

Fiji Focus

LOCKDOWN

Capital city goes into 14-day isolation mode, new curfew from 8pm-5am

AZARIA FAREEN

SUVA will be on a lockdown from today and a nationwide curfew from 8pm to 5am will be enforced.

Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama announced the 14 day lockdown starting from the Delainavesi Bridge on the Queen's Road, the Sawani Junction and the Nausori Bridge starting from 5am today.

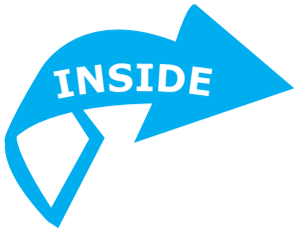
"We confirmed two new cases of COVID-19 in Fiji. Our sixth case is a 21-year-old woman and our seventh case is her 33-year-old husband. Again, our medical teams were well-prepared to get to these patients quickly, test them and move them securely and hygienically into isolation," Prime Minister Bainimarama said while explaining the reason behind the lockdown.

The lockdown entails:

- The greater public will not be allowed in or out, only those travelling for medical purposes will be allowed through checkpoints.
- All non-essential businesses will be closed
- Supermarkets and shops selling food will remain open
- Restaurants can remain open, so long as they cut seating capacity below 20 people, practice safe physical distancing between tables and at queues, and must focus on takeaway and delivery orders.
- Banks will remain open so that people can get money
- Pharmacies will remain open so that people can get medicine
- FNPf will remain open so that people can access funds
- Markets will remain open but — as Minister Kumar has explained on earlier occasions — markets are decentralising into satellite markets to prevent the sort of dangerous overcrowding that spurs the spread of the virus; and
- Essential business will remain open which includes air and rescue services, air traffic control services, civil aviation, telecommunication services, food and sanitary manufacturing plants, electricity services, emergency services, fire services, health and hospital services, lighthouse services, meteorological services, mine pumping, ventilation and winding, sanitary services, supply and distribution of fuel and gas, power, garbage collection, transport services, water and sewage services, FNPf and FRCS, civil service, private security services and roading services.
- Given some Fijians need to seek specialised treatment at facilities in Suva, the checkpoints will allow these individuals who need to undergo surgery or receive kidney dialysis treatment.



Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama during the press conference at Suvavou House yesterday. Photo: AZARIA FAREEN



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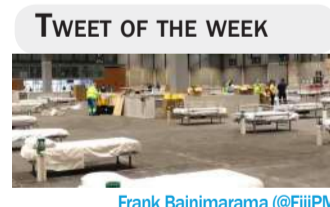
You can go out to get food, get medicine, take out money or access another essential service. It's also okay to ex-ercise safely outdoors, so long as you maintain a safe distance from others.

Voreqe Bainimarama Fijian Prime Minister

NUMBERS 20 per cent The amount unanimously agreed in Parliament as a pay cut for all Cabinet Ministers, Assistant Ministers and Members of Parliament until 31st December.

\$1bn The total set aside by Government in the COVID-19 Supplementary Budget for 2020 to fight the deadly pandemic.

\$40m The amount allocated to the Ministry of Health and Medical Services in the 2020 COVID-19 Supplementary Budget to fight the deadly pandemic.



A sobering scene where our Moana Blue Pacific Pavilion sat during #COP25 in Madrid. Whether we're combating climate change or #COVID19, it's clear today that the world's greatest enemies know no borders. We're all in the same canoe, so we must work together to save humankind

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Attorney-General and Minister for Economy Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum and Minister for Industry, Trade, Tourism, Local Government, Housing and Community Development, Premila Kumar with business leaders at Suvavou House. Photo: AZARIA FAREEN

A-G meets business leaders on curfew

THE Attorney-General and Minister for Economy Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum together with the Minister for Industry, Trade, Tourism, Local Government, Housing and Community Development, Premila Kumar on Saturday, 28 March 2020, met with industries to develop clear protocols to manage and facilitate movement of essential staff of businesses operating during the nation-wide curfew period. As announced by the Prime Minister, in order to minimise non-essential movement of Fijians, in Fiji's bid to contain Coronavirus (COVID-19), there will be a nation-wide curfew in place from Monday, 30 March 2020. This curfew will apply daily from 10pm to 5am. There are industries and certain service providers that operate in a number of shifts. These

businesses will be allowed to continue operations during the curfew period. In this regard, all businesses will need to ensure all staff who are required to work during curfew hours carry the following: (i) Company Photo ID cards, in the absence of company ID, the staff will need to carry a valid National photo ID, such as Voter ID, Joint ID or Driver's License; (ii) Letter on company letterhead issued to staff that they are required to work during that specific time; and (iii) National Contact Centre telephone contact (where applicable) to verify the claims of the staff. Where there is no contact centre, a contact officer should be identified and contact details provided. The contracted service provider, that is, taxi

or bus operator, or port service providers, such as tug operators or line port service providers, to name a few, should be provided with the following: (i) A letter from the contracting company on company letterhead that they are service providers for the company and are required to work during the curfew period; and (iv) National Contact Centre telephone contact (where applicable) to verify the claims. Where there is no contact centre, a contact officer should be identified and contact details provided. These measures are in place to enable business to continue without any disruptions. For further information, please contact the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism on phone: 990 7421. -news@govnet.gov.fj

Civil servants to work from home

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CIVIL Servants working in certain divisions within ministries will be required to carry out their duties from home. This was the announcement made by the Attorney-General and Minister for Civil Service Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum at a press conference in regards to measures being taken to strengthen physical distancing to reduce the risks of contracting COVID-19. "As you know the Prime Minister has made the announcement that we have a Work from Home program in place for civil servants. The idea for the program is to give people a lot more flexible working conditions to be able to work from home," the A-G stated. He reiterated that this Work from Home program will not in any way affect the services provided to Fijians by civil servants. All possible face to face events within the civil service has been

reduced in order to bring about the culture of social and physical distancing. "This is the overall message that the Hon. Prime Minister had given out and we must try as much as possible to reduce public contacting. In this period we have only five confirmed cases and we'd like to keep it that way and continue to reduce those numbers." "This is a culture we are trying to inculcate and other organisations in the private sector can follow that. This is a step that Government is putting in place, but please understand that this in no way means that Government services to the public will anyhow reduce or diminish. We'll continue to provide services to members of the public." Civil servants are required to adhere to the Civil Service Code of Conduct while are working from home and to remain contactable throughout the working hours.



Attorney-General and Minister for Civil Service Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum at a press conference in Suvavou House earlier this week. Photo: MARICA CAUCAU



Minister for Health and Medical Services Dr Ifereimi Waqainabete during a press conference at Suvavou House. Photo: RONAL DEO

City awaits lifting of lockdown

PRASHILA DEVI

THE lockdown of Lautoka will be lifted next week Tuesday as there have been no new cases after the last reported case of Coronavirus (COVID-19), says Minister for Health and Medical Services Doctor Ifereimi Waqainabete.

However, Minister Waqainabete has cautioned that there is still “zero room for complacency”.

“As part of nationwide COVID-19 containment effort, following our first case, we locked down the Lautoka confined area on the 19th of March for a period of 14 days. Since that time, three more cases have been identified in the Lautoka confined area, the most recent of which was a 31-year-old member of the first patient’s Zumba class.”

Minister Waqainabete said while all the reported cases are in a stable condition, it should not lead anyone to “believe that this crisis is behind us”.

“If we relent now, we will cripple our campaign to lock down this virus for good.”

He said the past two weeks has not been easy for Fijians residing in Lautoka but it was important to note that the lockdown was put in place “to keep you safe, and keep your friends and family within the confined area safe as well”.

“To those living within the Lautoka confined area, know that the single quickest way to open up your boundaries and return to normal is by seeing as many people in the Lautoka confined area as possible tested for fevers at our new clinics,” Minister Waqainabete said.

Furthermore, he said with the passage of the 2020 COVID-19 Response Budget includes “a new amendment to the Public Health Act to step up our enforcement of the measures we’ve introduced to keep the Fijian people safe; because we are not relying on goodwill alone to do what must be done to stop this virus from spiralling into an outbreak”.

“The police have already made dozens of arrests relating to violations of our health protection measures and — through an amendment to the Public Health Act — liars and law-breakers can face up to five years in prison, a ten thousand dollar fine, or both,” Minister Waqainabete said.

However, he said despite the reckless actions and attitudes of a few, many Fijians have been playing by the rules and have gone above and beyond the call of duty in the campaign against the coronavirus.

\$40m top up for Health Ministry

A WHOPPING \$40 million dollars has been allocated to top up the Ministry of Health’s budget in aid of its capacity to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Attorney-General and Minister for Economy Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum, during his announcement of the 2020 COVID-19 Response Budget, said this was in addition to the \$347.5 million dollars allocated to the health sector in the 2019/2020 national budget .

The A-G said the \$40-million-dollar top up, on the other hand, will put more simple supplies like face masks to complex and expensive equipment like ventilators in hospitals.

“It will fund more personal protective gear for workers, and thermal scanners. It will fund the set-up of fever clinics throughout the country to isolate at-risk patients. It will fund vital efforts to raise awareness among ordinary Fijians of what they can do to keep themselves healthy,” the A-G said.

The budget will also fund the diligent work contact tracing team as well as emergency medical responses and other COVID-19 contingency plans.

“To ensure the medical sector has the specific, technical tools it needs to combat the COVID-19 crisis, we’ll be introducing a VAT exemption on imports for a vast range of medical supplies and equipment, effective immediately,” he said.

He further said the customs tariff act



Minister Waqainabete says while all the reported cases are in a stable condition, it should not lead anyone to “believe that this crisis is behind us”. Photo: RONAL DEO

will undergo significant changes in the form of fiscal duty cuts to essential medical supplies.

The following items will see their fiscal duty reduced to zero per cent:

Hand sanitisers and antibacterial hand wash; gloves; masks; disposable hair nets; disinfectant wipes; tissues; medical-grade face shields and goggles; protective garments; long-sleeve medical gowns; ethanol for local companies already involved in hand sanitiser production; disinfectants and sterilisation products; hospital beds; hydrogen peroxide; paper bed sheets; thermometers; air purifier; medical-grade boots; and hospital

beds.

“Many of these items were already exempt for the public health sector, but now we’re opening the same relief to the private sector as well, ensuring Fijians can keep hygienic and healthy at as low a cost as possible, regardless of where they’re treated or buy their own supplies from. So the private sector can import more of these goods and pass these benefits to customers.”

“This emergency funding to health, along with these new targeted tax measures, pushes our total COVID-19 Stimulus Package past the billion-dollar mark,” he added.

Fuel prices down, LPG costs up

PRASHILA DEVI

THE Fijian Competition and Consumer Commission (FCCC) has reviewed and determined new prices for Unleaded Petrol, Premix, Kerosene, Diesel and LPG.

The new Fuel and LPG prices became effect from Wednesday 1 April 2020 and are as

follows:

Retail Fuel Prices Motor Spirit from \$2.16 to \$2.06 per litre, a decrease of 10 cents per litre.

Premix from \$2.04 to \$1.90 per litre, a decrease of 14 cents per litre.

Kerosene from \$1.67 to \$1.47 per litre, a decrease of 20 cents per litre.

Diesel from \$1.87 to \$1.71 per litre, a decrease of 16 cents

per litre.

Retail LPG Prices 4.5kg Cylinder from \$13.88 to \$14.43, an increase of \$0.55 per 4.5kg Cylinder.

12kg Cylinder from \$37.02 to \$38.47, an increase of \$1.45 per 12kg Cylinder.

13kg Cylinder from \$40.11 to \$41.67, an increase of \$1.56 per 13kg Cylinder.

Bulk Gas from \$2.621 to \$2.647, an increase of \$0.03

per kg.

Autogas from \$1.76 to \$1.78, an increase of \$0.02 per litre.

The Fuel and LPG price review implemented by FCCC follows a one-month lag period. Moreover, the movement of the crude oil prices will have an impact of the fuel prices in Fiji.

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Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama during a press conference recently, said despite having just a handful of cases Government is acting quickly and decisively. Photo: EMI KOROITANOVA

Follow advisories, 'lock down pandemic threat'



Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Disaster Management and Meteorological Services Jone Usamate at the Nausori fever clinic.

AZARIA FAREEN

IN endorsing the COVID-19 Response Budget 2020, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Disaster Management and Meteorological Services, Jone Usamate accredited the Attorney-General and the Ministry of Economy team for their hard work.

Speaking during the Parliamentary debate last week on the 2020 COVID-19 Response Budget, Minister Usamate said, "All of us in this Parliament have our part to play in making sure that we can get the rest of the population of this country to lock-down the COVID-19 threat, that is the focus of this Government and the budget put forward in Parliament today".

