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COUNTRY WELL ON WAY TO REACH VACCINATION GOAL



A student receives her first dose of Moderna vaccine at Gospel High School in Suva. Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama launched the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme for children aged 15-17 years old and hundreds of children accompanied by parents/guardians convened at the vaccination sites. **Photo: FELIX LESINAIVALU**

Fiji eyes target

NANISE NEIMILA

MORE than 70 per cent of Fiji's targeted adult population is fully vaccinated and more than 17,000 children in the 15-17 years age group have been vaccinated in less than two weeks.

Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama said: "Fiji is the safest it has been since April --thanks to our exceptional effort to vaccinate our adult population."

The curfew hours has now been moved to 10pm-4am.

PM Bainimarama launched the rollout of the Schools Vaccination Programme and Rollout of the Moderna Vaccine for children aged 15-17 years recently.

With businesses and other entities, including places of worship, earmarked to open with COVID-safe protocols in place by October 4, 2021 at 70 per cent capacity to fully vaccinated Fijians, Fiji is well on its way to meeting its target and this will culminate with the opening of the international borders. Domestic borders have been lifted within Viti Levu. The Ministry of Health and Medical Services

has recorded that 591,785 adults in Fiji that have received their first dose of the vaccine and 437,730 are fully vaccinated.

Based on the latest update, total population of 618,173 people aged 18 years and over (adults), the revised vaccination coverage rates are 95.7 per cent for adults who have received at least one dose and 70.8 per cent are now fully vaccinated nationwide.

After the first round of vaccination for children, the Ministry will resume vaccinating this age group on October 4 2021.

During this period, the vaccine information

for Fijians below the age of 18 who have received the first dose will be manually entered in the digital registry for ease of access to vaccine authentication.

The Moderna vaccine is being administered first to 15 to 17-year-olds who are nearing the end of their secondary education and who need to sit for their external exams to progress onto tertiary education.

Prime Minister Bainimarama has encouraged parents and guardians to consent for their children to get vaccinated to be protected against the deadly disease.



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Voreqe
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Vaccine nationalism must end. The G7, G20, and multilateral financial institutions have failed to stop it. Only the UN can fill this void of leadership I join other leaders in calling on the UN to convene an urgent special meeting of Leaders to agree to a time bound, costed, and detailed plan for the full vaccination of developing countries.

Voreqe Bainimarama
Prime Minister

TWEET OF THE WEEK



Frank Bainimarama @FijiPM

Well done, Fiji! With 70% of adults now fully vaccinated, the curfew hours will be 10pm - 4am from tomorrow (Wed, Sept 29, 2021). Remember, from 4 October, houses of worship and almost all workplaces can open at 70% capacity to double-dosed adults. So, if you have one jab, don't skip your second!

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Pandemic recovery effort on track

AZARIA FAREEN

THE Fijian Government has laid down the foundation of our economic recovery from the very first COVID-response budget last year to the 2021-2022 National Budget, to ensure that appropriate mechanisms and guidelines were in place for businesses to re-open safely.

This was relayed by the Minister for Commerce, Trade, Tourism and Transport, Faiyaz Koya in Parliament recently who notes that "there is confidence in the Fijian Government's leadership in the re-opening of our international borders".

Minister Koya highlighted the recently held Pacific - African, Caribbean and Pacific (PACP) and Forum Trade Ministers Meeting (FTMM) and how the region is working together to drive regional economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It was agreed that regionalism and regional solidarity is more critical now than ever and as a region we have similar concerns and issues, so

moving forward as a regional group is the only way to strengthen trade and economic integration in order to set the foundation to launch into the global trade arena," he said.

"The Regional Trade Ministers have endorsed the fast tracking of the review and modernisation of the Pacific Island Countries Trade Agreement (PICTA) Rules of Origin (RoO) - PICTA is the only trade pact between the 14 Pacific Island Countries (PICs), which when fully operational, will allow increased trade and investment between the PICs."

"The PICS combined are amongst the largest export destinations for Fiji with approximately 40 per cent of total exports or \$894.6 million in 2019, was destined to PICs," Minister Koya said.

He said that better rules of entry into the PICs markets means more Fijian exports in the region which will strengthen the position of Fiji as a trade hub and be able to attract investments in manufacturing and warehousing facilities, as the market will increase to over 10 million people.

"Labour mobility is an important contributor to the Pacific economy and according to the World Bank Group, workers on the Pacific Labour Mobility Schemes send approximately AU\$9,000 back to their families- which is equivalent to three years' wages in many countries and remittances such as these are vital to support livelihoods," he highlighted.

"In Fiji, remittances over the last ten years averaged \$433.2 million, equivalent to 4.7 per cent of GDP, with more than 60 per cent of the funds originating from Australia, New Zealand and the United States.

Fiji's total remittances received last year was the highest ever standing at \$652.75 million, which is an annual increase of 11 per cent."

"The region is working on strengthening regional trade data through the establishment of a Regional Trade Observatory and a Regional Infrastructure Strategy is also being developed to guide the region's collective efforts in building on and strengthening the development of our factors of production in the Pacific," Minister Koya said.

17K young Fijians receive COVID-19 jab

FELIX LESINAIVALU, NANISE NEIMILA



Joe Rigamoto (left) with his mother Nina Rigamoto, after receiving his first dose of the Moderna vaccination. Photo: FELIX LESINAIVALU



A bus checker checks Ranadi Pickering's vaccination card before travelling to Lautoka. Photo: FELIX LESINAIVALU

MORE than 17,900 young Fijians have received their first dose of the Moderna vaccine to provide them protection from the COVID-19 virus

Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama launched the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme for children aged 15-17 years old and hundreds of children accompanied by parents/guardians convened at the vaccination sites.

Maryann Fremlin, whose daughter was the first to receive the Moderna vaccine at Gospel High School, said programme for children was much anticipated.

"As a parent, I believe it is very important for us to encourage our children to get vaccinated as well. We all have to do our part if we want our borders to open, we want Fiji's economy to get back to the way it was and we all need to play our part."

Even though there is a lot of speculation around the COVID-19 vaccination, Mrs Fremlin said, "The vaccination is a shield, and as parents we should encourage our children to protect themselves".

Another parent, Nina Rigamoto was happy that her son had finally received the first dose of the Moderna vaccination so he can be protected against the pandemic.

"I am also happy that by receiving the vaccination, schools may open soon and my son can start going back to school."

Ms Rigamoto has been fully vaccinated and urged Fijians to come forward and receive the vaccination.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Bainimarama said, "Through a collaboration with the Ministry of Health and

Medical Services, the Ministry of Education, Heritage and Arts, and the Ministry of Communications, this vaccination programme will add a powerful layer of protection for our children against COVID-19 to support their return to their school so we can get Fiji's education revolution back underway".

"The Moderna vaccine is being administered first to 15 to 17-year olds who are nearing the end of their secondary education and who need to sit for their external exams to progress onto tertiary education."

He thanked the United States of America for providing the Moderna vaccine and the New Zealand government for their help in accessing the Pfizer vaccine which will be rolled out later for children who are 12 to 14 years old.

Prime Minister Bainimarama added that the Ministry of Health and Medical Services has information that can assist parents in making this important decision for their children.

"We are using a vaccine that has been used in many parts of the world, providing necessary protection against this terrible virus."

"As parents and guardians, you will be asked to register your consent for your children to receive this vaccine. We encourage you to do so online through the Vaccine Registry portal that is posted on the Fijian Government and Ministry of Health Facebook pages.

"Registration is very simple. It requires the Birth Registration Number, Citizenship Certificate Number or Permit Number from both the parent or guardian, and the child, entered alongside correlating dates of birth."



Minister for Rural, Maritime Development and Disaster Management Inia Seruiratu during a press conference at the National Disaster Management office.

Photo: JOSEFA ULUILAKEBA

Prepare for cyclone season, minister urges

JOSEFA ULUILAKEBA

MINISTER for Rural, Maritime Development and Disaster Management Inia Seruiratu has called for disaster preparedness ahead of the 2021-2022 cyclone season.

Speaking during a press conference at the National Disaster Management office, Minister Seruiratu said that the Government's ability to manage the crisis will be tested amidst the COVID-19 pandemic and preparations are already underway.

"The looming cyclone season falls directly in the path of our battle with the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic and we expect the Meteorological Office in Nadi to give us a forecast on the number of cyclones that we can expect by 11th October," the Minister said.

"The past 16 months have not been easy for any of us. Tropical Cyclone Yasa and Ana devastated more than 63,000 households and caused more than FJ\$500 million in damages, which is why disaster preparedness is crucial."

The Minister added that a meeting of the 'Preparedness Committee' convened by Permanent Secretary for Rural and Maritime Development, David Kolitagane held on September 17th, 2021 discussed the Ministry and Government's readiness status in the lead up to the new cyclone season. The ministry currently has completed all Operational Readiness Checks (ORC) for all Emergency Operations Centers (EOC's), equipment and facilities in the four divisions.

Minister Seruiratu also explained that the ORC also assesses the systems required for response operations such as emergency or stand by communications, water and power supply, a system for activating the EOC's and its resources, stock pile of emergency equipment and supplies, suitable storage and training for civil servants, non-government organisations and volunteers to assist the EOC in disaster response.

"The Ministry is also working with key government agencies to ensure that evacuation centers not only adhere to COVID-19 protocols but are also safe and secure for occupation."

As part of the preparation process, the Prevention and Mitigation Committee will meet in the first month of October, followed by the National Disaster Management Committee meeting to discuss the state of Fiji's disaster readiness.

The Minister also pleaded with community leaders to ensure that all community members are prepared for the cyclone season.

Fiji joins global call for nuclear-free world

"FIJI reaffirms its commitment and solidarity with the international community to support all efforts in making the world free of nuclear weapons."

This was emphasised by Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama in his statement to the United Nations on the occasion of the High-Level Plenary meeting to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the Total Elimination of Nuclear weapons.

The virtual meeting held at the margins of UNGA 76 was convened by UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres and Heads of Governments to raise awareness on threats posed to humanity by nuclear weapons and the need for their elimination, in addition, to mobilise international efforts towards achieving the common goal of a nuclear-weapon-free world.

Prime Minister Bainimarama said the fact that the first resolution adopted by this General Assembly was on nuclear disarmament, reflects the supreme importance of this issue to the Member States.

"After 75 years, the destructive power of nuclear weapons remains heavily on the world's consciousness. The Nuclear Proliferation Treaty (NPT) came into force more

than 50 years ago with the overall aim of making the world free of nuclear weapons. The NPT was a great achievement, but we must do a great deal more to realise a world free of nuclear weapons. Fiji remains concerned about the slow pace of nuclear disarmament. The stockpiling and further development of nuclear weapons is a threat to the entire world, and the world is not made safer by increasing the number and sophistication of nuclear weapons in the hope that they will never be used."

He said Fiji signed and ratified the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) because it was the right thing to do, for ourselves, our communities, and for the global family.

"Fiji urges all Member States to join and ratify the new TPNW, to free the world of nuclear weapons and make our world safer for today and for future generations."

"Since the first nuclear test in the Bikini Atoll in 1946, more than 300 nuclear tests were conducted across the Pacific. Inter-generational impacts of nuclear tests in the atmosphere, underground and beneath the sea across the vast Blue Pacific, continue to take a toll on the health, wellbeing, envi-

ronment and livelihoods of Pacific peoples. Radioactive waste and machinery that were either buried or dumped into the Pacific Ocean threaten the health of our oceans. The commitment of the Pacific Island nations to the elimination of nuclear weapons is not based on an abstraction. It is based on real experience with the consequences of nuclear fallout, and it is at the root of our sense of urgency."

Prime Minister Bainimarama said it is vital that nuclear disarmament progresses beyond its current state.

"Indeed, we appear to be stuck in place. We will need a concerted collective effort by all if the world is to advance towards the total elimination of nuclear weapons."

"All Member States must abide by international laws and norms, and transparency, dialogue, and confidence-building measures are essential. Existing nuclear disarmament treaties like the NPT and the TPNW need our collective support. Constant political commitment, vigilance, and attention are needed for them to remain relevant, and to advance our goals towards a world free of nuclear weapons," he said.

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\$US200K in resources given to ministry

THE Minister for Education, Heritage and Arts, Premila Kumar, received IT related equipment and teaching resources valued at over US\$200,000 (FJ\$419,000) from Ambassador of the Republic of Korea Young-kyu Park.

The Korean Government under its Special Grant Assistance Programme 2021 has provided assistance to 65 schools in Fiji.

These schools, mostly in the rural and remote areas, were identified by the Ministry that is in need of this assistance. The items that have been donated include computers, projectors, teaching aids and many other forms of necessary learning tools.

This assistance comes at an opportune time for the Ministry, as it is planning to re-open schools once clearance is obtained from the Ministry of Health and Medical Services.

Students will return to well-equipped computer labs and classrooms when they return to school.

Speaking at the event, Minister Kumar said, "I am grateful to the Government of the Republic of Korea and its people for this donation facilitated through the Embassy of Korea.



Minister for Education, Heritage and Arts, Premila Kumar, receives IT related equipment and teaching resources from Ambassador of the Republic of Korea Young-kyu Park. Photo: FELIX LESINAIVALU

This will not only benefit our students but also our teachers, who will be better equipped with resources to enhance their classroom delivery. The IT-related equipment will motivate and encourage children to return to their classrooms when schools re-open. We see it as an incentive for their resumption of studies."

"The event is more meaningful as we get to commemorate the 50th anniversary of diplomatic

relations between Fiji and Korea this year. Improving Education Environment is one of the three main areas of cooperation for Korea with Fiji. The Korean Government's donation of IT related education equipment and learning tools would be one of the excellent examples of close cooperation between our two countries," Mr Park said.

Minister Kumar urged the Heads of Schools receiving these items to appreciate, value

and take proper care of them so that they last longer and benefit as many students as possible.

She also encouraged students to make good use of the resources to maximise their learning.

The Ministry will work with Heads of Schools through its Divisional and District Offices to facilitate the delivery of these items following the COVID-Safety Protocols.

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COVID-19 vaccine ‘reduces hospitalisation’

NANISE NEIMILA

“AS a nation, we fought a long and hard battle together since April 2020 and our achievement speaks for itself across the region and the world, and we are slowly and surely becoming one of the safest travel destinations across the earth because of our high vaccination coverage.”

Minister for Health and Medical Services Dr Ifereimi Waqainabete, while updating Parliament on National COVID-19 Response and Vaccination Campaign, said with each jab in the arm Fiji was proving that COVID-19 vaccines have the ability to reduce a person’s chance of becoming se-

riously ill, needing hospitalisation or dying from COVID-19.

“These vaccines provide lifesaving protection from the complications of severe COVID-19 and also protection against death,” Minister Waqainabete said.

He added that although a fully vaccinated person may still get infected, they are more likely to experience mild symptoms or be asymptomatic due to the protection provided by the vaccine.

“Our national goal remains to protect our family, friends, workmates and colleagues from becoming seriously ill, dying from the virus and also protect the vulnerable, including those above 80 years, those with comor-

bidities, disabilities and pregnant women.”

Minister Waqainabete acknowledged the support of multilateral partners, COVID-19 Vaccines Global Access (COVAX) Facility, in the provision of doses of COVID-19 vaccines for all eligible individuals in Fiji.

“With the assistance of the many arms of Government and members of our communities, our vaccination teams are trekking rugged terrains in the highlands and crossing rivers and oceans to deliver vaccine to everyone, ensuring that we leave no one behind.”

He acknowledged the private practitioners for coming on board to assist in Government’s effort during the pandemic with

the ministry building on the experience and success of Fiji’s routine immunisation programme.

“The use of human resources for many Ministries and agencies, vehicles, infrastructure and multiple Government mechanisms have been used in the vaccination rollout, technical support from the Ministry of Health and also our multilateral partners.

“Our success to-date in the vaccination campaign and activities in the pandemic such as contact tracing patient-care cannot be possible without the tireless efforts of many more that have supported the Ministry of Health and the many civil servants that have risen to the call.”



Minister for Health and Medical Services
Dr Ifereimi Waqainabete addressing
Parliament last week.
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OF FIJI

Ministry’s drive targets unvaccinated Fijians

NANISE NEIMILA

THE Ministry of Health and Medical Services is boosting its vaccination drive with the target approach directed to those unvaccinated Fijian population.

To do so, the Ministry is conducting opportunistic vaccination to those who have missed the opportunity to do so.

Minister for Health and Medical Services Dr Ifereimi Waqainabete highlighted in Parliament last week, the process had started in the Suva-Nausori and Sigatoka-Nadi corridors and have already picked up segments of the population, some with vulnerable category who missed out during the initial trial.

“Our vaccination teams in all our subdivisions are working closely with the Ministry of iTaukei Affairs, the Roko Tuis and Turaga ni Koro’s and our village health workers, conducting head counts to ensure all eligible individuals in villages and settlements are counselled and vaccinated,” Minister Waqainabete said.

“Let me say once again that COVID vaccines whose efficacy have been confirmed in extensive clinical trials involving thousands of people, endorsed by strict licensing authority such as World Health Organization, and its effectiveness have proven by millions of vaccinated individuals, the world is safe and protect fully vaccinated individuals against severe illness, hospitalisations and death.”

The WHO Strategic Advisory Group of Experts had concluded that initially Pfizer- BioNTech vaccine was suitable for children aged 12 years and had recommended for it to be used since June 2021.

It was also recommended that children aged 12 years to 15 years especially those that are high risk to severe COVID-19 can also be offered this vaccine.

“The Moderna vaccine is also being approved as safe and effective, and meet the Australian Therapeutic Goods Administration. Absolutely, no shortcuts have been taken in granting approval of these vaccines for children and their use were monitored daily for safety.”

Minister Waqainabete highlighted that the significant difference in the observed incidence rate of COVID-19 among the young population require further investigation, however, it is a clear indication of the risk that lies.

“While death is an unfortunate outcome of COVID-19, we sympathise with those who had lost their loved ones to the pandemic. There continues to be speculation that grows on our classification guidelines for COVID-19 positive patients.”

Be fully vaccinated, Fijians urged

NANISE NEIMILA

THE Ministry of Health and Medical Services will continue to work with development partners and civil servants to vaccinate those Fijians in communities that have not been fully vaccinated.

This plan was outlined by the Minister for Health and Medical Services Dr Ifereimi Waqainabete as he updated Parliament last week on the mitigation plan on COVID-19 operations.

With the opening of the local borders within Viti Levu and movement through this borders, Minister Waqainabete urged all Fijians in the north and around the maritime areas to get fully vaccinated.

“We know that in the Northern Division, those fully vaccinated is sitting at about 50 percent, but we would also like the Northern Division and many islands in the maritime areas, to be able to raise their fully-vaccinated numbers, similar to what we are seeing right across the country.”

“In preparations for the opening of in-

ternational borders and the influx of visitors into the country, we have recently established our Border Health Protection Unit under the Ministry’s Health Protection Division, and play a leading role in supervising our Border Health Protection Programmes.”

Minister Waqainabete adds that the Unit, under the guidance and leadership of a senior and well-trained Medical Officer, will consolidate and strengthen infectious diseases’ surveillance, monitoring, laboratory testing and quarantine services conducted by various Units and Departments in the Ministry, working in tandem with other border control services and agencies.

