50 cash assistance from the Fijian Government to assist individuals who were affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.



Seventy-five-year-old Laisina Bui says she was grateful to receive the \$50 cash assistance from the Fijian Government. Photo: SUPPLIED

This type of assistance shows that the Fijian Government is thinking of everyone.

Laisiana Bui,
\$50 cash assistance recipient

For 75-year-old Laisiana Bui, this was a blessing for her because it was the first of such assistance she had received.

"My daughter-in-law helped me to apply for the assistance and I am thankful because this is important to those who are unemployed and especially for women.

"As mothers, we naturally put our family needs before our own and whatever little money we earn, we use it for the family. But with assistance like this, we can use this money to buy little essential items for women that we use," she said.

Ms Bui thanked the Fijian Government for always putting its citizens first.

"This type of assistance shows that the Fijian Government is

thinking of everyone. Some speak so negatively about things but I believe that the leaders of our country are injecting funds into avenues that safeguard Fijians so that we are able to sustain ourselves.

"This is the first of its kind for us because senior citizens have never experienced this type of assistance before."

Kolora Naudreudre of Caubati also received the \$50 assistance and thanked the Government for such initiatives.

"Despite the trying times the country is facing, people are still witnessing Government's continued support and for that I am very grateful to receive the \$50 assistance from Government," she said.

Over \$11 million was paid out to over 224,000 Fijians as part of the \$50 cash assistance program whereby every qualifying individual above the age of 18 in Viti Levu who do not receive any other form of help were assisted. Those who received their \$50 cash were able to access the money through their MPAiSA or MyCash money e-wallets.



Families in isolation in the greater Suva, Nasinu and Nausori areas have been receiving their food rations from Government and the team also included hygiene kits for women in isolation during the food ration runs. Photos: JOSEFA ULUILAKEBA

Families applaud quick ration response

JOSEFA ULUILAKEBA

AS the number of families in isolation continues to rise each day, the Government's effort to meet the needs of each and every family remains a top priority.

With distribution continuing, initially the teams based at the Fiji Procurement Office (FPO) in Walu Bay ensured that ration outflow met the incoming request list from their counterparts at the Ministry of Health and Medical Services and Ministry of Economy.

The ration distribution has now been outsourced to NewWorld and Shop N Save Supermarket chain.

Families in isolation in the greater Suva, Nasinu and Nausori

areas have been receiving their food rations from Government and the team also included hygiene kits for women in isolation during the food ration runs.

The families assisted have expressed their gratitude for the timely assistance.

Ravinesh Nath of Nadawa commended the commitment of the Government and officials tasked with distribution for their swift response. In isolation as he awaits the result of his second swab, Mr Nath said his family was grateful for the food rations.

"I just called in our request this morning and was surprised to get the call at noon that the officers were outside my gate. This is good work by Government and my family and I are thankful for this show of commitment," the

26-year-old said.

Close to a 100 food ration packs were distributed to those areas.

Wakanisila resident, Sakaraia Tikoduadua said his family have been in isolation for seven days and are happy that Government is providing for them.

Mr Tikoduadua has called for patience from families in isolation.

"Whilst we are happy that the Government is providing for us, I also ask for patience from families in isolation while awaiting food rations," he said.

"We hear on the news about the increasing numbers of cases daily and I request that we follow COVID safety protocols and wait in our homes. Government officials will reach each and every one of us," he further adds.



COVID 19 AND VACCINE SAFETY

(WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION)

How do we know that COVID-19 vaccines are safe?

There are strict protections in place to help ensure the safety of all COVID-19 vaccines. Before receiving validation from WHO and national regulatory agencies, COVID-19 vaccines must undergo rigorous testing in clinical trials to prove that they meet internationally agreed benchmarks for safety and efficacy.

Unprecedented scientific collaborations have allowed COVID-19 vaccine research, development, and authorisations to be completed in record time – to meet the urgent need for these vaccines while maintaining high safety standards. As with all vaccines, WHO and regulatory authorities will continuously monitor the use of COVID-19 vaccines to identify and respond to any safety issues that might arise, and through that process to assure they remain safe for use around the world.

What are the side effects of COVID-19 vaccines?

Like any vaccine, COVID-19 vaccines can cause mild, short term side effects, such as a low-grade fever or pain or redness at the injection site. Most reactions to vaccines are mild and go away within a few days on their own. More serious or long-lasting side effects to vaccines are possible but extremely rare. Vaccines are continually monitored for as long as they are in use, to detect rare adverse events and implement approaches to limit their occurrence.

Reported side effects to COVID-19 vaccines have mostly been mild to moderate and short-lasting. They include: fever, fatigue, headache, muscle pain, chills, diarrhoea, and pain at the injection site. The chances of any of these side effects following vaccination differ according to the specific COVID-19 vaccine.

In most cases, these can be managed with rest, plenty of non-alcoholic liquids, and paracetamol/acetaminophen for the typical side effects. Contact your care provider if the tenderness (pain) where you got the injection increases after 24 hours, or the side effects do not go away within a couple days. If you have difficulty breathing, chest pain, confusion, loss of speech or mobility, call a healthcare provider immediately.

What happens if an adverse event is reported?

As with any vaccine, it is essential to closely monitor the safety and effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines that are used in immunization programmes. If a health problem is reported following vaccination, a thorough investigation should take place by the public health programme in the country.

It is rare to find that health problems occurring following receipt of a vaccine are actually caused by the vaccine itself. Health problems following vaccination are most often found to be coincidental and entirely unrelated to vaccination. Sometimes they are related to how the vaccine has been stored, transported, or administered. Errors related to the delivery of the vaccine can be prevented by better training health workers and strengthening supply chains.



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In the very rare cases where an adverse reaction is suspected to be related to the vaccine itself, the vaccine may be suspended from use while the situation is assessed. Further investigations will take place to determine what exactly caused the event, and corrective measures will be put in place. WHO works with vaccine manufacturers, health officials, researchers, and other partners to monitor any safety concerns and potential side effects on an ongoing basis.

Under what circumstances should a COVID-19 vaccine be recalled?

Vaccine recalls or withdrawals due to safety issues are rare. Recalls are usually initiated voluntarily by a vaccine manufacturer before any adverse events are reported. For example, ongoing monitoring of vaccine production may show that an irregularity has caused a batch of vaccines to lose their strength. In this case, people who have received a vaccine from that batch may need to be vaccinated again to ensure they are protected.

How will WHO inform the public about suspected or confirmed adverse events related to COVID-19 vaccines?

Suspected safety events officially reported to WHO go through a series of rapid verification steps involving an independent panel of experts. WHO shares the results of these evaluations on its website.

WHO also coordinates with local, regional, and national health officials to investigate vaccine safety concerns and advise on next steps. Information is also made available through the <https://www.vaccinesafetynet.org/>, a publicly available network of digital international resources on vaccine safety that have been approved by WHO.

Is it possible that someone vaccinated against COVID-19 will still get infected?

While COVID-19 vaccines have high levels of efficacy, especially against hospitalisation and severe disease, no vaccine is 100 per cent protective. As a result, there will be some small percentage of vaccinated people who fall ill with COVID-19 in spite of being vaccinated.

In addition to a vaccine's specific characteristics, several factors such as a person's age, their underlying health conditions, previous COVID-19 disease, current exposure to SARS-CoV-2, or the circulation of virus variants may have an impact on a vaccine's effectiveness. We do not yet

know how long immunity from different COVID-19 vaccines will last. That is one reason why, even as COVID-19 vaccines are being rolled out, we must continue using all public health measures that work to decrease exposure risk, such as physical distancing, masks, and handwashing.

For the first 14 days after getting vaccinated, you do not have significant levels of protection as the protection increases gradually. For a single dose vaccine, protection is generally considered to occur by two weeks after vaccination. For two-dose vaccines, both doses are needed to achieve the highest level of immunity possible.

While a COVID-19 vaccine is most effective against serious illness and death, we are still learning about their ability to protect you from getting infected and passing the virus on to others. To help keep yourself and others safe, and while vaccination rolling out in your community, continue to maintain at least a one metre distance from others, cover a cough or sneeze in your elbow, clean your hands frequently and wear a mask, particularly in enclosed, crowded or poorly ventilated spaces. Always follow guidance from local authorities based on the situation and risk where you live.

Who should be excluded from receiving COVID-19 vaccines?

Medical professionals can best advise individuals on whether or not you should receive a COVID-19 vaccine. There are very few conditions that would exclude someone from being vaccinated. Based on available evidence, people with a history of severe allergic reactions to any ingredients of the COVID-19 vaccine should generally be excluded from COVID-19 vaccination in order to avoid possible adverse effects.

If you are currently sick or experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, you can get vaccinated once your primary symptoms have resolved.

In addition to the general recommendations above, each vaccine may have specific considerations for specific populations and health conditions.

Is it safe for pregnant women, those planning to become pregnant, and breastfeeding mothers to receive COVID-19 vaccines?

In the interim, WHO recommends that for pregnant women the use of the COVID-19 vaccine be considered on the basis of a benefit versus risk assessment. To help pregnant women make this assessment,

they should be provided with information about the risks of COVID-19 in pregnancy, the likely benefits of vaccination in the local epidemiological context, and the current limitations of safety data in pregnant women. WHO does not recommend pregnancy testing prior to vaccination. WHO does not recommend delaying pregnancy or terminating pregnancy because of vaccination.

Vaccination with any of the vaccine products that have been assessed by the WHO Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunization can be offered to breastfeeding women. WHO does not recommend discontinuation of breastfeeding after vaccination. More evidence will continue to be sought in order to further inform WHO's policy recommendations on this subject.

Should women who are on their periods take the COVID-19 vaccine?

Women can receive a vaccine at any point in their menstrual cycle.

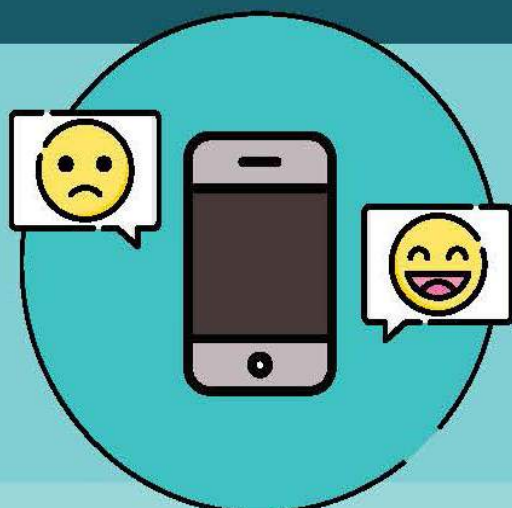
Are mRNA vaccines safe? If they're based on new technology, how can we be sure?

The COVID-19 mRNA vaccine technology has been rigorously assessed for safety, and clinical trials have shown that mRNA vaccines produce an immune response that has high efficacy against disease. mRNA vaccine technology has been studied for several decades, including in the contexts of Zika, rabies, and influenza vaccines. mRNA vaccines are not live virus vaccines and do not interfere with human DNA.

How will WHO ensure vaccine safety monitoring and response when COVID-19 vaccines are used?