"We lock down the threat by making sure that everyone in this country follows the advisories that have been given by Ministry of Health by reducing movements and ships going to outer islands," he said.

Minister Usamate says that since there is no vaccine for COVID-19, it is mandatory to change the behavior of people in the country through the parliamentarians to ensure that all advisories are followed.

"I call upon all the Honorable Members of the House and people of this country to follow advisories so you can save lives and we won't have to lock down Fiji, which is very critical," he said.

"I appreciate all the work that has been done by the divisional commissioners and congratulate the work done by the Minister for Health and his staff, members of the military, staff from my ministry and other ministries who have been working hard and long hours to address the impact of coronavirus," he added.

Minister Usamate has also expressed gratitude to all the agencies that have come on board to contribute towards Government's approach such as Energy Fiji Ltd for waiving payments for those earning less than \$30,000, Water Authority of Fiji in ensuring the provision of water and the new Natural Disaster Rehabilitation Facility that they use for small businesses in the country.

PM: Govt acting quickly, decisively

EMI KOROITANOVA

FIJIANS may take comfort in knowing its Government will continue to be transparent and forward as the COVID-19 situations unfold.

Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama, during a press conference recently, said despite having just a handful of cases Government is acting quickly and decisively.

"Our actions are guided by the advice of leading experts from Fiji and around the world," PM Bainimarama said.

Fijians across the nation have been urged by the Fijian Head of Government to avoid

all non-essential travel.

"That means no Fijian should travel from their home unless absolutely necessary. And they certainly should not be travelling around the country, across divisions or to different islands," PM Bainimarama had said.

He had also urged parents that all children and the elderly stay at home at all times.

"Breadwinners who can go to work should go home straight after," he said.

He added that for everyone else, every move made should be for their own health or the health of others.

"You can go out to get food, get medicine,

take out money or access another essential service. It's also okay to exercise safely outdoors, so long as you maintain a safe distance from others. But do not visit friends or family unless absolutely necessary. Do not host parties. Do not needlessly linger, and do not mingle with strangers."

The ban on gatherings of 20 people or more remains in full effect.

"Weddings, funerals, concerts, sporting events should all be cancelled. When it comes to people's health, no event is more important than people's lives. Remember, lives are priceless, plans can change," he said.

Women, girls 'top priority during crisis'

FELIX LESINAIVALU

THE safety and security of women and girls, including those with disabilities and marginalised groups, is a top priority in light of Fiji vigorous fight against the COVID-19 virus.

Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation Mereseini Vuniwaqa, in a joint press release with Fiji Women's Crisis Centre, said global and Pacific evidence showed the impacts and implications during crisis and emergencies are different for women and men.

"Through the Safety and Protection Cluster, my Ministry is working closely with the signatories to the National Service Delivery Protocol, such as the Police, key government ministries, frontline service providers such as the Fiji Women's Crisis Centre, Medical Services Pacific, Empower Pacific, Salvation Army, and others to ensure that women and

girls are protected, and perpetrators do not use this situation as an opportunity to commit violence," Minister Vuniwaqa had said.

The ministry's National Domestic Violence Helpline 1560 and the Child Helpline Fiji 1325 has continued to be fully operational 24-hours a day, 7-days a week.

Fiji Women's Crisis Centre Coordinator Shamima Ali said the Centre has seen the rise in domestic violence cases happen before during political crisis' and natural disasters.

"We support recommended public health measures and strategies such as "social distancing", put in place to contain the virus, but acknowledge that it may be used as a mechanism by perpetrators to further isolate women from family and social networks, creating a potentially dangerous environment for physical, sexual, and emotional violence as well as coercive control which can severely hamper women's access to support, as well as access to health services and justice," Ms Ali stated.



Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation Mereseini Vuniwaqa. Photo: SUPPLIED



\$40m set aside for Health Ministry

NANISE NEIMILA

AN additional \$40 million has been allocated to the Ministry of Health and Medical Services for the next four months for procurement purposes towards its response efforts to COVID-19 pandemic.

This was highlighted by the Minister for Health and Medical Services Dr Ifereimi Waqainabete while responding to the 2020 COVID-19 Response Budget in Parliament last week.

Minister Waqainabete updated Parliament on the uses of the budget which includes; incident management, communications, incinerators, personal protective equipment, infection control, decontamination of facilities, warehouses and Intensive Care Unit (ICU) setup facility.

“We are buying another 50 ventilators and if we take all machines that we have at the moment, we need to use them because people need to be ventilated. We have 58 ventilator devices available now and we need more,” Minister Waqainabete said.

“We dedicated vehicles, ambulance drivers, container freezers, human resource, logistics for testing and isolation room facilities. We also have infrared thermometers, infrared scanners, health reliable cards, isolation facilities, food feeding centres and ration because people in isolation need to be fed.”

Minister Waqainabete highlighted Fiji’s preparedness and responsive plan has been modified on a daily basis. The ministry has setup a taskforce since January called the Incident Management Team.

“We have deployed desk staff to key areas and started preparing for COVID-19. The budget will allow us to order the key assets for COVID-19, bring in extra machinery such as those being discussed and also because of the foresight of this Government, the Fiji Centre for Disease Control was able to open the newly renovated molecular lab and commence testing for COVID-19 on one of the only four countries in the Pacific to do so.”

“We have nations in the Pacific due to the lockdown flights are not flying out and they are not able to test their citizens because of the lockdown. Even though there is a lockdown, even though flights are not coming in we are able to test every day.”

Minister Waqainabete informed Parliament that the ministry is working closely with the divisional commissioners in mobilising people in the communities in taking the precautionary measures.



Attorney-General and Minister for Economy Ayiaz Sayed-Khaiyum during the COVID-19 Supplementary Response Budget announcement in Parliament last week. Photo: PARLIAMENT OF FIJI

Ringling endorsement on pandemic response budget

AZARIA FAREEN

THE Minister for Employment, Productivity and Industrial Relations, Youth and Sports, Parveen Kumar has called on for extraordinary measures to sustain the nation through difficult times in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We live in a period of significant change in which this new virus has impacted on our economy, our jobs, on our workers and on our employers – to be one of uncertainty,” Minister Kumar said while addressing the Members of Parliament recently.

“COVID-19 crisis has also impacted badly on sports and on our Fijian sports people, and where globally sports are at a standstill, including the postponement of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games,” Minister Kumar said.

“I thank all the sports organizations that have postponed contact sports and events that gen-

erate mass crowd and I know that all of you will come out bigger and stronger for this experience, as we move Fiji forward as a sporting nation.”

Minister Kumar said Government has responded in a proactive and timely manner to this global crisis by taking into account the interest of all Fijians at the forefront.

“My Ministry is carrying out workplace awareness and audit on COVID-19 on duty of care which will enable all stakeholders to comply with the Occupational Health and Safety regulations and provide safe workplace to combat the virus,” he said.

“The International Labour Organization indicated a fall in employment globally as is the case in Fiji, and its impacts on reducing income, therefore, we need to ensure that we have mechanisms in place to safeguard our workers, employers and Fijians in general.”

Minister Kumar has welcomed the number

of custom policy changes included in the 2020 COVID-19 Supplementary Response Budget which will provide immediate relief to the business houses which in turn will lead to a workforce and a workplace geared to move Fiji forward.

“Our Fijian citizens currently working under the three schemes, have been assured by both Australia and New Zealand, that measures are in place to address workers’ health and safety concerns and there is also a provision for the extension of expiry visas for them,” Minister Kumar said.

“I urge all Fijians to stay safe, and where possible, stay at home to stop transmission and like all of you, pray and look forward to the end of this COVID-19. Look after your loved ones in particular, the elders and those at risk, and follow closely the Government guidelines for your safety and health against the virus.”

Ministry will adapt ‘in this time of need’

FELIX LESINAIVALU

THE Ministry of Education, like any other Government Ministry, at this point in time has had made key sacrifices in this time of need.

These were the sentiments shared by Minister for Education, Heritage and Arts, Rosy Akbar, during her response the 2020 COVID-19 Response Budget in Parliament.

“I am aware that every passing minute of time we will be missing crucial formal learning time, if circumstances force our hands to extend the two weeks school recess beyond its scheduled dates,

the Ministry will re-align the school terms.”

Minister Akbar added will also re-adjust the budget, re-schedule exams and re-assess the curriculum as timely content coverage.

“These are extraordinary times, we need extra ordinary solutions, we need to think outside the box and be decisive on our actions.”

“The planet is facing an extraordinary catastrophe and we need extraordinary people to find solutions.”

Minister Akbar said compared to larger financially established nations, Fiji’s response and prepared-

ness rate has been on an all-time high.

“The pro-active approach made by the Fijian Government has taken during the entire situation is commendable.”

“Who knows in the days to come whether a catastrophe awaits our beautiful island nation and how many of us will be able to gather at the aftermath of the great battle of Coronavirus against humanity.”

Minister Akbar emphasized on what Prime Minister, Voreqe Bainimarama highlighted, that it is not the time to push personal, play mind games or the blame game.

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Rosy Akbar
Minister for Education,
Heritage and Arts



Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama with medical practitioners of Navua Hospital manning the quarantine facility in the Central Vision
Photo: NANISE NEIMILA

Minister Vuniwaqa happy with help for the vulnerable

AZARIA FAREEN

“I AM encouraged the critical programs relating to the ministry’s core work in relation to women, children, the elderly and those living with disabilities will continue.”

These were the sentiments of Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, Mereseini Vuniwaqa in support of the COVID-19 Response Budget in Parliament recently.

The total allocation to the ministry is \$144 million with the additional \$16 million allocated in the 2020 COVID-19 Budget announced by the Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum.

“The Ministry is satisfied with this allocation and we will ensure that our clientele need continue to be met in spite of the fact that the ministry received its highest allocation ever last year,” Minister Vuniwaqa said.

“The increase in the budget is targeted specifically at our Social Protection programmes and this was a result of Government’s commitment towards new programmes and projects aimed to better the services provided to our people.”

Some of the ministry’s new initiatives are the Economic Empowerment of People Living with Disabilities, Domestic Violence Support Fund and the Establishment of the Barefoot College.

“It cuts across life spectrum from the cradle to the grave, therefore, it is important that Government continues to ensure that no individual be ever ostracized in any stage of their life because of their situation or background,” she stressed.

“My Ministry is happy that the new budget will help to maintain the current Social Protection Programmes such as the Social Pension Scheme, Poverty Benefit Scheme, Care Protection Allowance, Rural Pregnant Mothers Programme and Disability Allowance.”

Minister Vuniwaqa said that while it was unfortunate that the divisional craft shows and women’s expo cannot be held this year, the welfare of Fijians are at stake and takes precedence over the COVID-19 crisis.

“I wish to emphasize that we will not let the welfare of Fijian children be compromised and we will rake in our joint efforts with our stakeholders and through the National Coordinating Committee for Children as Fiji fights COVID-19,” she said.

“The safety of the residents of all residential institutions under the Ministry has been a major priority for us in response to the COVID-19, and we will continue to ensure that our children, juveniles and older persons have adequate hygiene supplies, awareness packages, best practices and caregiving at all times.”

She further added the regulated access to the Fiji National Provident Fund, reduced taxes, utility subsidies and ease in mortgage loan hire purchase repayments are some key elements of the Supplementary Budget which will cushion the effects of the coronavirus on ordinary Fijians - assistance that is also unprecedented in nature as COVID-19 is and its ripple effects.

PM reassures Fijians of help over pandemic

NANISE NEIMILA

GOVERNMENT will ensure that all resources are mobilised and ready to protect all Fijians from COVID-19 pandemic that is affecting the world today.

This was the reassurance made by the Head of Government and Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama while delivering his response to the COVID-19 Response Budget deliberation held in Parliament last week.

PM Bainimarama said there are over half a million confirmed cases of COVID-19 worldwide with hundreds of deaths reported daily.

“The entire world has been grounded to hard and fast halt. The global economy is hurtling towards the most devastating economic crisis of our lifetimes. People are losing

jobs, industries are collapsing, companies are going under.”

“Given this grim reality, I know the Fijian people shared my frustration last night listening to the tedious back and forth that delayed hearing what this Budget contained — and the support it provides — before it was even announced by our Honourable Attorney-General and Minister for Economy. We need to put money in Fijians’ pockets, now. We need to extend a lifeline to Fijian businesses. We need to get our doctors and nurses more of the life-saving supplies they need to test for and treat this virus,” PM Bainimarama said.

“We’ve been working closely with foreign missions to make sure Fijians can get home and expatriates in Fiji are able to return to their countries. There are three final evacuation

flights scheduled this weekend. So far, only one is confirmed. It’s coming in from New Zealand to bring Fijians back home and repatriate kiwis and other foreign nationals,” he said last week.

The Prime Minister added that all of these incoming passengers will be placed under compulsory self-quarantine for 14 days upon arrival. Once these flights are sorted, passenger-travel out of Nadi Airport will shut down.