“The unit has been comprehensive in its working over the last one and half years of COVID and its rudimentary framework has been there from before, including the International Health Regulations (IHR).”

“Through its collaborations with local and international border health agencies, the Unit will further boost our ability to protect our population from the threat of transnational infectious diseases and

global health emergencies which also include, the COVID-19 variants that have not yet been to Fiji.”

The Ministry is revamping its Disease Surveillance Network to focus on other disease entities with potential outbreak abilities, in addition to COVID-19.

“This is also important, as we approach the cyclone season in Fiji and the ever-pressing threat of climate-sensitive diseases, if they get propagated in our communities during these climatic upheavals.”

Minister Waqainabete added the silver lining of the devastating COVID-19 outbreak was the enhancement of the laboratory testing capacity for infectious diseases in Fiji that had seen from the single machine capacity in March 2020 increase to seven health facilities in the public and private sector, testing for COVID-19 antigen capacity and to test for other communicable diseases.

“We have also increased the number of our laboratory scientists, to be able to meet this demand, but they have really been one of our important frontline workers.”



Climate Change Bill passed

PRASHILA DEVI

GIVEN the scale of the climate risk that Fiji faces, it is vital to institutionalise climate change commitment through law and the reform of institutional arrangements and decision making processes.

Attorney-General and Minister responsible for Climate Change, Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum, while speaking on the Climate Change Bill which was passed in Parliament last week, highlighted the extensive consultation, the various platforms and the numerous rounds of discussions that were held which has informed the content of the legislation.

“To this end, this legislation places further requirements upon the Fijian Government to ensure all Ministries and State entities are well appraised of climate risks and take steps strategically adverse risks,” the A-G said.

One of the aspects pertaining to the Bill, he highlighted, which has attracted a lot of interest was in the area of carbon trading and what it entails including benefits to the

landowners. Expanding on this, the A-G explained that to be clear, carbon markets will not pay countries simply because they have forests and mangroves.

“The premise of this agreement is that activities are undertaken that create additional carbon sequestration potential,” he said.

For instance by planting trees, restoring mangroves, reducing logging and changing forest management practices.

The A-G said these sorts of activities can be registered and used to create offset units.

“When a carbon credit is transferred offshore, there is no physical transfer of ownership made. The ultimate outcome is a change to accounting. Carbon sequestered in Fiji is accounted as an offset in another country or for the benefit of a particular company. Qantas may come along and for example, ask for carbon offsets,” he explained.

Furthermore, the A-G said the landowner are required to ensure there is no detriment to the land for the agreed period and the Government must ensure that the carbon offset is not also accounted for elsewhere- a process called “double accounting”

The A-G said property rights are already protected and with 91 per cent land in Fiji being iTaukei owned and protected in the Constitution, Government cannot progress these transactions without the consent of the landowners or iTaukei Land Trust Board, which leases the land, or through the Land Use Bank.

He said regulations under the iTaukei Lands Trust Act and the Land Use Act ensures that the terms of the lease cannot be changed without coming back to the lessor.

“You have to get the consent of iTLTB, you cannot change the purpose of the lease.”

The A-G said landowners have a multi-layered protection guarantee under the Fijian law.

“To put it simply, currently in Fiji, the iTLTB nor the Lands Department has not issued any lease for carbon trading to anyone (privately), none whatsoever.”

He said for example, if iTLTB has given someone a logging lease to do logging and if the person decides that he wants to get into carbon trading, the lessee cannot do carbon trading because the law states that the purpose of the lease has changed.

The A-G said iTLTB can then go back to the landowners to consult them on the lease for carbon trading and it will be their decision to allow this or not.

“Even if you look at the provision under sections 45 and 46, for example, iTLTB and the landowners agree, “Yes, you can have a carbon trading lease for the purpose you can lease the land for carbon trading purposes”, then he goes and registers that right for carbon trading with the Registrar of Titles,” he said.

“There is another requirement that the Registrar of Titles will say, “Yes, I can see your lease but go back to the landowners and get 60 per cent of them to agree that you want to do carbon trading”, a two layered system that ensures that everyone has given their consent.”

He said the Climate Bill has simply created the legal framework for recognising these rights – the process for registering projects and the process for creating and transferring tradeable units.

“Creating a new set of rights and new tradeable unit of value means that Fiji can benefit from emerging carbon markets.”

Ministry steps up support for maritime zones

AZARIA FAREEN

THE well-being of ordinary Fijians has always been a key priority of the Fijian Government and as such, policies are targeted on equality beyond geographical boundaries for the benefit of all Fijians.

Speaking in Parliament recently, Minister for Commerce, Trade, Tourism and Transport, Faiyaz Koya highlighted that the Government policies are focused towards creating greater economic impact for the most vulnerable, irrespective of religion, gender and ethnicity.

“We have continued to work hard to create opportunities for all Fijians to support and supplement their income, be it in primary resource sectors such as agriculture and fisheries or secondary sectors such as manufacturing,” he said.

“The Fijian Government has also formed strategic partnerships with businesses such as Vodafone to support micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) to graduate to the e-commerce platform which will increase the customer base from domestic to the larger global customers.”

“We pioneered the Blue Lanes initiative through the Fijian COVID Safe Economic Recovery Framework to allow a safe restart for Fiji’s growing blue tourism industry and for the year 2021, Fiji welcomed 133 yachts and approximately 600 (597) passengers and crew,” he highlighted.

Minister Koya said that while the initiative was for Port Denarau, it was extended to Savusavu to share the socio-economic benefits in the Northern Division and grant access to yacht owners to Savusavu and nearby islands like Taveuni.

“Our findings of the 2020 yacht survey showed that while these yachts spent money on fuel, marine dockage and other

essential repairs, there is also income generated for local communities, through purchase of souvenirs, yacht provisioning services, supermarket shopping and recreational activities,” he said.

“Targeted income generating programmes, such as the Integrated Human Resources Development Programme (IHRDP) and MSME Concessional Loans, have offered much needed support to MSMEs to not only survive, but improve livelihoods.”

“In 2015, IHRDP assisted the women in Vanuabalavu with two separate projects - Daku District women’s project and the Tuvuca women’s project which has supported a total of 60 women with the establishment of a business center that functioned as a collection centre of handicrafts, training centre and manufacturing site for weaving,” he added.

The women of Tuvuca were also assisted with a fiberglass boat and an outboard engine, which allowed the women to diversify into the fishing sector with total assistance amounting to \$76,065 and these women being able to generate income of approximately \$500 per month.

Another community Income Generated Project (IGP) funding was provided in 2017 to Cicia Organic Virgin Coconut Oil (VCO) and Ginger Project with the project cost amounting to \$69,666 – contributing towards the procurement of electronic scrapper, VCO filter, coconut press, generator, goat fence, seedlings and hardware materials. The project has indirectly assisted around 320 people and further direct assistance to 80 individuals.

“We will continue to capitalise on the incentives provided in the 2021-2022 national budget, whether its regulatory relief such as fishing licensing and investment subsidies, or income generation programmes -we will continue providing our full support,” Minister Koya said.



Minister for Commerce, Trade, Tourism and Transport, Faiyaz Koya during Parliament sitting last week.
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76th United Nations General Assembly

PM commits to EEZ sustainable management

NANISE NEIMILA

LIKE any other country around the world, FiJI is taking bold strides to reverse the depletion of its healthy oceans and for that the Fijian Government is committing 100 percent sustainable management of Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).

Thirty per cent of its EEZ will be declared as marine protected areas by 2030.

This was the message conveyed by Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama as he delivered Fiji's statement at the 76th United Nations General Assembly meeting virtually recently.

"We are expanding investments in sustainable aquaculture, seaweed farming, and high-value processed fish. But we cannot do this alone. We look to the global system to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing.

"We look to Member States to agree to a new treaty to preserve marine in waters beyond national jurisdictions. We need global greenhouse gas emissions to fall dramatically and quickly. At COP26, we expect the oceans pathway will be locked into the UNFCCC processes. Fiji seeks a decision in "one slash COP 26" reflecting this change."

Prime Minister Bainimarama stated for the Pacific, the mission is clear: we must keep the 1.5 target alive.

"This demands drastic emissions cuts by 2030 that put large nations on a path towards net-zero emissions before 2050. Leaders who cannot summon the courage to unveil these commitments and policy packages at COP26 should not bother booking a flight to Glasgow. Instead, they and the selfish interests they stand for should face consequences that match the severity of what they are unleashing on our planet."

At COP26, Prime Minister Bainimarama said, the global north must finally deliver on \$100 billion per year in climate finance and agree to a pathway to increase financing commitments to at least \$750bn per year from 2025 forward.

The Fijian Head of Government adds that if world leaders can spend trillions on missiles, drones, and submarines, they can fund climate action.

"It is criminal that vulnerable Pacific Small Island Developing States can access a mere .05 per cent of the climate finance currently available to protect ourselves from an existential crisis we did not cause."

Prime Minister Bainimarama said this was the challenge being faced- whether at the UNGA or the COP26.



Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama after he virtually delivered Fiji's statement at the 76th United Nations General Assembly meeting. Photo: NANISE NEIMILA

'End vaccine nationalism'

FIJIAN PM TELLS UNGA THAT GLOBAL COMMUNITY SHOULD ACCELERATE VACCINATIONS EVERYWHERE

NANISE NEIMILA

LIKE any other country around the world, Fiji's experience during the current COVID-19 pandemic was different but to protect its citizens from the deadly virus, the only way out was getting every Fijian vaccinated.

As leaders from around the world convene virtually at the 76th United Nations General Assembly held in New York recently, while delivering the Fiji's national statement virtually Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama said Fiji's experience shows how an equitable recovery can begin with getting Fijians vaccinated fast.

"After one full year with zero local COVID-19 cases, the insidious Delta variant crept into our country and sparked a deadly second outbreak. After a slow start while we scrambled to acquire enough vaccines, we are winning the battle."

"Over 98 per cent of adults across our 110 populated islands have one jab of the vaccine, and more than 67 per cent are fully-vaccinated. We thank India, Australia, New Zealand and the United States for helping us secure the doses we needed."

"Our mission now is to recover more than 100,000 jobs lost to the pandemic and to recoup a 50 per cent loss in Government revenues. Soon, Fiji will reopen to tourism and to regional and international business. We will

look to accelerate investment trends, like increased digitisation, that will modernise our economy and help it recover."

Prime Minister Bainimarama highlighted that Fiji's victory over the virus will be short-lived unless the global community can accelerate vaccinations everywhere.

"It is appalling that wealthier countries are already considering third doses or boosters for their citizens while millions of people – including frontline healthcare workers – in the developing world cannot access a single dose. Globally, thousands of lives are still being lost every day to the virus. The majority represent our collective failure to make vaccines available to developing countries," he said.

"Vaccine nationalism must end. The G7, G20, and multilateral financial institutions have failed to stop it. Only the UN can fill this void of leadership."

"I join other leaders in calling on the UN to convene an urgent special meeting of Leaders to agree to a time bound, costed, and detailed plan for the full vaccination of developing countries."

Prime Minister Bainimarama said with the socio-economic challenge affecting countries around the world during this pandemic, vaccine inequity appears to be a symptom of much larger injustice, "one that is inherent to the international economic system".

Ministry taps into bamboo industry potential

ILISAPECI TUIVALE

THE Ministry of Forestry is employing cutting edge botany techniques to tap into the high potential bamboo industry.

Prime Minister and Minister for Forestry, Voreqe Bainimarama, while responding to a question in Parliament last week, said with Fiji being a member of the International Bamboo and Rattan Organisation, bamboo has been recognised as the "tradition of the future" with the growth rate of one to four inches daily – one of the fastest growing plants on the planet.

"Bamboo has been branded by engineers as the new steel of the 21st century. Indeed it can be the foundation of more climate resilient societies. Many countries that have invested in bamboo are using it to construct cyclone-proof buildings that are both beautiful and environmental-friendly. Unlike steel which emits carbon with every tonne produced, bamboo, like other trees, captures carbon."

"Fiji's bamboo working group is researching on the properties of bamboo from an engineering perspective suitability to construct modern buildings that are cyclone-proof to our worst in climate conditions."

The Ministry of Forestry has collaborated for scientific research with a working group which includes representatives from the Fiji National University, the Ministry of Infrastructure and Meteorological Services, Habitat for Humanity and the Pacific Islands Development Forum (PIDF).

The research has been categorised into two areas – Silviculture and Timber Utilisation.

"The aim of this group is to research both local and introduce bamboo species with the focus on the types of bamboos that grow well in the country and could serve multiple purposes such as being part of Fiji's nature based solutions to addressing climate change. Also among other things provide fast going carbon storage material for construction and furniture and even for food," Prime Minister Bainimarama said.

PIDF is assisting with the construction of the Fiji Bamboo Centre based at the Forestry Station in Nasinu and the centre will serve as the national hub for bamboo-related activities.

These include botanical and agricultural research, mapping on bamboo habitats around the country and the region, and the delegated exhibition showroom to showcase a variety of bamboo products.

Prime Minister Bainimarama said the centre should forge partnerships with neighbouring Pacific island countries for joint research on bamboo species as Fiji is the hub of the Pacific and has every reason to lead and develop new forestry sectors that will benefit all Pacific islanders.



SIDS share of climate finance 'must increase'

PRASHILA DEVI

THE Small Island Developing States (SIDS) share of climate finance must be increased to at least 10 per cent of the total funds, not a measly two per cent.

This, says Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama, has to be the objective at the 26th Conference of Parties in Glasgow this year.

Delivering the national statement at the Alliance of Small Island States (AOISIS) Leaders Meeting virtually, Prime Minister Bainimarama said COP26 will be the best vehicle to lock in a clear and firm commitment to loss and damage.

"And our best hope of ensuring access to climate finance that supports low carbon, climate-resilient societies. Climate finance must keep up. US\$100 billion (FJ\$208b) annually up to 2025 is a given, and probably inadequate. US\$750 billion (FJ\$1.57 trillion) annually beyond 2025 is a realistic starting point," he said.

Prime Minister Bainimarama also questioned why SIDS have to pay punishing interest rates to finance their development when countries of the global north with greater debt exposure can access financing at near zero interest rates.

"Why can't we fund recovery from climate catastrophes through grants? Why must we be forced to take on more loans to rebuild from climate catastrophes that are caused by others?"

The Fijian Head of Government brought to the fore how the SIDS have "borne the worst socio-economic impacts of the pandemic and our climb back to the Sustainable Development Goals path is steepest".

Bringing out the contrast in priorities in terms of allocation of resources, Prime Minister Bainimarama said, "While other countries talk about recovery and growth, we talk about survival and stability. While other countries talk about stimulus, we talk about basic food security. While other states talk about difficult weather events, we talk about climate catastrophes and sea level rise".

He highlighted the need for "breakthrough multilateralism" that was fair, with SIDS at the core.

"We cannot stay on the margins as decisions are made that determine whether we prosper or struggle for the foreseeable future."



Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama and Attorney-General and Minister for Economy and Minister responsible for Climate Change, Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum during a break outside Parliament last week.
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Fiji demands greater decarbonisation commitment

AZARIA FAREEN

THE Fijian Government's Climate Change Bill is guiding Fiji's national priorities into 26th Conference of Parties and its enactment provides a strong legal mandate and framework to advance the national priorities.

This will enable Fiji to demand greater climate action from the global north at the negotiating table.

This was highlighted by the Attorney-General and Minister for Economy Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum in Parliament recently where he said that Fiji's presence at COP26 will represent the 2.3 million Pacific Islanders spread across the largest patch of ocean in the world.

In highlighting the adverse effects of climate change on the Small Islands Developing States (SIDS), the A-G added that "climate change is a pandemic enabler, a pandemic accelerant and a multi-pathway crisis engine that is the single greatest threat to the development of SIDS. We are seeking far greater decarbonisation commitments by large greenhouse-gas-emitting countries, establishing a deadline for these commitments to result in emissions peak, and committing to achieving net-zero carbon emissions by 2050," he said.

"Fiji is one of the few countries to engrain climate adaption, ocean conservation, nature-based solutions, and net-zero commitments into its Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) with developing a Low Emissions Development Strategy, and we intend to reduce national carbon emissions by 30 per cent by 2030 from a baseline year of 2013."

"Fiji is also implementing off grid solar and hydro renewable energy solutions to rural communities through the Department of Energy and the Fiji Rural Electrification Fund which is expected to assist the remaining four per cent of the Fijian population that do not have access to electricity," the A-G added.

He said the Fijian Government's goals for climate ambition are to finalise the Paris Rulebook at COP26 – meaning, agreeing to outstanding matters related to carbon markets, common time frames for NDCs, and mechanisms for enhanced transparency under the Paris Agreement.

NDCs are produced by parties to the Paris Agreement outlining national plans and commitments to reduce carbon emissions and need to be updated at least every five years to show increased national commitment.

Government stresses importance of IEK

NANISE NEIMILA

THE Government through the Ministry of iTaukei Affairs will be wielding a whole of government approach in educating Fijians in the rural communities on the importance of Indigenous Ecological Knowledge (IEK).

This was highlighted by Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama while responding to a question on initiatives to encourage learning and transfer of indigenous ecological knowledge and environmental management in Parliament last week.

Prime Minister Bainimarama said the transfer of indigenous ecological knowledge was a complex process that required deep collaboration with communities.

"But it is worth the effort because it protects heritage with those entrusted by history with carrying its legacy forward, and it informs my Government's campaign to address the biodiversity crisis that faces the planet. Section 40 of the Fijian Constitution states that every person has the right to a clean and healthy environment, which includes the right to have the natural world protected for the benefit of present and future generations through legislative and other measures."

Prime Minister Bainimarama adds that the Government recognises that solutions to protecting the natural world does not always come encased in steel and concrete, they can come from nature itself.

"Often, the answers to the most difficult questions we face can come from tapping indigenous ecological knowledge, what we call IEK. This knowledge can benefit every community in Fiji, and that is why we are wielding it through a whole-of-Government effort."

"Indeed, it is a society-wide programme, built through partnerships with Non-Government

Organisations and the private sector. Resource owners play a vital role in the use of IEK for environment management. That is why we have set up a National iTaukei Resource Owners Committee, a sub-Committee of the National Environment Council under the Environment Management Act."

"Carriage of that Act, of course, rests with the Ministry of Environment, that is why the Council's budget allocation is with the Ministry of Environment. That is intentional because resource owners, and their traditional ecological knowledge, can have a country-wide impact on ecological conservation through the Ministry of Environment.

Prime Minister Bainimarama added that in this way indigenous knowledge and practices can be mainstreamed, learned, transferred and adopted. Indeed, that knowledge can have a global impact.