Vaccine safety monitoring is ensured at the national, regional, and global level. As is standard practice in all national immunisation programmes, WHO supports the set up of safety monitoring systems for COVID-19 vaccines in every country. After a COVID-19 vaccine is introduced in a country, WHO works with vaccine manufacturers, health officials and other partners to monitor for any safety concerns on an ongoing basis. Specific safety concerns that may arise are evaluated by WHO and an independent group of experts (the Global Advisory Committee on Vaccine Safety, or GACVS) in conjunction with the relevant national authorities.

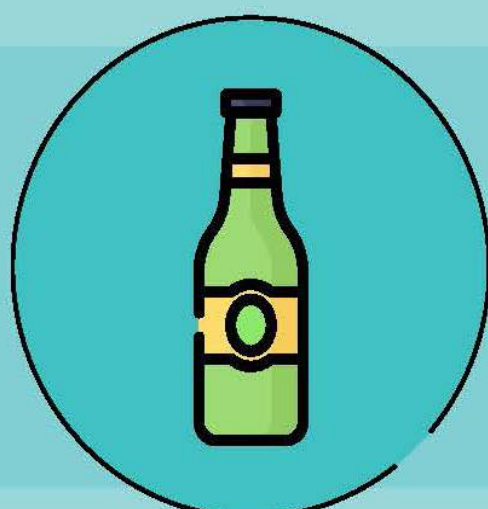
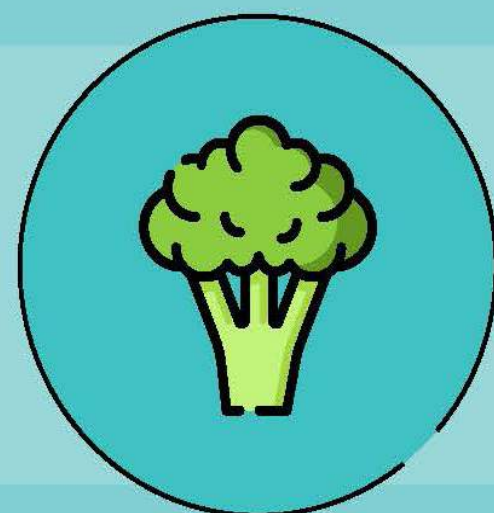
Coping with stress during the 2019-nCoV outbreak



It is normal to feel sad, stressed, confused, scared or angry during a crisis.

Talking to people you trust can help. Contact your friends and family.

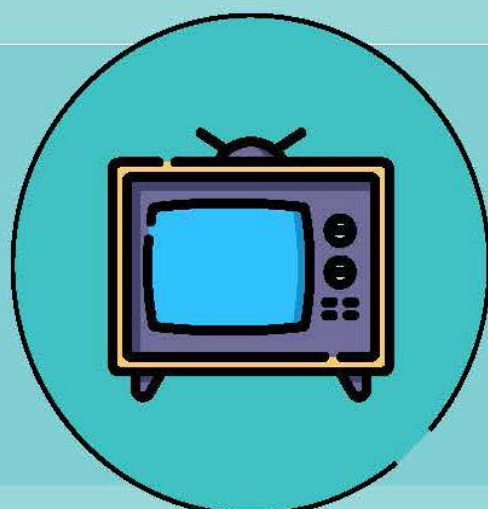
If you must stay at home, maintain a healthy lifestyle - including proper diet, sleep, exercise and social contacts with loved ones at home and by email and phone with other family and friends.



Don't use smoking, alcohol or other drugs to deal with your emotions.

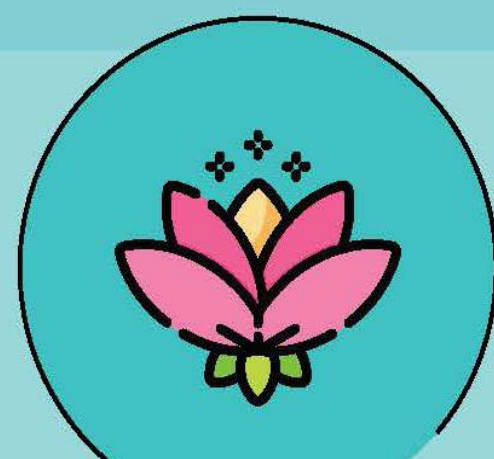
If you feel overwhelmed, talk to a health worker or counsellor. Have a plan, where to go to and how to seek help for physical and mental health needs if required.

Get the facts. Gather information that will help you accurately determine your risk so that you can take reasonable precautions. Find a credible source you can trust such as WHO website or, a local or state public health agency.



Limit worry and agitation by lessening the time you and your family spend watching or listening to media coverage that you perceive as upsetting.

Draw on skills you have used in the past that have helped you to manage previous life's adversities and use those skills to help you manage your emotions during the challenging time of this outbreak.



PROTECT YOURSELF FROM COVID-19

GUIDANCE ON HOMEMADE CLOTH MASK

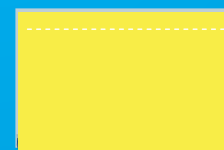
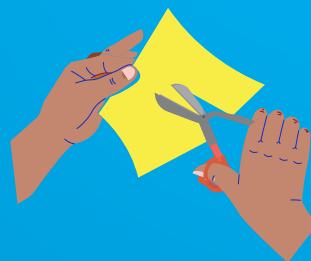
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Cut two pieces of cotton fabric (length of 25 cm and height of 15 cm each)

Fabrics made of thick cotton or cotton blend, like a tea towel. (If you can see the sunlight through the mask, it is too thin.)

2



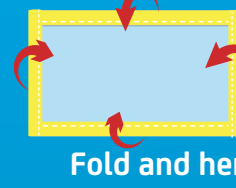
Hem or stitch the edges of the two fabrics by cutting away any excess or loose fabric.

3



Place the two pieces of fabric on top of each other on a table.

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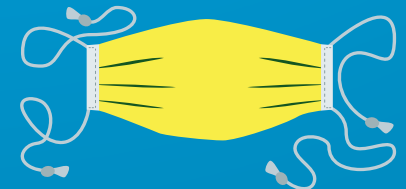
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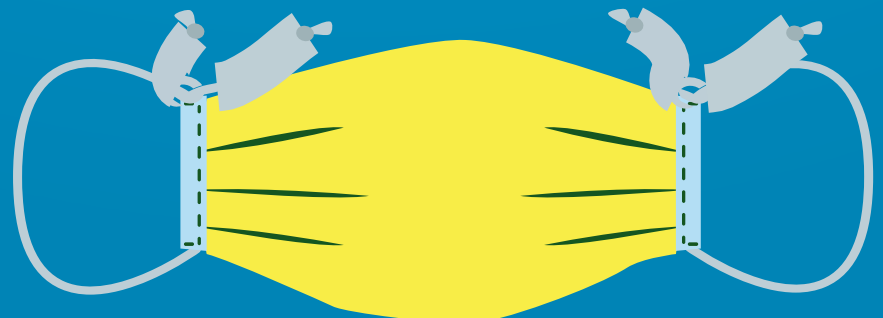
Fold the outer piece of fabric (the one touching the table) over slightly on top of the other piece. Sew the folded over piece onto the top piece. Perform this for both the top and bottom parts of the mask.

5



Place the four cotton threads or two elastic pieces on either side of the mask. Fold over the outer and inner pieces together on top of the threads or elastic. Sew these two sides pieces to securely hold the threads or elastic pieces in place.

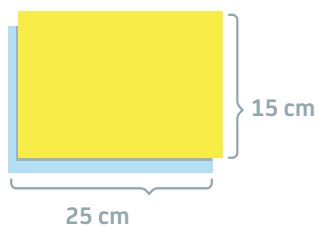
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Tie the unsewn ends of the threads or elastic into a secure knot. Make sure the knot is tight.

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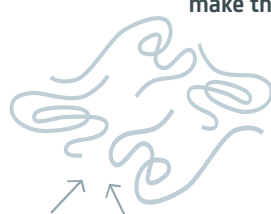
cotton fabrics



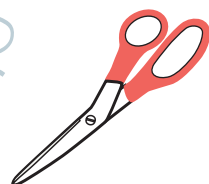
Two cotton fabrics
25 cm length and
15 cm wide



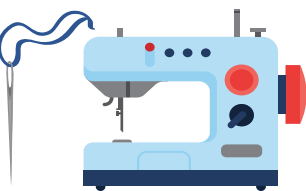
Two pieces
of elastic
15 cm length



Four cotton threads
20 cm length each



Scissors



Needle or
sewing machine.
You may have a seamstress
make the mask, if possible.



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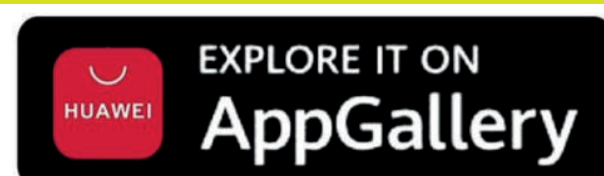
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President, Major-General (ret'd) Jioji Konrote receives his second dose of COVID-19 vaccination. Photo: SUPPLIED

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President urges Fijians to take COVID-19 vaccine

‘GET JAB’

PRASHILA DEVI

WITH more than 50 per cent of the targeted population having received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, the President, Major-General (ret'd) Jioji Konrote has called on Fijians to get the jab.

The Head of State, while receiving his second jab thereby being fully vaccinated, said this will help the country on the “road back to our normal Fijian life”.

Similar sentiments were expressed by Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama who became part of the close to nine per cent targeted Fijian population that are now fully vaccinated.

“I urge you to get vaccinated for yourself and for Fiji- these vaccines are the key to the gates of a normal life,” he said.

To-date, 317,461 adults in Fiji have received their first dose of the vaccine and 52, 001 have received their second doses.

Ministry of Health permanent secretary, Dr James Fong said, “This means that 54 per cent of the target population has received at least one dose and 8.9 per cent are now fully vaccinated nationwide”.

President Konrote said the road back to normal Fijian life is well marked.

“All we need to do is follow the signs, we all know what those signs are; Get vaccinated. Reduce our movements as best as we can. Practice the COVID-safe measures we know; washing our hands thoroughly, wearing masks, keeping

two metres of social distancing, avoiding social gatherings, and installing the careFIJI App into our smartphones with Bluetooth turned on at all times,” President Konrote said.

“I urge community leaders, leaders of faith-based organisations, and all Fijians to remain steadfast in our love for one another; our care for each other; and our concern for our children, the vulnerable and marginalised. Most importantly, have faith that we shall overcome this pandemic together. And match that faith with action.”

President Konrote also acknowledged frontliners who have sacrificed months away from their homes and families to conduct contact tracing, educate and have screened and swabbed Fijians for the virus.

“Many have contracted the virus despite all of their knowledge and all of the careful steps they have taken to protect themselves. They are our own brothers and sisters, sons and daughters, mothers and fathers. They are family. They deserve our unwavering support.”

Meanwhile, the Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum, during the on-going 2021-2022 National Budget consultation, has stressed to the different sectors, the importance of attaining herd immunity towards resumption of businesses and reopening of the borders.

This, the A-G highlighted, can only be made possible when 70 per cent of the targeted population has been immunised by way of being fully vaccinated.