“That measure is part of Fiji’s stringent COVID-19 containment effort — a nationwide response we’ve rolled out with break-neck efficiency to stop this virus in its tracks. Just to recap: The Lautoka confined area — the location of our first case — is on total lockdown. Cruise ships are banned.”

“Anyone entering Fiji must immediately shut themselves

in self-quarantine for 14 days. Inter-island passenger shipping ends on Sunday the 29th of March. Gatherings of 20 or more people are banned. Non-essential travel should not be happening anywhere in Fiji. The elderly should stay home at all times and so should children.”

He added that during his frequent COVID-19 press statements he has highlighted that the Government was not afraid to ramp up these containment measures if it feels the Fijian public was not taking this crisis seriously.

“When it comes to the type of activities and behaviours that we’ve discouraged to stop the spread of corona-virus — like non-essential travel, close contact, and large gatherings — too many Fijians seem to think that when the sun goes down, the rules stop.”

Govt’s focus on wellbeing, safety of citizens

EMI KOROITANOVA

THE Fijian Government holds serious consideration to the well-being and safety of all Fijians.

The Minister for Defence, National Security and Foreign Affairs Inia Seruiratu said there is a high number of people in Fiji’s diaspora communities all over the world that have opted to return to the country due to the situations in those countries they reside in.

“Of course, we have a responsibility to make sure that they are brought back into the country,” Minister Seruiratu said during his response to the 2020 COVID-19 Response Budget announcement in Parliament recently.

He went on to say, however, that some countries have completely shut their border and even their own nationals are not allowed back into the country.

“We had a good number who were return-



Minister for Defence and National Security Inia Seruiratu and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Disaster Management and Meteorological Services Jone Usamate at the Nausori fever clinic.
Photo: SUPPLIED

ing from India for medical treatment but were denied entry into Samoa, we have to look after them,” Minister Seruiratu said.

Furthermore, he went on to say Fiji is the transportation hub of the Pacific and works closely with Australia and New Zealand.

“We have a responsibility to look after our own Pacific communities and neighborhood. They connect to the other parts of the world through Fiji.”

The Minister empathized that Fiji also has a responsibility not only during good times but as a responsible neighbour and a responsible country, being the hub of transportation in the region, to bring them back into their respective countries.

“There are risks but risks can be reduced, risks can be transferred, mitigation or managed, and that is what we have been doing until we became the 164th country to have COVID-19,” Minister Seruiratu said.

Over the past few weeks, screening at the borders, detection and testing carried being carried out are to be credited for the tracing of contacts.

The Minister is pleading to all Fijians, it is a comprehensive approach.

“The comprehensive approach is the responsibilities and actions by all other stakeholders, apart from the Ministry of Health and this needs not only a whole of government approach but the whole of society approach.”



Ministry sets up toll-free helpline

THERE have been no new cases of COVID-19 since the announcement by the Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama on Wednesday, 25 March and as such there are five confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Fiji.

Since the outbreak of the global pandemic, the Fijian Government through the Fijian Ministry of Health and Medical Services has been proactively responding to this crisis.

Amongst the measures put in place, the Fijian Government has opened a toll-free helpline - 158. This toll-free helpline will replace the four phone numbers which have been operational since the response began.

The public can now call 158 for all COVID-19 related queries and concerns. The helpline is open 24 hours, seven days a week for the duration of the COVID-19 response. Trained staff will be managing calls at the call centre.

We are especially interested in hearing from members of the public who think they or a family member have symptoms of COVID-19.

For Fijians living abroad wishing to enquire about the Fijian COVID-19 response, the number to call is +679 9902158. This is a charged service.

The symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- fever
- flu-like symptoms such as coughing, sore throat or headaches; or
- difficulty breathing

The Fijian Government remains on the highest level of alert in response to this global pandemic. Finding cases early and isolating them quickly is key to containing this disease.

As the symptoms of COVID-19 are very similar to many other respiratory illnesses (including the common cold and influenza) it is expected that the Ministry will continue to investigate more persons with relevant travel history and symptoms related to COVID-19.

What can you do?

The Fijian Ministry of Health and Medical Services wishes to strongly urge the public to not share rumours and misinformation, and to use credible sources for information on COVID-19:

Fijian Ministry of Health and Medical Services website:

www.health.gov.fj

Fijian Ministry of Health and Medical Services Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/MoHFiji/

World Health Organization (WHO) website:
www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public

The Fijian Ministry of Health and Medical Services is monitoring the developing situation and will provide updates regularly to the public.

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The Ministry of Education will take necessary steps to ensure the quality of student's education will not be compromised when schools commence.

Schools stay closed for two more weeks

WITH the control measures still in place for COVID-19, the Ministry of Education, Heritage and Arts wishes to advise all Fijians that schools will remain closed for another two weeks, until 17 April 2020.

The Ministry will closely monitor the situation and advise on the school resumption date.

Minister Akbar has stated that the safety and well-being of children, teachers and their families are paramount and cannot be put at undue risk. The Ministry of Education will take necessary steps to ensure the quality of student's education will not be compromised when schools commence.

The Ministry will realign the school terms, reassess the curriculum and reschedule examinations. Meanwhile, the Student Free Days Programme (SFD) for teachers has been temporarily suspended for term two.

The Ministry requests that all children be kept at home as much as possible as the Fijian public continues to practice physical distancing to prevent the potential spread of the COVID-19 virus. During this period, students will still not be allowed to use the government subsidised blue bus cards.

Minister Akbar also reiterated the imperative role parents and guardians play in inculcating good values and virtues and

honing lifelong skills in their children. She also emphasised the need for parents to instruct their children on the importance of handwashing with soap and water on a regular basis.

The Ministry will be releasing a set of planned supplementary activities through our Schools Broadcasting Unit as well as our official website, and social media page.

The Ministry encourages people to share this information widely.

Stay safe and stay indoors as much as possible.

-MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, HERITAGE AND ARTS

Fishing 'allowed during curfew hours'



The Ministry of Fisheries wishes to reiterate the need for co-operation during these challenging times and for fishermen to please respect the various commodity bans that are still in place.

Photo: SUPPLIED

FISHING is allowed during curfew hours and fisherfolk are asked to please contact their nearest Fisheries Service Centre should they need further clarification and advice. Licensed fishermen are sternly reminded to fish only in iqoliqoli areas or fishing grounds that are clearly specified on their licences.

The Ministry of Fisheries wishes to reiterate the need for co-operation during these challenging times and for fishermen to please respect the various commodity bans that are still in place.

Director Fisheries, Ms Mere Lakeba says that they will be working closely with the Fiji Navy and Fiji Police in the monitoring of all fishing activities occurring in Fiji waters.

"Fishermen are advised to also leave their home ports well-before curfew hours and must take note that the exemption to curfew restrictions only applies whilst out

at sea. Those caught on land during the curfew period will face the full brunt of the law," said Ms Lakeba.

Meanwhile, fishermen in Lautoka are currently issued with special fishing passes before they travel out to sea and stringent measures have also been placed to ensure that they practice social distancing, well informed on preventative measures and undergo thorough screening processes before being allowed to go out fishing.

The Maritime and Safety Authority of Fiji (MSAF) have also issued out instructions stating that a maximum of three passengers including boat captain will be allowed in small crafts whether they are traveling to and from the main land for provisioning or for fishing related activities. For further information, please contact the Ministry of Fisheries on short code 5351.

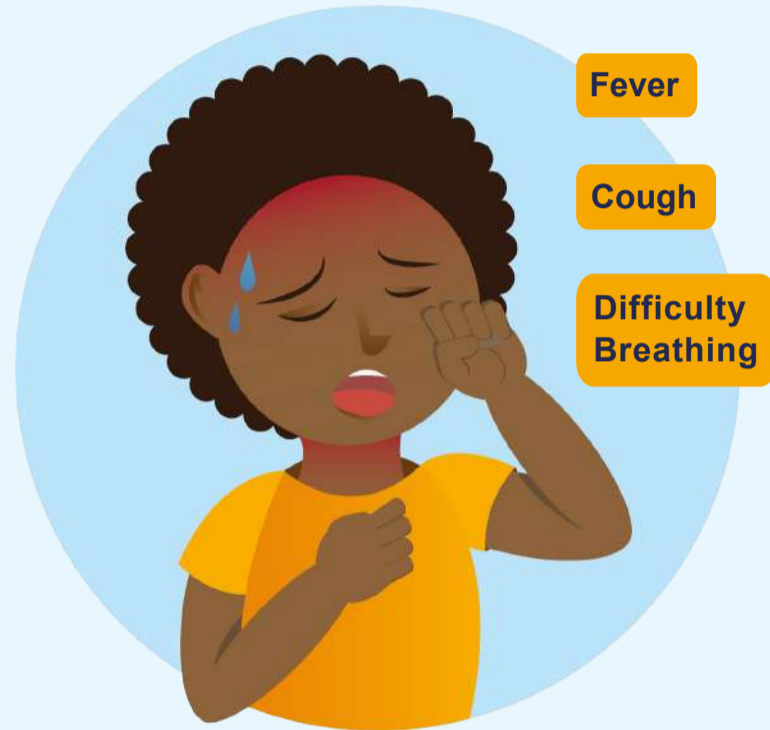
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Protect Yourself and Your Family from COVID-19



What are the symptoms?



What is COVID-19?

COVID-19 is the infectious disease caused by the most recently discovered coronavirus. COVID-19 appears to spread mostly through respiratory droplets (for instance, produced when a sick person coughs) and close contact with someone with COVID-19.

*Please stay informed on the latest information from WHO, situation may change as health authorities continue to analyze information.



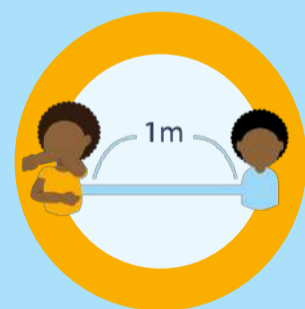
What can I do to protect myself?



Regularly and thoroughly clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water.



Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth.



Maintain at least 1 metre distance between yourself and anyone who is coughing or sneezing.



Always cover your nose and mouth with tissue or elbow when coughing or sneezing.



Stay informed on the latest developments about COVID-19.

http://www.fiji.gov.fj @FijianGovernment @FijianGovt



If you have been to a country with ongoing COVID-19 transmission and develop any of the symptoms, immediately contact one of the numbers below.

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*Current information suggests that the virus can cause mild, flu-like symptoms as well as more severe disease. WHO estimates that symptoms may appear between 1 to 14 days after exposure.

Who is at risk of developing severe illness?



Older adults



Those with existing health conditions (such as high blood pressure, heart disease, or diabetes)

Should I worry about COVID-19?

If you are in an area where there is an outbreak of COVID-19 you need to take the risk of infection seriously. It's a good idea to get the facts to help you accurately determine your risks so that you can take reasonable precautions. Your healthcare provider, your national public health authority and your employer are all potential sources of accurate information on COVID-19 and whether it is in your area. It is important to be informed of the situation where you live and take appropriate measures to protect yourself.

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Protect others. Cover your cough and sneeze!

Do the dab! Don't spread it.



Stop it, don't spread it.

- Self-isolation is the best way to stop the spread of germs if you are sick.
- Rest at home, hydrate, eat healthy and avoid public transport, crowds, work or school.



Travelled abroad in the last 14 days and have fever, cough or difficulty breathing?

Contact one of our health teams as soon as possible on:

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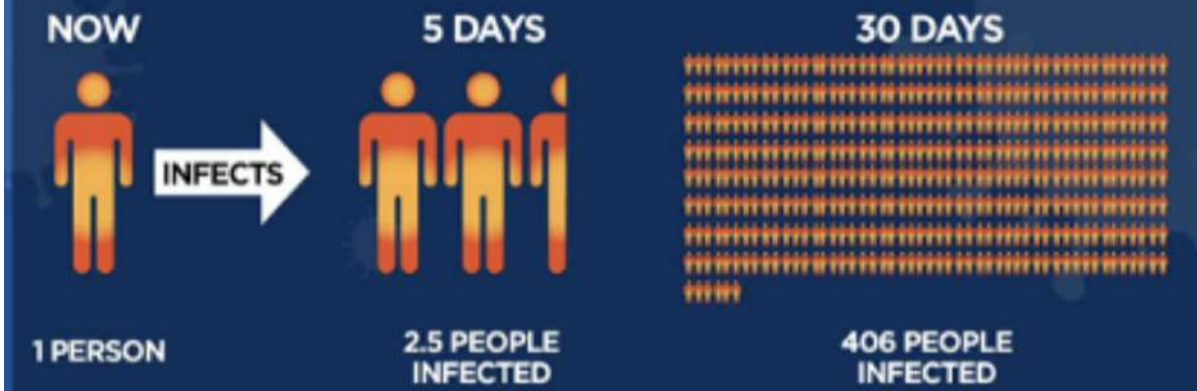


Don't let sickness ruin your travel plans. Travel safe, always:

- Wash your hands regularly with soap and water or use hand sanitizer
- Avoid people with flu-like illnesses
- Don't touch your eyes, nose or mouth
- If feeling unwell, call a health care provider



The Math Behind Social Distancing



Protect yourself. Protect others.