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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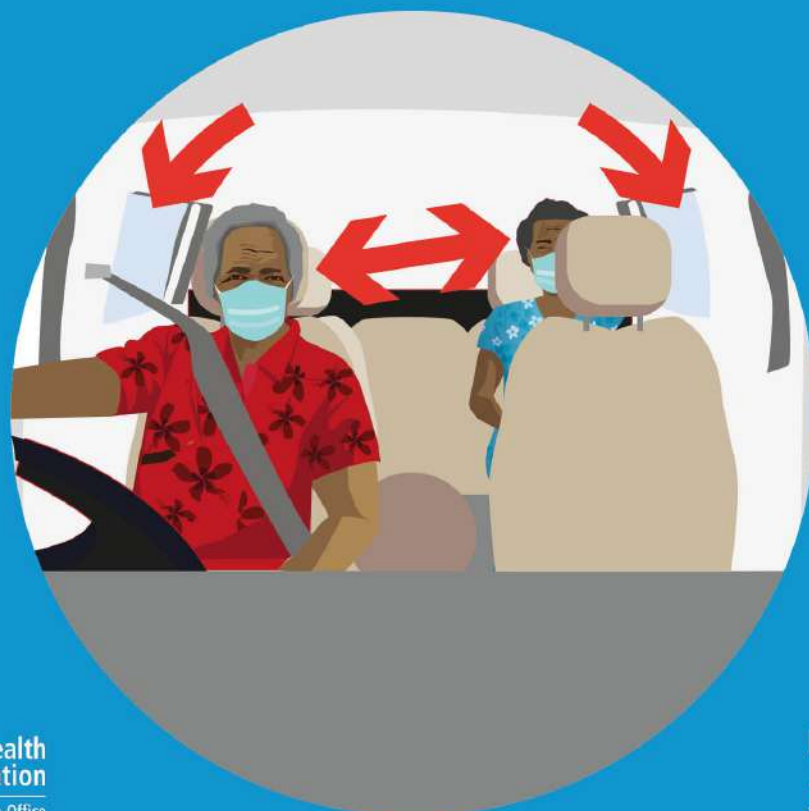
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Do not sit in a crowded taxi

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



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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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Fiji is a safe destination: Hill

RUPENI WAQAVONO

TOURISTS in Australia and New Zealand have been urged to choose Fiji as their holiday destination as stringent processes have been put in place to protect Fijians and visitors from the COVID-19 virus.

Tourism Fiji new chief executive officer Brent Hill said that with almost close to 70 per cent of our local population fully vaccinated, Fiji is well-positioned to cater for tourists when the international borders open.

"Tourists that are coming to Fiji have to be fully vaccinated and have to submit a PCR (polymerase chain reaction) test 72 hours prior to boarding. In that sense, it eliminates the risks because you got fully vaccinated people coming to Fiji and the Fijian people, they in-

teract with are also fully vaccinated."

"When they land, we're making it very clear to tourists that if they want to pick transport or they want to pick an accommodation or experiences, they must follow our Care Fiji Commitment programme and all our operators must have their staff 100 per cent vaccinated," Mr Hill said.

He also added that the industry was also looking forward to opening up more domestic tourism with the 'Love Your Local's programme being reintroduced due to popular demand.

"Domestic tourism is a great opportunity for



New Tourism Fiji
chief executive officer
Brent Hill.

businesses to gear up and getting ready for international tourism so I think it's really important for us as a country."

"We've got five-star hotels offering room at around \$145-\$150/night which is a really good strong value, but also from that perspective what we're seeing is that there's a lot of hotels that are now 100 per cent vaccinated and they are re-employing people so they are really getting ready," Mr Hill said.

He also urged tourists in Australia and New Zealand to come to Fiji because the income it generates will help people get their jobs back.

"We want people to come here and have fun, enjoy Fiji, learn about Fiji, know about Fiji and our culture but at the same time we want them to know when they come, they're really helping us."

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Brent Hill
Tourism Fiji CEO

Minister calls for protection of rivers, waterways

RUPENI WAQAVONO

VILLAGERS of Navutu in Nadroga have been urged to protect their water source, rivers, streams and waterways from harmful effects caused by human activities.

While speaking at the commissioning of the Navutu River Bank Stabilisation project, the Minister of Waterways and Environment Dr Mahendra Reddy said that rivers, streams and waterways are important to our livelihood.

"The quality of your livelihood and the quality of your life depends a lot on the quality of the streams, rivers and waterways that you have."

"Over the last two decades, discourse and dialogue to protect our waterways, our streams, and our rivers have intensified primarily because our waterways, streams and river has been abused and tempered with for selfish short-term gains," Minister Reddy said.

He said the communities around waterways and streams who derived their sources of livelihood from rivers are now being threatened by the very same river.

"Now we can see the visible negative effects of these contaminated and tempered waterways by households living alongside the banks of the river."

"It is for this reason that the United Nations have dedicated this day to discuss how we can mobilise ourselves to protect our rivers and waterways and ensure that all those people that are directly benefit from it will continue to do so," Minister Reddy said.

The Ministry for Waterways and Environment, he added, has been working very hard to ensure that biological resources around the waterways are protected.

"I want to take this opportunity to ask everyone in the country that they need to protect their waterways. We need to protect our natural resources. We are seeing large number of waterways being tempered with and this is resulting in farmers, landowners losing their arable land."

"We want the entire country to look after our waterways and understand the important role it plays to the livelihood of our rural and maritime community."

The Navutu River Bank Stabilisation project was commissioned by Ambassador of the European Union to the Pacific Seam Sujiro in commemoration of the World River Day 2021.



Fifty-nine-year-old livestock farmer Mohammed Yasin at his 73 acres of land where he wants to do his livestock farming in Nadi
Photos: RUPENI WAQAVONO

Livestock farmer commends Govt help

RUPENI WAQAVONO

A 59-YEAR-OLD livestock farmer in Nadi has commended the assistance provided by the Fijian Government through the Ministry of Agriculture's farming assistance programme.

Mohammed Yasin said the assistance came at a time when they needed it the most.

"I have 73 acres of land and I want to do livestock farming with it. I have over 50 cattle and keeping them together is quite a challenge," Mr Yasin said.

"The officers from the ministry came to my farm to see what I needed, and they helped me with equipment's for my cattle farm."

He said the Ministry of Agriculture supplied him with a 12kg of barbwire fence, 35 steel posts and materials for the race.

"From that material, they also gave me the plan for the cattle race and I built it myself. I have two labourers now and they work for five days a week which is a big relief for me."

Mr Yasin has also looked at venturing into the dairy farming with a few of his cows producing milk for him at the farm.

"I have four cows that are providing milk at home now. We can make ghee and butter from the milk we get. That is my new project and that is to get a milking machine for the cows and start a small dairy farm."

"I would like to thank the Fijian Government for this assistance. They helped me when I needed help with my farm and I'm a very proud farmer now because I have what I need for my farm."

Mr Yasin has also urged other farmers around the country to get vaccinated and make use of the assistance provided by the Government during this pandemic.

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Fiji's Ambassador to Japan, Isikeli Mataitoga.



Fiji's Ambassador to Indonesia, Amena Yauvoli.



Fiji's Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, Ambassador Naipote Katonitabua



Fiji's High Commissioner to Australia Luke Daunivalu.



Fiji's High Commissioner to India, Kamlesh Prakash.



Fiji's High Commissioner to New Zealand Filimone Waqabaca.



Fiji's High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, Jitoko Tikolevu.



Permanent Representative to Geneva, Switzerland, Nazhat Shameem Khan.



Permanent Representative to the United Nations, New York, Dr. Satyendra Prasad.



President, Major-General (Ret'd) Jioji Konrote waves as he bids farewell to Fiji's diplomatic corp. Photo: FELIX LESINAIVALU

President bids farewell to Fijian diplomats

FELIX LESINAIVALU

THE President Major-General (Ret'd) Jioji Konrote virtually bid his farewell to Fijian Heads of Missions (HOM) in various countries, recently at the State House.

President Konrote also extended his appreciation to the diplomats for their excellent work in representing Fiji and fostering good relationships in the overseas missions they currently serve in.

"I just want to formally address my grati-

tude to you and the team for all the hard work and the work you have done in promoting Fiji," the Head of State said.

In turn, the diplomats, while thanking the Fijian Head of State for the virtual call, said they were honoured to have served under his guidance and leadership and they also wished him well.

President Konrote bid his farewell to Fiji's Ambassador to Japan, Isikeli Mataitoga, Fiji's High Commissioner to New Zealand Filimone Waqabaca, Fiji's Ambassador to the People's Republic of China Manasa

Tagicakibau, Permanent Representative to Geneva, Switzerland, Nazhat Shameem Khan, Fiji's High Commissioner to Australia Luke Daunivalu, Permanent Secretary to the United Nations, New York, Dr. Satyendra Prasad, Fiji's High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, Jitoko Tikolevu, Fiji's Ambassador to Indonesia, Amena Yauvoli, Fiji's High Commissioner to India, Kamlesh Prakash and Fiji's Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, Ambassador Naipote Katonitabua.



Minister ramps up anti-violence campaign

FELIX LESINAIVALU

FIJI requires a coordinated effort and partnership with various Government Ministries, Departments, Non-Government Organisations (NGO) to address the issue of violence against women and children through public awareness and training.

While speaking in Parliament last week, Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation Rosy Akbar said, “In 2019, 10 Fijian women lost their lives due to intimate partner violence”.

“In 2020, four Fijian women lost their lives the same way, COVID-19 related lockdowns also saw a hike in domestic violence reports over the past year continuing till now.”

These include physical, emotional and sexual violence and Minister Akbar believes that violence against women and girls was “everyone’s responsibility”.

The Elimination of Violence Against Women Programmes have been developed in alignment with Conventions on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) 1979 and the Beijing Platform for Action (BPA) as outlined in Section 5.18 of the National Gender Policy and detailed in the Women’s Action Plan of 2020, 2010 to 2019 and the current 2021 to 2025 Strategic Direction.

Minister Akbar further added the monitoring and evaluation of the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Girls Programme was undertaken in partnership with various stakeholders to gauge the impact of work they are doing in terms of eliminating violence against women and girls.

“The stakeholder partnerships are also used to implement our programmes and this includes the development of Fiji’s first ever national action plan to prevent violence against women and girls. The Ministry commits to achieving results in this area of concern through its annual cost operation plan providing innovative approaches and key strategies to progress the work to prevent violence against our women and girls.”

Minister Akbar hopes the National Action Plan will give data and evidence of the root cause of violence against women and girls in Fiji and what additional contributing factors make the violence more likely to re-occur.

“The Ministry is working and involving all stakeholders to ensure that they also have a role in the soon to be finalised Fiji’s National Action Plan.”

Minister Akbar urged victims of domestic violence to feel free to call the National Domestic Violence toll-free helpline 1560 and children who are victims of violence to call the child helpline 1325.



Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation Rosy Akbar while speaking in Parliament last week. Photo: PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI

Ministry REACHes 31,000 Fijians

ILISAPECI TUIVALE

THE Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation-led Rights Empowerment and Cohesion (REACH) for Rural and Urban Fijians Project has assisted 31,000 Fijians through mobile awareness training.

Responding to a question in Parliament last week, Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation Rosy Akbar said the project, since its inception in 2015, through the collective donor funded activities had enabled Fijians in the urban, peri-urban, rural and maritime islands areas to access social, health, legal and economic services provided by the project.

The project has been rendered through the support of the government of Japan, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, (DFAT).

“The REACH is basically about the utilisation of three mobile service delivery buses which were funded by the Government of Japan and this has been critical in enhancing service delivery in our three divisions; Central, Western and Northern.”

“Having seen the value of REACH and the work that it does, it actually adds to the vision of the Fijian Government to leave no one behind and the Government approved the integration of the project into a programme in 2019 under the Ministry,” Minister Akbar said.

“So far the Ministry-led REACH Programme has covered a total of 220 districts, including Rotuma and reaching out to 1136 communities inclusive of villages, settlements and schools. 31,000 individuals, including men, women and children have benefitted from the mobile awareness training and 61,744 services were delivered by state and non-state actors,” Minister Akbar highlighted in Parliament.

Gender wise, more women have tapped into the services that were provided during the outreach programmes.

Minister Akbar assured that the REACH project will support and work in collaboration with the Births, Deaths and Marriage Office and Fijian Elections Office to reach women who will be affected by the recently passed Electoral (Registration of Voters) (Amendment) Bill 2021.

“As mentioned by the Attorney-General that close to 100,000 women will be affected by the new registration Bill, we can assure the House and all the women out there that REACH will support the Fijian Elections Office and BDM Office and bring the services to their doorsteps,” she said.

Additional funding from the Government of Japan and the UNDP will allow for the project to continue reaching out to Fijians – especially those currently living with the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and recent tropical cyclones.

“Even in my own village, we drink directly from the source to the pipe system into the village and there is a risk of water-borne diseases, particularly the Leptospirosis, Typhoid, and Dengue Fever and Diarrhoea (LTDD). We have that information from the Ministry of Health and we will work together to identify key priority areas for the allocation of this funding.”

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Minister for Rural and Maritime Development and Disaster Management, Inia Seruiratu while responding to a question in Parliament last week. Photo: PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI

Govt works to lift water, sanitation services

FELIX LESINAIVALU

THE Ministry of Rural Development is ensuring the continued improvement to water and sanitation in rural Fiji.

Minister for Rural and Maritime Development and Disaster Management, Inia Seruiratu, while quoting the 2017 Census Report by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations International Children’s Fund (UNICEF) in Parliament recently, said, “About 35 per cent of the rural households are connected to metered tap water, while 10 percent rely on high-risk water source and this was the explanation made to the Ministry of Economy for the project to be allocated a sum of \$500,000. A few major reasons are high risk water source and the other is the high risk sanitation. There is a strong link between the two because the availability of water in large quantities is a precondition for adequate sanitation.”

Minister Seruiratu, while responding to a question in Parliament last week, explained how the Ministry of Rural and Maritime Development intends to utilise the allocated sum of \$500,000 for water and sanitation provided in the current budget for this financial year.

“In realising this work, the Fijian Government provided this entitlement and this investment to allow rural Fijians the right of access to clean and safe water in adequate quantities and access to adequate sanitation facilities as stated in the Constitution.”

Minister Seruiratu added Fiji has a lot of open source gravity-fed water systems and unfortunately, most of these are untreated water.

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Govt set to roll out digital VAX-Check tool

AS announced by the Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama on Monday October 4, 2021, the Fijian Government will roll out the digital VAX-Check tool.

This tool will be made available to all workplaces, tertiary institutions, place of worship, hotels, restaurants, cafés, cinemas, gyms, pools and tattoo parlours allowing them to open at 70 per cent capacity, but only to fully-vaccinated persons.

Since Monday September 20, 2021, cinemas, gyms, tattoo parlours, salon/spa have been able to apply for a permit to operate through the COVIDPass Portal.

This can be accessed at <https://www.covidpass.mcttt.gov.fj/pass/>

add All workplaces, tertiary institutions, houses of worship, hotels, restaurants, cafés, cinemas, gyms, pools, tattoo parlours, salon/spa that do not have a careFIJI QR Code Check-In Account can now register for a QR Code account through <https://checkin.digitalfiji.gov.fj/>

These above entities can apply to the Ministry of Commerce Trade Tourism and Transport (MCTTT) for an account to use the VAX-Check tool through the approved QR Code application.

Attorney-General and Minister for Communications Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum said “For entities such as the houses of worship that may need assistance to access the reg-

istration portals, they can visit the nearest Legal Aid offices.

All these entities must have a QR Code Account and must verify the vaccination status of its patrons using the VAX-Check tool.

The COVID-Safe Protocols, which are applicable for all of the above entities, are available on the Fijian Government website and the MCTTT website.

The A-G stated that the VAX-Check tool will enable the approved entities to securely authenticate the vaccination status of their customers. As with all of the digitalFIJI initiatives, the Government follows a security and privacy by design principle and that has not changed with

the VAX- Check tool. As part of the registration process for the VAX-Check tool, these entities will be required to specify the details of the employees that will undertake the vaccination status verification process of their patrons and will have access to the VAX-Check tool.

The A-G has assured that the entities will only be able to use the VAX- Check tool to check patron details, with their consent.

If patrons do not give consent, these entities will not be in a position to provide the services.

“These designated employees will have unique login credentials. The authentication process will include a multi-factor authentication sys-

tem, which will add to the security of the login credentials,” the A-G said.

“The VAX-Check tool will only be accessible to the designated officers of these entities during a specified period.”

Members of the public who intend to visit these entities when they do open are requested to ensure that they present their vaccine card and a valid photo ID.

“Once the vaccine passport is implemented by the end of this year, vaccinated citizens will no longer need to carry a valid photo ID or vaccine card to check their vaccination status,” the A-G said.

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Market vendor Luisa Cagvinaka of Korovou Village in Naitasiri is thankful to Government for opening up borders so she can now sell her produce at the Suva Municipal Market. Photo: FELIX LESINAIVALU



Minibus driver, Kaveni Delai, says they were glad the borders were open and they would be able to earn more income. Photo: FELIX LESINAIVALU

Borders open, Fijians happy

FELIX LESINAIVALU

F IJ IANS were delighted to finally reunite with their families and businesses revived after the Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama announced that domestic travel within Viti Levu.

Minibus driver, Kaveni Delai who takes passengers from Suva to Lautoka said they were glad that the borders were open because now they would be able to earn more income.

“With many people already eager to return to their loved ones across the borders, this is a good time for us as van drivers to make the most out of it.”

Mr Delai said the there was a huge loss during the lockdown as they could not operate as per normal but he was happy that the Fijian Government

opened up the borders.

“We can see in the people’s faces that they are very happy to finally go home and see their families after five months of lockdown.”

“I am thankful to all the Fijians who got vaccinated

in order for the national target of fully vaccinated people to be achieved.”

Nadroga lass, Ranadi Pickering, who was travelling to Lautoka with her cousin, said she was happy to finally see family members across the border.

“I would like to thank the Fijian Government for opening the borders for us to visit our families after a very long time.”

Ms Pickering has been fully vaccinated and urges Fijians to also get the jab so that there will be more eases to the current curfew hours and restrictions.

She said she had been in contact with her family via social media such as video calls on messenger.

Prime Minister Bainimarama, while announcing the lifting of borders within Viti Levu said, “domestic travel will be open everywhere on Viti Levu however, inter-island travel, will remain highly controlled, including Vanua Levu. Until we achieve higher vaccination coverage in Vanua Levu and our outer islands”.

“Most us are doing what needs to be done to end this deadly outbreak, and that has put us on track to hit the 70 and 80 per cent thresholds for the full vaccination of our target population faster than we ever dared to hope.”

Prime Minister Bainimarama added at the 70 per cent threshold, the curfew hours for Viti Levu were moved to 10pm to 4am. At 80 per cent threshold, the curfew will be from 11pm to 4am.

Business opportunities delight vendors

FELIX LESINAIVALU

ON September 16, 2021 Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama announced that domestic travel will open everywhere on Viti Levu.

With much relief, many Fijians crossed borders to sell their goods, visit loved ones and resume their businesses.

Market vendor Luisa Cagvinaka from Korovou Village in Naitasiri said she was happy to finally be in Suva after five months.

“I would like to thank the Fijian Government for opening up the borders especially when we had been in lockdown for over five months and are now able to sell our goods at the Suva market.”

“Even though my family and I went through difficult times during the lockdown when it came to selling goods, I am thankful for the support by the Government at the Sawani Border in ensuring that we still had a means to sell our produce and earn an income.”