प्रधान मंत्री वोरेंगे बईनिमारामा को वोडाफोन और
टेलिकोम द्वारा तीन सौ थर्मल गन्स प्राप्त हुए ②

फीजी शुगा कौपेरेशन के
पास नया चेयरमेन ②

सुरक्षा उपकरण की
नई सहायता ③

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औस्ट्रेलिया को धन्यवाद

रोनल देव

प्रधानमंत्री वोरेंगे बईनिमारामा का कहना है कि वूवाले पार्टनरशिप के माफिगत औस्ट्रेलियन सरकार ने हालमें फीजी को ज़रूरी सहायता देने का जो सराहनीय प्रयास किया है वो दोनों देशों के बीच दोस्ती के अटूट बंधन को दर्शाता है।

प्रधानमंत्री बईनिमारामा ने औस्ट्रेलियन प्रधानमंत्री स्कॉट मोरिसन को टेलिफोन करके फीजी की आवश्यकता के इस समय, ध्यान में रखते योग्य सहयोग देने के लिए उनका तथा औस्ट्रेलियन सरकार का आभार व्यक्त किया।

प्रधानमंत्री बईनिमारामा का कहना है कि फीजी, औस्ट्रेलिया की कुशल प्रतिक्रिया के बहुत अभारी है जहाँ उन्होंने औस्ट्रेलिया में बनी एस्ट्राजेनेका सुई की तीन लाख बीस हजार (320,000) डोस प्रदान की है। प्रधानमंत्री मोरिसन ने फीजी को सुई के एक मिलियन डोस देने के वायदा किया था जिसके तुरन्त बाद यह सर्मथन जुटाया गया है।

औस्ट्रेलिया, निउ ज़िलेन्ड तथा भारत के सहयोग से हमारे योग्य फीजीवासियों को सुई के दोनों डोस लग जाएंगे। जबसे सुई लगाने का अभियान शुरू किया गया है तबसे फीजी ने दो लाख बहत्तर हजार तीन सौ बावन (272,354) लोगों को पहला डोस और अड़तीस हजार इक्तीस (38,031) लोगों को दूसरा डोस लगा दिया; इससे देश के छियालिस प्रतिशत (46%) बड़े लोगों को पहला डोस और छः दशमलौ पाँच प्रतिशत (6.5%) लोगों को दूसरा डोस लग गया है।

प्रधानमंत्री बईनिमारामा ने सुरक्षा उपकरण प्रदान करने तथा कोविड-19 मामलों का पता लगाने और वायरस को रोकने के प्रयास में फीजी के स्वास्थ्य अधिकारियों की सहायता करने के लिए औस्ट्रेलियन मेडिकल असीस्टन्स टीम (AUSMAT) के अधिकारियों को फीजी भेजने के लिए औस्ट्रेलियन सरकार के स्थायी सर्मथन को स्वीकार किया है।

औस्ट्रेलिया ने फीजी को छब्बीस मिलियन औस्ट्रेलियन डोलर (AUD\$26million) लागत सहायता डायरेक्ट बजट सपोर्ट के रूप में दी है जबकि फीजी अभी सामाजिक-आर्थिक चुनौतियों का सामना कर रहा है। औस्ट्रेलिया ने पहले भी डायरेक्ट बजट सपोर्ट के रूप में फीजी को पैतीस मिलियन औस्ट्रेलियन डोलर (AUD\$35million) लगभग पचपन मिलियन फीजियन डोलर (FJD\$55 million) लागत सहायता दी थी।

प्रधानमंत्री बईनिमारामा ने दोहराया है कि इस महामारी की वजह से जो चुनौतियाँ सामने आई है ने स्वास्थ्य, सुरक्षा और आर्थिक सुधार के लिए हमारी सामूहिक प्रतिक्रिया का सर्मथन करने के लिए एकता में काम करने के सहयोग और अवसरों को बढ़ाने की ज़रूरत को और बढ़ा दिया है।

क्षेत्रीय विकास पर ध्यान देते हुए, दोनों प्रधानमंत्रियों ने क्षेत्र की वर्तमान नितियों तथा अगली प्रशान्तीय फोरम नेताओं की सभा के अवसरों पर बातचीत की।

प्रधानमंत्री बईनिमारामा ने प्रधानमंत्री मोरिसन और हमारे औस्ट्रेलियन वूवाले को शुभकामनाएं दी है तथा वचन दिया कि फीजी औस्ट्रेलिया के साथ सामूहिक रूप से क्षेत्र में पुनर्निर्माण और पुनर्प्राप्ति के लिए एक प्रगतिशील पथ का निर्माण करने में सभी विकास भागीदारों के साथ मिलकर काम करता रहेगा।



फीजी के प्रधान मंत्री वोरेंगे बईनिमारामा, औस्ट्रेलिया के प्रधानमंत्री स्कॉट मोरिसन के साथ वूवाले साझेदारी पर हस्ताक्षर करने के बाद . चित्र: प्रदान किया गया



एक लाख बीस हजार डोलर लागत के बीज बाँटे गए

सोनम सामी

कृषि मंत्रालय ने इस लोकडाउन अवधि के दौरान अब तक असर पड़े परिवारों को एक लाख बीस हजार (\$120,000) डोलर से ज्यादा मूल्य के बीज पेक्स बाँटे हैं। कृषि मंत्री डाक्टर महेन्द्रा रेड्डी ने अभी हाल ही ग्रैन्थम रोड, राईवांगा में एक समाचार सम्मेलन के दौरान इस बात पर प्रकाश डाला। “अभी तक, होम गार्डनिंग कार्यक्रम में मंत्रालय ने लगभग एक लाख उन्तीस हजार आठ सौ बत्तीस डोलर (\$129,832.00)

खर्च किए हैं और यह हमारे द्वारा अब तक बाँटे गए बीज पेक का मूल्य है।” मंत्री रेड्डी ने उन परिवारों की सराहना की जिन्होंने बीज पेकज सहायता का उपयोग किया है। उन्होंने कहा कि जबकि यह कार्यक्रम जारी रहेगा। होम गार्डनिंग में रुचि रखने वाले जो रोकथाम वाले क्षेत्रों से बाहर रहते हैं अपनी नज़दीकी कृषि एक्सटेंशन दफ्तर जाकर बीज पेक प्राप्त कर सकते हैं। “अभी तक हमने सोलह हजार दो सौ उन्तीस (16,229) परिवारों को बीज बाँट

दिए हैं, हम इन परिवारों के बहुत आभारी हैं जो इस कार्यक्रम में भाग लेने के लिए आगे आए। मंत्री रेड्डी ने कहा कि कोविड-19 के दूसरे दौर में जबसे उनका काम शुरू हुआ है, तब से उन्हें अच्छी प्रतिक्रिया मिली और उन्होंने देखा कि लोग अब खुद शाख-सब्जियाँ बो रहे हैं। “हम उन परिवारों से माँग कर रहे हैं कि अगर आपके घर के आस-पास कुछ जमीन खाली है तो उसका इस्तेमाल करें।” एक बीज पेक में तरह तरह के बीज हैं

जिनमें फेन्च बीन, चायनिज़ केबज, लॉग बीन, भिन्डी, टमाटर, कंपसिकम और बैंगन शामिल हैं। मंत्रालय ने सोलह हजार दो सौ उन्तीस (16,229) बीज पेक्स बाँटे हैं जिसमें कुल चौंसठ हजार नौ सौ सोलह (64,916) बीज पेक हैं। बीज वितरण अब तक लोकडाउन इलाकों में केंद्रित रहा है जिसमें तीस (30%) प्रतिशत पश्चिमी विभाग और सत्तर प्रतिशत (70%) केंद्रीय विभाग में बाँटे गए हैं।



प्रधान मंत्री वोरेंगे बर्डिनमारामा संसद के बाहर. फोटो: संसद भवन

प्रधान मंत्री वोरेंगे बर्डिनमारामा को वोडाफोन और टेलिकोम द्वारा तीन सौ थर्मल गन्स प्राप्त हुए

सोनम सामी

वोडाफोन फीजी लिमिटेड और टेलिकोम फीजी लिमिटेड ने प्रधान मंत्री वोरेंगे बर्डिनमारामा को तीन सौ थर्मल गन्स दान किए हैं। यह थर्मल गन्स उन्तीस हजार पाँच सौ डालर लागत के थे तथा दोनों कंपनियों ने इस पहल के लिए नौ हजार सात सौ पचास का योगदान दिया। यह सहायता प्रधान मंत्री द्वारा हालही संसद में की गई माँग का नतिजा है जहाँ ताईलेवू, रेवा तथा अन्य प्रांतों को समर्थन देने के लिए व्यक्तिगत सुरक्षा उपकरण प्रदान करने की माँग की गई थी।

प्रधान मंत्री ने कहा कि वायरस को हराने के लिए सरकार की प्रतिक्रिया में प्रायवट सेक्टर की महात्वपूर्ण भूमिका है। उन्होंने कहा कि इस वायरस को खत्म करने में पूरे सामाजिक सहयोग की जरूरत है। उन्होंने इस कठिन समय और महामारी के दौरान सरकार के प्रयासों का समर्थन करने के लिए वोडाफोन और टेलिकोम को सरकार की आवाज़ सुनने के लिए धन्यवाद दिया। “यह दान हमारे गाँवों को सुरक्षित करने के लिए सरकार के प्रयासों में महात्वपूर्ण योगदान देगा, खास कर ताईलेवू, रेवा और नाइतासिरी में, प्रधान मंत्री ने कहा।

वोडाफोन फीजी के रिजिनल सी ई ओ, श्री प्रदीप लाल ने प्रधान मंत्री के दृष्टिकोण से सहमत होते हुए कहा कि लोगों के लिए पीपीई की जरूरत पूरी करना बिलकुल आसान था जबकि इस सहायता के ज़रिए उन्होंने सामाजिक को वापस देने की इस ज़िम्मेदारी को पूरा किया है। टेलिकोम फीजी के सी ई ओ, श्री चार्ल्स गाउडर ने कहा कि इस समय यह सहायता करना सही है क्योंकि इससे समुदायों को जान बचाने के लिए एहतियाती कदम उठाने में मदद मिलेगी और हमें इस वायरस के फैलने से रोकने के लिए जहाँ सम्भव हो

सरकार के प्रयासों का समर्थन करने में, प्रसन्नता होगी। इससे पहले, गौलड रोक इन्वेस्टमेंट ने प्रधान मंत्री को पाँच हजार मास्क दान में किया था जिसे इ-तौकई अफैर्यस बोर्ड क चौदह प्रांतों में बाँटा गया था। स्वास्थ्य और चिकित्सा मंत्रालय द्वारा इन चौदह प्रांतों में हेन्ड सेनिटाइज़र भी बाँटे जाएंगे। प्रधान मंत्री ने प्रायवट सेक्टर द्वारा मदद पहुँचाने की सराहना की और दोहराया कि कोविड-19 महामारी को रोकने तथा सरकार के प्रयास में प्रायवट सेक्टर का योगदान बहुत ही महत्व रखता है।

फीजी शुगा कौपेरेशन का नया चेयरमेन

रोनल देव

प्रधान मंत्री वोरेंगे बर्डिनमारामा ने फीजी शुगा कौपेरेशन के नए चेयरमेन श्री प्रदीप लाल को बधाई दी है।