During these times help stop the spread of COVID-19

Avoiding shaking hands, hugging and kissing

Say hello with a wave and nod!





Budget timely, hopeful: NCCI

MEREANI GONEDUA

THE Nadi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (NCCI) has labelled the Fijian Government's COVID-19 budget as timely and brings hope to the Fijian community.

NCCI president Dr Ram Raju highlighted that the budget was timely as it was announced a week after the first case was diagnosed in Fiji and it gives hope to all the citizens to "win the war".

Dr Raju stated that the war

against COVID-10 can be won provided everyone plays their role responsibly.

"It's a testing time for all of us and I'm sure we can rise to the occasion, like we have always done after many natural disasters that we all know about and experienced.

"We are all in the same boat and in a very precarious situation which calls for steady and steadfast steering to rise up and land safely. The \$1billion stimulus package in partnership with

FNPF, equivalent to approx. 8.7 per cent of the GDP, promises wide ranging packages to keep us all afloat."

Dr Raju stated that business houses welcomed the attractive tax incentives provided that can assist them to continue to employ their staff and keep the ball (and the economy) rolling while tax breaks, deferment of loan repayments, rent reductions, FNPF contributions will help the private sector including MSME's survive this turbulent and unpredictable

crisis.

He also stated that Nadi is particularly most vulnerable to a collapse as it is heavily reliant on the tourism sector.

"Commonly regarded as the jet set tourist town, we are already feeling the brunt of this disaster and some may not survive for long.

"Relief packages as announced, that also includes FNPF contributions for both employers and employees, will probably hold for a while but as the Minister has said

it's time for the employers to look after their employees in a reciprocal manner.

"It's a testing time, once in our lifetime experience, and I would like to implore all the business houses to take heed of the advise. The loyal staff will help you recover eventually."

He also stated that no one predicted events such as this to occur especially affecting Fiji's tourism sector however called on each individual to play their part and ensure that everyone is safe.



Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama and Minister for Industry, Trade, Tourism, Local Government, Housing and Community Development Premila Kumar during a talanoa session at Ledrusasa Settlement in Nadi. Photo: MEREANI GONEDUA

Town residents praise Govt's response



A resident voice his opinion during a talanoa session with Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama at Ledrusasa Settlement in Nadi. Photo: MEREANI GONEDUA

MEREANI GONEDUA

RESIDENTS in the greater Nadi area have applauded the Fijian Government for its timely responses towards Coronavirus.

Tevita Tuivadra, 65, who has been living in Namaka for nearly 40 years highlighted that ever since the Government implemented a lockdown in Lautoka most residents in Namaka have taken precautionary measures as well.

"I have not seen so many empty streets in my life ever since we moved into Nadi. Fijians are actually taking the warnings seriously and staying home and only come out when they really need to.

"Even in supermarkets now we can see people practicing social distancing and I am grateful to the Ministry of health and Government for creating many platforms of awareness."

Marica Nagata, 59, echoed the same sentiments acknowledging the Fijian Government for its continued awareness on the ongoing health crisis.

"No one knows when all this will be completed but I am thankful that the Government of the day is doing its part and advocating on the issues especially with the lockdown and advising everyone of what's happening."

"The continuous updates provided by the Prime Minister clearly states how Government is taking this issue seriously and Fijians need to also take warnings seriously."

She highlighted that her family had been affected because both her and her husband were working in the tourism industry and their hours of work have been reduced along with their pay.

"With all this happening were still thankful because we know that the Government of the day will not let its people suffer. And we thank you for reaching out to everyone especially those of us who have been affected."

Saving lives is key, PM Bainimarama tells residents

MEREANI GONEDUA

PRIME Minister Voreqe Bainimarama has called on Fijians in the Western division to educate themselves and start practicing life-saving precautions.

Speaking during a *talanoa* session at Ledrusasa settlement in Nadi, PM Bainimarama highlighted the importance of hygiene now with Coronavirus (COVID-19) cases on the rise around the world.

"Fijians living in informal settlements will play a critical role in preventing the spread of this disease. This is a highly-contagious virus, and our informal settlements like Ledrusasa — by their very nature — are particularly vulnerable to an outbreak.

But this isn't a time to be scared; rather, it is a time to educate yourselves, start practicing life-saving

precautions now."

"Take comfort in knowing that every single hour of every day, we have a task force dedicated to closely monitoring the situation, constantly considering new measures to keep Fijian families safe. We're rooting out possible vulnerabilities in every corner of Fijian society to find ways to strengthen our defences.

"That's why I'm here in Ledrusasa, to talk to you all about how you can play a crucial part in our nationwide efforts to fend off COVID-19. Our informal settlements pose a unique challenge, because you don't have the same luxury of personal space that many families in the highly-developed world have.

PM Bainimarama highlighted that multiple families in such settlement live under the same roof and share the same sleeping areas as well as share the same washroom.

"For that reason, your participation in our efforts to prevent an outbreak are absolutely critical. There are some basic things you need to know on how you can be a champion against coronavirus — and that's why the team from the Ministry of Health and I are here with you today.

"The single most important thing that any of you can do is to wash your hands regularly with soap and water for a full 20-seconds each go. The combination of soap and water kills COVID-19 dead in its tracks. You should also avoid touching your face as much as possible. And limit your person-to-person contact as much as you can."

PM Bainimarama also called on every Fijian to be responsible and ensure that all laws implemented to safeguard them from COVID-19 are adhered to.



Financial matters to consider during the COVID-19 crisis

1. Avoid decisions based on fear

Emotional situations tend to lead to poor financial choices, so be sure to get the help you need as you make financial decisions during an emergency.

Take the time to get information and advice on what you would like to do – surf the net if you have to; there are many sound advice out there!

2. Find out what financial help is available with FNPf

As announced in the COVID-19 Response Budget by Government, FNPf is here to assist you. If you work in the tourism industry and are one of those affected because of the financial and physical implications in our work places, FNPf has a special COVID-19 assistance that may help. What's more for those that do not have enough eligibility, Government will top up to the maximum of the assistance.

3. Make a crisis money plan

Creating a money plan is key especially

during such times. Financial stresses is not good for your health and definitely not good for you and your family. So having a plan, can bring some peace of mind.

i. Work through a scenario for reduced income. The best way to manage your money, is to identify what's important with your in-coming (income/salary) against your out-going (expenses)

ii. Focus on your immediate needs – not future needs; and cut back on all unnecessary wants. It may be time to reconsider or cut back on some lifetime choices such as cigarettes, yaqona, soda etc.

iii. Make every single dollar count. Decide what your money should be used for and prioritise what's most important. For example, if you have data on your phone – you don't need to buy the newspapers – you can access both the Fiji Times and Fiji SUN online for free.

iv. Any extra money you have, should be set aside – even just \$5 or \$10 – into a safety net, and emergency fund.

4. Find out all your options before taking on more debt

If you don't have an emergency fund, consider putting some money aside each time you're paid if you can. Depending on how the situation evolves, you may need to rely on your safety net sooner than expected.

If you feel you need to borrow to get by, it's important not to run to the easiest money available. Look at all the options you have: government support incentives, temporary loan or mortgage holidays, consolidating your debt to a lower interest rate with a manageable payment plan. The goal is to get through and create as little debt as possible.

5. Loan repayments? Talk to your lender as early as possible to make arrangements

Talk to your bank or lender. The sooner, the better. Some commercial banks and lenders have already announced special packages for its customers. The sooner you see/talk to them, the better placed they are

to help you deal with financial stress. Depending on what you're experiencing, your lender could:

- i. Temporarily suspend loan repayments. The government announced a relaxation of bank loan repayment requirements for 6 months, although note that interest will continue to accrue for that time period.
- ii. Restructure business loans
- iii. Consolidate loans to make repayments more manageable
- iv. Provide short-term funding

6. Stay safe from scams

Be very careful of scams. Such crises tend to bring out the best in all of us, but unfortunately the worst can also be seen if you look carefully.

Frauds and scams related to coronavirus are popping up, especially online, so make sure to verify every call, link and email that comes your way. A good way to check is to make a separate call to a published number to make sure that something's the real deal.

-FIJI NATIONAL PROVIDENT FUND

Tourism Sector

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These are employers in the tourism and hospitality industry nationwide.

Lockdown Zone/Physical Distance

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Refers to employers contained in a 'locked down' region, or have closed (permanently/temporarily) due to travel and/or physical distancing restriction.

FNPf outlines crisis assistance



Fiji National Provident Fund chief executive officer Jaaji Koroi.

THE novel coronavirus (COVID-19) originated in Wuhan, China in December 2019 which has spread rapidly to over 200 countries and was declared a pandemic by World Health Organization (WHO) on 11 March 2020 due to its global outbreak.

On Thursday, 19 March 2020, Fiji confirmed its first case of COVID-19.

On Thursday, the 19th of March, 2020 Fiji confirmed its first case of the novel coronavirus, known as COVID-19.

The disease has significantly impacted not only businesses and

organizations but also the livelihood of the normal and everyday Fijian.

Fiji, and other small island developing states across the world, are bracing themselves for an economic impact that could well exceed a severe tropical hurricane, such as Cyclone Winston which struck Fiji in 2016 and wiped out one-third of our gross domestic product in just 36 hours.

Following the announcement of the Supplementary Budget for COVID-19 and in collaboration with Government, the Fiji National Provident Fund will be working closely with Employers

when it rolls out the assistance program for members through existing digital platforms.

The Fund is taking its cue from health advisories for physical distancing during this period and will be carrying out bulk of the assistance processes digitally. FNPf is liaising with Employers to ensure members in the affected areas that have been prioritized, are assisted.

General Information

- Assistance will only be provided to members whose employment has been impacted by COVID-19.

This assistance is only for members who have a positive General Account balance.

- The Fiji Government will subsidise the balance for members who have insufficient eligibility.
- The affected member will need to access the Unemployment/Lowered Income Assistance Application Form from his/her employer.

- Payment options available are Direct Transfer to members' bank account, Telegraphic Money Order through Post Fiji or M-Paisa.
- This process is to ensure the avoidance of large crowds gathered in our offices, as aligned

- with the Ministry of Health advisories on COVID-19. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

Guidelines and requirements

Who can apply for assistance?

- Members who have:
- reduced working hours;
 - been sent on leave without pay;
 - reduced wage rate;
 - terminated or permanently laid off.

Where can I access the application form?

The application can only be accessed through your employer.

Who needs to complete the form?

The employer and member must complete the form together.

Where can I lodge my application?

You must complete the application form with your employer, who will then upload the form on the FNPf Employer Online Portal. No form will be received manually at our offices.

What documents will I need to submit with this application?

In addition to the complete form, you must have the following documents with you:

- Valid bank statement
- Valid Photo ID (FNPf/FRCS, Joint ID Card, Driver's License, Voter ID, Passport).

-FIJI NATIONAL PROVIDENT FUND



FCCC monitors food, medicine supplies

THE Fijian Competition and Consumer Commission (FCCC) in its continued efforts to assist Fijians during this challenging time is conducting ground assessment to ensure availability of supply.

1. SHORTAGE OF SUGAR

There had been reports of shortages which were largely caused by panic buying and the Lautoka lockdown.

FCCC following the assessment and discussion with the supplier, Fiji Sugar Corporation and the Fiji Police Force would like to inform our Fijian consumers that FSC has more than 15,000 tonnes in total sugar stock that needs packaging into smaller packs such as 2kg and 4kg packs.

The larger 25kg packs are available with no limits while Common-sense limits to 2kg and 4 kg packs have been put in place.

Moreover, FSC has put in place a 24 hour, seven days a week operation of the packaging plant. FCCC has confirmed that delivery to Ta-

vua, Ba, Rakiraki, Suva, Nausori has commenced as of early this morning while other areas will be serviced tomorrow and early next week.

2. PRICE GOUGING

Investigations FCCC is also actively investigating businesses that have engaged in price gouging, issues of drastic price increase noted in prices of hand sanitizers, face mask, handwash, and antibacterial soap. For example, a particular supermarket has been noted to increase the price of Protex to \$4.49 while the price of Palmolive antibacterial handwash has been pushed up to \$8.95. Our ground team in Nadi has reported this particular incident. I would like to issue a stern warning to businesses who try to profiteer when our people are afraid, FCCC will come down very hard after you.