Another vendor Naitava Rasilau, who is also from Korovou Village in Naitasiri, said the opening of the borders has made life easier for him because he was able to sell his produce at the Suva Market.

“I am thankful that borders are open and I am able to sell in the Suva market where there is greater demand for my crops.

Mr Rasilau sells dalo, cassava, bele, rourou and various other goods that he farms back in his village, Korovou.

Prime Minister Bainimarama said Fijians must learn to wield these new freedoms responsibly.

“Our journey to the new normal is a marathon, not a sprint. We have to move forward in step with the science at a careful and responsible pace.”

“This war is not over and defence is to continue to test, trace, and isolate COVID-19 positive patients. So, if you are feeling unwell, please stay home.”

PM Bainimarama added that to continue to keep a careful eye on those most vulnerable, the elderly and those with underlying health conditions.

“Our goal is to free our country, and our economy, from the rut of the pandemic.”



Naitava Rasilau (left) brings his produce from Korovou Village, Naitasiri, to sell it at the Suva Municipal Market. Photo: FELIX LESINAIVALU

PROTECT YOURSELF FROM COVID-19

GUIDANCE ON HOMEMADE CLOTH MASK

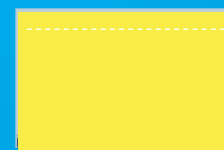
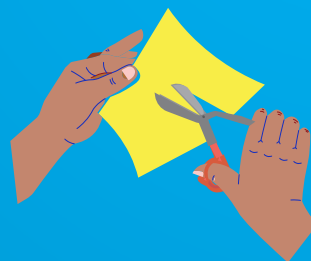
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Cut two pieces of cotton fabric (length of 25 cm and height of 15 cm each)

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.)

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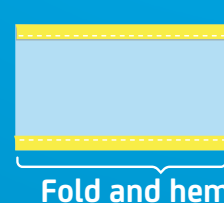
Hem or stitch the edges of the two fabrics by cutting away any excess or loose fabric.

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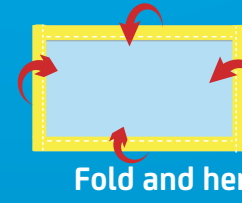


Place the two pieces of fabric on top of each other on a table.

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Fold and hem

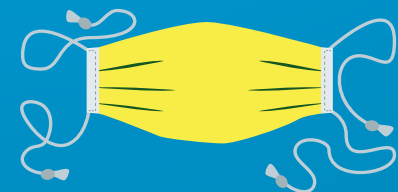


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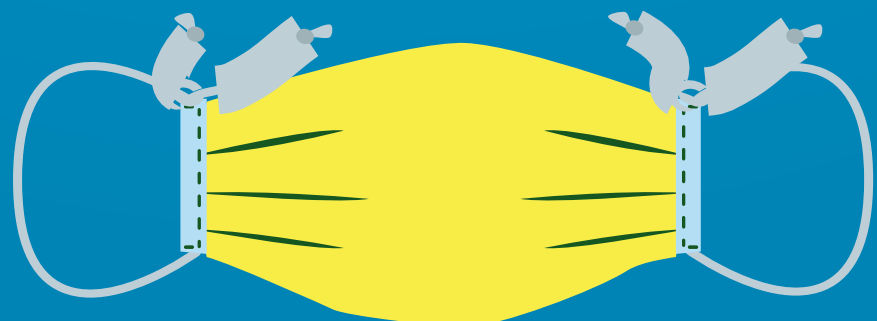
Fold the outer piece of fabric (the one touching the table) over slightly on top of the other piece. Sew the folded over piece onto the top piece. Perform this for both the top and bottom parts of the mask.

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.

6



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

You will need:

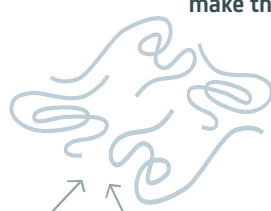
cotton fabrics



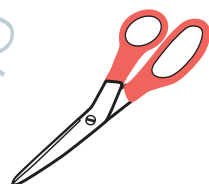
Two cotton fabrics
25 cm length and
15 cm wide



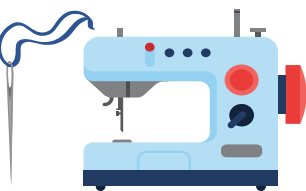
Two pieces
of elastic
15 cm length



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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Attorney-General Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum while speaking in Parliament last week, said Births, Deaths And Marriages Registration (Amendment) Bill 2021 will now essentially give the ability to both parents to register their child.
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You simply now just go to the Birth, Death and Marriage office and you can change your name. The moment you change your name that is registered and shown in your new birth certificate, the Registrar of BDM is now legally obliged to inform everyone else that so and so has now changed their name.

Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum
Attorney-General

Laws change

**PARLIAMENT
PASSES
BILLS ON
REGISTRATION
OF NAMES**

PRASHILA DEVI

THE Fijian Parliament has passed three amendment legislations that will see Fijians using their names from their birth certificate for all registrations and official purposes.

The Electoral (Registration of Voters) (Amendment) Bill 2021, Interpretation (Amendment) Bill 2021 and Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration (Amendment) Bill 2021 were passed in Parliament.

Attorney-General Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum, speaking in Parliament last week, said Births, Deaths And Marriages Registration (Amendment) Bill 2021 will now essentially give the ability to both parents to register their child.

Aside from giving the mother the right to

register the child on her own, the Bill also brings into alignment the fairly archaic law after changes were made to the Marriage Act where a person becomes an adult at the age of 18 years.

“They can also vote at the age of 18 years but in this particular Act which is still very old, you could not change your name unless you are 21 years. That has now been aligned so if you are 18 years now you can of course go and change your name,” the A-G said.

Furthermore, he said, changing name no longer requires a deed poll.

“You simply now just go to the Birth, Death and Marriage office and you can change your name. The moment you change your name that is registered and shown in your new birth certificate, the Registrar of BDM is now le-

gally obliged to inform everyone else that so and so has now changed their name,” the A-G explained.

As for married women, he said, they will have the choice- if they want to use their married name, they will need to change it on their birth certificate or stay with their maiden name which they will need to use for official purposes.

The Interpretation (Amendment) Bill 2021, the A-G said, essentially defines the birth certificate.

“To date, surprisingly the laws are so archaic that in fact there is no definition of a birth certificate.”

“It says that if anybody is required to give their name for official purposes, whether I am getting married, whether I am applying for

fishing licence or I am getting a Land Transport Authority licence or I am going to Fiji National Provident Fund or I am going for Fiji Revenue and Customs Services, I must give my birth certificate name essentially,” he said.

As for the Electoral (Registration Of Voters) (Amendment) Bill 2021, the A-G said this particular amendment seeks to ensure the constitutional provisions ensuring that the registered voter actually voting in the Elections and that equality of votes between every single voter is, in fact, put in place in practical terms.

He said the voter list must have integrity; therefore, the rationale behind the amendment is to reduce and eliminate any opportunity for ambiguity.

मुनिसिपल मार्केट को सुरक्षा उपकरण मिले

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कोविड लोकडाउन में घरेलू हिंसा के मामलों में वृद्धि हुई है: अक्टूबर

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प्रधान मंत्री फेन्क बईनिमरामा ने संयुक्त राष्ट्र की जनरल असेम्बली में विकसित देशों के समक्ष बोलते हुए . चित्र: प्रदान किया गया

G20 देशों से दूसरों का अनुसरण करने की मांग

रोनल देव

फीजी के संसद द्वारा क्लाइमेट चेंज का बिल पास होने के तीन दिन बाद प्रधान मंत्री फेन्क बईनिमरामा ने संयुक्त राष्ट्र की जनरल असेम्बली में विकसित देशों को चुनौती दी है कि वे सन् 2050 नेट जीरो कार्बन उत्सर्जन लक्ष्य बनाने में फीजी की अगुवाई का पालन करें।

फीजी दुनिया का सातवा देश और पहला विकसित देश है जिसने मौसम में बदलाव वाला कोई कानून पास किया है।

“मेरी जबकि तमन्ना है कि आपके साथ निउ योक में रहूँ लेकिन मैं अपने इतिहास में सबसे अधिक परिणामी संसदीय सप्ताहों में से एक के लिए फीजी के तटों को निहार रहा हूँ।

पिछले हफ्ते हमने एक क्लाइमेट चेंज एक्ट को पास किया है जो टज़थज़ तक नेट जीरो कार्बन उत्सर्जन लक्ष्य को हासिल करने की प्रतिबद्धता को कानूनी तौर से फीजी को बाँधता है। यह एक्ट, एक कानूनी ढाँचा भी प्रदान करता है जो हमें फीजी के महासागर और जलवायु परिवर्तन और प्रकृति आधारित समाधानों

को अपनाने के लिए प्रेरित करता है,” प्रधान मंत्री ने कहा। यू एन जनरल असेम्बली के समक्ष बोलते हुए प्रधान मंत्री ने अंतराष्ट्रीय समाज से माँग की कि वे मानवता के हित के लिए एक बेहतर, हरा, नीला तथा सुरक्षित भविष्य के लिए फीजी की दृष्टि को स्वीकार करें।

हम चाहते हैं कि द्वीपों में जहाँ लोग रहते हैं वे प्रकृति के साथ खड़े रहे उसके खिलाफ नहीं। हम चाहते हैं कि आर्थिक बढ़न्ती साफ उत्सर्जन से हो और मौसम में बदलाव के बुरे असर में उन्हें सुरक्षा मिले,”

फीजी के संसद में इस एक्ट के हक में बोलते हुए प्रधान मंत्री ने कहा था कि हर एक टन के कार्बन उत्सर्जन को टालने से जलवायु परिवर्तन के सबसे बुरे दौर से बचा जा सकता है।

फीजी की वजह से जलवायु का संकट नहीं आया है लेकिन हम उस बहाने के पीछे नहीं छिपेंगे कि हम अपनी भूमिका निभाने के लिए बहुत छोटे देश हैं। बदलाव लाने के लिए कोई देश छोटा या बड़ा नहीं है, ना तो फीजी, न ही कोई छोटा विकासशील देश, ना तो औस्ट्रेलिया ना ही निउ जीलेन्ड और न तो कोई बड़ा देश।



प्रधानमंत्री फ्रैंक बैनिमरामा संयुक्त राष्ट्र की एक सभा में भाषण देते हुए चित: प्रदान किया गया

हमने जातिवाद को खत्म नहीं किया है: प्रधान मंत्री

रोनल देव

प्रधान मंत्री वॉरेनो बैनिमरामा का कहना है कि हमने किसी भी तरह से जातिवाद को खत्म नहीं है, और हमें हमेशा

राजनितिक आवाज़ के लिए सतर्क रहना है जो सत्ता में आने के लिए जातिवाद को फिर से जीवित कर सकते हैं।

संयुक्त राष्ट्र में डेवर्न डिकलेरेशन और प्रोग्राम ऑफ एक्शन की बीसवीं सालगिराह के मौके पर प्रधान मंत्री ने ऐसा कहा जबकि यह एक व्यापक और दूरदर्शी दास्तावेज़ है जो नस्लवाद के संकट से निपटने के लिए दुनिया की प्रतिबद्धता का प्रतीक है।

यह उच्चस्तरीय सभा संयुक्त राष्ट्र के सेक्रेटरी-जनरल एन्टोनियो गुटेरेज़ तथा यू एन जनरल असेम्बली की छिहत्तरवीं सभा के प्रधान अब्दुल्लाह

शहीद ने बुलाई थी जो सरकारों के प्रधान मंत्रियों तथा राष्ट्रपतियों और संयुक्त राष्ट्र के अधिकारियों को अवसर प्रदान करता है कि वे पिछले उपायों की समीक्षा करें, चुनौतियों पर फिर से विचार करें, कमियों को सुधारे, जाति भेदभाव के खिलाफ अधिक प्रभावी उपायों के लिए प्रतिबद्ध हों।

यू एन जनरल असेम्बली को दिए गए अपने भाषण में बैनिमरामा ने कहा कि डिजिटल तौर से तकनीक में भारी विकास हुआ है जिससे नफरत भरे बयान तथा जातीय भेदभाव को बढ़ावा देने वालों को नफरत फैलाने और इसका असर दूर तक फैलाने का भारी अवसर मिल रहा है। उन्होंने कहा कि जातीय भेदभाव के खिलाफ लड़ाई पूरी मानव जाति के खिलाफ लड़ाई है।

बैनिमरामा का कहना है कि यह लड़ाई संसद में, अदालत में, सरकारी कार्यक्रमों में, नौकरी वाली जगह, स्कूलों में तथा सबसे ज़रूरी है कि

सबके दिलों में हो। प्रधान मंत्री ने कहा कि जातीय भेदभाव उन जगहों पर फलता-फूलता है जहाँ इसे सहा जाता है या जहाँ इसे नज़रअंदाज़ किया जाता है तथा एक समाज जो जातीय भेदभाव का मुकाबला नहीं करता है वो इसे दाग को बढ़ते हुए देखता है।

उन्होंने कहा कि इतिहास ने दिखाया है कि जातीय भेदभाव का खड़ीया और जातीय हिंसा के बीच रास्ता बहुत छोटा है।

बैनिमरामा ने कहा कि यह एक सरकार की ज़िम्मेदारी है कि वे राजनितिक नेतागिरों के बलपर भेदभाव को खत्म करें।

प्रधानमंत्री ने कहा कि उन्होंने भारी प्रगति की है लेकिन वे अभी भी लड़ाई कर रहे हैं। उनके अनुसार सन् दो हजार तेरह वाले संविधान में देश के सभी नागरिकों को बराबर के अधिकार दिए गए हैं जो कि देश के इतिहास में पहली बार हुआ है।

जी पी की सेवाएं

रोनल देव

फीजियन सरकार, फीजीवासियों को सलाह दे रही है देश भर में प्रायवट प्रेक्टीशनस को कुछ सेवाएं प्रदान करने की स्वीकृति दी गई है जो कि “कोविड-19 इनगईजमन्ट ऑफ प्रायवट मेडिकल जेनरल प्रेक्टीशनस स्कीम के नीचे है।

स्वीकृति दी गई मेडिकल सेवाओं में शामिल है:

1. सलाह लेना
2. रिव्यू करना
3. दूसरे डाक्टर के पास भेजना
4. सुई लगाना
5. ड्रेसिंग करना
6. अन्य छोटी-मोटी ड्रेसिंग करना

इस महामारी के दौरान लोगों को मुफ्त में सेवाएं उपलब्ध करने के लिए जेनरल प्रेक्टीशनस को इस स्कीम में शामिल किया गया गया है।



यह सप्लाइस मार्केट को साफ करने के लिए है, सुरक्षा उपकरण मार्केट के संचालन और कर्मचारियों के लिए है, थर्मल डिजिटल थर्मोमीटर्स तापमान लेने के लिए है जबकि मार्केट विक्रेताओं के लिए साफ-सफाई और धोने के सप्लाइस दिए गए हैं

माननीय प्रेमिला कुमार लौकल गवमन्ट मंत्री

मुनिसिपल मार्केट को सुरक्षा उपकरण मिले

रोनल देव

लौकल गवमन्ट मंत्रालय अभारी है कि उन्हें यू एन विमन द्वारा मुनिसिपल मार्केट के लिए साफ-सफाई और सुरक्षा उपकरण मिले हैं।

कोविड महामारी के दूसरे लहर के दौरान इन सप्लाइस के दूसरे बेच को तेरह मुनिसिपल काउन्सिल में बाँटे गए हैं। एक योजना के तहत इस दानी संस्था ने एक सौ प्रिमियम ब्लैचस, तीन हजार एक सौ पचास एन्टीब-कटिरियल साबुन, एक सौ साठ पेंक हेन्ड ग्लव्स, एक हजार चार सौ डिसपोज़ाबल गाबेज बेग, पचपन मासकिंग टेप, सात हजार तीन सौ डिसपोज़ाबल फेस मास्क, तीन सौ पैसट हेन्ड सेनिटाइज़र्स। इसके अलावा काउन्सिल्स को बनयान्चे थर्मो गन, दो सौ अट्टहत्तर फईस शील्ड तथा छब्बीस हईलस-मेगाफोन्स प्रदान किए गए हैं।

“यह सप्लाइस मार्केट को साफ करने के लिए है, सुरक्षा उपकरण मार्केट के संचालन और कर्मचारियों के लिए है, थर्मल डिजिटल

थर्मोमीटर्स तापमान लेने के लिए है जबकि मार्केट विक्रेताओं के लिए साफ-सफाई और धोने के सप्लाइस दिए गए हैं,” लौकल गवमन्ट मंत्री प्रेमिला कुमार ने कहा।

मार्केट फोर चईन्ज योजना, फीजी तथा प्रशान्तीय द्वीपों में महिला मार्केट विक्रेताओं को शक्ति और अधिकार देते हैं ताकि लिंग भेदभाव को दूर किया जाए। इससे सरकारों, मार्केट विक्रेताओं, मार्केट वेन्डा असोसिएशन, नागरिक समाज संस्थाओं तथा यू एन अईजेन्सी में एकता लाई जाती है। यह योजना यू एन डी पी की साझेदारी के साथ यू एन विमन लागू करती है जिन्हें ऑस्ट्रेलिया, निउ जीलेन्ड तथा केनेडा की सरकार से समर्थन भी प्राप्त है।

इस साल मई में यू एन विमन ने सुरक्षा उपकरण और साफ-सफाई की सप्लाइस का पहला बेच सूवा, लौतोका, लामी, नसिनु, नउ-सोरी, नान्दी और वा की काउन्सिल्स को प्रदान किया था। मुनिसिपल मार्केट्स यह सप्लाइस मार्केट को साफ-सुथरा रखने में इस्तेमाल किए गए हैं।



मुनिसिपल मार्केट की साफ सफाई के लिए यू एन विमन ने समग्री और उपकरण प्रदान किए चित: प्रदान किया

दो हजार उन्नीस से अभी तक एक सौ अटठासी ग्रीड बढ़ाने के प्रोजेक्ट का काम पुरा हुआ

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एक सौ अटठासी ग्रीड बढ़ाने का काम इनफस्टक्चा मंत्रालय द्वारा किया गया है जिसे एनेजी फिजी लिमिटेड ने दो हजार उन्नीस से अभी तक पूरा किया है और पूरे फिजी में तीन हजार छह सौ घरों में बिजली प्रदान की है।

अभी हाल ही संसद में उठाए गए सवाल का जवाब देते हुए इनफस्टक्चा मंत्री चोने उसामाते ने उन ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में बिजली प्रदान करने की वर्तमान स्थिति पर प्रकाश डाला जो पहले ग्रीड से नहीं जुड़े थे।

मंत्री उसामाते ने कहा कि ग्रीड के बाहर और ग्रामीण इलाकों में बिजली की व्यवस्था करना सरकार की प्राथमिकता है। उन्होंने बताया कि तीन हजार छह सौ उनसी घरों में से अभी तक कुछ को बिजली मिल गई है और कुछ को इस वित्तीय साल में जोड़ा जाएगा। मंत्री उसामाते ने कहा कि बिजली मिल गई है और कुछ को इस वित्तीय साल में जोड़ा जाएगा।