हालही एफ.एस.सी के चेयरमेन श्री प्रदीप लाल की बोर्ड ने नई नियुक्ति की घोषणा की जब भुतपुर्व चेयरमेन श्री विष्णु मोहन ने अपना इस्तेफा दिया जिन्होंने करीब पाँच सालों तक सेवा प्रदान की थी। श्री लाल को बधाई देते हुए प्रधान मंत्री ने कहा कि उन्हें भरोसा है कि वो एफ एस सी में और अच्छे बदलाव लाने में असाधारण मूल्य जोड़ेंगे। श्री बर्डिनमारामा ने कहा कि श्री लाल ने पिछले चार सालों से एफ एस सी बोर्ड में डायरेक्टर की हैसियत से काम किया है जहाँ उन्होंने लगन से काम करने के अलावा कौपेरेशन में अच्छे बदलाव लाने के लिए बड़ी भूमिकाएँ निभाईं।

प्रधानमंत्री दफ्तर तथा चीनी व्यवसाय के पेमेन्ट स्कैंडरी श्री योगेश करण ने प्रधानमंत्री की बातें दोहराते हुए कहा कि नए चेयरमेन के पास बड़ी व्यावसायिक संस्थाओं का संचालन करने के लिए अनुभव का खज़ाना है जो बेशक चीनी व्यवसाय को पुनःजीवित करने वाले फीजी सरकार के कार्यक्रम में महत्वपूर्ण योगदान देगा।

श्री करण ने कहा कि जबकि हम गन्ने कटाई के नए मौसम में हैं तो ऐसे में सरकार, सभी साइडरों के साथ मिलकर काम करेगी ताकि ये मौसम भी सभी के लिए बेहतर हो। एफ एस सी के नए चेयरमेन जल्द कौपेरेशन के लिए अपनी योजनाएं आम करेंगे।

श्री प्रदीप लाल अभी वोडाफोन फीजी के रिजिनल चीफ एक्जेटिव ऑफिसर हैं तथा वोडाफोन पापुआ निउ गिनी के मैनेजिंग डायरेक्टर भी हैं।

अगली सूचना तक सभी स्कूल बन्द रहेंगे

रोनल देव

शिक्षा मंत्रालय ने स्वास्थ्य मंत्रालय से विचार लेने के बाद सभी विद्यार्थियों, माता-पिताओं तथा अध्यापकों को सलाह दी है कि देश भर में सभी स्कूल अगली सूचना तक बन्द रहेंगे। मंत्रालय ने माता-पिताओं से माँग की है कि वे अपने बच्चों को घर पर सुरक्षित रखें और उन्हें बेवजह इधर-उधर न घूमने दें क्योंकि कोविड-19 के मामले बढ़ते जा रहे हैं। दुनिया भर के कई देशों में सुरक्षा और सावधानी बरतने के लिए स्कूल बन्द रखे गए हैं।

अगली सूचना तक जबकि सभी स्कूल बन्द रहेंगे तो ऐसे में मंत्रालय बच्चों के लिए लगातार सीखने की

समाग्री उपलब्ध करेगा ताकि बच्चे सीखने के वातावरण में अपनी शिक्षा जारी रख सकें।

मंत्रालय के वेबसाइट और लैनिंगहब पर वोकशीट्स उपलब्ध रहेंगे, वालेसी के एडुकेशन चैनल 9 पर शिक्षा वाले विडियो कार्यक्रम दिखाए जा रहे हैं जबकि एफ.बी.सी के रेडियो फीजी 1 और रेडियो फीजी 2 पर शिक्षा कार्यक्रम प्रसारित किए जाएंगे।

सभी माता-पिताओं को ध्यान में रखना होगा कि सभी बच्चे साफ-सुथरा रहने की आदत डालें और अपनी सुरक्षा और भलाई के लिए घर पर रहें। समय आने पर मंत्रालय और भी घोषणाएँ करेगा।

सुरक्षा उपकरण की नई सहायता

रोनल देव

कोविड-19 का जवाब देने में फीजी की मदद करने के लिए चीनी सरकार ने पाँच लाख डॉलर (\$500,000) लागत सुरक्षा उपकरण दान किए हैं।

पिछले गुरुवार को पहला बैच फीजी पहुँचा है जिसमें पाँच लाख पचास हजार (550,000) से-जिकल मास्क, दो हजार गाउन्स, दो सौ थैमल गन्स शामिल हैं। यह सहायता फीजी में चीनी दूतावास, ग्वानाडोन्ग प्रांत स्थित ग्वान्ज़ो मुनिसिपालिटी के मार्फत दी गई है।

इस सहायता के लिए चीनी सरकार का आभार व्यक्त करते हुए स्वास्थ्य मंत्री डाक्टर इफ़ैरैमी वाँगाईनवेते ने सही समय पर सहायता देने के लिए धन्यवाद दिया।

मंत्री वाँगाईनवेते ने कहा कि सुरक्षा उपकरण हमारे स्वास्थ्य विशेषज्ञों के लिए एक ज़रूरी संसाधन है और यह सहायता उन हजारों फ़न्टलाइन कर्मचारियों के प्रयासों की सराहना करने में मदद करता है जो फीजीवासियों



चीन से दान में सुरक्षा उपकरण। चित्र: प्रदान किया गया

की भलाई की रक्षा और पूरे देश को सेवा प्रदान करने के लिए अपनी जान दाँव पर लगाते हैं।

स्वास्थ्य मंत्री ने कहा कि जबकि फीजी के आगे बहुत है कठिन और लम्बा रास्ता है तो ऐसे में साथ मिलकर काम करना ज़रूरी है ताकि हम कोविड-19 संकट से उभर सकें।

चीनी राजदूत महामहीम गियान वो ने कहा कि चीन समझता है कि फीजी किस चुनौती का सामना कर रहा है तथा इस सहायता से चीन इस बात का विश्वास दिलाना चाहता है कि वो संकट के समय हमेशा फीजी के साथ खड़ा रहेगा।

“चीन, फीजी की जनता और यहाँ की सरकार के साथ काँध-से काँधा मिलाकर कोरोनावायरस के साथ लड़ाई करेगा। चीन के ग्वानाडोन्ग प्रोविन्स में लोग कोविड-19 के साथ युद्ध कर रहे

हैं लेकिन यह उन्हें अन्य शहरों की युद्ध में मदद करने से नहीं रोक रहा है।”

“सुरक्षा उपकरण का उपयोग करने से हमारे फ़न्टलाइन कर्मचारी गम्भीर बीमारियों के खतरे से बचने के साथ-साथ उनका भरोसा भी मज़बूत होगा जब वे हम बाकी लोगों को सुरक्षा प्रदान करने का काम करेंगे। चीन, फीजी के साथ अपने द्वीपक्षीय संबंध को और आगे बढ़ाएगा और लगातार इस तरह की सहायता देना जारी रखेगा ताकि फीजी की आर्थिक सुधार में योगदान देने के साथ वे फीजीयन लोगों को जल्द से जल्द वापस अपनी सामान्य ज़िन्दगी जीने में मदद कर सकें। पिछले साल फीजी पर जब कोविड-19 का पहला प्रकोप पड़ा था तब भी चीनी सरकार ने फीजी की मदद की थी।

ऑस्ट्रेलियन सरकार ने ग्रांट बढ़ाया

रोनल देव

ऑस्ट्रेलियन सरकार ने फीजीयन सरकार के फीजी साएक्लोन रिकवरी प्रोग्राम को बढ़ावा देने के लिए बारह दशमलौ पाँच (12.5) मिलियन ऑस्ट्रेलियन डॉलर करीब बीस मिलियन फीजीयन डॉलर ग्रांट दिया है जो उन स्कूलों को दोबारा बनाने पर ध्यान देगा जिन्हें समुद्री आँधी यासा के दौरान क्षति पहुँची थी।

हालमें फीजीयन और ऑस्ट्रेलियन सरकार के बीच सीधे फंडिंग करने वाली सुविधा पर हस्ताक्षर किया गया जिसके तहत ये पैसे अगले तीन सालों में खर्च किए जाएंगे। जैसे-जैसे योजनाएं आगे बढ़ेंगी, वैसे-वैसे इस साल से अगले साल, अगले साल से 2023, तथा 2023 से 2024 पैसे लगाए जाएंगे।

समझौते पर हस्ताक्षर करते हुए, अटेनी जेनरल अईयाज़ सईयद-खंडू ने प्रकाश डाला कि पिछले कुछ महीने से फीजी चुनौतियों का सामना कर रहा है, जहाँ पिछले साल दिसम्बर में समुद्री आँधी यासा ने तबाही मचाई, फिर इस साल फरवरी में समुद्री आँधी आना और अब कोविड-19 का प्रकोप पड़ रहा है।

“समुद्री आँधी यासा जो कि एक



अटेनी जेनरल अईयाज़ सईयद-खंडू के साथ ऑस्ट्रेलियन हाय कमिशनर जोन फिक्स, फंडिंग सुविधा पर हस्ताक्षर करने के बाद। चित्र: इलिसापेदी तुईवाले

कटेग्री 5 आँधी थी, पिछले साल कटेग्री 5 समुद्री आँधी हेरल्ड के आठ महीने बाद आई जिसने फीजी के दक्षिण-पूर्वी हिस्से में भारी नुकसान किया, चार लोगों की जान गई और इससे लगभग एक लाख चालिस हजार लोगों पर असर पड़ा तथा बहुत से सार्वजनिक संसाधनों को नुकसान हुआ,” उन्होंने कहा।

“फीजीयन सरकार ने समुद्री आँधी यासा रैस्पॉन्स और रिकवरी योजना बनाई जिससे पता चला कि तुरन्त 75.9 मिलियन

फीजीयन डॉलर की ज़रूरत होगी और अगले तीन सालों वाली योजना

में एक सौ बासठ (162) मिलियन फीजीयन डॉलर की सहायता की ज़रूरत होगी।”

“इस योजना की प्रमुख प्राथमिकताएं हैं कि सुधार लाना तथा उनसठ श्यशत स्कूलों को फिर से और मज़बूती से बनाना,” उन्होंने कहा।

ऑस्ट्रेलियन सरकार प्राथमिकता वाले इलाके पर गौर कर रही है तथा उत्तरी विभाग में नौ स्कूलों में सुधार लाने या उन्हें फिर से बनाने में सहयोग दे रही है जिनमें लेकुतु डिस्ट्रिक्ट स्कूल, नुकु-बुलु प्राथमरी स्कूल, मारामारूआ

डिस्ट्रिक्ट स्कूल, ड्रेकेती डिस्ट्रिक्ट स्कूल, बूआ डिस्ट्रिक्ट स्कूल, दामा डिस्ट्रिक्ट स्कूल, वाईलेवू डिस्ट्रिक्ट स्कूल तथा रातु लूके मेमोरियल स्कूल शामिल हैं।

ऑस्ट्रेलियन सरकार, एक स्वतंत्र थर्ड पार्टी के द्वारा संचालित एक प्रोजेक्ट सपोर्ट सुविधा के मार्फत इस योजना को कार्यरूप देगी जबकि फीजीयन सरकार, अर्थ-व्यवस्था मंत्रालय की कोन्सट्रक्शन इंप्लीमेंटेशन युनिट के मार्फत योजना की जाँच पड़ताल करने के साथ-साथ कोन्ट्रैक्ट्स को पैमन्ट देने के ज़िम्मेदार होगी।

“इस बात का ध्यान रखने के लिए कि ये व्यवस्था सफलता पूर्वक हो, हम एक स्टीरिंग कमिटी बनाएंगे जिनमें शिक्षा मंत्रालय, अर्थ-व्यवस्था मंत्रालय, खास करके कोन्सट्रक्शन इंप्लीमेंटेशन युनिट तथा ऑस्ट्रेलियन हाई कमिशन के अधिकारी होंगे,” अटेनी जेनरल ने कहा। इस योजना पर निगरानी रखना बेहद ज़रूरी है क्योंकि वे न केवल इमारतों को फिर से बना रहे हैं बल्कि इनका निर्माण और भी मज़बूती से हो रहा है ताकि वे भविष्य में और भी खराब मौसम का सामना कर सकें।