3. MEDICINES

FCCC is very closely monitoring the situation with wholesalers and

pharmacies to ensure adequate supply of medicines.

The President of the Fiji Pharmaceutical Society, Reenal Chand has confirmed that “the pharmacies around the country are trying their level best to maintain adequate stock levels through the regular ordering of pharmaceuticals from our local suppliers.

The relevant authorities are working together to achieve the best outcome for everyone and to ensure that we do not see any major disruptions.

The Fiji Pharmaceutical Society is currently limiting quantities to avoid one patient hoarding essential medication (or medication rationing).

Most pharmacies across the country are engaging in such limits to ensure that they do not run out of stock due to panic buying and that everyone has access to medication.

FCCC has also confirmed that with Ray Pharmaceutical, a major wholesaler who has reported that due to lockdown in New Zealand

for 4 weeks, domestic stock purchase within New Zealand will be prioritized. Hence, most of the orders are on hold now. The same is expected if Australia goes under lockdown.

Most of the essential medicines, medical and health products are imported from Australia and New Zealand.

Currently all stock that exists will last till into May, orders have been placed for Australia and New Zealand lines for early next month (April) delivery.

Two shipments have come in, one from New Zealand (2 tons) and Australia via New Zealand (1.6 tons).

Wholesaler has indicated that “we should not panic much as I think there is enough to cater for time being”.

4. SUPPLY SECURITY

Suppliers have confirmed that at present there are no disruptions in supply with orders currently in route and should commence arriving into Fiji from this weekend

onwards.

Critical items remain adequately stocked within Suva and all towns. Based on information provided from suppliers, stock levels will be replenished in the months of April and May as there is no indication from shippers on services being disrupted.

Essential items remain adequate within Suva and all towns. However, there is a limited supply of produce items such as potato, onion and garlic given the hype in buying over the last week.

Currently, supplies have stock that will cater for the next three weeks which should be replenished given the inbound stocks arriving this weekend.

This has been confirmed by the Fiji Grocers Association in writing. FCCC will constantly monitor the situation and have asked traders to do their best to keep all the products available to everyone.

FIJIAN COMPETITION AND CONSUMER COMMISSION

32 fever clinics up and running

A TOTAL of 32 fever clinics have been setup and are fully operational around the country as Fiji ramps up its rapid response to COVID-19.

These clinics are operational from 8am until 4pm from Monday to Sunday and are based at strategic locations that can be conveniently accessed by the members of the public.

In an effort to stop the spread of this virus, the Fijian Ministry of Health and Medical Services is encouraging people to visit these clinics should they have a fever or develop any symptoms of COVID-19.

People will not need to make any appointments with the doctors and nurses in these clinics.

Establishment of fever clinics is an integral part of Fijian Government’s effort to contain the spread of the virus.

This is also done to ensure that the vulnerable members of the public are not exposed to the virus in regular hospitals/health centres.

Most of the clinics are open from 8am-4pm, seven days a week, with the exception of the following clinics: Punjas Health Centre (Lautoka) and Kamikamica Health Centre (Lautoka) are open from 8am-10pm and the Valelevu Health Centre in Nasinu is open 24 hours.

The fever clinics around the country are listed below:

EASTERN DIVISION

1. Levuka Hospital
2. Lomaloma Health Centre
3. Lakeba (Old Nurses Quarters)
4. Vunisea
5. Rotuma Hospital

WESTERN DIVISION

1. Punjas Health Centre
2. Kamikamica Health Centre
3. Viseisei Health Centre
4. St. Thomas High School



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5. Tavua Hospital
6. Ba Health Center
7. Balevuto Health Centre
8. Nailaga Health Centre
9. Ba Mission Hospital (Tent Outside)
10. Rakiraki Hospital (Car Park)
11. Nadi Hospital
12. Bukuya Health Centre
13. Namaka Health Centre
14. Sigatoka Hospital

NORTHERN DIVISION

1. Nasea Health Centre
2. Nutrition Training Centre
3. Savusavu (Old Public Health Building)
4. Waimaqera Health Centre (Outside)
5. Waiyevo Health Centre (Outside)
6. Nabouwalu Hospital

CENTRAL DIVISION

1. Lami (Tikaram Park)
2. Raiwaqa (Pentecostal Church)

3. Valelevu (Tennis Court)
4. Nakasi Health Centre (Car Park)
5. Nausori Health Centre (Quarters 2)
6. Wainibokasi (Car Park)
7. Navua (Tent Outside)
8. Vunidawa
9. Nakorosule
10. Korovou (Behind the bus stop at the junction to Hospital)

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- fever
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- difficulty breathing.

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World Health Organization (WHO) website: www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public

The Fijian Ministry of Health and Medical Services is monitoring the developing situation and will provide updates regularly to the public.

-MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND MEDICAL



The Minister for Local Government Premila Kumar says, all municipal market opening and closing hours have been reviewed and they will now open from 8am and close no later than 7pm daily.

Council sets up sanitisers for capital city residents



Hand sanitizers are placed in various locations at the Suva Bus Stand. Photo: AZARIA FAREEN

AZARIA FAREEN

THE Suva City Council has taken a lead role in ensuring Fijians practice good hygiene while travelling by placing hand sanitizers in various locations at the Suva Bus Stand and the Suva Municipal Market.

This is the precaution being taken in the midst of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Committee member for Farmers Association and UN Women's Markets for Change at the Suva Municipal Market, Ani Waqa has applauded the initiatives of the Government in prioritising the needs of its people during this global crisis.

"It is great that while there are soap and hand sanitizer dispensers installed around the market the vendors have also been wearing masks, gloves and we have been upholding social distancing and washing our hands to maintain proper hygiene while working," Ms Waqa said.

"Before, we used to have talanoa sessions and eat together but now we have completely stopped doing this and also had a meeting with the market vendors on how best to protect ourselves while serving the public."

Minister for Local Government, Housing and Community Development Premila Kumar in visiting the Municipal Markets in Suva and Nausori recently spoke to vendors and raised the issue of crowding and decentralizing the market.

She stressed on the importance of social distancing and urges consumers to buy produce from their neighbourhood markets instead of the central markets as to prevent people from converging into one area, which she notes was evident last weekend.

"Rather than coming to the central market, please do your marketing from Raiwaqa, Flagstaff, Mead Road, Bailey Bridge among other places at convenience and when you see a lot of people do not go there," she said.

Minister Kumar further added that she will be meeting the council heads to discuss issues of priority raised by vendors such as the new market opening hours and how best to avoid overcrowding while ensuring that the nationwide curfew hours are observed.

Changes to market opening hours

THE Ministry of Local Government continues to take precautionary measures amid COVID-19.

In light of the national curfew which began on Monday 30th March, the Ministry wishes to advise the public and market vendors of the change in the market operating hours across Fiji.

The Minister for Local Government Premila Kumar said all market opening and closing hours have been reviewed and markets will now open from 8am and close no later than 7pm daily.

Special Administrators, market masters and Chief Executive Officers would be responsible for conveying the change in the market opening and closing hours, applicable to all market vendors around the country.

Minister Kumar stated that last weekend some markets were overcrowded and it was evident that people were not adher-

ing to the physical distancing rule.

"We are already creating distance between vendors but the overcrowding from the public needs to stop. For this reason, Special Administrators at each Council are now working to decentralise markets to prevent overcrowding. Small markets will be located at strategic locations in towns and neighbourhood to give options to consumers to buy produce within their area. People will be able to shop at a market closer to their home. This will stop unnecessary travel to central markets," she said.

Whilst emphasising the importance of safety in a market place, Minister Kumar urged members of the public to change their habit and routine when it came to doing their marketing on Saturday.

"I encourage the public to visit the market when it's not busy. Rather than going to markets on Saturday, I would encour-

age you to go after work, during lunch hour and visit these decentralised markets that we're putting up in neighbourhoods, as well as parks and other places. This way, you will be safe, your family will be safe and of course your community will be safe," the Minister stated.

Minister Kumar said information on the decentralised markets will be given out to the public in next few days.

"Everyone has to take individual responsibility. So if I want to go to the market and I see a lot of people there, I shouldn't enter, as simple as that. If everyone does that, we will be able to reduce overcrowding," she said.

The Minister also urged all market vendors who have more than 3 stalls and if they faced difficulties in paying their market stall fees, to surrender the rest of their stalls.

-MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Ministry forum for municipal councils

THE Ministry of Local Government recently hosted an information forum for representatives from all 13 Municipal Councils and the National Fire Authority to confirm their preparedness for COVID 19.

Special Administrators, Chief Executive Officers and Municipal Council Health Inspectors who were part of the forum shared and further developed their action plans on the precautionary measures all councils need to undertake.

The councils have been directed to keep municipal markets, council offices and other council facilities clean, safe and well ventilated and to institute social distancing at customer service counters.

The councils are instructed to show local leadership and only share accurate information

from the Ministry of Health and WHO on how to contain and mitigate the spread of the virus.

The councils have now been further advised not to book any events for their facilities for more than 20 people for meetings and other events.

Councils are working closely with the Ministry of Health and Medical Services to ensure available open spaces or council facilities that can be used where needed for temporary health services or warehousing.

Residents of Lautoka can be assured that garbage collection; grass cutting; health inspections; street sweeping and drain cleaning and other council services will not stop.

Disinfecting and cleaning work has been increased in all council areas and especially in

Lautoka at this time.

The use of gloves for cleaning has always been the practice and orders for the increased use of masks and protective gear have been made.

Councils in this regard are working closely with the NFA to assist with water blasting as appropriate.

UN Women and their Markets for Change Program continue to liaise with councils and the Ministry and council staff and market vendors are working closely on any changes to market operation practice at this time.

Markets are being assessed on a case by case basis. Sections that are enclosed with little ventilation are being closed; vendors are being better spaced and some vendors are now working on rotation. Cleanliness and adequate

ventilation is paramount to how markets will be operating.

Some markets will be moved in whole or in part out of doors or onto verandas. Overcrowding is to be controlled and more marquees will be provided as and where needed.

The health and safety of the market vendors and users of the Municipal Council and National Fire Authority services is a top priority for the Ministry.

The Ministry together with the Municipal Councils and National Fire Authority will continue to be guided by the directives of the lead agency, the Ministry of Health and Medical Services, as we improve ways to protect communities from COVID-19 and other health risks.

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Restrictions set on maritime travel

THE Ministry of Infrastructure, Transport, Disaster Management and Meteorological Services in consultation with relevant maritime stakeholders wishes to recommend the following on all inter-island shipping movements.

1. SMALL CRAFTS AND YACHTS

For small crafts that intend to travel carrying important provisions between Viti Levu and closer islands – please call Maritime Surveillance Centre (MSC) on 3315380 and notify the centre on their travel intentions.

The following information must be conveyed:

- i. Name of Boat Captain;
- ii Name and Number of Crew (Max of 3);
- iii. Cargo;
- iv MSAF Issued Boat Number; and
- vi. Phone Contact.

For further clarifications and queries, please do not hesitate to contact Fiji Navy on 9904618 or 7356367.

ALL FISHING RELATED ACTIVITIES

Please note that fishing for subsistence and commercial purposes will be allowed during the curfew hours, as long as fishermen leave their home ports well-before curfew hours.

For any fishing related activities and clarifications, please contact Ministry of Fisheries on 9966745 or on email mere.lakeba@govnet.gov.fj.

RO-RO AND CONVENTIONAL VESSELS



The Ministry of Infrastructure, Transport, Disaster Management and Meteorological Services in consultation with relevant maritime stakeholders wishes to recommend the following on all inter-island shipping movements.

For enquiries about any services provided by Ro-Ro & Conventional Vessels servicing the economical and uneconomical routes, please contact the Director of Transport – Ms. Faranisese Kinivuwai on email faranisese.kinivuwai@govnet.gov.fj or call on 9983245/ 3389717.

Furthermore, the following steps must be taken by all shipping and truck companies:

- i. Vessel operators are to allow trucks and drivers to embark.
- ii. Vessel operators are to keep a register of details for all drivers who board the vessels.
- iii. All drivers are to wear Personal Protective Equipment at all times.
- iv. Shipping operators are to discourage crew members from unnecessarily disembarking at ports and jetties and socialising at these points.

v. For inter-island shipping, shipping operators and crew are to offload cargo and freight at a designated location on the jetty or port.

vi. Drivers can now move with their vehicles and deliver in outlying islands.

vii. Truckers and vessel operators are to ensure that proper screening takes place by filling in the necessary form.

viii. Members of the public collecting freight are to collect from this point, practising social distancing. They are not to board the vessel under any circumstances.

ix. All turaga ni koros to liaise with Itaukei Affairs for further information.