उन्होंने कहा कि ब्यालीस प्रोजेक्ट का निर्माण कार्य अभी चल रहा है जो \$26.3m लागत का है और तीन हजार छह सौ तिरानवे घरों को लाभ पहुंचाएगा।

इस वित्तीय साल में अड़तालीस प्रोजेक्ट्स किए जाएंगे जिससे दो हजार चार सौ सत्रह घरों को मदद मिलेगी। उन्होंने कहा कि आठ हजार सात सौ आठ घरों में हाउस वायरिंग के काम को पूरा करने के लिए \$4.8m अलग किया गया है।

मंत्री उसामाते ने कहा कि एनेजी फिजी लिमिटेड ने अब अगले बाराह से चौदह महिनों में इन परियोजनाओं को पूरा करने के लिए अपनी योजना तैयार कर ली है।

लेन्ड्स मंत्रालय ने सरकार और लेसिस की मदद करने के लिए “माय लिस इन्फो” सेवा शुरू की है

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लेन्ड्स और मिन्ल रिसोर्सर्ज मंत्रालय ने व्यवसाय आसानी से करने में और ग्राहक सेवा में सुधार के लिए नया रणनीतियों की आयोजना की है।

लेन्ड्स और मिन्ल रिसोर्सर्ज मंत्री चोने उसामाते ने अभी हाल ही ऑनलाइन ‘माय लिस इन्फो’ सेवा का शुभारंभ किया।

मंत्री उसामाते ने कहा कि इस महामारी के चलते, इससे अच्छा समय और नहीं मिलता ऑनलाइन ‘माय लिस इन्फो’ सेवा की शुरुआत के लिए।

जबकि ऐसे समय में सभी फिजीवासी अपनी दैनिक ज़िन्दगी में ऑनलाइन सेवाओं का इस्तेमाल कर रहे हैं तो इस विकास को कोविड-19 महामारी के दौरान और तेज किया गया है जहाँ सामाजिक गड़बड़ी ने हमें सेवाओं तक भौतिक रूप से पहुंचने से सीमित कर दिया है।

इसके अलावा, ऑनलाइन प्लेटफॉर्म अब व्यवसाय के प्रमुख प्रवर्तक हैं। वे उपभोक्ता की पसंद और सुविधा को बढ़ाते हैं और दक्षता में सुधार करते हैं, और मुझे विश्वास है कि

लेन्ड्स और मिन्ल रिसोर्सर्ज मंत्रालय का एक अधिकारी नई ऑनलाइन व्यवस्था के बारे में समझाते हुए। चित्र प्रदान किया गया

ऑनलाइन ‘माय लिस इन्फो’ सेवा ऐसा अवसर प्रदान करेगा। यह “व्यापार करने में आसानी” की सरकार की पहल में योगदान देगा जो बदले में अधिक आर्थिक गतिविधि और वसूली को बढ़ावा देगा।

फीजी में तीन प्रतिशत लेन्ड सरकार की जमीन है, फीजी भर में लेन्ड्स विभाग के पास अट्ठारह हजार से ज्यादा लीस पर दी गई सरकार की जमीन है। इसमें लीस अपलिकेशन का प्रसंस्करण, लीस देने का काम और लीस के शर्तों की निगरानी करना शामिल है।

चल रहे कोविड-19 महामारी के कारण, अधिकांश लेसिस को लेन्ड्स विभाग के अन्दर कई कार्यालयों में प्रदान की जाने वाली सेवाओं तक पहुंचने में कठिनाई हो रही थी, इसीलिए विभाग ने फीजी में अन्य एजन्सी और संगठन की तरह अपने पटटेदारों तक बेहतर पहुंच बनाने और सेवा करने के लिए टेक्नोलोजी के अभिनव उपयोग में कदम रखा है।

इस ऑनलाइन सेवा के लिए पटटेदारों को भूमि विभाग की वेबसाइट पर जाने और अपना यूज़नेम और पासवर्ड प्राप्त करने के लिए पंजीकरण करने की आवश्यकता होगी ताकि वे अपनी पटटे की जानकारी देख सकें।

मंत्रालय अपने सभी पटटेदारों को इस ऑनलाइन सेवा का पूरा उपयोग करने के लिए आमंत्रित करता है।



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कोविड लोकडाउन में घरेलू हिंसा के मामलों में वृद्धि हुई है: अकबर

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अगस्त 2020 और जून 2021 के बीच दो हजार नौ सौ तैतीस घरेलू हिंसा के वास्तविक कोल्स किए गए हैं।

विमन, चिलरन और पोवर्टी अलिविएशन मंत्री रोजी अकबर ने कहा उन्हें पता चला है कि कोविड लोकडाउन के बाद घरेलू हिंसा की घटनाएं बढ़ी हैं और कोल्स अगस्त 2020 में एक सौ उनचास से बढ़कर मई में आठ सौ सत्रह कोल्स हो गए हैं।

उन्होंने संसद में बताया कि अगस्त 2020 और जून 2021 के बीच घरेलू हिंसा हेल्पलाइन में दो हजार नौ सौ तैतीस वास्तविक कोल्स आए थे।

इन में से अठहत्तर प्रतिशत महिलाएं और बाईस प्रतिशत मर्द थे।

मंत्री अकबर ने कहा कि चौवन प्रतिशत (54%) कोल्स केंद्रीय विभाग से थे, उनतालीस प्रतिशत (39%) पश्चिमी विभाग के जबकि पांच प्रतिशत (5%) कोल्स उत्तरी विभाग के थे।

उन्होंने कहा कि पिछले चार वित्तीय वर्षों में प्रति साल कोल्स में वृद्धि हुई है, 2017 में 952 कोल्स, 2018 में 927 कोल्स जबकि 2019/2020 में 2332 कोल्स आए थे।

संसद में विमन, चिलरन और पोवर्टी अलिविएशन मंत्रालय द्वारा की गई महिलाओं के खिलाफ घरेलू हिंसा को खत्म करने के कार्यक्रमों और उसके प्रभावों की निगरानी पर सवाल किया गया जब मंत्री अकबर ने इसपर प्रकाश डाला।

मंत्री अकबर ने संसद में बताया कि उन्होंने महिलाओं के खिलाफ घरेलू हिंसा मामलों की रिपोर्टिंग में वृद्धि देखी है।

उन्होंने कहा कि यह उनके कार्य कर्मों के बारे में जागरूकता बढ़ाने और महिलाओं को उनके खिलाफ हिंसा की रिपोर्ट करने के लिए आत्मविश्वास देने का परिणाम है।

इस वित्तीय साल में लगभग 30K मेट्रिक टन मछली निर्यात करने की उम्मीद है

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फिशरिस मंत्रालय ने साठ फिशिंग लाइसेन्स स्थानिय कंपनियों को दी है।

फिशरिस मंत्री सेमी कोरोइलावेसाउ ने कहा कि इस वित्तीय साल 2021 से 2022 के लिए लगभग 30,000 मेट्रिक टन मछली निर्यात करने की उम्मीद करते हैं लेकिन यह इस बात पर निर्भर करता है कि हम कोविड-19 द्वारा राष्ट्र पर लाइ गई सीमाओं को कैसे पार करते हैं।

संसद में उठाए गए सवाल का जवाब देते हुए फिशरिस मंत्री सेमी कोरोइलावेसाउ ने इस वित्तीय साल में मत्स्य पालन की संभावना पर प्रकाश डाला।

उन्होंने कहा कि कोविड-19 की दूसरी लहर पर काबू पाना मछली निर्यात को बढ़ावा देने की प्रक्रिया में सबसे महात्वपूर्ण कदम है।

एक बार इस पर ध्यान दिए जाने के बाद, मछुआरे स्वतंत्र रूप से मछली पकड़ने के मैदान तक पहुंच सकते हैं और धीरे-धीरे प्रसंस्करण और निर्यात मांगों को पूरा करने के लिए आवश्यक स्टोक का निर्माण किया जा सकता है।

उन्होंने कहा कि एक बार कोविड प्रतिबंधों में ढीलापन आने के बाद, फिजी में प्रसंस्करण सुविधाओं के लिए कच्चा माल उपलब्ध कराने में विदेशी बेड़े को हमारे तटों पर आकर्षित करेगा और हमारी ताजी सांशिमो बाजार तक पहुंच को शिप-मेंट कंटेनरों, कार्गो लाइनों में लोजिस्टिक जरूरतों या कमी को लगातार उड़ानों की आवश्यकता को दूर किया जा सकता है।

मंत्री कोरोइलावेसाउ ने पुष्टि की है कि मंत्रालय द्वारा मछली पकड़ने के साठ लाइसेन्स सभी स्थानिय कंपनियों को दिए गए हैं।

उन्होंने इस पर प्रकाश डाला जब अभी हाल ही संसद में सवाल किया गया कि कुल कितने लाइसेंस को मंत्रालय द्वारा दिया गया है।

विरोधी पक्ष का एक सवाल कि किस मछली को निर्यात करने की मांग सबसे ज्यादा है पर मंत्री कोरोइलावेसाउ ने जवाब दिया कि निम्नानवे प्रतिशत निर्यात टूना मछली का होता है।



संसद भवन के बाहर फिशरिस मंत्री सेमी कोरोइलावेसाउ चित्र: प्रदान किया गया



राष्ट्रपति कोनरोते ने राजदूत याओवोली को विदाई दी

राष्ट्रपति, महामहिम चियोयो कोनरोते ने सरकारी भवन पर वेचुएल तरीके से इंडोनेशिया के लिए फीजी के राजदूत महामहिम अमेना याओवोली को विदा करत हुए शुभकामनाएं

दी। उन्होंने महामहिम याओवोली को फीजी का प्रतिनिधित्व करने तथा अंतरराष्ट्रीय समाज और फीजी का संबंध और गहरा करने में सहायता देने के लिए धन्यवाद दिया। राष्ट्रपति ने भारत

के लिए फीजी के राजदूत श्री कमलेश शशि प्रकाश और युनाइटेड अरब एमिरेट्स के राजदूत श्री नईपोते कालोनिमन्नुआ को भी विदाई दी चित्र: प्रदान किया गया



निउ ज़िलेन्ड ने फीजी को एम्बुलन्स प्रदान किया

निउ ज़िलेन्ड सरकार की मदद से फीजी को एम्बुलन्स दान में मिला है। स्वास्थ्य मंत्री डॉक्टर इफिरेमी वेगाईनवेते ने निउ ज़िलेन्ड के राजदूत जोनाथन के से आखरी एम्बुलन्स स्वीकार किया जबकि कुछ एम्बुलन्स पहले भी दान किए गए थे। इस महामारी के दौरान एम्बुलन्स की मांगों को पूर्ण करने के लिए यह सहायता दी गई है।

चित्र: प्रदान किया गया



अर्थ-व्यवस्था मंत्रालय की डाटा एन्ट्री टीम आकड़े हासिल कर रही है

अर्थ-व्यवस्था मंत्रालय की डाटा एन्ट्री टीम, एलेक्ट्रॉनिक रजिस्ट्रेशन का काम जारी रखे हुई है जहाँ वे उन लोगों की धरेल जानकारी और उनकी ज़रूरतें दर्ज कर रही है जो हउम आसोलईशन में जा रहे हैं। टीम की अगुवाई श्री कमल गाउन्डर तथा श्री सेतोकी मिलिवाले कर रहे हैं जिन्होंने हालमें नमोसी स्थित वाईनिमकुतु कोगे, नवनीकाम्बी, नाकाविका, नुकुसेरे, वाईनातावा, और नमुआमुआ कोगे का दौरा किया। हासिल किए गए आकड़े से टीम को राशन बंटने में काफी सहायित मिलती है।

चित्र: प्रदान किया गया



कोविड से पीड़ितों को सरकार की ओर से लगातार भोजन राशन की सहायता दी जा रही है

फीजियन सरकार लगातार कोविड पीड़ितों को भोजन राशन से सहायता प्रदान कर रही है। ये लोग चौदह दिनों या उससे ज्यादा समय के लिए सरकार द्वारा व्यवस्थित जगह या अपने घर पर क्वारंटीन में हैं या उनके इलाके में किसी को कोविड होने की वजह से उनके सेटलमेंट को लॉकडाउन किया गया है।

सरकार के अलावा कुछ स्थानीय और अंतरराष्ट्रीय दानी संस्थाएं भी आगे आकर लोगों को भोजन और अन्य ज़रूरी सामानों से सहायता प्रदान कर रही हैं।

चित्र: प्रदान किया गया



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कोविड की सुई सुरक्षित है
अन्य समान्य सुई की तरह कुछ बच्चों को शायद कोविड से बचने वाली सुई लगने के बाद कुछ बुरा असर पड़ेगा लेकिन यह एक दो दिनों में चले जाएगा।
इन बुरे लक्षणों में:
- दर्द
- लाल दाने पड़ना
- जहाँ सुई लगी है वहाँ लाल होना
- सर दर्द
- जी मचलना
- उलटी होना
- थकान महसूस करना
- ठण्ड लगना
- बुखार

सुई लगने के बाद अगर आपके बच्चे इन लक्षणों का सामना कर रहे हैं तो यह संकेत देता है कि आपके बच्चे का इम्यून सिस्टम वायरस से लड़ना सीख रहा है। आप इसका इलाज घर पर कर सकते हैं जब आप बच्चे को पैरासिटमोल देने के साथ उन्हें पानी और जूस वगैरह देंगे। अगर आपके बच्चे को कुछ भी लक्षण दिखाई नहीं दे तो इसका मतलब यह नहीं है कि सुई काम नहीं कर रही है क्योंकि अलग-अलग लोगों का शरीर सुई को लेकर अलग-अलग तरह से हरकत करता है। यह बिल्कुल सामान्य बात है। अपने बच्चे को सुई लगाने के लिए <http://vra.digitalfij.gov.fj> पर जाकर रेजिस्ट्रार हो जाएं। आप इन जगहों पर जाकर अपने बच्चों को सुई लगवा सकते हैं:

| Schools covered | Vaccination Site | Time |
|--|---|---------|
| Central Division | | |
| Suva | | |
| MGM High Jai Narayan College Gospel High St Joseph Secondary School Ratu Sukuna Memorial School Dudley High school DAV College DAV Girls College Cathedral Secondary School John Wesley College Lami High School Marist Brothers High School Nabua Secondary School Yat Sen Secondary School Suva Grammar Suva Muslim College Suva Sangam College Ballentine Secondary School Jermiah College LDS College SDA High | Suva Muslim College Samabula Primary School Suva Methodist Primary MGM High School | 9am-3pm |
| Nasinu | | |
| Nakasi High Bhawani Dayal College Nasinu Muslim College | Bhawani Dhayal Arya College Kalabu Secondary Rishikul High School | 9am-3pm |

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| Davuilevu Methodist Makoi Area Schools William Cross Kalabu Secondary Basden college Ahmadiya College Rishikul High School Sanatan College AOG High School CMF College Suva Christian International High Nasinu Secondary | Basden college | |
| Rewa | | |
| Vunimono High School Adi Cakabou Secondary Sila Central High School Lelean Memorial School Baulevu High School Pundit Shreedar Maharaj College Noco Secondary School Rewa High School Saraswati College Bau Central College Dilkusha High School Nausori Technical College Nausori Special School | Lelean Memorial School Sila Central High School Baulevu High School Pundit Shreedhar Maharaj College Bau Central College | 9am-3pm |
| Tailevu | | |
| QVS | Wainibuka Secondary School | 9am-3pm |

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| RKS Tailevu North College St Vincent College Dawasamu Secondary Wainibuka secondary Nayala Secondary Nayala Secondary | Dawasamu Secondary School Ratu kadavulevu School Tailevu North College | |
| Naitasiri | | |
| Waidina Secondary Muaeneweni Secondary Lomaivuna High Naitasiri High Wainimala Secondary | Naitasiri Secondary School | 9am-3pm |
| Serua/Namosi | | |
| Serua/Namosi | Vashist Muni | 9am-3pm |
| Serua/Namosi | Lomary Secondary School | 9am-3pm |
| Serua/Namosi | Rt Latianara College | 9am-3pm |
| Western Division | | |
| Nadroga/Navosa | | |
| Nadroga Navosa Central College Bemana Secondary | Navosa Central | 9am-3pm |
| Sigatoka Valley All other secondary school students who are residing in Valley Road, Sigatoka | Sigatoka Valley | 9am-3pm |
| Kavanagasau Secondary School | Kavanagasau Secondary School | 9am-3pm |
| Nasikawa Secondary School | Nasikawa Secondary School | 9am-3pm |
| Sigatoka Methodist School Sigatoka Andra College | Sigatoka Methodist School | 9am-3pm |
| Cuvu College | | |
| Cuvu College Lomawai Secondary School | Lomawai Secondary School | 9am-3pm |

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| Sigatoka Arya College | | |
| Nadi | | |
| Ratu Navula Votualevu College | Prince Charles Park | 9am-3pm |
| Magodro Secondary Thomas Baker College | Magodro Secondary | |
| Lautoka | | |
| To cover for the school students who missed their schedules | Tilak High School | 9am-3pm |
| St Thomas High School | St Thomas High School | 9am-3pm |
| Ba | | |
| Ba Sangam College | AD Patel College | 9am-3pm |
| Tavua | | |
| Nadarivatu High | Nadarivatu High | 9am-3pm |
| Nilsen College | Tavua College | 9am-3pm |
| Rakiraki | | |
| Navesau Adventist Ra High School Saint Francis | Ra High School | 9am-3pm |
| Penang High School | Rakiraki District | 9am-3pm |
| Northern Division | | |

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| Macuata | | |
| Labasa College and nearby school students | Labasa College | 9am-3pm |
| Labasa Sangam College and nearby school students | Labasa Sangam College | 9am-3pm |
| Labasa Muslim College and nearby school students | Labasa Muslim College | 9am-3pm |
| Khalsa College and nearby school students | Khalsa College | 9am-3pm |
| Holy Family Secondary School and nearby school students | Holy Family Secondary School | 9am-3pm |
| Bulileka College and nearby school students | Bulileka College | 9am-3pm |
| Tabia College and nearby school students | Tabia College | 9am-3pm |
| Wainikoro | | |
| Naleba College and nearby school students | Naleba College | 9am-3pm |
| Lagi | | |
| Duavata Secondary School | Duavata Secondary School | 9am-3pm |
| <i>Students mostly residing in villages in close proximity of the Lagi Health Centre will be visited by the vaccination team and a teacher.</i> | | |
| Naduri | | |
| Nabala Secondary School and nearby school students | Nabala Secondary School | 9am-3pm |
| Cakaudrove | | |
| Khamendra Central School and other school students living nearby | Khemendra Central School | 9am-3pm |
| Batibalavu District and other school students living nearby | Batibalavu District | 9am-3pm |

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| Uluivalili College and other school students living nearby | Uluivalili College | 9am-3pm |
| Taveuni | | |
| South Taveuni Secondary School | South Taveuni Secondary | 9am-3pm |
| Holy Cross College | Holy Cross College | 9am-3pm |
| Taveuni Central Sanatan Primary | Taveuni Central Sanatan Primary | 9am-3pm |
| Bua (Mop up of previous coverage areas) | | |
| Driti Village | Driti Village | 9am-3pm |
| Senilagi & Naroko Settlement | Senilagi & Naroko Settlement | 9am-3pm |
| Nagadoa Village | Nagadoa Village | 9am-3pm |
| Tavulomo Village | Tavulomo Village | 9am-3pm |
| Nawaca Village | Nawaca Village | 9am-3pm |
| Nakawakawavesi Settlement | Nakawakawavesi Settlement | 9am-3pm |
| Dawata & Walele & Rakani Settlement | Dawata & Walele & Rakani Settlement | 9am-3pm |
| Wairiki Village | Wairiki Village | 9am-3pm |
| Namau Settlement | Namau Settlement | 9am-3pm |
| Kabulu & Qereqere Settlement | Kabulu & Qereqere Settlement | 9am-3pm |
| Sautalo Settlement | Sautalo Settlement | 9am-3pm |
| Namulomulo Settlement | Namulomulo Settlement | 9am-3pm |
| Navave Village | Navave Village | 9am-3pm |
| Vunirara & Nanuku Settlement | Vunirara & Nanuku Settlement | 9am-3pm |
| Vuya | Vuya Village | 9am-3pm |

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| Navunievu | Navunievu Village | 9am-3pm |
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| Koroinasolo | Koroinasolo Village | 9am-3pm |
| Cubue | Cubue Settlement | 9am-3pm |
| Vatubogi | Vatubogi Settlement | 9am-3pm |
| Nasuva | Nasuva Settlement | 9am-3pm |
| Bua | Bua Village | 9am-3pm |
| Tiliva | Tiliva Village | 9am-3pm |
| Dalomo | Dalomo Village | 9am-3pm |
| Tausa & Luvuluvu Settlement | Tausa & Luvuluvu Settlement | 9am-3pm |
| Nawi Settlement | Nawi Settlement | 9am-3pm |
| Korovou Settlement | Korovou Settlement | 9am-3pm |
| Nautomaliva & Navutua | Nautomaliva & Navutua Settlement | 9am-3pm |
| Vunivau and Tiriti | Vunivau & Tiriti Settlement | 9am-3pm |
| Nasau | Nasau Village | 9am-3pm |
| Dama | Dama Village | 9am-3pm |
| Naruwai | Naruwai Village | 9am-3pm |
| Waisa | Waisa Village | 9am-3pm |
| Natokalau Village | Natokalau Village | 9am-3pm |
| Nasasaivua Village | Nasasaivua Village | 9am-3pm |
| Navatu Village | Navatu Village | 9am-3pm |

Before going to the vaccination site:

- Ensure that you are carrying all the necessary documents requested;
- Ensure that your child eats well; and
- Carry a bottle of water to stay hydrated.