Coping with stress during the 2019-nCoV outbreak



किसी एक संकट के दौरान उदास होना, तनावग्रस्त, उलझन में, घबराना तथा गुस्सा होना आम बात है।

जिनपर आप भरोसा करते हैं कि वो आपकी मदद करेंगे उनसे बातें करें। अपने दोस्तों परिवार वालों को संपर्क करें।

अगर आपको घर पर रहना है, तो स्वस्थ रहे, सही भोजन करें, अच्छी तरह सोए, कसरत करें, चाहने वालों से ही मेल-जोल रखें और अन्य दोस्तों रिश्तेदारों से ई-मेल या फोन पर बातें करें।

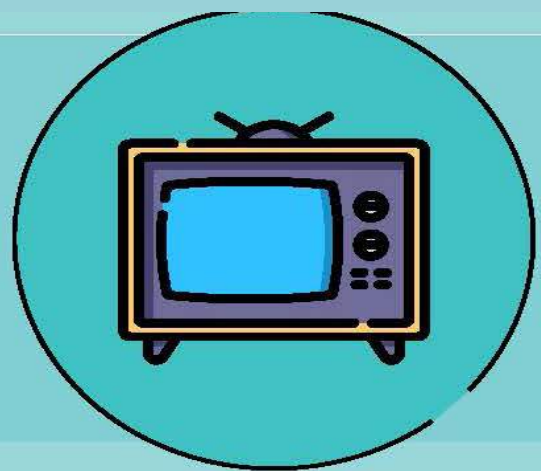


अपनी भावनाएं दबाने के लिए तम्बाकू, शराब या अन्य नशीले पदार्थों का सहारा न ले।

अगर आप घबराया हुआ महसूस करें तो कोई स्वास्थ्य कर्मचारी या काउन्सलर से बातें करें। एक योजना बनाएं कि अगर आपको शारीरिक और मानसिक स्वास्थ्य की ज़रूरत हुई तो आप कहाँ जाएंगे।

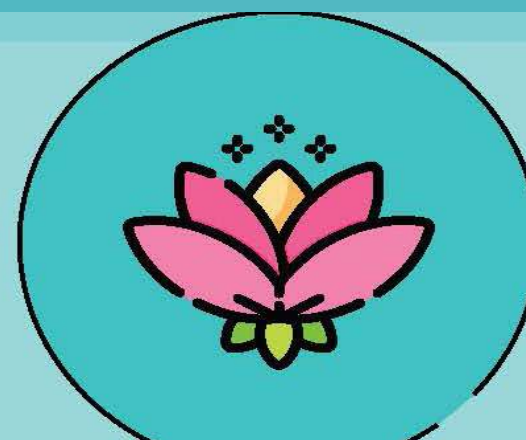
सच्ची जानकारी इकट्ठा करें। वो जानकारी हासिल करें जो सही तरीके से खतरों की पहचान करने में आपकी मदद कर सके

ताकि आप उचित सावधानियाँ ले सकें। और जानकारी के लिए आप www.who.int या www.health.gov.fj पर जा सकते हैं।



आप या आपके परिवार को समाचार माध्यमों की उन रिपोर्ट्स को कम देखना या सुनना चाहिए जो आपको परेशान कर देते हैं।

अपनी पिछली ज़िन्दगी में आपने जिन उपायों से मुश्किलों को हल किया है उन्हीं उपायों का उपयोग करके आप उन भावनाओं पर काबू करें जो आप इस महामारी के दौरान सामना कर रहे हैं।



अपना केयर फीजी

आसान कोविड-घात कोन्टेक्ट ट्रैकिंग के लिए स्थानों से सुरक्षित चेक इन और चेक आउट करें

क्यू आर कोड को स्कैन करने के लिए आपको डाटा या वाएफाई की ज़रूरत नहीं है। आपको सिर्फ अपने फोन का “मोबाईल डाटा” फीचर ऑन रखना है।



केयरफीजी चेक इन का उपयोग करने से स्वास्थ्य मंत्रालय और मेडिकल सेविसस को जल्द से क्लस्टर्स की पहचान करने और उन्हें अलग करने में मदद मिलती है।



केयरफीजी चेक-इन क्यू आर का पोस्टर किसी इमारत या जगह के अन्दर जाने या बाहर निकलने वाले प्रमुख जगह पर लगे होने चाहिए



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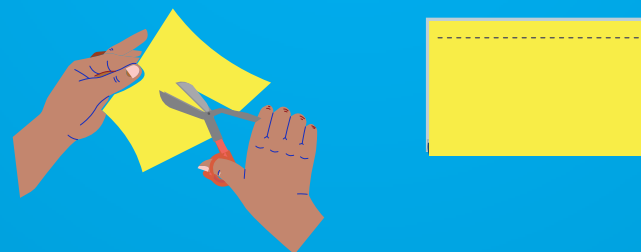
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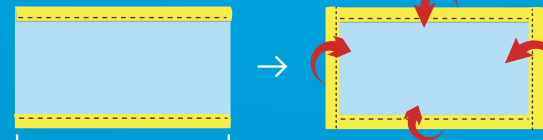
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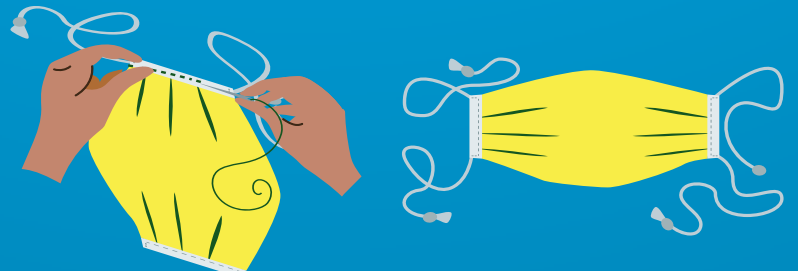
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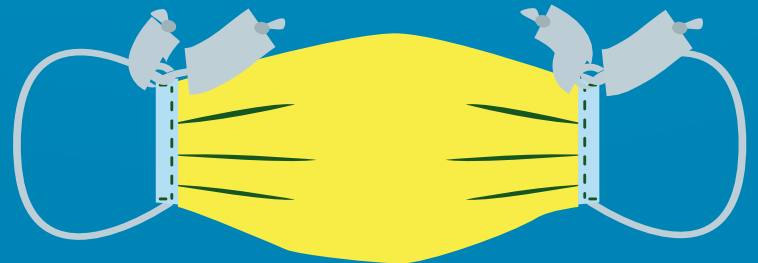
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कपड़े का बाहरी हिस्सा मोड़े (जो मेज़ को छू रहा है) हलके से एक दूसरे के ऊपर रखें। मुड़े हुए कपड़े को ऊपर वाले कपड़े के साथ सिलाई करें। मास्क के ऊपर और निचले हिस्से की भी सिलाई करें।

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चार धागों या दो एलेस्टिक के टुकड़ों को मास्क के दोनों ओर लगाए। मास्क के बाहरी और अन्दर के हिस्सों को धागों या एलेस्टिक के साथ मोड़ें। धागों या एलेस्टिक के सुरक्षित रूप से पकड़ के लिए दोनों हिस्सों की सिलाई करें

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धाके या एलेस्टिक की दूसरी ओर सुरक्षित गाँठ बाँध ले। ध्यान में रखें कि गाँठ कसके बंधी हो।



अपने आप को COVID-19 से बचाएं



अपने हाथों को बीस सेकन्ड्स तक साबुन पानी से धोए या हैंड सेनेटाइज़र का उपयोग करें



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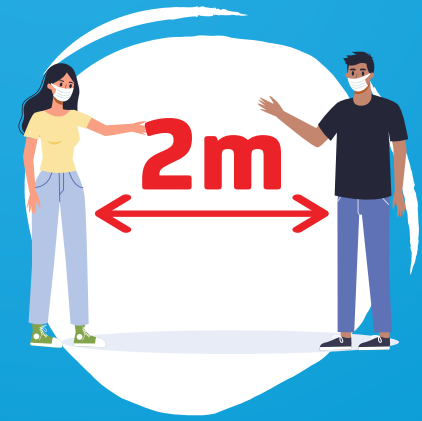
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बजट पर परामर्श के दौरान अपनी राय देते हुए

चित्र: अज़ारिया फरीन

अटोनी जेनरल ने बजट पर विचार विमर्श किया

रोनल देव

अटोनी जेनरल तथा अर्थ-व्यवस्था मंत्री अईयाज़ सईयद खईयूम ने, इस साल और अगले साल (2021-2022) के राष्ट्रीय बजट पर अलग-अलग क्षेत्र के प्रतिनिधियों से मुलाकात की। पिछले हफ्ते उन्होंने असोसिएशन ओफ बेन्क्स, फीजी होटल एंड टूरिज़्म असोसिएशन तथा बिज़नेस प्रोसेस आउटसोर्सिंग काउन्सिल से मुलाकात की। इस दौरान कुछ मुख्य विषयों पर बातचीत हुई

जिनमें कोविड-19 टीके लगाने वाले अभियान, सुरक्षित तरीके से व्यापार खोलना, मजदूर तथा मजदूर मालिकों को राहत देने, अर्थ-व्यवस्था में सुधार तथा सरकारी नितियाँ शामिल हैं। उन्होंने गामन्ट व्यवसाय तथा टेक्सटाईल, क्लोथिंग एंड फुटवेयर काउन्सिल से बजट पर उनका विचार लिया। “नागरिक समाज से लगभग दो सौ लोग इस बात-चीत में भाग लेने में दिलचस्पी दिखा रहे हैं। जैसा हर साल हो रहा है, बजट तैयार करने से पहले यह ज़रूरी है कि उन लोगों का विचार

लिया जाए जिनपर असर पड़ेगा ताकि उनकी भी बातें भी सुनी जाए,” अटोनी जेनरल ने कहा। उन्होंने ट्रान्सपोर्ट असोसिएशन, बिज़नेस काउन्सिल, संस्थाओं तथा नागरिक समाज से भी वार्ताएं की। कुछ नागरिक समाज की संस्थाएं जिनसे वार्ताएं हुई हैं में फीजी काउन्सिल ओफ सौशल सेविस, लाईफ-फ़्लायट फीजी, एम्पावा पेंसिफिक, फेमलिक पेंसिफिक, रई नवौ प्राईड, अईशिया पेंसिफिक फोरम ओन फेमलीस इंटरनेशनल, फीजी विमन्स राईट्स मूवमन्ट, सिटिज़न्स कोन्सटीट्यूशनल फोरम,

रिप्रोडक्टिव हेल्थ असोसिएशन ओफ फीजी, फाउन्डेशन फोर एडुकेशन ओफ नीडी चिलरन और सईव दी चिलरन फन्ड। इस बातचीत में हिस्सा लेने वालों ने अपना अनुभव अन्य लोगों के साथ बाँटा कि कोविड-19 महामारी की वजह से वे कौन-कौन सी चुनौतियों का सामना कर रहे हैं तथा राष्ट्रीय बजट पर अपना सुझाव भी दिया। इस साल और अगले साल (2021-2022) के राष्ट्रीय बजट की घोषणा शुक्रवार सोलह (16) जुलाई की रात सात बजे से होगी।

Noda Viti



NAMAKI ME KACIVAKI NA TUVATUVA VAKAILAVO ENA 16 NI JULAI

NAMAKA na lewenivanua ena noda vanua meda na rogoca na ituvatuva vakailavo ni matanitu ena vula o Julai oqo ena i 16 ni siga. Ena loma ni vula sa oti oqo era vakasokumuni itukutuku volikina na Vunilawa ka Minisita ni Tuvatuva vakailavo ni Matanitu, Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum. Me vaka era taba toka ena vica na itaba oqo ena nodra boseka kei ira na liuliu ni VeiVakabauta ena noda Vanua.