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Ports body restricts ships crew

THE Fiji Ports Corporation Limited (FPCL) has directed all fishing vessels, local and foreign, to follow set protocols and discontinue any crew changes on high seas or at any port visited.

FPCL has met with local and foreign fishing vessel owners and agents on 16 March 2020, informing them that all transfer and change of crew members has been suspended until further notice.

The FPCL, will monitor the fishing vessels and its crew detail.

All fishing vessel operators are required to provide vessel and crew details to the Harbour Master prior to arrival.

The verification of information will be conducted by Harbour Master in conjunction with other stakeholders, that is, Ministry of Health and Medical Services (MHMS), Fiji Revenue and Customs Services, Department of Im-

migration and Biosecurity Authority of Fiji, to name a few.

MHMS will board the vessel, thereafter to give clearance, whilst other stakeholders will proceed for inspections and approval for vessel to dock.

Shipping agents and owners are required to submit to FPCL, the list of fishing vessels, crew details and updated health status.

The data will be maintained in a database and will continually be monitored by the Harbour Master's Office.

FPCL has a duty of care to its staff and stakeholders. Since January 2020, FPCL has been taking proactive measures to combat against the COVID-19 pandemic and will continue to ensure the wellbeing of its staff and stakeholders.

FIJI PORTS CORPORATION LIMITED



Fiji Ports Corporation Limited (FPCL) has directed all fishing vessels, local and foreign, to follow set protocols and discontinue any crew changes on high seas or at any port visited. Photo: SUPPLIED

Authorities curb inter-island shipping

NANISE NEIMILA

THE Ministry of Infrastructure, Transport, Disaster Management and Meteorological Services, in consultation with the Ministry of Health and Medical Services and in line with the Prime Minister's announcement, wishes to advise the following restrictions to all inter-island shipping movements.

From 12am Sunday, 29 March 2020 no passenger carriage or movement on inter island ships throughout Fiji till further notice.

Only freight cargo services will continue during this time. There is also a restriction of movement for small craft and yacht.

Furthermore, the following are steps that must be taken by all shipping and truck companies:

- Vessel operators are to allow trucks and drivers to embark.
- Vessel operators are to keep a register of details for all drivers who board the vessels.
- All drivers are to wear Personal Protective Equipment at all times.
- An hour before disembarkation at a port or jetty, drivers are to decontaminate their vehicles, move into the passenger lounges and observe social distancing (two metres).
- All decontaminated vehicle keys are to be left in a safe area that is accessible to the driver disembarking the truck.
- Upon disembarkation, drivers from the disembarkation point are to board the vessel and move the vehicles out.
- There is to be no contact between the drivers who boarded the vessel with the vehicles and those who will be disembarking the vehicles.
- Shipping operators are to ensure there is no contact between drivers and crews.
- Shipping operators are to discourage crew members from unnecessarily disembarking at ports and jetties and socialising at these points.
- For inter-island shipping, shipping operators and crew are to offload cargo and freight at a designated location on the jetty or port.
- Members of the public collecting freight are to collect from this point, practising social distancing. They are not to board the vessel under any circumstances.
- All turaga ni koro to liaise with iTaukei Affairs for further information.

Shipping operators, trucking and freight companies are to contact Director of Transport Faranisese Kinivuwai, Ministry of Infrastructure, Transport, Disaster Management and Meteorological Services on 9983245 or email faranisese.kinivuwai@govnet.gov.fj for further information.

The Government of Fiji remains on the highest level of alert in response to this global pandemic. We know that finding cases early and isolating them quickly is key to containing this disease.

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Call to practice good hygiene

TO help control the spread of COVID-19 in Fiji, Minister for Education, Heritage and Arts, Rosy Akbar urges parents and students to practice safe hygiene while at home.

In an effort to support the overall objectives of the Government in ensuring that the virus is well controlled, we must practice the following:

- Wash your hands regularly for at least 20 seconds with soap and water.

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth, especially when your hands are dirty.

- If you need to spit, cough or sneeze, do it into a tissue and immediately throw that tissue away.

- Practice social distancing. This means maintaining a safe distance of 2 metres between individuals as much as possible and avoiding in-person contact, including handshakes and hugs.

Parents, it is our humble request that you teach children positive preventive measures, talking with them about their fears, and giving them a sense of some control over their risk of infection can help reduce anxiety.

Please reassure children that health and security officials are working hard to ensure that people throughout the country stay safe.

Keeping children at home is the safest at this point in time. Please keep yourself updated with what is happening around you, please read and follow media releases from the Ministry.

-Ministry of Education, Heritage and Arts

Students warned on subsidised bus cards

THE Minister for Education, Heritage and Arts Rosy Akbar has urged students to refrain from using the subsidised blue e-transport card during the school holidays.

Minister Akbar commends students for abiding to the directives from the Ministry.

The Ministry is working closely with the Fiji Bus Operators Association and other relevant stakeholders to prevent the abuse of the government subsidised student e-transport cards.

While the Ministry is assessing the situation in relation to the spread of coronavirus in Fiji, parents and guardians are urged to monitor the movement of their children.

At such times, it is important that children are encouraged to stay indoors and practice safe hygiene.

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Minister for Education, Heritage and Arts, Rosy Akbar.

Akbar: It's our civic responsibility

CURRENTLY there are five confirmed cases of coronavirus in Fiji.

While the Fijian Government has strongly implemented most of the protective measures to help control the spread of the virus, there is a need for all to collaborate and take responsibility in ensuring the same.

Minister for Education, Heritage and Arts, Rosy Akbar strongly pleads with all teachers to act as gatekeepers of their communities and help share information on the preventive actions our children and members of the community can undertake at this point in time.

“Teachers, please do not limit your teachings to the classrooms, it is time for you to reach beyond the traditional boundaries and ensure that your homes, society and country is well aware of the implications of COVID-19 and as individuals what you can do to ensure we remain safe,” Minister Akbar said.

“We should use electronic platforms to disseminate information that can help save a life.

“The Ministry has emailed an information package titled “COVID-19 Information for Communities - Protecting Yourself and Your Family” to individual teacher email addresses to bring about more awareness without compromising their health and safety.”

Teachers that have viber groups, social networking chat groups with the parents, are encouraged to use it to create awareness and help rigorously impart the message.

“We all need to act responsibly and ensure that our nation remains safe. We can create awareness within the confinement of our homes, we live in times of technological advancement, so our smart phones and other electronic gadgets can be used effectively to share the information.”

Minister Akbar has also reminded teachers of their civic duty.

“The nation relies on you teachers to take the lead role in disseminating preventative information on COVID-19. Parents please keep your children engaged in activities and restrict outside movement.

“We wish teachers and students safe holidays.”

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Minister for Industry and Trade Premila Kumar (standing right), has commended Fijian businesses that donated hygiene products to be used by Fijians and Municipal Councils in efforts to fight against the spread of COVID-19. Photo: AZARIA FAREEN

Businesses bind to battle pandemic

MINISTER for Industry and Trade Premila Kumar has commended Fijian businesses that donated hygiene products to be used by Fijians and Municipal Councils in efforts to fight against the spread of COVID-19.

The Ministry received the following Fijian-Made licensed products: 35 cartons of soap and 15 bags of soap powder from Punjas (Ocean Soaps), 400 rolls of toilet tissue from Gosai Distributors, nine cartons of soap from Portion Pak, four cartons of soap from Kura Fresh Fiji, 200 litres of hand sanitizers from Essence of Fiji and 1 carton of soap from Mokosoi Fiji.

“We thank our Fijian businesses for coming on board and for their generosity in supplying the Ministry with soaps, hand sanitizers and soap powder that was distributed to Fijians and Municipal Councils,” Minister Kumar said.



Business stakeholders during a meeting with Attorney-General and Minister for Economy Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum and Minister for Industry and Trade Premila Kumar at Suvavou House. Photo: AZARIA FAREEN

The Minister further added that this businesses acted in the true Fijian spirit of sharing and caring for other Fijians in the time of need and are exemplary corporate citizens.

She also highlighted the importance of collaboration with our private sector partners to ensure greater social benefits to be released during this pandemic.

What can I do to protect myself against COVID-19?

- Clean your hands regularly and thoroughly with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub.

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.

- Maintain at least one-metre distance between yourself and anyone who is coughing or sneezing.

- Always cover your mouth with a tissue or your elbow when

coughing or sneezing

- Do not share rumours and misinformation about COVID-19. Use credible sources such as the MHMS website (www.health.gov.fj/) or official Facebook page, or the WHO website (www.who.int)

If you are feeling unwell, or know someone who is feeling unwell, contact the toll-free line 158 for further advice.

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Attorney-General and Minister for Economy Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum during a discussion with business stakeholders on arrangements for business operations during the nation-wide curfew hours. Photo: AZARIA FAREEN

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SERVICES ONGOING

*Essential
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AZARIA FAREEN

THE Attorney-General and Minister for Economy Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum met with stakeholders recently to discuss arrangements for businesses operating during the nation-wide curfew hours from 10pm to 5am.

Speaking to various sector heads, the A-G said the meeting is a way forward in ensuring that there is business continuity while the Fijian Government enforces Coronavirus (COVID-19) preventative measures.

"There are various people who work for call centre's, the utility companies and other

businesses that operate till late which will continue.

"The whole idea is to understand the hours the businesses operate in and how we can facilitate the movement of staff during those hours and what protocols that need to be followed," the A-G said.

"We had very fruitful discussions and deliberated the various protocols that have been put in place with the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism which will resolve any other issues and logistics in regards to organizations operating at night."

Businesses have been urged to ensure all staff working during curfew hours carry

company Photo ID cards or valid national photo ID, letter on company letterhead issued to staff and where applicable provide the National Contact Centre telephone contact to verify the claims of the staff.

The A-G says these are some of things being addressed so there is a smooth movement of people who have to, as a point of necessity go to work and provide services.

He adds that at this point in time the idea is to contain the virus and also ensure that the economy churns along the other avenues through other opportunities such as the freight groups that are open to ensure that exporters continue to export in particular

like food industry.

"We must continue to bolster that and in the meantime there can be a huge focus on domestic economy as this is why we have given a number of tax breaks to companies to incentivize them to rebuild at this point in time. If hotels are shut down then maybe it will be a great opportunity for them to do renovations," he added.

"With the recent agreement with Airports Fiji Limited, its tenants will get discounted rent for the month of March and they will be rent free for the month of April and May, subject to renewal."

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प्रधान मंत्री वॉरेनो वडिनमारामा कोविड-19 महामारी पर सामाचार माध्यमों को सम्बोधित करते हुए चित्र: ननिसे नईमिला

सारी दुनिया पर टूटी कोविड-19 की कहर

रोनल देव

फीजी में कोविड-19 के सात मामले हो गए हैं और दुनिया में नौ लाख (900,000) से ज्यादा लोगों को कोविड-19 होने की पुष्टी हुई है। कई सौ की संख्या में लोगों की मौत हर दिन हो रही है। लगातार हर दिन कुल पीड़ितों की संख्या दस प्रतिशत बढ़ रही है।

फीजी में कोविड-19 के दो नवीनतम मामले सुवा के हैं और इस कारण से लोगों को अब सुवा आने या सुवा से बाहर जाने पर प्रतिबन्ध लग गया है। इस वायरस के शिकार लोग पति पत्नी हैं और वे नम्बुवा में रहते हैं। उन्हें नावुवा अस्पताल में आयसोलेशन में रखा गया है। ऐसा विश्वास किया जाता है कि उन्हें यह वायरस उनके एक रिश्तेदार से हुआ है जो हाल ही भारत से लौटा है।

फीजी में इस बीमारी के शिकार अन्य लोगों की हालत संतोष-जनक है। फीजी में पहले मामले की पुष्टी बृहस्पतिवार उन्नीस मार्च को की गई थी। यह मरीज़ जो एक फ्लाईट अटेंडन्ट है को यह बीमारी सेन फ्रांसिस्को अमरिका में हुई। वो फीजी आया, फिर ओक्लेन्ड गया तथा फिर फीजी लौटा जिससे वो तीन अलग-अलग विमानों

के यात्रियों के सम्पर्क में आया था। इनमें से काफी यात्रियों की पहचान हो गई है जिन्हें स्वास्थ्य अधिकारियों ने अपने आप को अलग रखने की सलाह दी है।

पहले मरीज़ के परिवार के सभी ग्यारह सदस्यों को अलग कर दिया गया था तथा परिक्षण के बाद पता चला कि मरीज़ की माँ को भी यह बीमारी हो गई है और फीजी में फैलने वाला यह पहला मामला है। महिला नांदी अस्पताल के आयसोलेशन बोर्ड में संतोष-जनक हालत में भरती है। इस परिवार के अन्य सदस्य जिनकी उम्र एक से सत्तावन साल के बीच है, को भी अलग रखा गया है। इन लोगों को एक सुरक्षित गाड़ी में नांदी अस्पताल के आयसोलेशन बोर्ड लेजाया गया। नांदी में या लौतोका के बाहर किसी भी इलाके के किसी व्यक्ति से इनका सम्पर्क नहीं हुआ।