Please follow all COVID-19 safe measures when going to the vaccination site:

- Wear a mask;
- Maintain physical distancing of 2 meters;
- Avoid crowds;
- Wash or sanitize hands frequently; and
- Keep the careFiji app on your mobile phone always on.

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कोविड लोकडाउन में घरेलू हिंसा के मामलों में वृद्धि हुई है: अक्टूबर

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इस वित्तीय साल में लगभग 30K मेट्रिक टन मछली निर्यात करने की उम्मीद है

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रेनल देव

सरकार ने कोविड से पीड़ित फीजीवासियों को अभी तक **\$343.1** मिलियन डोलर नकद सहायता दी है।

इनमें सरकार द्वारा फीजी नेशनल प्रोविडेंड फंड के मार्फित टोप अप भी शामिल है।

अर्थ-व्यवस्था मंत्री अईयाज़ सईयद-खईयूम का कहना है कि तीन सौ साठ डोलर वाली बेरोज़गार वाली सहायता के तहत हालही में दो लाख नब्बे हजार से ज़्यादा लोगों को एक सौ पाँच मिलियन डोलर लागत सहायता दी गई।

उन्होंने कहा कि इनमें से लगभग नब्बे हजार लोगों की उम्र अठारह और तीस साल के बीच थी जबकि एक लाख पचीस हजार से ज़्यादा लोगों की उम्र इक्तीस साल से पचास साल के बीच थी। उनके अनुसार सोलह प्रतिशत से कुछ ज़्यादा यानि **48,829** लोग नसिनू के थे।

अर्थ-व्यवस्था मंत्री ने कहा कि उन्हें उम्मीद है कि अगले पैआउट में ये संख्या गिरेगी क्योंकि कई लोग दोबारा काम शुरू करेंगे जब देश की अर्थ-व्यवस्था खुलेगी। तीन सौ साठ डोलर सहायता का दूसरा राउंड दो तारीख नवम्बर से शुरू होगा।

अर्जी लगाने के लिए लोगों के पास दो सप्ताह का समय है जबकि ग्यारह से पंद्रह अक्टूबर के बीच लोग अर्जी लगा सकते हैं।

“लोगों के पास पाँच दिन रहेगा और सारी जानकारीयों इकट्ठा करने के लिए दो सप्ताह है तथा लोगों से माँग की जा रही है कि वे सही नम्बर, सही बेर्थ रेजिस्ट्रेशन नम्बर, सही टिन, सही वोटर कार्ड नम्बर या कोई भी ज़रूरी जानकारी, कृपया सही जानकारी ही दर्ज करें। हम इसे सुधारने में आपकी मदद नहीं कर पाएँगे इसलिए आपको शुरू से ही सही जानकारी दर्ज करना होगा, आपने पहले राउंड में ऐसा किया है और यह दूसरा राउंड होगा।

विद्यार्थी जब स्कूल लौटेंगे तो उनकी सुरक्षा का ख्याल रखने की ज़रूरत है जिसका मतलब है कि विद्यार्थियों और अद्यापकों के अलावा, बाकी कर्मचारी, कैंटीन में काम करने वाले तथा अन्य लोग जो स्कूल से जुड़े हैं को भी सुई के दोनों डोसस लगवाना ज़रूरी है।

स्कूलों के मुख्य अद्यापकों को ध्यान में रखना चाहिए कि जो कोई भी किसी वजह से स्कूल जा रहे हैं को दोनों सुई लगी होनी चाहिए।

अर्थ-व्यवस्था मंत्री अईयाज़ सईयद-खईयूम संसद में बोलते हुए चित्र: प्रदान किया गया

Noda Viti

‘Me vakalevutaki na icula ni tataqomaki’



VILIAME TIKOTANI

SA uqeta na liuliu ni matanitu, ko Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama na kena vakalevutaki na icula ni tataqomaki ena noda vanua ka vakakina ena veiyasai vuravura me rawa ni vukea na kena valuti totolo ni mate dewa na COVID-19.

Oqori na mala ni nodra vosa na liuliu ni matanitu ena nodra vosa tiko mai Matabose Cokovata kei Vuravura ena ulutaga ni COVID-19 ena ika 76 ni bese ni United Nations General Assembly se UNGA.

Vakaraitaka ko Paraiminisita Bainimarama na sabolo ni bula e Viti ena gauna esa tekivu vakayacori kina na veicula ni tataqomaki ni COVID-19 ni sa totolo saraga na nodra laveta cake tale na veiqaravi na lewenivanua e Viti.

Ia e kauwai ko Paraiminisita Bainimarama ena kena sega ni kuri na veiqaravi vinaka ni cula oqo kevaka ena bera mai na wainimate mai na vuravura levu se vei ira na matanitu lelevu.

Era na vakila na lewenivanua ka vakakina na veiqaravi ni matanitu.

Kuria ko Paraiminisita ni vakaraitaka ni leqa nei vuravura oya na kena sega ni tarai vuravura kece sara yani na veicula ena baleti ira walega na veiliutaki ena matanitu toro cake lelevu k ara lewena na soqosoqo ni G7, G20 kei ira na veimataqali soqosoqo ni veivuke vakailavo. Ia na Matabose Cokovata kei Vuravura esa botana tko na yasana oqo ena veiliutaki vinaka.

Era duavata kei ira na liuliu ni matanitu na noda Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama ena nodra kacivaka na tukutuku oqo vei ira na Matabose Cokovata kei Vuravura me ra kaciva edua na boseka vei ira kece na liuliu ni veimatanitu ena inaki ni icula kei na gauna totolo kei na kena isau ni noda cula vakalewe levu na veimatanitu ena vuravura ka vukea kina na valuti ni mate COVID-19.

Edua na veivakaduiduitaki levu na veicula ka sa vakayacori tiko oqo ena vuravura me vaka ni ra sa qarauni ira ga eliu na veimatanitu lelevu ka tiko vei ira na iyau kei na isau ni cula mera volia kina na icula me baleti ira walega na nodra lewenivanua ka sa guilecavi kina oira na matanitu lalai ka sega nodra iyau ena veitalanoa ni icula.

Oqori na veika e talaureka tale na Paraiminisita ena nodra vosa ni tukuna ni oira na matanitu lalai era sa qai vakaloloma saraga baleta nira sa qai laki kerea na ilavo me rawa ni loni taki veira me sauna wainimate oqo dina ga ni ra sotava tiko na dredre ni veika vakailavo ena vuku ni COVID-19. Dua na iwase ni ilavo era kerea tiko me baleta mada na nodra kana kei na bula ena veisiga.

Vakaraitaka ko Paraiminisita Bainimarama ni mat-edewa oqo vakavulica edua na leseni rarawa ka dredre baleta na veivuke ni soqosoqo vakamatanitu ena nodra raici ira walega vakaira kei na nodra sega ni kauwai vei ira na matanitu era sotava na dredre.

Sa uqeta kina okoya na soqosoqo ni matanitu lalai mera dau boletaka na nodra dredre ka me kerei kina na veivuke vakailavo me baleti ira.

Ko Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama kei na Vunilawa ni noda vanua ka Mlnisita ni veika vakailavo ko Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum ena mata ni Palimedi ena mua ni vula sa oti. iTaba: VAKARAUTAKI



Kauwai ena itukutuku e biu ena mona livaliva



Na Vunilawa ka Minisita ni Vakaitukutuku, Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum e Palimedi ena mua ni vula sa oti. iTaba: VAKARAUTAKI

VILIAME TIKOTANI

Ena dodonu me ra qarauna na veitabana ni vakaitukutuku ena nodra vanua na nodra veiqaravi ena mona livaliva vakabibi ena vosa-vosa kei na kauwai e dau tabaki kina.

Oqori na nona rai na Vunilawa ka Minisita ni Vakaitukutuku ko Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum.

Vakaraitaka ko Vunilawa Sayed-Khaiyum ni dodonu me ra qarauna na vosa-vosa mai vei ira na lewenivanua ena nodra vatavata ni mona livaliva.

E kaya ko koya na matanitu o Ositerelia ena kena mataveilewai e cake, esa vakadodonutaka me ra qarauna na kabani ni vakaitukutuku me ra qarauna na veika e tabaki ena nodra vatavata ni mona livaliva.

Era sa sega ni rawa ni ra cakitaka ni oya e sega ni nodra vosa ia na vosa ni

lewenivanua era sa vakadonuya mera tabaka se vakaraitaka ena nodra vatavata ni monalivaliva. E sa dodonu kina me ra raica talega na tabana ni lawa ena noda vanua baleti ira na kabani ni vakaitukutuku ena noda vanua era vakayagataka tiko na vatavata ni mona livaliva.

Vakaraitaka ko Vunilawa Sayed-Khaiyum ni o Viti e sa raica na veisau levu ka sa dodonu mera raica vakadodonu na lewe ni matabose ena Palimedi na tikina oqo me rawa talega ni vakadodonutaki. Oqo ena vukea na tiko vinaka ni vanua oqo.

Kuria ko Minisita ni Vakaitukutuku ni lawa ni ena Media Industry Development Authority (MIDA) e sega ni qarava tiko na kena itavi ka sega ni rawa ni vakadodonutaka na veimataqali vakarau ni vola itukutuku ka sa vakayacori tiko oqo ena noda vanua.



Na Minisita ni Marama, Rosy Akbar e na nona vosa tiko e Palimedi ena mua ni vula sa oti. iTaba: VAKARAUTAKI

'Tubu na vakarautaki itovo kaukauwa vei ira na marama'

VILIAME TIKOTANI

Evakilai na tubu ni vakarautaki ni itovo kaukauwa ka vakayacori vei ira na marama ena gauna oti kina na sogosogo.

E vakaraitaka na tikina oqori na Minisita ni Marama, Rosy Akbar ka tukuna kina ni ciqomi ena helpline se naba ni talevoni ni veivuke vei ira na marama e 2933 na qiri mai vei ira na marama ena leqa oqo ena loma ni bai ni Okosita 2020 ka yacova yani June 2021.

E kaya ko Minisita Akbar ni ratou ciqoma rawa na nona tabana ni sa tubu cake na wiliwili ni kisi ni vakarautaki itovo kaukauwa vei ira na marama ena kena tubu cake na qiri mai na 149 ena Okosita ni 2020 kina 817 ni Me 2021

Vakaraitaka ko Minisita Akbar ena nodra vosa e Palimedi ni ciqoma rawa na nodra tabana e 2933 ka 78 na pasede oqo ena marama ka 22 na pasede era turaga. Kuria ko koya ni 54 na pasede era ciqomi ena wasewase e loma, 39 era ciqomi ena mua-i-ra, kei na lima na pasede ena vualiku.

Sa tubu talega na wiliwili ni qiri ena loma ni vica na yabaki sa oti mai na 2017 e 952, 927 ena 2018, ka 2332 ena 2019/2020.

Vakaraitaka ko Minisita Akbar ni dua na vuna levu oqo na kaukauwa ni nodratou cakacaka ni veivakararamataki na tabana ni marama, gone kei na valuti ni dra-vudravua.

Na nodra dau vakalolomataki na marama edua na bolebole ka sa kauwai tiko kina na matanitu ko Viti me vaka ni sa dua na pasede levu ena vuravura.

E 72 na pasede na marama era bula sota kaya na dredre oqo ka wili kina na itovo kaukauwa, me vaka nodra moku, vakasagai nodra itovo ni vakasama ka vakakina na nodra vakasaurataki ena tiko veiyacovi.

Ena 2019 e laurai kina ni lewe 10 na marama era vakayalia nodra bula ka vumai ena bula se itovo kaukauwa vei irana nodra itokani turaga.

Ena 2020 e lewe va na marama eratou vakayalia na nodratou bula.

Sasaga ni wainimate me baleti ira na gone

VILIAME TIKOTANI

Na matanitu ko Viti esa cakacaka voleka tiko kei na Matanitu ko Niusiladi ena kena voli mai na wainimate me rawa ni ra mai vakayagataka na gone ena noda vanua.

Oqori na macala ni veitalanoa kei na matanitu ko Niusiladi ka nuitaki ni dua na gauna totolo mai oqo esa na vakadeitakai na sasaga oqo me rawa nira cula na gone ka taqomaki ena COVID-19. Sa ciqoma talega na tabana ni Bula ena noda vanua eso na iyaya ni veidikevi baleta na



Mai ciqoma talega na Tabana ni Bula ena noda vanua na wainimate me ra cula kina na gone kei na iyaya ni veidikevi baleta na COVID-19. iTaba: MEREANI GONEDUA

COVID-19 ka vakauta mai na matanitu ko Niusiladi. Na swabs oqo e vakarautaki ena Pacific Pathology Training Centre e Niusiladi, me vukea na veiqaravi nei Viti ena nodra vakadikevi se

vakatovolei na lewenivanua. Esa ciqoma oti na PPTC e 373,000 na iyaya ni veiqaravi oqo ka mena veivuke kina na Fiji Centre of Disease Control ena nodra veiqaravi ni veidikevi ni

lewenivanua. Ko Niusiladi edua na matanitu esa veivuke saraga vakalevu ena valuti ni mate oqo na COVID-19 ka vakatetea mai nodra veivuke vei Viti kei na Pasivika.

Tubu na veivakaduiduitaki ke sega ni vakadodonutaki: PM

VILIAME TIKOTANI

Na bula ni veivakaduiduitaki ena vuavuai vinaka ena vanua e sega ni vakadodonutaki kina ka sega ni vosataki vakadodonu.

Na itikotiko, vanua se koro e sega ni sotava vakadodonu ena sarava na duka ni bula oqo ni tubu cake sara vakatololo.

Oqori na mala ni vosa nodra na Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama ena nodra vosa tiko ena boseka ni Matabose Cokovata kei Vuravura ena ulutaga ni kena tagutuvu vakadua na veimataqali vakarau kei na itovo ni veivakaduiduitaki kei na sasaga levu ni Durban Declaration kei na kena pokoramanu ni cakacaka.

Na itavi levu ni matanitu ena ruku ni veiliutaki vakapolitiki oya me qarauni na kena tagutuvu vakadua na veivakaduiduitaki.

Vakairataka ko Paraiminisita Bainimarama ni Matanitu e tu kina na veimataqali gagacaga ni kena valuti vaka-

dodonu na veivakaduiduitaki vakakawa tamata. Kuria ko PM Bainimarama ni dodonu mera vakayagataka na liuliu na nodra itutu ni vunau me ra kacivaka kina vakadodonu na butobuto ni rai ni veivakaduiduitaki vakakawatamata kei na kena vakasamataki.

Vakaraitaka ko Paraiminisita Bainimarama ni matanitu kei na vanua ko Viti esa sotava vakadodonu na dredre ni bula ka vumai ena veicati vakawata-mata dina walega ni sa rawati edua na cavuikalawa vinaka, ia se tiko walega na dredre ni veicati.

Kuria ko PM Bainimarama ni marautaka okoya na nodra bula na itabagone ena Viti nikua ena nodra sa ciqoma na Viti ka sega kina na veivakaduiduitaki vakakawa tamata kei na dui-dui vakabauta.

Vakadeitaka ko Paraiminisita Bainimarama na veitokoni ni matanitu ko Viti ena Durban Declaration kei na kena porokaramu ni veiqaravi kei na cakacaka ena dodonu me sala muria vata mai.



Ko Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama ni vakacagau toka na veitalanoa e Palimedi ena mua ni vula sa oti. iTaba: VAKARAUTAKI



PM: Me vakalevutaki na ivota ki na matanitu lalai

VILIAME TIKOTANI

E rui ka bibi me laveti cake kina uto ni veitalanoa e vuravura na bolebole era dau sotava na veimatanitu lalai. E vakaraitaka na tikina oqori ko Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama ena nodra vosa tiko ena bese ni liuliu ni matanitu lalai. Vakavinavinakataka na Liuliu ni Matabose Cokovata kei Vuravura ko António Guterres ena nodra sa rawata na veiqaravi ni veivukei baleta na leqa tubu koso ni mate dewa na COVID-19, ka vakakina na kena laveti cake na bolebole baleta na

draki veisau kei na waitui. Vakaraitaka ko PM Bainimarama ni nodra veiliutaki o Guterres esa veivakauqeti ena vuravura ena kena laveti na italanoo ni drake veisau ena veiyasai vuravura. Na bese oqo era vakayacora tiko ka ulutaga bibi ni veitalanoa oya na bolebole ni drake veisau kei na COVID-19. Era sa duavata kina na liuliu ni matanitu lalai mera laveta cake kina boseka ni drake veisau me vakarau vakayacori mai Sikoteladi na COP26 na vei bolebole era sotava tiko nikua ka mera vakasaqara na kena iwali.