Rawa ni saumi nomu dinau ni vale ena FNPF

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

NA itukutuku rogo vinaka vei kemuni na meba ni Tabacakacaka ni ilavo musuki ni tamata cakacaka se Fiji National Provident Fund.

Sa rawa ni o sauma nomu dinau ni vale mai nomu ilavo ni FNPF kevaka ko sotava tiko na bolebole ni COVID-19.

E na vakadonui na nomu kerekere kevaka ko:

Sotava tiko na bolebole ni COVID-19. E tiko nomuni dinau ni vale ena Baqe. Koni kerea na veivuke ni nomuni vukei ena cegu ni sausaumi ena ika 31 ni Maji 202. Ko ni itaukei ni vale oya se qele oya. Ka mokittaki tu na nomuni ivale se qele ka oni sauma tiko e veivula ka sega ni taukeni vakabisinisi.

Sa rawa edaidai mo kerea e 100 na pasede ni nomu General Account keina 50 na pasede ni nomu Preserved Account me tekivu ena 1 imatai ni Evereli 2021.

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VUKEI VITI ENA ICULA

JOSEFA ULUILAKEBA

ERA tadu mai ena noda vanua e lewe 8 ivakalesilesi ni tabana ni bula mai Ositerelia kei Niusiladi mera mai vuke Viti ena veiqaravi sa vakayacora tiko baleta na veitaqomaki ena mate taka oqo na COVID-19.

Oqo e salamuria tikoga na kerekere ni matanitu o Viti mera veivuke mai o rau na matanitu vuvale erua ena ivakalesilesi era tiko veiira na kila vakacakacaka me vukei ira na

ivakalesilesi era sa veiqaravi tiko ena noda vanua.

Ratou na mai siga 28 na ivakalesilesi oqo ena noda vanua ena kena sasaga taki eso na vanua galala mera vukei kina oira na sega ni tauvi ira na mate taka oqo na COVID-19 ka vakaukauwataki na veiqaravi.

Vakavinakataka o Ositerelia na nodra veiqaravi taumada na lewenivanua kei na vakalesilesi ni tabana ni bula ena taqomaki ni vanua o Viti.

E vakaitavi na Mata ni matanitu ko Ositer-

elia e Viti ko John Feakes na kena soli ki na noda matanitu e 50,000 na i cula ni tatarovi ni mate taka na COVID. E ciqoma e na vuku ni noda matanitu ko Vuniwai Ifereimi Waqainabete na Minisita ni Bula.

Na veivuke qo e tiki ni yalayala ni matanitu ko Ositerelia me baleta na nona vakarautaka mai na i cula ka me na vukea na matanitu e na cula ni lewe ni vanua o Viti.

Vakacaucautaka na noda Tabacakacaka ni Bula ko Feakes ka kaya ni sa dua na i tavi vinaka e ra qarava tiko ni sa cula oti e sivia ni

250,000 na lewe ni vanua e Viti e ra sa cula oti e na matai ni cula ka 17,000 e ra sa cula oti vaka rua. E vauqeti keda na lewe Viti o Feakes me da cula kece ka kaya ni vakarautaka na nona matanitu e Dua na Milioni na i cula me mai qaravi kina na veivula e noda vanua ka sa tu vakarau tale ga na matanitu ko Ositerelia me na vukei keda e na valuti ni mate taka na COVID 19.

Na veivuke tale ga qo e sala muria tiko na veidinadinati ni matanitu e rua ka vakatokai koto me Vuvale Partnership.



Tomani na bose ni tuvatuva vakailavo

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

SA na liutaka na Minisita ni ilavo ka Vunilawa e Viti ko Aiyaz Saiyed Khaiyum na nodra veisoli vakasama na veitabana ni Matanitu me buli kina na Budget se iTuvatuva Vakailavo ni Matanitu 2021-2022.

A tekivu na nona bose na Vunilawa kei na iSoqosoqo ni Baqe ena noda vanua, vakakina na iSoqosoqo ni qaravi Saravanua kei na Mata-

bose ni konitarakitaki bisinisi.

E tiki talega ni bose na vakatotolotaki ni veicula ni COVID-19 e Viti.

Vakakina na taqomaki vinaka ni veibisini era vakaturi tiko mera sa dola, vakakina na kena vakabulabulataki tale ni noda bula vakailavo.

Vakakina na idusidusi me muria na Budget se iTuvatuva Vakailavo ni 2021-2022.

E na tarava yani nona bose vata na Minisita ni ilavo kei na veibisini ni cula isulu kei na caka

ivava ena noda Viti.

E talei ni levu na veitabana kei na isoqosoqo era vakadonuya na veisureti ni Matanitu me mai rogoci talega kina na nodra vakatutu.

E na rogoci talega nodra vakatutu na veibisini ni veilakoyaki e Viti kei na veimatabose ni bisinisi duidui tale eso.

Qoka edua na ituvatuva vakailavo namaki vakalevu ena gauna matalia nei Viti kei vura.

Ciqomi ena mara una vola tara ni bisinisi

JOSEFA ULUILAKEBA

Era ciqoma ka marautaka na vei bisinisi e na vanua o Nadi na vei tuvatuva e so na vakatura na matanitu me baleta na cicivaki bisinisi kei na bolebole e so e kauta mai ki na noda vanua na mate taka na COVID-19.

E ra tukuna na daunibisini si ni kauta mai vei ira na vakacegu na veika sa tuvanaka qo na Matanitu me vaka na i vola tara mai na Tabacakakaka ni Bisinisi, Veivoli, Saravanua kei na Veilakoyaki.

E vakaraitaka na manidia ni sitoa nei *Meeno's* ni sa dodonu ga me vakayacori na veika oqo me vaka na veika e sotavi tiko e na noda vanua e na gauna qo.

“Qo e dua na rai yalomatua ka ni taqomaki kina o ira na lewe ni vanua kei na taukei ni bisinisi kei ira na dauni veiqaravi.

E vaka kina na rai nei Ratnesh Deo na madinia ni *Gokals* ka kaya ni dau digovi sara vakamalua na nona vakalesilesi kei na nodra veitosoyaki me ra taqomaki kina.

“Keitou dau qarauna sara me dau talevi vakawasoma na veivanua e ra vakalakova ka sa tiko tale ga na tuvatuva ke vaka e dua vei ira e veitaratarata kei dua e tiko vei koya na mate.”

Tomana o Deo ka kaya ni sa ra lesu kece yani ki cakacaka na nona tamata cakacaka ka dina ga ni sa vakalailaitaki na auwa ni cakacakaka.

Marautaki na lesu ki cakacaka

JOSEFA ULUILAKEBA

Elewe 30 na ivakalesilesi ni kabani na Comfort Homes era marautaka na nodra lesutale mera laki tekivutaki cakacakatale.

Oqori ena gauna lekaleka era sega ni cakacaka tukina baleta na leqa ni mate taka na COVID-19.

“E dau taura e dua na timi 30 na leweniivakalesilesi ena *Comfort Home Furnishings Limited* (CHFL) me sotavi kina na gagadre ni vakau oqo, ka vauci ki Samoa, Samoa, Amerika, Toga kei Vanuatu.”

Oqo na nanuma ni taukei n i kabani na CHFL, Himen Chandra, ena nodra tekivu cakacaka ena marau e 30 na nona tamata cakacaka, ka rawa nira qarava kina nodra vuvale

“Au gadreva meu vakadewataka na noqu vakavinavinaka cecekia ki na Matanitu ni Viti kei na Veiqaravi ni Commerce, Trade, Tourism and Transport (MCTTT) ena nodratou nanuma sega ni lomalomaruataka na kena tomani, ka rawa kina me dolavi raraba na



Oqo e dua vei ratou na vakalesilesi ni lewe 30 ni Comfort Homes Furnishing Limited era sa marautaka nodra sa tekivu cakacaka tale.

neimami bisinisi, ka vukei kina na lewenivanua e Viti,” a kaya o Himen.

“Na kena dolavi tale na neitou vale ni caka ivoli sa kena ibalebale mera yalouidei na noda dauvolivolitaki ni na vakayacori

na nodra ota, ena loma ni tikinisi-ga e nakiti mai kina.”

A vakuria o Himen ni vakatekivu mai na kena dolavi tale, kei na iwiliwili ni 50%, sa toso tiko na timi ena toso oqo, sa buli iyaya vinaka sara ni iyaya ni vale, iyaya

ni moce, iyaya ni moce, ka dei toka nodra sakitaka ni Buli e Viti ka volitaki talega ena Vitia.

Eratou sa vakamura kece na dusidusi ni vakadola bisinisi ka taqomaka ka muria na tataqomaki ni COVID-19.



Cakacaka vata na isoqosoqo ni lotu ni kavitu na ADRA se Adventist Development Relief Agency International kei na Tabacakakaka ni Veikabula ena porokaramu ka vakatokai me 'Jobs for Natures Rehabilitation Programs' kei na Matanitu o Ositerelia. Rau lululu tiko oqo na Vunivola Tudei ni Tabacakakaka ni Veikabula wavoliti keda ko Joshua Wycliffe kei na Daireketa ni ADRA e Viti ko Iliapi Tuwai.

Tavo na porokaramu ni cakacaka ena vakayagataki ni qele

JOSEFA ULUILAKEBA

SA tavoca na Minisitiri ni Veika Bula edua na porokaramu me vukea na lewenivanua ena nodra vakacakacakataki ka vukea na vanua ena vakabulabulataki kei na vakasavasavataki ni veikabula ena noda vanua.

Na 'Jobs for Natures Rehabilitation program' eratou na veivuke kina na soqosoqo ni cakacaka ena taudaku ni matanitu ni lotu K7 na ADRA se Adventist Development and Relief Agency International.

Na imatai ni votavota oqo ena vakakina na \$150,000 ena ilavo vakarautaki ka nanumi me soli

kina na \$1000 na ilavo ka wili kina e 150 na soqosoqo ena veivuke oqo.

Era rawa ni kerea na veivuke oqo na soqosoqo vakaitikotiko ia mera rejisita ena Ministry of Environment se Tabana ni Veikabula

Era saumi vakatabana rua na soqosoqo kece era sa vakadonui nodra kecekece.

Vakaraitaka na Minisita ni Veikabula Mahendra Reddy nodra vakavinaka vua na soqosoqo na ADRA ena nodra veitokoni ena sagasaga oqo me vaka ni san a cakacakavata kei ratou na matanitu.