तईस मार्च को पुष्टी हुई कि पहले मरीज़ के नज़दीकी परिवार के एक साल के बच्चे को भी यह बीमारी हो गई है। सौभाग्य से अलग होने से पहले तीसरा मरीज़ भी बीमारी का कोई लक्षण नहीं दिखा रहा था और यह कहा जा सकता है कि अलग होने से पहले उन्होंने वायरस किसी और तक नहीं पहुँचाया है।

चौथा मामला पहले के तीन मामलों से सम्बंधित नहीं है। अट्टाईस वर्षीय यह व्यक्ति शनिवार इक्कीस मार्च को ऑस्ट्रेलिया से फीजी आया था। विमान से उतरने पर व्यक्ति में कोविड-19 का कोई चिन्ह नज़र नहीं आ रहा था। लेकिन जैसे स्वास्थ्य अधिकारियों ने उन्हें समझाया था, व्यक्ति सीधा अपने घर सुवा आया और अपने आपको सब से अलग कर लिया। ऐसा लगता है कि इस व्यक्ति ने सब कुछ सही किया था लेकिन रविवार की रात व्यक्ति के गले में दर्द उठा और खासी आने लगी। कोरोना वायरस के चिन्ह जानकर व्यक्ति ने स्वास्थ्य मंत्रालय से सम्पर्क किया और परिक्षण करने पर पाया गया कि व्यक्ति को यह बीमारी हो गई है।

व्यक्ति को नावुवा अस्पताल में आयसोलेशन बोर्ड में रखा गया है। व्यक्ति के परिवार के अन्य सदस्यों को भी अलग रखा गया है। व्यक्ति के परिवार के कोई भी सदस्य को अभी यह बीमारी होने का कोई चिन्ह नहीं है। व्यक्ति और उनके परिवार से फिलहाल जनता को कोई खतरा नहीं है।

पाँचवा मरीज़ इक्तीस (31) साल की एक महिला है जिन्हें यह वायरस पहले मरीज़ से हुआ। पहला मरीज़ जो लौतोका का फ्लाईट अटेंडन्ट

है ने जम्बा क्लास में भाग लिया था जिस दौरान उन्हें बीमारी होने के लक्षण मिल रहे थे तथा महिला और पहले मरीज़ गले मिले थे।

लक्षण की पहचान होने पर उन्होंने मेडिकल टीम को सम्पर्क किया जिसके बाद उन्हें सुरक्षित एक एम्बुलन्स में लौतोका अस्पताल स्थित आयसोलेशन वॉड लेजाया गया। बुधवार की तड़के सुबह पुष्टी हुई कि महिला, फीजी में कोविड-19 की पाँचवी मरीज़ है।

एक बार फिर, हम सौभाग्यशाली थे कि यह मरीज़ भी अलग रह रही थी जब उन्हें पहले यह लक्षण नज़र आए। जिस घर में वो रहती है वहाँ नौ अन्य सदस्य हैं, जिनमें से दो सदस्यों को भी लक्षण दिखाई दे रहे थे और उन्हें भी लौतोका अस्पताल के आयसोलेशन बोर्ड में रखा गया है। बाकी सात लोग घर पर अलग रह रहे हैं, जिनपर पुलिस की कड़ी निगरानी है।

हम सबको अपने आप को सुरक्षित रखना है ताकि हम इसे न फैलाएँ। एक व्यक्ति जिसे यह वायरस है के गलत फैसले से यह वायरस फैल सकता है और इस प्रकोप पर काबू पाना मुश्किल हो सकता है। इस महामारी से दुनिया भर में पचास हज़ार के करीब लोग मारे गए हैं और कई अपनी अंतिम साँसे गिन रहे हैं।

फिउल का दाम नीचे और गेस का उपर गया

रोनल देव

लोगों के लिए अच्छी खबर है जबकि फिउल का दाम बुधवार से नीचे गया है। फीजियन कोम्पटिशन एन्ड कोनजुमा कमिशन के चीफ एक्जिक्यूटिव अफसर जोएल एब्राहम ने घोषणा की है कि मोटो स्पीरिट, प्रीमिक्स, कॅरोसीन तथा डीज़ल का दाम नीचे गया है।

मोटो स्पीरिट का दाम दस सेन्ट्स प्रति लीटर से नीचे गया है जो \$2.16 से \$2.06 प्रति लीटर हो गया है। प्रीमिक्स का दाम चौदह सेन्ट्स से कम हुआ है जो \$2.04 से \$1.90 प्रति लीटर में आपको मिलेगा। कॅरोसीन का दाम बीस सेन्ट्स प्रति लीटर से नीचे गया है जो \$1.67 से \$1.47 प्रति लीटर हो गया है। डीज़ल का दाम \$1.87 से \$1.71 प्रति लीटर हो गया है जिसमें सोलह सेन्ट्स की गिरावट हुई है।

फीजियन कोम्पटिशन एन्ड कोनजुमा कमिशन ने गेस के दाम में वृद्धि की घोषणा की। तेरह किलोग्राम सिलिंडर का दाम \$40.11 से बढ़कर \$41.67 हो गया है जबकि बारह कै.जी सिलिंडर का दाम अब \$38.47 हो गया है जो पहले \$37.02 में मिलता था। 4.5 कै.जी सिलिंडर का दाम पचपन (55 cents) उपर गया है जो \$13.88 से \$14.43 हो गया है।

फिउल सप्लाई पर्याप्त है - मंत्री कुमार

रोनल देव

व्यापार मंत्री प्रेमिला कुमार ने पुष्टि की है कि देश में फिउल की सप्लाई पर्याप्त है जबकि कम्पनियों के पास दो से तीन महीनों का सप्लाई है तथा और भी सप्लाई जल्द आने की उम्मीद है।

उन्होंने कहा कि इसकी बहुत कम सम्भावना है कि ज़रूरी सेवाओं की सप्लाई में बाधाएं पड़ेंगी।

मंत्री कुमार ने फीजियन कोम्पटिशन एन्ड कोनजुमा कमिशन के साथ मिलकर शिपिंग, फिउल तथा लॉजिस्टिक कम्पनियों से मुलाकात की और फीजी की अर्थ-व्यवस्था पर होने वाले असर तथा उपायों के बारे में बातचीत की।

उन्होंने कहा कि शिपिंग व्यवसाय ने आश्वासन दिया है कि सप्लाई चैन में बहुत कम या कुछ भी बाधा नहीं पड़ेंगी। उनके अनुसार ट्रान्सपोर्ट और लॉजिस्टिक क्षेत्र के विचारों पर तथा सप्लिमेन्ट्री बजट पर भी लम्बी-चौड़ी बातचीत हुई।

एक सरकारी बयान के अनुसार, शिपिंग कम्पनियों ने विश्वास दिया है कि उनका व्यापार बिना किसी बाधा के सामान्य रूप से चल रहा है तथा घबराने की कोई बात नहीं है।

व्यापार मंत्री ने कहा कि चीन में बंदरगाह पिछले हफ्ते से लगभग नब्बे (90) प्रतिशत सामान्य हुए हैं, जिससे चीन के निर्यात बाज़ार को कुछ राहत मिली है तथा लगभग दो महीने तक रुके रहने के बाद चीन से सामान इधर-उधर जाने लगा है।

कुमार ने कहा कि उनका मंत्रालय ध्यान रखेगा कि सभी साझेदारों से वार्ताएं की जाएं और उन्हें ज़रूरी सहायता दी जाए ताकि उनके सप्लाई चैन और व्यापार पर विपरित असर न पड़े।

देश भर में सैंतीस फीवा क्लिनिक्स खोले गए हैं

वीरन्द्र लाल

कोविड-19 फैलने से रोकने के प्रयास में स्वास्थ्य मंत्रालय ने फीजी भर में सैंतीस (37) फीवा क्लिनिक्स खोला है, और आने वाले दिनों में और क्लिनिक्स खुलेंगे। मंत्रालय लोगों से मांग कर रहा है कि अगर उन्हें इस बीमारी के लक्षण नज़र आए, तो उन्हें फीवा क्लिनिक्स जाना चाहिए।

यह क्लिनिक्स देश के हर शहर में खोले गए हैं। कोरोना वायरस के खिलाफ लड़ाई में फीवा क्लिनिक्स बहुत ज़रूरी हैं जबकि इन क्लिनिक्स में इस वायरस के शिकार लोगों का इलाज किया जाता है। लोगों को अस्पताल नहीं जाना पड़ता है जबकि अस्पताल में ज्यादा भीड़ रहती है। इस वायरस को फैलने से रोकने के लिए भाड़-भाड़ से दूर रहना चाहिए। इसी कारण से सरकार ने बीस से ज्यादा लोगों को एक जगह इकट्ठा होने पर प्रतिबन्ध लगा दिया है।

इससे अस्पतालों में भी यह वायरस फैलने से सुरक्षा मिलती है।

जिन लोगों में कोविड-19 का कोई चिन्ह है, केवल उन्हें फीवा क्लिनिक जाना चाहिए। फीवा क्लिनिक जाने के लिए अपोइंटमेंट बनाने की ज़रूरत नहीं है, बस जाईए और वहाँ आपकी जाँच की जायेगी।

फीवा क्लिनिक पर फीजियन्स का तापमान

लिया जाएगा और उनमें इस बीमारी के लक्षण की जाँच की जाएगी। इस बीमारी के लक्षण हैं, खासी आना, बुखार लगना और गले में दर्द होना। उनसे पूछा जाएगा कि क्या वे किसी ऐसे देश से लौटें हैं जहाँ कोविड-19 के मामले हैं या वे इस बीमारी के शिकार किसी व्यक्ति के सम्पर्क में आए हैं।

पूरी जाँच के बाद उन्हें और परिक्षण के लिए भेजा जाएगा या हेल्थ सेन्टर भेजा जाएगा।

ये क्लिनिक्स सप्ताह में सातों दिन सुबह आठ से शाम चार बजे तक खुलते हैं। लौतोका स्थित क्लिनिक्स सुबह आठ से रात दस बजे तक खुलते हैं।

नसीनू में वालेलेवू हेल्थ सेन्टर चौबीसों घण्टें खुला रहता है।

और स्वास्थ्य मंत्रालय - शिक्षा मंत्रालय, फॉरेस्ट मंत्रालय तथा इनफ्रास्ट्रक्चर, ट्रांसपोर्ट, डिज़ास्टा मेनेजमेंट और मिटियोरोलॉजिकल मंत्रालय के साथ मिलकर सात कोमिउनिटी आयसोलेशन फेसिलिटीज़ (CIFs) तैयार कर रहा है। दो सेन्टर तैयार हो गए हैं और बचे पाँच इस सप्ताह तैयार हो जायेंगे।

इन फेसिलिटीज़ को तब काम में लाया जाएगा जब डिविज़नल और सब-डिविज़नल आयसोलेशन फेसिलिटीज़ भर जायेंगी। कोविड-19 के शिकार लोग जिनकी हालत संतोष-जनक बताई जाएगी, को इन कोमिउनिटी फेसिलिटीज़ में रखा जा सकेगा

जहाँ उनकी हालत पर नज़र रखी जायेगी।

स्वास्थ्य मंत्रालय इन मरीज़ों को वहाँ भोजन प्रदान करेगा। जो लोग वहाँ काम करेंगे, वे सख्त नियमों का पालन करेंगे जैसे अपने आपको एक दूसरे से दूर रखेंगे और बाहर के लोगों को वहाँ रह रहे लोगों से मिलने नहीं दिया जाएगा।

फिलहाल फीवा क्लिनिक्स इन जगहों पर हैं:

पूर्वी विभाग में एली पिटेली होल, लोमालोमा हेल्थ सेन्टर, लकम्बा (पुराना नेसस क्वाटर्स), वुनिसिया, रोतुमा अस्पताल।

पश्चिमी विभाग में पूंजस हेल्थ सेन्टर, कमि-कमिदा हेल्थ सेन्टर, विसैईसेई हेल्थ सेन्टर, सईट थोमस हाय स्कूल, तावुवा अस्पताल, वा अस्पताल, बालेवूतो हेल्थ सेन्टर, नईलांगा हेल्थ सेन्टर, वा मिशन अस्पताल (बाहर टेन्ट में), राकीराकी अस्पताल (कार पार्क), नादी अस्पताल, बुकूया हेल्थ सेन्टर, नमाका हेल्थ सेन्टर तथा सिंगातोका अस्पताल।