Kacivaka ko PM Bainimarama vei ira na liuliu ni matanitu mera cakacaka vata ka veitauriligataka na veitalanoa ena COP26 ka mera duavata ena ile ni nodra veisaumitaki na matanitu lalai era vakila vakaca na revurevu ni drake veisau ka mera vakadonua na ile oqo oira na matanitu era dau kaburaka tiko na kasi ena maliwa lala. Kuria ko PM Bainimarama ni COP26 e vatavata vinaka ni kena laki veitalanoa taki kina na bolebole era dau sotava na matanitu lalai ka me vakalevutaki na ivota ni ilavo ni veivuke mai na rua kina 10 na pasede.

Tomani na veivuke ni FNPF

VILIAME TIKOTANI

NA matabose ni ilavo musuki se Fiji National Provident Fund (FNPF), ena tomana tiko na nodra porokaramu ni veivuke vei ira na vakaleqai vakacakacaka. Oqo ena veivuke ni COVID-19 vei ira na leqa nodra cakacaka ena ikarua, katolu, ka va kei ira na voluntary. Sa vakadonuya talega na matabose ni ilavo musuki mera kerea na nodra ilavo oira na lewe ni matabose era sa ciqoma oti na nodra ilavo ni veivuke ni \$360. Oqo ena gauna sara oqo ni sa tomani tale na veivuke kivei ira na leqa vakacakacaka.

Oqori era wili kina na leweni matabose era kerekere taumada ka sega ni mani saumi vei ira na nodra ilavo kerekere baleta nira sa ciqoma oti na ilavo ni veivuke mai vua na Matanitu. Esa kuria na matabose ni ilavo musuki ni ratou na dikeva na timi veiqaravi ena covid-19 na kerekere kece ka ran a sega ni vakadonui mera ciqoma na ikarua ni \$360 ni matanitu oira era sa taura mai na nodra ilavo ni FNPF. Esa dola tiko na veiqaravi oqo vei ira na qai kerekere vou se imatai ni gauna mera kerekere kina. Oira na lewe ni matabose ni ilavo musuki era sa sega ni cakacaka voli kei ira na livi ka sega ni saumi mai na Okotova 2019 oira era sa vakalailaitaki nodra aua ni cakacaka main a Janueri kina Seviteba ni 2019 kei ira na voluntary main a ika 9 ni Okosita 2021. Oira oqo ena rawa ni ra kerekere kevaka era sega ni ciqoma tiko edua na veivuke ni FNPF se ilavo musuki.

Gadrevi na ivakalesilesi vou ena matabose ni itukutuku

VILIAME TIKOTANI

ESA gadrevi me ra lesi vou eso na ivakalesilesi ni matabose ni itukutuku ena noda vanua vaka kina oira na kena veiliutaki ena loma ni matabose. Vakaraitaka na tikina oqori na Vunilawa ka Minisita ni Vakauitukutuku, Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum ena nodra kauwai tiko baleta na matabose. Tukuna ko Sayed-Khaiyum ni matabose oqo e dodonu me qarava tiko na bisinisi ni kauwai baleta na itovo ni veiqaravi ni bisinisi ni tukutuku ia e sega ni qarava vinaka tiko. Sa sega ni qarava tiko ka vaka esa moce tiko ka dodonu me yadrava vinaka tiko na veiqaravi ni veikabani ni tukutuku. Esa laurai talega ni sa mai lutu sara-ga na ivakatagede ni veiqaravi ena volaitukutuku ni veikabani vakabibi ena itukutuku era tabaka. Vakaraitaka ko Vunilawa Sayed-Khaiyum ni veimatanitu ena vuravura e tiko kina na matabose ni veiqaravi baleti ira na dauvolaitukutuku se kena kabani.



Na Minisita ni Leqa Tubu Koso ko Inia Seruiratu kei ira na ivakalesilesi ni soqosoqo ena taudaku ni matanitu ka ra dau veiqaravi voleka ena gauna ni leqa tubu koso. iTaba: VAKARAUTAKI

‘Vinaka na veiqaravi vinaka’

VILIAME TIKOTANI

ERA sikovi ira na soqosoqo ena taudaku ni matanitu na Minisita ni Leqa Tubu Koso, Inia Seruiratu ka mera laki vakavinakataka na veiqaravi era sa vakayacora tiko ena nodra veitokonitaka na cakacaka ena mua liu ni COVID-19. Vakavinakataka ko Minisita Seruiratu na yalo ni vei cakacavata kei na veivuke ena veiqaravi levu ni matanitu. Na soqosoqo na Live and Learn era veivuke sara tiko vakalevu ena matanitu ena veitaratara kei ira na lewenivanua era sotava tiko na bolebole ni COVID-19. Oqo eso era biu cakacaka ka sega nodra ivurevure ni rawaka vakailavo mera vukei ira kina kei na nodra vuvale. Era vakananumi ira talega na soqosoqo oqo ena veiqaravi sa tu e matada me vaka na ni sa toro voleka mai na vula i cagilaba. Vakaraitaka na Ivakalesilesi ni Live & Learn Kolosa Matebalavu ni ratou sa vukei rawa e 21,000 na lewenivanua ka voleka ni 5000 na vuvale.



Na daireketa ni leqa tubu koso ko Vasiti Soko kei na dua na ivakalesilesi ni Live & Learn. iTaba: VAKARAUTAKI

Vuli cakacaka e 550 na gonevuli

VILIAME TIKOTANI

ERA rauta ni lewe 550 na gonevuli era vakaitavitaki ira tiko ena vuli tara ena veiyasai Viti ena gaunisala ni monalivaliva. Vakaraitaka ko Minisita ni Vuli Premila Kumar ni baleta na leqa tubu koso ka tarai Viti kei vuravura ni kua, e levu na gonevuli era ciqoma na vuli tara oqo ena veivolau ni veiqaravi ni Tabana ni iTovo kei na Cakacaka ni liga ni Minisitiri ni Vuli. Kuria ko Minisita Kumar ni ko ira na

veivolau ni veiqaravi oqori era vakauta talega na itukutuku ni vuli ena monalivaliva me rawa ni ra ciqoma na lewenivanua ena veivanua era sema mai kina. Era vakila na Tabana ni iTovo ni vakilai na yaga ni veiqaravi oqo baleta ni vakayagataki kina na kila ni cakacaka ni liga kei na itovo. “Oira na veivakavulici era kena dau ni cakacaka ni liga. Era lewena na gonevuli na leseni ni iculacula me ra rawa ni tekivuna nodra bisinisi. Era vakaitavi talega ena vuli boroboro me rawa talega ni volitaki na veika e boroi. Wili talega kina na talitali me vaka

na tali ibe kei na veika eso edau tali. Oira na gonevuli oqo era vakaitavi talega ena qaravi ni soqo e vakarautaka na Matanitu me vaka na beseka, vakamau kei na vuqa tale na soqo me vukea nodra rawaka vakailavo.” Na Minisitiri ena tomana tiko na nodra veiqaravi ena nodra volau ni vuli oqo ena vey yasana ena Viti baleta ni kauti ira vakavoleka mai duidui mataqali ni itovo kei na cakacaka ni liga ka vakabulabulataki ira talega ena vuku ni vuli tara kei na rawaka vakailavo.



Vakavinakataki na veiqaravi e Sawani

Era visiko na Talai ena Wasewase na Loma, Josefa Navuku kivei ira na ivakalesilesi vakamatanitu era veiqaravi sara vakabalavu mai Sawani ena gauna ni sogosoqo kei na vakatatabu.

E laki vakaraitaka kina na vakavinaka levu ni matanitu ena kena rawati vinaka na itavi ena gauna ni dredre kei na vosota ena loma ni lima na vula me vaka ni qaravi kina na yasana ko Naitasiri. Vinaka Saka vakalevu



Sega ni lailai edua na Matanitu me vakavuna na veisau

ERA boletaka na noda matanitu na liuliu ni matanitu Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama ena nodra laki lewena na boseka ni veimatanitu era lewena na Matabose Cokovata kei Vuravura. Vakaraitaka kina ko Paraiminisita

Bainimarama ni sega ni dua na matanitu lailai ka sega ni dredre mera vakavuna na veisau. "Au na valataka tiko na vuravura ena draki veisau me vaka eda sa qai pasitaka walega ena noda vanua na lawa ni Draki Veisau,

oqo na uto ni noda sasaga meda kaukauwa tikoga mai na draki ka valuta na drake veisau kei na kena vakalailaitaki na kasi kaburaki ena maliwa lala kei vuravura. Oqo ena bosa ni UNGA76.



Ciqomi e 100,000 na masks

ERA ciqoma na Minisitā ni Bula kei na Veiqaravi e Valenbula, Dr Ifereimini Waqainabete e 100,000 na masks ni veiqaravi e valenibula kei na 16,000 na N95 masks mai veiratou na Leela Beverages Company Ltd. Vakaraitaka nodra vakavinavinaka na Minisitā ena

nodratou volau ni yaya na tabana ni bula e Raiwai kivei ratou na kabani na Leela Beverages kei na kena daireketa o Zhou Yutong ena veivuke ni soli ni iyaya ni tataqomaki oqo mai na COVID-19. Kuria okoya ni veivuke oqo ena yacovi ira yani na veiqaravi ena mua liu ni valuti ni COVID-19.



Toso tiko na veivuke ni votai ni kakana

ERA kuria tiko na nodra veivuke vei ira na lewenivanua era sotava tiko na dredre ena gauna oqo oira na kabani kei na sitoa ni kakana me vaka eda raica ena itaba oqo mai Taveuni ena veivuke ni Newworld Supermarket vaka kina e Nadi ena veivuke ni Consumers Stores Pt Limited vaka kina o P Meghi Fresh Choice ena nodra usana na ivakarau ni kakana me ireseni vei ira na vuvale era sotava tiko na dredre.



Kacivaki na cakacaka e Ositerelia

ERA sa vakalevutaka na matanitu ko Ositerelia na gaunisala ni lako ki cakacaka ena nodra vanua ena veitokoni kei na veiwekani vinaka ni matanitu ko Viti. Sa kenai balebale oqo ni levu sara na lewenivanua ena noda vanua era na rawata me ra laki vuli cakacaka ka qarava na nodra vuvale ena nodra

lewena se vakaitavi ena porokaramu oqo. Ko Viti edua na matanitu ka liutaka na tiko na veiqaravi ni cakacaka ena vanua o Ositerelia me vaka ni vuqa sara na luvei Viti era sa cakacaka tiko ena gauna oqo mai kea ena ruku ni veiwekani vinaka kei Ositerelia.





Veivakadeitaki tale ko Paraiminisita



LEWENI NODRA VOSA NA LIULIU NI MATANITU, PARAIMINISITA VOREQE BAINI MARAMA ENA POROKARAMU VAKAMATANITU NA NAI LALAKAI, SIGATABU 26 EVITEBA 2021

NI sa bula vinaka na Turagabale, na Maramabale, ni bula vinaka tale ga na Turaga, Marama, Cauravou, Goneyalewa, kei kemuni na Luveda, oni dau taleitaka na vaka-rorogo ena noda gauna vaka-macawa.

Ni bula vinaka tale ga na iLiuliu ni noda Lotu e Viti kei Rotuma. Au sa vakavinavinakataka vakalevu na itavi bibi oni qarava tiko ena cabori ni noda vanua vua na noda Kalou. Sa itakele levu ni noda sabsabi na noda masulaka tiko na noda vanua. Me bula o Viti, me toso tiko ga i liu.

Ni bera niu tomana na noqu cau ena mataka edai, au gadreva meu vakadeitaki kemuni na lewenivanua, ni matanitu sa kila na iwalewale me valuta ka tarova na dewa ni mate qo. Moni yalodei ka kua ni rerevaka e dua na ka.

Na vakatulewa matau kei na iwalewale ni veiqaravi e vakayacora na matanitu sa rawa me veisautaka na ivakarau ni noda valuta na mate qo. Oni sa raica tu qo na kena vakadinadina; sa dola na iyala ni vanua vakatabui, sa toso na gauna ni vakatatabu ni veitosoyaki, sa toso cake tale ga na iwiliwili ni lewenivanua mera tiko ena soqo.

Me qai macawa mai qo, sa rawa nida sokalou e valenilotu, ia o ira ga era sa cula oti vakarua. Au gadreva meu vakadeitaka tale vei kemuni na vakarorogo tiko mai, ni vakatulewa qo e baleta na nomuni taqomaki na lewe ni vavakoso. E ka bibi me taqomaki na vanua eda soqoni vakalevu kina, me vaka na valenilotu ka sega ni yavutaki me tarova na nomuni dodonu ni sokalou.

Eda sa tauca tu qo na vua ni noda vaka-io-taka na icula. Sa dodonu meda vosota ka tomana tiko na ilakolako kina vanua eda sa vakanamata kina. Au sa dau vakaraitaka wasoma, qo e tiki tiko ni tuvatuva levu ni Kalou.

Me vaka e tukuna na ivolatabu “Sa yaga me tiko vei kemuni na yalo ni vosota, mo ni kitaka rawa kina na loma ni Kalou ka taukena na ka sa yalataki”. Keitou yalataka nida na vagalalataki mai na mate qo, ia ena rawati ga ena noda vosota.

Au marautaka vakalevu na ivakasala e vakayacora na Peresitedi ni Lotu Wesele e Viti kei Rotuma o Qaselevu Ili Vunisuwai. E veivakadeitaki na nona ivakasala ka ra tabaka na dau-ni-volatukutuku. Me vaka niu lotu Wesele, au via vakauqeti keda meda vakamura na nona ivakasala, e salavata kei na veika au sa dau vakaraitaka wasoma tiko mai. Ia, me kua ga ni

yalani vei keda.

Meda cula taucoko baleta na mate qo e sega ni wasea e dua na isoqosoqo lotu. Meda duavata kei ira na 590,386 na lewenivanua era sa cula oti vakadua kei na 419,065 na lewenivanua era sa cula vakarua.

Au gadreva meu vakavinavinakataka kemuni kece oni sa cula. O kemuni oni vakavuna me sa tekivu suka tale na bula kina kena ituvaki taumada. Sa 95.5 na pasede era sa cula vakadua ka 67.8 na pasede era sa cula oti vakarua. O Viti e sa tiki ni veimatanitu meda rawata e dua na pasede levu ni veicula.

Eda sa tautauvata kei ira era tiko ena ivakatagedegede cecere e vuravura. E rawati ga na veika qori ena veiliutaki vinaka kei na vakatulewa matau.

Keitou lako curuma na dredre; eisautaka eso na iwalewale ni veiqaravi; ka muria eso na kosi vou. E keitou cakacakataka na veika me vinaka kina na noda vanua. Na iwali ni leqa mai vanua-tani, ena sega ni walia na leqa ena noda vanua. Na iwali ni leqa e Viti Levu ena via duidui vakalailai mai na kena e Kadavu. Sa kilai tu qo na ituvaki ni mate, kau sa vakatulewataka matua tiko na vanua meda mua kina.

Au gadreva meu vei-vakararama-taki ena vica na tikina e veitalanoataki i Palimedi ena macawa qo. Eso na veitalanoa e vakavurea na vakatataro me baleta na cicivaki ni matanitu tugallala me vaka e virikotori ena Yavunivakavulewa ni 2013. E sega ni dua na matanitu e rawa nida vakatoka me vinaka vakaniu. Ia, e dua ga na ka eda rawa ni vakadeitaka, oya na veimalumalum taucoko ena votu mai ka tiko tale ga na iwalewale vakalawa me vakavinakataka.

Keitou cakacakataka ena macawa qo me vakalailaitaka na veidigidigi butobuto. Ni dua ga na kemu ivolatukutuku, ena walia na ririko ni nodra digidigi vakarua se sivia na lewenivanua. Qo e sega ni yalana na nomuni dodonu ni veidigidigi, ia e baleta na nomuni taqomaki na lewenivanua. Sa levu tale ga e butakoci na kedra ivolatukutuku ka ra vakaleqai kina vakaca.

Ni dua ga na kemu ivola itukutuku e kena ibalebale ni dua na tamata – sega ni rua se sivia. Qo a vakatarai tiko ena veigauna sa oti. E keitou sa vakadodonu-taka qori baleta ni bibi vei keitou na nomuni bula na lewenivanua.

A levu tale ga na taro me baleta na yaga ni veiqaravi ni matanitu, vakabibi ena gauna eda lako curuma tiko qo. Me yacova mai qo,

- Sa \$380 na milioni na veivuke vakailavo e soli vakadodonu vei ira na lewenivanua era vakaleqai ena vuku ni COVID. E \$205 na milioni e solia na matanitu ka \$182 na milioni e solia na FNPF. Qo vei ira na lewenivanua era kerea na veivuke ina FNPF;

- E 57,700 na veivuke ni kakana e soli vei ira na vuvale e Viti;

- Mai na \$12 na milioni na ivotavota vakailavo, e \$4.2 na milioni sa vakayagataki me baleta na veivuke ni kakana. Meda namaka tiko ni na qai levu cake ga na veivuke ni kakana;

- E 137,987 na lewenivanua era vukei ena ivotavota ni veivuke me baleta na valuti ni dravudravua ka rauta ni \$145.5 na milioni e vakayagataki kina;

- E \$55.3 na milioni me baleti ira na peniseni;

- E \$36 na milioni e baleta na veivuke ni dravudravua (qo e rauta ni 23,817 na lewenivanua e soli vei ira na veivuke ni kakana, na veisaumi vakavula, kei na ilavo me baleti ira e vakaleqai na ituvaki ni yagodra);

- 50,000 na vuvale era vukei ena saumi ni bili ni livaliva mai na imatai ni Okosita 2021 ina 31 ni Janueri 2022);

- 31,000 na vuvale era sega ni sauma e 92,500 na lita na wai.

Sa vakayacori tiko na veika keiou yalataka. Ia, ena sega ni yala e keri, ena tomani tiko!

E vakatarogi tale ga i Palimedi na \$360. Me vaka au sa vakaraitaka oti – KEITOU SOLIA, NI LEWA. Me baleta na ikarua ni wasewase ni veivuke, ena tiko ga vei kemuni na vakatulewa.

Ia, e veiva-kurubui-taki sara vakalevu na veitalanoa me baleta na Lawa Vakaturi ni Draki Veisau. A 18 na vula na kena veitalanoataki tu mai na lawa vakaturi qo – e 18 na vula. Ia, na gauna ga e vakatututaki kina i Palimedi sa dua na ka na levu ni nodratou vakadiloa na ito ni veisaqa.

E ratou sega ni via vakaitavi ena gauna balavu ni kena veitalanoataki, ka ratou qai via vakamata vinakataki iratou ena nodratou cau i Palimedi. Na dina, oya ni ratou sa sega ni qarava tiko na nodratou itavi, ka ra sa sega tale ga ni vosa tiko ena vukudra o ira era tukuna, nira mata-taka tiko i Palimedi.