Au gadreva meu vakadewataka na noqu vakavinavinaka cecekia ki na Matanitu ni Viti kei na Veiqaravi ni Commerce, Trade, Tourism and Transport (MCTTT) ena nodratou nanuma sega ni lomalomaruataka na kena tomani, ka rawa kina me dolavi raraba na neimami bisinisi, ka vukei kina na lewenivanua e Viti.

Himen Chandra
 Taukei ni kabani - Comfort
 Homes Furnishings Limited



Tubu na matua ena 3000 ena veiyabaki e Viti

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

NA siga ni June e vakananuma kina e vuravura me nodra siga na itaba qase se matua.

Vakabibitaka kina ni Minister ni Bula raraba ko Mereseini Vuniwaqa na bibi ni nodra lomani ka

dau kawaitaki ka taqomaki na matua se na itaba qase ena noda vanua kei vuravura. Na ikau ni siga oya na vosa vakaperetania - Access to Justice oya na dodonu ni nodra bula vinaka,taqomaki,na nodra bula marau na itaba qase se matua e vuravura.E viti ena wili lewenivanua ena yabaki

2017 oira na yabaki 60 lako cake e 10.6 na pasede na lewe ni noda vanua oya e 93,745.E tubu tiko na kedra,wiliwili ena 3000 dua na yabaki e Viti ka namaki me tubu ena 10.6 na pasede na kedra wiliwili ena yabaki 2050.

Kaya o PM Bainimarama ni kena ika4, ena vakarautaki na lawa

vakaturi me vakamuri ni sa donumaki na tikoleqa ena gauna ni COVID, ena dabe tarava ni Palimedi. E tiko ena lawa vakaturi na nodra totogi vakailavo o ira na sega ni vakaiubinigusu kei na ucu ena vanua ga era laurai/tobo kina, kei ira na veibisinisi era sega ni vakamuria na veivakaro ni tataqomaki

mai na COVID.

“Ena sega ni wasei o ira na itaukei ni bisinisi kei ira na volivoli kera sega ni vakamuria na veika e lavaki. E dua na kena ivakaraitaki, ke sega ni vakaiubinigusu e dua na lewenivanua ni vakayagataka na veiqaravi saumi, erau na totogitaki ruarua o koya kei na itaukei

Na bukete kei na COVID-19: Dr Bavou



Oqo ko Vuniwai Moape Bavou kei na nona timi ni veiqaravi ena vale ni vakasucu e Suva. iTaba: VAKARAUTAKI

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

KO Vuniwai Moape Bavou e kenadau na kena qaravi na marama tiko bibi ena valenibula e Colonial War Memorial Hospital (CWMH) e Suva.

E a tarogi vua se leqataki talega na nodra bula na bukete ena ena vuku ni Covid 19?

Kaya o Vuniwai Bavou ni mate oqo e leqataki kece vei keda na lewenivanua vakabibi e Viti ni toso cake tikoga na wiliwili e veisiga yadua. Na nona leqataki e dua na bukete e vaka talega e leqataki e dua na lewenivanua e sega ni bukete.

“E dua ga na leqa o koya e bukete e qaravi

tiko kina e rua na tamata,o tina kei gone e kunekunetaki tiko, kaya o Vuniwai Bavou. Na sala kecega ni tataqomaki sa kacivaki tiko ena retio,tv se mona livaliva sala kece e rawa ni vakayagataka na yalewa tiko bibi me taqomaki koya mai na Covid 19.”

“Na iubi ni gusu kei iubi ni ucu me coba tiko-ga ena veigauna kece eda biuta kina na noda duivale kaya o Vuniwai Bavou.”

Keitou taroga vei Vuniwai se rawa ni vakade-wa taka e dua na tina e kunekune tiko ena gau-na qo na Covid 19?

“Sega na virus e sega ni rawa ni takosova na iyalati se placenta e kana tiko mai kina na gone kunekune taki tiko”

“Ena gauna ga e sucu mai kina o gone sa qai rawa ni tauvi koya”kaya o Vuniwai Bavou.

“E vakadonui mera vakasucumu ira na luvedra me ubi tikoga na gusudra kei na ucudra na tina”

Kaya o Vuniwai ni ra na sucu ga mai na sala ni gone na gone,ena qai sele ga o tina ke dua na leqa vei tina se ceguleka beka o gone.

Kaya o Vuniwai Bavou ni gauna qo e rua na tina rau a sele rau tiko mai Makoi e rau roqota tiko na luvedrau ka rau vasucuma tiko.E vakatarai vei tinani gone oya.Ia na ivakasala bibi e tiko me dau ubi tikoga na ucui tina kei na gusuna.

‘Kua ni sikova na wekamu keo lomani koya’

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

VAKANANUMI keda tale na lewei Viti na turaga na Minisita ni Bula o Vuniwai Ifereimi Waqainabete.

“Na manumanua somidi goka na Coronavirus o keda saka ga na tamata eda kauta.”

“Oya e dua na vuna levu sa dau kerei vei keda mada tiko vakadua ga e vale,” kaya na Minisita ni Bula.

“Ni sega ni rawa nida boka se raica sada na tatarovi tikoga me kua ni tauvi keda.”

“Sa bibi kina meda tiko vakadua ga ena noda bubble.”

“Me kakua tale ni dua eda sureta mai.

“Meda kua tale ni veisiko kina dua tale na matavuvale.”

“Kevaka dou tikoga vakamatavuvale ka tikotani tiko ko tukadratou na gone dou kua ni lai sikovi koya.”

“Baleta oya na gaunaisala eso e rawa ni veidewayaki kina na mate.”

“O keda na itaukei na noda dau veisikovi e baleta nida tuberi mai ena bula ni kauwai kei na loloma.”

“Ia na gauna oqo ni tyiko na mate oqo eda vaulouata tiko na kauwai levu duadua ga mo vakatikitiitaki oya mo kakua ni lako yanaki mo laki vakasokumuni,” kaya na Minisita ni Bula.

“O keda tabusaka yani na itaukei dua na ka edau vakavuna saka tiko noda veisikovi na noda kauawia kei na loloma.”

“Kena ibalebale na loloma levu eda rawa ni cakava vei ira na wekada meda kua ni sikovi ira.

Kaya o Minisita ni Bula meda tukuna vei ira mera kua nimai sikovi keda oya na loloma levuduadua e rawa nira cakava.

“Baleta kera na curu mai e rawa nira kauta main a mate se da curu yani e rawa nida kauta yani vei ira na mate.”

“Me yacova na gauna sa seavu kia na manumanu ni mate oqo ena noda vanua nida cakacaka vata sa na qai rawa ni da tekivu tale meda lakova tale yani na veika eda dau marautaka tu.”

Cegu toka mada na vuli

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

SA kacivaka raraba na Tabacakacaka ni Vuli ni se tei cegu toka mada vakawawa.na nodra vuli na luveda me yacova ni na qai dua tale na kena itukutuku.

Ia ena tomana tikoga na Tabacakacaka ni Vuli na nona vaurataka na leseni ni vuli mera raica na gone ena sala ni vakauitukutuku duidui ena noda vanua me vaka na monalivaliva,na raitio na tv kei na ivola mata mera vakaogai ira toka kina na gonevuli.

Ena dau tomana tiko na Tabacakacaka ni Vuli na tabaki mai ni nodra worksheet na gonevuli ena website ni Tabacakacaka ni Vuli kei na Learning Hub.

Ena tomama talega na Tabacakacaka ni Vuli na vayagataki ni walesi channel 9 kei na leseni kaburaki ni vuli ena retio ena radio

fiji one kei na radio fiji two.

Ko ni sa kerei na itubutubu moni raica mera karoni ka taqomaki vinaka na luveda me kua ni tauvi ira na matetaka na Covid -19.Na gauna ga esa duatale kina na veisau e na qai tabaki ka kaburaki ki Viti raraba.

E tiko e Viti e 731 na Primary Schools kei na 171 na Secondary Schools ka cicivaka na Matanitu ka qai tiko tale eso era cicivaka na isoqosoqo lotu kei na kena cicivaki yadua.

Na iwiliwili ni gonevuli era vuli tiko ena noda Primary School kece e Viti e tiko ena 154,248.

Na iwiliwili ni gonevuli era vuli tiko ena noda secondary School e Viti e 70 093.

Na iwiliwili ni qasenivuli ena Primary School e Viti e 6186.

Na iwiliwili ni qasenivuli ena Secondary School e Viti e 5576.



Sa kerei veikemuni na noda gonevuli kei na itubutubu e Viti na Tabacakacaka ni Vuli me se tei cegu toka mada vakawawa na vuli ena gauna oqo me yacova ni qai dua tale mai na kena itukutuku ni siga mena qai tekivu tale kina e Viti rararaba.

Marautaki na votavota kakana

E dina ni toso cake na iwiliwili ni lewe ni vanua e ra sogo lati, e sa kauta tale ga mai e dua na ibolebole ki na Matanitu ko Viti me na laveta cake na veiqaravi ka me sotavi kina na nodra gagadre na veivuvale e so ka ra sogo lati tiko.

Tomani tiko ga na kena veivotayaki na kakana vakarautaki ki na vei matavuvale ka ra lati tiko e na yasana e Suva, Nasinu, Nausori, Tailevu kei ira tale ga na veivekani mai na vanua o Nawaka.

E oka tale ga e na veiqaravi qo na kena vakarautaki ka wasei yani na nodra i yaya gadrevi na marama e na vei vuvale yadudua.

Ra vakaraitaka na nodra taleitaka na veiqaravi na lewe ni vanua kei na nodra tu vakarau na i vakalesilesi me ra talevi ira ka sotavi na nodra gagadre.

Vakaraitaka o Ravinesh Nath, e dua na turaga ni Labasa ka vakaitikotiko e Nadawa ni ratou marautaki dina na nona matavuvale na kena yaco tiko yani na kakana vakarautaki kei na veiyaya lailai tale e so e gadrevi e vale.

"Au a qiritaka ga na neitou gagadre e na mataka, kau kurabui sara vakalevu e na kena sa yaco tale mai na veivuke e na siga levu ni kua. Qo sa i

vakaraitaki ni totoka ni veiqaravi kei na kauwai ni Matanitu" e kaya ko Nath.

E duavata kei koya ko Sakaraia Tikoduadua ka kaya ni sa dodonu me tiko vei keda na yalo vakacegu ka me da dei tiko e na veiqaravi ni Matanitu.

"Sa toso cake tiko ga na iwiliwili ni tauvimate, au sa kerea kina vei keda me da muri lewa ka wawa toka ga e vale. E na yaco ga mai na veiqaravi ni Matanitu," kaya ko Tikoduadua.

ITaba: JOSEFA ULULAKEBA





Lesu ki Vanua Levu

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

SA kacivaka na Talai Veivuke ena Vuailiku mesa tekivu ciqomi ira lesu tale na mai tao e Viti Levu ena vukuni sogo-sogo a vakayacori baleta na mate na Covid 19. Kaya o Rainima ni ratou sa laki raica na vale ka vakatikitikitaki kina na suka yani. E kaya ni ra na vakatovolei mada e liu mera vakatikitikitaki vataga vakavuvale. Ke kunei ni lako vinaka ni oti e 14 na siga sa na tomani tiko na kenai walewale koya. E kaya o Rainima ni pasidia kece ena dikevi

taumada ni bera ni soko ki Vanualevu.

A laki soko ki Vanualevu ko Rainima me laki dikeva na vanua ni veivakatikitiki taki.

Sa digitaki na vanua ni veivale ni Fiji Forest Industry mai Malau kei na koronivuli na Labasa College me vanua ni vei vakatikitiki taki mai macuata.

Mai Bua ena vakayagataki na koronivuli ni Katolika mai Solevu, na vale na Seatura e Nabouwalu kei na Waibunabuna Primary School.

Mai Cakaudrove ena caka na veivakatikitikitaki ena Savusavu Secondary School kei na koronivuli na Monfort vaka kina na koroni-

vuli ni vuli tara mai Naqere.

Vakadeitakai tikoga yani moni kila ni ko ira kece na lesu ki Vanua Levu era na dikevi tau-mada ena mate na COVID-19.

Ni ra yaco yani ki Vanua Levu era na vakatikitikitaki me 14 na siga. E ra na qai vagalalataki gani sa kunei nira sa sega ni tauvimate ni oti e 14 na siga.

Sa vakasala tiko kina na turaga na Paraiminisita ko Voreqe Bainimarama ni dodonu mera rejisita tauamada o ira na via veitosoyaki oqo.

PM: Vinaka na veitaqomaki

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

Sa vakaraitaka ena porokaramu ni noda Paraiminisita ena Radio Fiji One o Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama na nona vakavinavinaka levu vei kemuni kece na yatu e liu ni noda tataqomaki main a COVID-19.

“Vinaka vakalevu vei kemuni na vuniwai, nasi, ovisa kei na sotia ena uasivi ni nomuni veitaqomaki ena yadrayadravaki ena bogi kei na siga.”

“Au vakavinavinaka talega vei ira na dau ni veiqaravi ena noda rara ni waqavuka kei na vei otele e vakayacori tiko kina na tiko vakatikitiki.

“Au vakavinavinaka talega vei ira na noda turaga ni koro, isoqosoqo ni tabagone, mata ni tikina, kei na roko tui ena totoka kei na totolo ni nodra yavala e na kena taqomaki na noda koro mai na COVID-19.”

“Au vakavinavinaka talega vei ira na cakacaka vakamatani-tu ena veiqaravi levu era cakava tiko ena noda vanua,” kaya o PM Bainimarama.

Votai e 3000 na dau teitei ena \$80K

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

SA dua na ka na levu ni ivola kerekere sa ciqoma tiko na tabani teitei mai vei ira na teitei e Viti ena kerea tiko yani na ilavo qaga ni teitei ena program vou ni CASH FOR CULTIVATION.

E taketetaki kina e 3,000 na dau teitei ka soli mai na kena ilavo mai na matanitu ko Ositerelia.

Ena wasei tiko kina vei ira na 3000 na dau teitei e Viti e \$800,000. Kaya na Minister ni teitei Dr Mahendra Roddy ni sa ciqomi oti e 3,344 na ivola kerekere ka sa cakacakataka nodra votai rawa iliu e 1,805. E kaya o Mahendra Roddy ni ratou sa sivia na 3000 na ivola kerekere e namaki me votai na ilavo ni teitei oya kina 461 na dau teitei na yasayasa vakara, 576 na dau teitei ena wasewade e loma, 111 na dau teitei ena vualiku kei na 240 na dau teitei ena iwase-wase na tokalau.



E rau veivuke tiko na vakaillesilesi ni Tabana ni Teitei ena veivotayaki ni itei me teivaki ena noda veiyasa ni vale sena ka e vakatokai na backyard gardening ka vakauqeta tiko na Matanitu me vukea nodra kakana na veivanua ni sogosogo e Viti.
ITABA E LOMA: Vakavodoki tiko kina lori na itei ni dalo me veisoliyaki kina na veivuvale e Viti me teivaki e yasa ni vale.

Votai e sivia na 16 na udolu ne itei e yasa ni vale

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

NA itukutuku vinaka ni sa veivotayaka oti vei ira na matavuvale e Viti na tabacakacaka ni teitei na sore ni itei ni kakana mera tea ka tiko na kena isau ena \$120,00. Qo ka e votai vei ira na vuvale era via tei

kakana kakana draudrau ena gauna bolebole ni Covid 19 eda donuya tiko.

Kaya na Minister ni Teitei ko Dr Mahendra Reddy ni levu na vuvale e Viti era sa tauyavutaka nodra iteitei e yasa ni vale ka marautaka meratou veivuke kina.

Sa vakauqeti kemuni na veivuvale e tu nomuni qele lala e yasani vale o Dr Mahendra

Reddy mo ni veitaratara yani kina tabana ni teitei me soli me soli mai eso na nomuni itei ni kakana draudrau mo ni tea e yasani vale.

Qo ka me vaka na itei me vaka na bean, na okra, tomata, capicum kei na baigani.

Sa votai oti 16,229 na pakete itei ka soli vakabibi oqo ena vei vanua e caka tiko kina na sogosogo ni COVID-19.

Donu na gagadre ni lesu ki vale ia meda kua ni wele

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

EVAKARAITAKA ena porokaramu ni Noda Paraiminisita ena Radio Fiji One ko Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama ni dina tiko na gagadre mera lesu ki vale ia meda kua ni guilecava na matetaka levu eda veivala tiko oqo.

“Sa cakacakataka tiko na Tabacacacaka ni Veilakoyaki na nodra

suka lesu kina nodra veivale o ira veivanuyanu.

na tu mai na veikoro. Ia me ran a rejiista rawa sana qai rawa na toso.”

“E dina tiko nira sa vinakata mera lesu ki vale. Ia meda kua ni guilecava na mate levu e tarova tiko ena gauna oqo.”

Kaya o PM Bainimarama ni sa vinakaai me sogoti tikoga ma matetaka oqo e Suva Nausori ka sega ni vinakaai me dewa yani kina na

“E sega kina ni vinakati meda vakasabusabutaka na na nodra veitoosyaki na noda. Sa tabaki tiko ena ivolamata ena bogi ni sa vakatarai tiko nodra toso mada o ira na tiko ena green zone kina red zone se ena vosa vakaperitanai ‘from non containment to containment.’ “Mai Vanua Levu, Kadavu, lo-maiviti, Yasawa nomuni lako mai ki Viti Levu. Na lako mai qo esega

ni lako mai vakagade. E sega ni da lako mai da lesu tale eda lako mai vakadua,” kaya o PM Bainimarama.

“Era na toki ga o ira na sa rejisita oti. Ke segwa ni o rejisita esega ni rawa ni o toki.”

“Rejisita ka veitaratrakei ira na nomuni D.O kei na nomuni P.A kei na vale ni volavola ni Komisina.

“Kemuni ena iwasewase eloma ni qiri kina 34751 90 keo ni via

rejisita. Wasewase ena Tokalau 3313 400. Vei kemuni na tiko ena yasayasa vaka ra ni qiri kina 2231959 se 2231960.

Kemuni mai na Vualiku ni qiri kina 9904557 kei na 9080500,” kaya o PM Bainimarama

O koya e basuka na cala oqo ena rawa ni togotitaki ena \$10,000 se ona bala ivale ni veivesu.



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Ciqoma toka oqori ko Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama na ikarua ni icula ni tarovi ni mate na COVID-19 mai vei ira na tabana ni bula. iTaba: VAKARAUTAKI

‘Au uqeti kemuni mo ni cula’

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

E da cibitaka na ivakatakilakila ni matanivola na “V” ena vaccine se icula ka kena ibalebale na noda rawa ni voratan ka qaga vua na COVID-19.

“E na noa (Lotulevu, Jiune 24, 2021) au sa mai cula ena ikarua ni gauna ena icula na AstraZeneca vaccine. Au vakavinavinaka kina vei ira na noda itokani mai Ositerelia, Idia kei Niusiladi nodra vakadeitaka na levu na icula meda vukei kina.”

“A rawa beka niu waraka moni cula kece na lewei Viti, ia au via vakaraitaka vei keda kece niu vakabauta na icula au vinakata meda cula kina.”

“Na icula kasa vakabulai vuravura mai na veimate matalia eso me vaka na *smallpox* kei na *polio*. Okati kina na matetaka oqo.”

“Na icula oqo e donu vinaka kina tamata yadua na kena vakayagataki meda bula vinaka ka taqomaki vinaka kina.”

“Au sa uqeti kemuni moni cula kina kei ira na nomuni matavuvale.” Mo ni cula ena vukudra na lewei Viti.”

“Mo ni cula ena vuku ni noda vanua.”

“Sa sivia na veimama ni matua e Viti era sa cula oti vakadua, dua talega na iwiliwili vinaka era sa cula oti vakarua.”

“Au vakacautaki iko kau vakavinavinaka vei iko keo dua vei ira.”

“Na kena itosotoso oqo ena levu sara era sana cula oti me rawa ni lesu tale main a bula vinaka eda a bula voli mai kina eliu.”

“Me rawa nida veimaliwai tale. Me rawa nida kida-vaki ira lesu tale mai na noda vulagi.”

“Oya e dua na ka eda rawa ni vakanamata kece yani kina.”

Basa ni voli kakana draudrau

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

S A cakacaka vata tiko kei ira na lewenivanua era a sogosogo ena iwasewase e Loma kei na Tokalau edua na isoqosoqo ena taudaku ni Matanitu se non-governmental organisation (NGO) na *‘Rise Beyond the Reef’*.

Na ibole ni isoqosoqo na RBR oqo sai koya na ‘Basa ni Veivoli.’

Na isoqosoqo oqo esa vukea tiko nodra bula vakailavo na dau tei kakana draudrau e Naitasiri, Ba kei Ra ka ni voli tiko na nodra kakana draudrau bulabula ena \$75 dua na matavuvale.

E cakacaka vata kina na isoqosoqo kei na talai veivuke

ena tokalau kei na iwasewase e Loma me voli kakana draudrau qai laki lolomataki vei ira na matavuvale era sotava tiko na bolebole ni sega ni cakacaka kei na sega ni ilavo ena veivanua e caka tiko na sogosogo ni COVID-19.

Tukuna na daireketee ni isoqosoqo na RBR ko Janet Lotawa ni da vakila kece na revurevu ni COVID-19 ia eduidui na kena itagade.

“E tiko oira era sa sega ni cakacaka ka tiko talega o ira e sega nodra ilavo musuki ni FNPF. Ko ira kece oqo era gadreva me ra kana me ra bula tiko kina e veisiga, oya na vanua e vakanamata kina na neitou veivuke.”

“Me yacova mai e daidai keitou sa voli kakana draudrau oti kei na sivia na 1000 na matavuvale e Ba, kei Suva.”

“Keitou sa sauma oti vei ira e \$140,000 na isau ni kakana

draudrau,” kaya o Lotawa.

Kaya o Lotawa ni rawarawa nodratou vei qaravi ni ra cakacaka vata kei ira na D.O na Roko Tui kei ira na vakaillesilesi ni Tabacacacaka ni Veikau ena iwasewase e loma.

Kuria o Lotawa ni o ira na dau teitei e levu na kakana draudrau era tea ia esega vei ira na ilavo qaga ni FNPF.

Sa veivuke talega na isoqosoqo ki na sivia e lewe 300 na vuvale e Ba kei Ra ena gauna ni sogosogo ni ni COVID-19.

Vakavinavinaka vakalevu na Minisita ni Veivakataoro-cacaketaki ena tauadaku ni koro lelevu o Inia Seruiratu ena veivuke levu e vakayacora tiko na isoqosoqo oqo na RBR.

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