Ia, ena dua tale na yasana, sa dua na ka na levu ni neitou valataka tiko na veika me baleti keda na lewenivanua e Viti. Qo se tekivu mai na veiyabaki sa oti ka sa vakalawataka na Palimedi ena macawa sa oti. Ena lawatu qo, sa rawa vei kemuni na itaukei ni qele moni lisitaka na nomuni qele era tiko kina na veikau se na veidogo me baleta na veivolitaki ni kaboni.

E sega ni yaga mera musu na veikau. Na itaukei e taukena e 91 na pasede na qele e Viti. Me vaka ga e virikotori tiko ena ivakarau ni lisitaki ni qele ni itaukei, ena gadrevi mera vakadonuya e 60 na pasede na itaukei ni qele.

Sa dua na ka na nona doudou o Niko Nawaikula me vakaraitaka i Palimedi ni sega ni yaga na 60 na pasede, Na itukutuku qo era beci kina o ira era vakarautaka na ituvatuva qo ka da beci kina na itaukei ni qele. Kevaka me na veiliutaki, ena kauta laivi o koya

na dodonu ni nomu taukena na kemuni qele ka na kauta laivi tale ga na dodonu ni nomu vakatulewataka na veika me vakayacori ena nomuni qele.

Ena vakaleqa vakadua na iwalewale ni kena qaravi na qele ena noda vanua. Na rai qo, a vakavuna na kena sega ni vakavoutaki na lisi ni dovuni mai Vanua Levu. Kevaka a vakadonui na lisi qori, sa na vinaka sara na bula vakailavo mai Vanua Levu. Era vakaitikotiko ga mai Vanua Levu na lewenivanua ka sega na gole mai Viti Levu. Na itovo qo, a vakavuna me vakayali vakadua na qele mai Denarau kei Momi ena veiliutaki ni matanitu na SVT kei na SDL.

Ia, mevaka au vakaraitaka tiko ena 15 na yabaki sa oti, niu na sega ni vakatara me yaco na veika qo, ena noqu veiliutaki. Niu veiliutaki tiko, au na yadrava me maroroi vinaka na nomuni qele. Au gadreva moni rawa ilavo na itaukei ni qele, moni marautaka na nomuni bula. Ka rawa ni veivuke na Lawa ni Draki Veisau ena nomuni vukei vakabibi ena volitaki ni kaboni (se carbon trading).

Na cava na volitaki ni kaboni me vaka e virikotori ena lawa vou qo?

Na volitaki ni kaboni e dua na iwalewale ni bisinisi ka na rawa ni vukei keda kece sara na itaukei ni qele, ena rawa ilavo kei na valuti ni draki veisau. Na kaboni e tiko ena vunika. Kevaka eda via vakaitavi ena ituvatuva qo, e dodonu meda maroroya na noda veikau.

Na Matanitu e sega ga ni laveta na tokoni ni veikabani ena taudaku ni Matanitu, sa vakacagau me sasagataki o Viti me oka ena volitaki/ bisinisi ni kaboni.

Na ituvatuva ni veiqaravi na REDD+ Readiness Project ni Tabacakacaka ni Veikau e veivuke ena ituvatuva qo, qo e rawa kina vei Viti e dua na Matanitu lailai se qai vakatoroicaketaki koya e vuravura me oka ena bisinisi/volitaki ni kaboni. Qo ni oti na sainitaki ni veidinadinati me baleta na Emission Reduction Payment Agreement (ERPA) na Matanitu kei na Baqe ni Vuravura ena Janueri ni yabaki qo.

E vakarautaki e \$2 na milioni me vakayagataki ena yabaki vakailavo me vakatabakidua ina vakavakarau. E tuvai me vakatoroicaketaka ka vaqacacotaka na iwalewale kei na veiqaravi eso ena kena vakalailaitaki na kasi cevuraki. E oka eke na veituvatuva kei na veivakadeitaki sa toka e ra;

- 1) E \$480, 000 me vaqacacotaka na lewai vakamatau ni veikau ena ituvatuva eso ni veivakatoroicaketaki me tara cake na itagede ni vakayagataki qele ena 20 na tikina e taketetaki me qaravi. E 10 na tikina sa qaravi oti ka kena isau e \$220,000. Na vakatoroicaketaki ni vo ni 10 na ituvatuva ena qaravi ena yabaki vakailavo qo. E okati ena sasaga qo na vakatoroicaketaki ni monalivaliva (Safeguard

Information System) me rawa ni tuva vakamatau, dikeva ka ripotetaka ena ivakarau e salavata kei na ituvatuva.

Qo me maroroya na itagede e vinakati ena iTuvatuva ni Vakalailaitaki ni Kasi Cevuraki (Emission Reduction Program).

2) E \$1.1 na milioni me baleta na vakavinakataka kei na vakadeitaki ni sova ni itukutuku ni veikau, oka tale ga kina na tomani ni sokumuni tukutuku ni veikaubula (National Forest Inventory - NFI) kei na dikevi ni lololo ni kaboni – na cakacaka qo a rube ena vuku ni vakatatabu ni COVID-19 kei na waraki ni ituvatuva ni yabaki vou vakailavo qo me qaravi ka tomani tale e Vanua Levu, kevaka e donu na veika kece.

E okati ena cakacaka qo na laveti ni itagede ni veiqaravi ni Tabacakacaka ena ituvatuva ni National Forest Monitoring System ka vukea na nodratou gumatua ena kena yadravi, ripotetaki ka vakadeitaki na vakasavuirogo ena vuku ni itavi ni Emission Reduction Program.

3) E \$420,000 me vakatabakidua ena veivakararamataki ni Emission Reduction Program ena noda vanua. Ena vuku ni vakatatabu ni COVID-19, sa na vagolei na ilavo qo ena vakau itukutuku ena monalivaliva vei ira na lewenivanua.

Au sa vakamacalataka vakamaitailalai na itukutuku qo, baleta au sega ni vinakata moni lai lasutaki vei ira na daunipolitiki, ena nodra ile vakapolitiki. Na ituvatuva qo, ena vukei kemuni kei ira na nomuni kawa. Sa veisau na gauna, sa veisau tale ga na vei Polosi me rawa ni sotava na veisau e yaco tiko.

Ena noda Tokatoka, Mataqali, Yavusa, kei na noda Vanua, sa dodonu tale ga meda veisau, me rawa nida vakaivotavota tiko ina cakacaka ni veivakatoroicaketaki e donumaki keda. Na veivakatoroicaketaki qo, ena yaga vei keda; ka na vakavinakataka na noda bula vakailavo, kei na noda qaravi tavi.

Ia, o ira eso, ka ra nanuma se ra vakayavutaka na nodra rai, ni dodonu me liutaki na noda vanua ena dua na kawa-tamata; tabusaka yani; ka ra lewena na ito ni veisaqa; era sega ni vinakata meda vukei. Era gadreva ga meda tu ga vakataki keda, ka meda kua ni vakatoroicaketaki, ka ra sega ni vinakata meda marautaka na noda bula; me vaka e volai ena iVola Tabu. Na Turaga o Jisu Karisito e tukuna ena Joni 10:10 – “...au sa lako mai me rawa vei ira na bula, ia me rawa vakalevu sara...”

Na matanitu ena solia vei kemuni na veivakatoroicaketaki me rawa ni oni rawata na veika oni gadreva, kei na veika oni tatadrataka, vakabibi na nomuni rawata na Tiko Sautu.

Me Vakalougatataki keda na Kalou. Ka me Vakalougatataki Viti.



Lagiti na teivaki ni kau e Nairai

Sa vakavinavinataki ira na lewenikoro o Nairai na liuliu ni matanitu Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama ka Minisita ni Veikau ena cakacaka vinaka ni teivaki ni kau kei na nodra qarauna vinaka na nodra yau bula.

Sa oti oqo e 10 na vula ena nodra a ciqoma na lewenikoro o Natauloo, Tovulailai, Lawaki, Vutuna kei Waitoga ena yanuyanu turaga ko Nairai na yasana ko Lomaiviti na kaci ni matanitu ena kena vakatetei tikoga na sasaga ni teivaki ni kau ena noda qele vakaitaukei ena noda Vitia. Oqo ka salamuria tikoga na sasaga ni matanitu me vakalailaitaki kina na revurevu ni draki veisau ena noda vanua, ka me teivaki kina e 30 na milioni na kau ena 15 na yabaki sa tu e matada.



Sa oti oqo e 10 na vula ena nodra a ciqoma na lewenikoro o Natauloo, Tovulailai, Lawaki, Vutuna kei Waitoga ena yanuyanu turaga ko Nairai na yasana ko Lomaiviti na kaci ni matanitu ena kena vakatetei tikoga na sasaga ni teivaki ni kau ena noda qele vakaitaukei ena noda Viti. iTaba: VAKARAUTAKI

Era sa rogoca talega na lewenikoro na kaukauwa ni revurevu ni draki veisau ka sara kila talega ni nodra veisiga ni mataka ena taqomaki talega mai na revurevu ni tubu ni yalayala ni waitui ka vakakina na kena kaji ira vinaka na katakata ni siga kei na dravui siga ni qele kevaka era sega ni teivaki vakalevu na kau. Baleta ni kau ena tiloma na kasi gaga ka kaburaki ena maliwa ka taqomaka talega na sisi ni qele ka vakarautaka vei ira na lewenivanua edua na vanua malumalumu vinaka ka vaka kina vei ira na manumanu kei ira na veika bula ena veikau.

Era sa kila vakasigalevu talega na lewenivanua oqori na nodra sa tokitaki yani na lewenikoro ena veiyasana baleta na revurevu ni tubu ni waitui ka vu mai ena draki veisau. Na isau ni veitokiyaki oqori kei na nodra tara vou tale na

nodra bula ena veivanua oqori era sa vakanadakuya kina na nodra yavu dei kei na nodra ikanakana sei qoliqoli ka dau nodra ivurevure ni bula ena veisiga ena dua na gauna balavu.

Oira na lewenikoro e Nairai era sa vakila na yaga ni vakaitavi ena teivaki ni kau baleta ni vukea sara tiko ga na nodra bula ena veisiga me vaka ni oqo esa dua talega na ivurevure ni rawaka vakailavo ena kena volitaki na itei ni kau kara sa bucina vakaira.

Na Tabana ni Veikau me vaka e liutaka tiko na porokaramu oqori esa vukei ira tiko na vei tikotiko se koro era sa gadreva tiko me ra vakaitavitaki ira ena tei kau me ra rawa ni ra bucina kina vakavinaka kina na nodra itei ka me ra volitaka talega. Era sa tara kina eso

nodra vale ni bucibucini se nurseries ni tei me vukea na nodra sasaga.

Vakaraitaka ko Vunivola Tudei ni Tabana Ni Veikau o Pene Baleinabuli ni veiqravi eratou qarava tiko esa vuavuai vinaka tiko ka ra sa kunea na kena mana na marama kei na ira soqosoqo ni tabagone ni oti walega e ono na vula na nodra bucini itei ni kau.

Ko Jovilisi Puamau e dua vei ira na itabagone, ka liutaka tiko na soqosoqo ni tabagone ena koro o Nairai. Vakaraitaka ko Puamau ni ra vakararavi oira ena ilavo e rawa mai ena nodra tei ni yaqona ia mera na waraka me vitu na yabaki ni bera ni matua mera qai cavuta na itei ka mera qai rawa ilavo kina. Ia e kuria ena nona kana ni rawa ni kunea vakarawarawa oira

kevaka era vakayagataka na bucini ni tei.

“Ni keimami raica na totolo ni gauna e solia veikemami me rawa ni kila na ilavo mai na bucini ni tei era sa vakauqeti saraga,” kaya ko Puamau.

“Na porokaramu ni iteivaki e 30 na milioni na kau ena 15 na yabaki esa dua na porokaramu vinaka saraga ka sa keimami veitokoni kina vakalevu na lewenikoro baleta ni keimami kila talega na kena yaga veikemami.

“E solia talega vei ira na lewenikoro itabagone edua na inaki vinaka me ra cuqenataka vata.”

E tokona na itukutuku oqori na liuliu ni soqosoqo vakamarama ena koro o Nairai, Sokoveti Nataqa, ni kaya ni porokaramu oqo

esa vukei ira sara ga me ra veitokonitaka vata ka me ra vakaitavi talega ena dua na cakacaka e yaga vei ira.

“Ni keimami biuta vakatikitiki na isau ni veiqravi oqo ka raica na kena yaga dina vei keimami ena neimami bula, esa dua dina na ka marautaki,” kaya ko Nataqa.

“Na bucini ni tei ni kau oqo e vakayacori saraga ena neimami yanuyanu ena neimami qele ka na yaga vei ira na luvei keimami ena gauna mai muri.

“Oqo edua na ka taleitaki kau vakavinavinaka vua na Kalou ena nona solia mai edua na yalo ni solesolevaki vei kemami baleta ni keimami vukea na tei ni veikau ka vaka kina keimami sa vukea tale tiko ga na inaki ni Kalou vei keda.”



Oira na lewenikoro e Nairai era sa vakila na yaga ni vakaitavi ena teivaki ni kau baleta ni vukea sara tiko ga na nodra bula ena veisiga me vaka ni oqo esa dua talega na ivurevure ni rawaka vakailavo ena kena volitaki na itei ni kau kara sa bucina vaka ira. iTaba: VAKARAUTAKI

Mai na va ki na 30 na milioni na kau

NA porokaramu ni teivaki ni 30 na milioni na kau ena loma ni 15 na yabaki e tiki tikoga ni sasaga ni matanitu ko Viti me vukea na bula ni tei kau ena noda vanua, vaka kina na vakalailaitaki sobu ni revurevu ni draki veisau ena noda vanua. Qo e wili kina na leqa tubukoso e tarai keda tiko ena gauna oqo me vaka na COVID-19, ka sa ra biu cakacaka kina e rauta ni 120,000 na lewenivanua. E lewe levu era sa lesu tale kina nodra veikoro me ra laki teivaka na qele ka qoliva na nodra waitui.

E tauyavutaki ena 2019 ena rai ni Matanitu me teivaki e va na milioni na kau ena loma ni va na yabaki ka tekivuna o Peresitedi Jioji Konrote. Qai laurai ni oti walega e ciwa na vula esa teivaki rawa e volekata ni dua na milioni na kau. Esa qai mani kacivaka talega kina o Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama na takete vou ni 30 na milioni na kau ena loma ni 15 na yabaki ena nodra a vosa ena

Matabose Cokovata kei Vuravura ena 2019.

Vakaraitaka ko Paraiminisita Bainimarama ni na veitokoni na Matanitu ki vei ira na itikotiko se koro, se isoqosoqo me rawa ni ra vukei ira vakai ira ena kila kei na rawaka ni tei kau.

“Na tei ni kau ena noda vanua e vukea na noda qarava ka vukea na bulabula vinaka ni noda veikau vaka kina kina na noda bula ni rawaka vakailavo kei na bula raraba. E wili tale tiko ga na tiko bulabula ni veika bula era bula wavoliti keda me baleta na bula ni kua kei na bula e matada. Sa gadrevi kina na noda veitokoni kei na dua vata ena veitabana kece sara oqo,” kaya ko Paraiminisita Bainimarama.

“Oqori na usutu ni veiqravi ni Tabana ni Veikau ena nodra vanua.”

Vakaraitaka na Vunivola Tudei Pene Baleinabuli ni dua na uto levu ni veiqravi oqo na nodra uqeti na lewenivanua me ra veiwekani vinaka kei na

veika bula.

“Era na taleitaka kina na veikau, vunika kei na veika bula ka kila vinaka na veimataqali vunika kei na kei na kedra yaga ena nodra bula ena gauna oqo kei na veigauna sa bera mai,” kaya o Baleinabuli.

Kuria ko koya ni ratou na vakarau veisiko e Nairai na nona ivakalesilesi ka me ratou laki voli mai kina eso na itei ni kau.

Era sa uqeti na lewenikoro e Nairai me ra volitaka talega na nodra itei ni kau vei ira na via volivoli ka bibi me ra teivaka tikoga vakalevu ka bucina talega vakalevu.

Esa veivakauqeti na Minisitiri ki vei ira na yasana ko Lomaiviti ena nodra veivuke ena yanuyanu ko Nairai mera laki voli itei kina.

Na porokaramu oqo esa kaji donu saratikoga ena gauna oqo baleta ena gauna ni draki veisau kei na gauna e sotavi kina na dredre ni rawaka vakailavo ka sa rawa ni vakaisosomitaki kina ena teivaki kei na bucini ni kau. **TABANA NI VEIKAU**

Noda Viti



Ciqomi e va na lori ni usa tauvimate

VILIAME TIKOTANI

ERA sa ciqoma na Minisita ni Bula kei na Veiqaravi ena Vale ni Bula Dr Ifereimi Waqainabete e 4 na lorry ni veiusa ena valenibula me baleti ira na tauvimate se Ambulance ena kena vosa vakaatokai vaka Peritania ka kilai.

Vakaraitaka oqo na veiwekani vinaka ni matanitu erua o Viti kei Niusiladi ena veidinadinati ni Vuvale partnership.

Marautaka ko Minisita Waqa na veivuke oqo me vaka ni san a veivuke ena veiqaravi ni nona tabana. Sa Malo Aotearoa



Pasitaki na lawa vou ni volai ni yaca

JOSEFA ULUILAKEBA

Esa pasi taki e na dabe ni Palimedi sa oti na vakatutu se lawa me na veisau taki kina na iwalewale ni vola yaca e na taurivaki ki vei ira na lewe ni vanua e ra sa sivia na yabaki 18.

Na veisau qo me baleta na vola yaca e na Valenivolavola ni Veidigidigi ka na gadrevi kina me na rejisita ga yaca e tiko e na nona vola ni sucu e dua na lewe ni vanua.

E tiki ni veisau qo na kena gadrevi me na kau tiko yani na nomuni vola ni sucu e na gauna o lai vola yaca kina me baleta na veidigidigi.

Vuqa na gauna e sa da dau vakayagataka tu ga na yaca e da dau kilai tu kina e vale, vei ira na wekada se noda itokani ka sa da dau nanuma tu ni sa yacada sara ga oya i'a e duatani na yacana e volai tu e na nomuni vola ni sucu.

Na lawaqa e qarava wale ga na tikina ya

ka na sega ni na vakaleqa na nomuni volai tiko e na iVola ni Kawa Bula.

E na nona vosa e Palimedi e nanao na Turaga Paraiminisita o Josaia Voreqe Bainimarama e kaya kina ni rua na ka dui-duit oya.

“Na nomuni rejisita e na Valenivolavola ni Sucu kei na kena vakacurumi e dua na yaca e na iVola ni Kawa Bula ka sega kina ni dodonu me da nuiqawaqawa se ririko taka na veisau qo.”

“Qo e tiki tiko ga ni kena vakavinaka taki na veiqaravi me baleta na veidigidigi ka na gadrevi ga kina na yaca e curu tiko e na Valenivolvaola ni Sucu

Io' ke o kila ni duidui tiko na yaca e tiko vei ratou na Valenivolavola ni Veidigidigi kei na kena e tiko e na nomu Vola ni Sucu sa kerei moni na veisautaka e na gauna e sa na vakalawa taki kina e na dua na gauna lekaleka mai qo.

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