उत्तरी विभाग में नासेया हेल्थ सेन्टर, निउट्रिशन ट्रेनिंग सेन्टर, सावुसावु (पुराना पब्लिक हेल्थ बिल्डिंग), वाईमंगेरा हेल्थ सेन्टर, वाईयेवो हेल्थ सेन्टर, नम्बउवालू अस्पताल। केन्द्र विभाग में लामा (टिकाराम पार्क), रईवांगा (पिन्टेकौस्टल चर्च), वालेलेवू (टेनिश कोर्ट), नउसोरी हेल्थ सेन्टर (क्वाटज़ टु), नावुवा, वुनिन्दावा तथा नकोरोसूले।



केफ्यू के दौरान चेक पोइंट से गुज़रने वालों पर पुलिस अफसर नज़र रख रहे हैं चित्र: फीजी पुलिस फोस

केफ्यू के दौरान काम पर जाने वालों पर असर नहीं पड़ेगा

रोनल देव

देश भर में केफ्यू लागू होने के बावजूद आप नौकरी पर जा सकेंगे। लेकिन इसके लिए आपको कुछ कानूनों का पालन करना होगा तथा अपनी कम्पनी का आईडी कार्ड या चिट्ठी साथ रखनी होगी।

अटेनी जेनरल, अईयाज़ सईयद खईयूम और व्यवसाय मंत्री प्रेमिला कुमार ने सप्ताहांत व्यापारियों से मुलाकात की जहाँ बातचीत हुई कि कैसे वे केफ्यू लागू होने के दौरान, सड़कों का

इस्तेमाल कर सकते हैं।

सभा में गौर किया गया कि कुछ व्यवसाय या ज़रूरी सेवा प्रदान करने वाली कम्पनियाँ जिनके कर्मचारी शिफ्ट काम करते हैं, या जिनके कर्मचारी आपातकालीन कोल्स लेते हैं को केफ्यू के दौरान भी काम करने का पूरा मौका रहेगा।

लेकिन अटेनी जेनरल ने कम्पनी मालिकों को सलाह दी है कि वे इस बात का ध्यान रखें कि उनके जितने कर्मचारियों को केफ्यू के दौरान काम करने की ज़रूरत है, को कम्पनी का फोटो आए डी

कार्ड साथ रखना होगा। अगर यह आए डी नहीं है तो कर्मचारियों को वोटो आए डी, जोईन्ट आए डी या ड्रायवस लाईसन्स कार्ड साथ रखना होगा।

कम्पनी मालिकों को अपने कर्मचारियों को एक चिट्ठी भी देनी होगी कि उनको इस समय काम करने की ज़रूरत है तथा चिट्ठी में कर्मचारियों के दावे की पुष्टि करने के लिए सम्पर्क करने का नम्बर भी होना चाहिए।

टेक्सी तथा बस संचालक और बंदरगाह पर सेवा प्रदान करने वालों को भी कम्पनी से

चिट्ठी लेनी पड़ेगी कि वे ज़रूरी सेवा प्रदान करते हैं तथा उन्हें केफ्यू के दौरान काम करने की ज़रूरत है। फिलहाल, व्यापारियों को इंडस्ट्री और ट्रेड मंत्रालय को उन कर्मचारियों की सूची प्रदान करनी होगी जो केफ्यू के दौरान काम करेंगे, उनकी कम्पनी फोटो आए डी या अन्य पहचान पत्र जो इस दौरान काम में लाया जा सकता है, कम्पनी गाड़ी का रजिस्ट्रेशन नम्बर, प्रायवट गाड़ी का रजिस्ट्रेशन नम्बर, कोन्टैक्ट वाली टेक्सी या बसों के रजिस्ट्रेशन नम्बर भी देने होंगे।



कोविड-19 के दौरान घरेलू हिंसा

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आँकड़ों से पता चला है कि कोविड-19 के दौरान विश्व स्तर पर घरेलू हिंसा में वृद्धि हुई है।

विमन मंत्री मेरेसईनी वुनिवांगा ने बताया कि जबकि देश में इस बीमारी के खिलाफ कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं, तो वहीं महिलाओं और लड़कियों को सुरक्षा प्रदान करना, उनकी प्राथमिकता है।

“सईफ्टी एन्ड प्रोटेक्शन क्लस्टा के ज़रिए मेरा मंत्रालय अन्य साझेदारों जैसे फीजी विमन्स कायसिस सेन्टा के साथ काम कर रहा है और हम यह देखेंगे कि लोग इस स्थिति से फाएदा न उठाए। हम महिलाओं और लड़कियों को सुरक्षा प्रदान करने का हर सम्भव प्रयास करेंगे। हमारा नेशनल डोमेस्टिक वायलन्स हेल्पलाईन 1560 और चाएल्ड हेल्पलाईन फीजी 1325 सातों दिन चौबीसो घण्टे काम कर रहे हैं”।

विमन्स मंत्री ने बताया कि नेशनल डोमेस्टिक वायलन्स हेल्पलाईन से रिपोर्ट मिली है कि कुछ लोग कोविड-19 का बहाना बनाकर महिलाओं और लड़कियों को उनके परिवार और दोस्तों से दूर कर रहे हैं।

फीजी विमन्स कायसिस सेन्टा की कोडिनईटर शमीमा अली ने बताया कि सेन्टा हर वक्त महिलाओं और लड़कियों की मदद करने के लिए तैयार रहता है।



विमन मंत्री मेरेसईनी वुनिवांगा चित्र: प्रदान किया गया

“हमने राजनैतिक उथल पुथल के दौरान और प्राकृतिक विपत्तियों के दौरान घरेलू हिंसा में वृद्धि देखी है। हम दूरी बनाए रखने के नियम का समर्थन करते हैं लेकिन यह भी मानते हैं कि कुछ लोग इस नियम का बहाना बनाकर महिलाओं को उनके परिवार से दूर करके उनके साथ यौन अपराध करने जैसी खतरनाक स्थिति पैदा कर देंगे”।

शमीमा अली ने यह भी बताया कि एफ डब्लू सी सी ब्रांचस के टेलिफोन लाईन्स, चौबीसों घण्टे खुले रहेंगे।

विमन्स मंत्री मेरेसईनी वुनिवांगा ने बताया कि उनका मंत्रालय यू एन विमन के साथ भी काम कर रहा है और वे यह देखेंगे कि दुनिया भर में फैली इस महामारी के दौरान लोग घरेलू हिंसा से दूर रहें।

कोविड-19 के कारण देश में प्रतिबन्ध लगे

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कोविड-19 महामारी के कारण देश के विभिन्न इलाकों में सफर करने पर प्रतिबन्ध लगे हैं। देश भर में आज रात आठ से सुबह पाँच बजे तक केफ्यू लागू रहेगा। इसकी जानकारी कल प्रधान मंत्री वीरेन्गे बड़निमारामा ने कोविड-19 के दो और मामलों की घोषणा करते वक्त दी। सोमवार से केफ्यू रात दस बजे से सुबह पाँच बजे तक था लेकिन दो और मामलों के सामने आने पर केफ्यू अब रात आठ बजे से सुबह पाँच बजे तक रहेगा। और लौतोका की तरह सुवा के लोग भी अब सुवा से बाहर नहीं जा सकते और बाहर के लोग सुवा नहीं आ सकते। टेलानावेसी पुल, नउसोरी पुल और सवानी सेरिया में पुलिस चेक पोर्टेड रहेगा।

रविवार से बाहरी द्वीपों तक जहाज़ी सेवाएं भी रद्द कर दी गई हैं। केवल सामान ढोने वाले जहाज़ ही सेवा प्रदान करेंगे। सोमवार से सुवा नांदी के अलावा, अन्य घरेलू उड़ानें भी रद्द कर दी गई हैं।

फीजी एयावर्डज़ ने अपनी सभी अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानें बन्द कर दी है और क्यू-शिप्स को फीजी आने से रोक दिया गया है। जो फीजियन्स विदेशों से फीजी लौटेंगे, उन्हें चौदह दिनों तक लोगों से अलग रहना होगा। इस दौरान यह लोग किसी से मिल-जुल नहीं सकते और नाही सार्वजनिक स्थानों पर जा सकते हैं।

किसी को सूवा और लौतोका जाने की अनुमति नहीं है। देश भर में सभी स्कूलों और दो हफ्तों के लिए बन्द कर दिए गए हैं। सूवा और लौतोका में सभी गैर-ज़रूरी व्यापार अगली सूचना तक बन्द कर दिए गए हैं।

लौतोका में किंग्स रौड स्थित मातावालू विलज के पास नंदिलाउ जंक्शन से वाकम्बुली जंक्शन के बीच व्यापार शामिल है। सुवा और लौतोका में केवल बैंक्स, सुपामाकेट्स, फामसीज़ और एसेन्शियल बिसिनस खुलेंगे। ज़रूरी व्यापारों में ऐया एन्ड रेस्कू सेविसस, ऐया ट्रेफिक कोन्ट्रोल सेविसस, सिविल अविअईशन, टेलिकोमिउनिकईशन सेविसस, फूड एन्ड सेनिट्री मेनुफेक्चरिंग प्लांट्स, एलेक्ट्रिसिटी सेविसस, एमेजेन्सी सेविसस, फाया सेविसस, हेल्थ एन्ड होस्पिटल सेविसस, लाईटहाउज़ से-विसस, मौसम की जानकारी देने वाली सेवा, मार्डन पम्पिंग, वेंटिलईशन एन्ड वार्डिंग, सेनिट्री सेविसस, सप्लाय एन्ड डिस्ट्रीबुशन ओफ फिउल एन्ड गेस, पावा, टेलिकोमिउनिकईशनस, गावज कोलेक्शन, ट्रांसपोर्ट सेविसस और वोट एन्ड सिवरज सेविसस शामिल हैं।

फीजियन्स जो लौतोका में नहीं रहते हैं मगर वहाँ काम करते हैं को लौतोका से बाहर अपने नज़दीकी दफतर में रिपोर्ट करना पड़ता है चाहे वह ज़रूरी व्यापार के लिए भी काम करते हों। इसका यही मतलब है कि जो लोग लौतोका इलाके में रहते हैं, वह वहीं रहें और जो वहाँ नहीं रहते हैं, वह वहाँ मत जाएं भलेही वह वहाँ काम करते हैं।

लोगों का एक साथ इकट्ठा होने पर प्रतिबन्ध लगा है। इसका मतलब है कि लोग सभाओं के लिए, पूजा-पाठ जिसमें चर्च, मस्जिद और मंदिर जाना शामिल है तथा खेलकूद के लिए इकट्ठा नहीं हो सकते। लोगों से इधर उधर न जाकर घर से सीधा काम और काम से सीधा घर जाने की माँग की जा रही है। केवल ज़रूरी काम के लिए आप घर से बाहर जा सकते हैं।

रेस्टूरन्ट में बैठने की संख्या कम करने की ज़रूरत-प्रधान मंत्री

रोनल देव

एक रेस्टूरन्ट में एक साथ बीस से ज्यादा लोग नहीं रह सकते जैसाकि सरकार ने घोषणा की है। फीजी में कोविड-19 की बढ़ती संख्या को देखते हुए प्रधान मंत्री वीरेन्गे बड़निमारामा ने यह घोषणा की और कहा कि यह कदम इस जानलेवा बीमारी से लड़ने के लिए बहुत ज़रूरी है।

“मेज़ हमेशा साफ तथा दूर-दूर रखें और बेहतर होगा अगर सिर्फ डिलिवरी ही की जाए। जो लोग पहले से ही डिलिवरी करते हैं को इसे और बढ़ाना चाहिए तथा बाकी लोगों को पहली बार यह सेवा शुरू करके देखना चाहिए,” प्रधान मंत्री ने कहा।

उनके अनुसार कोरोना वायरस को और फैलने से रोकने के लिए हम सबको अपनी भूमिका निभानी होगी।

“तो चाहे आप एक रेस्टूरन्ट के मालिक हैं, एक टेक्सी ड्रायवर, या ग्राहकों से मिलकर व्यापार करते हैं, लोगों से दूरियाँ बनाए रखें और अपना व्यापार जितना सुरक्षित ढंग से हो सके करें। अपने रसोईघर तथा गाड़ियाँ साफ रखें, बड़ी संख्या में इकट्ठा न हों तथा देश के लिए उदाहरण बनें। अगर आप सुरक्षित ढंग से संचालन नहीं करेंगे तो आपका संचालन बन्द कर दिया जाएगा।

लौतोका बंदरगाह पर वही विदेशी जहाज़ लग रहे हैं जो लौतोका में भोजन या निर्माणकार्य के सामान लेकर जा रहे हैं जबकि बाकी



बीस से ज्यादा लोगों को एक साथ इकट्ठा होने पर प्रतिबन्ध के कारण अब कम लोग भोजनालय जा रहे हैं चित्र: प्रदान किया गया

विदेशी जहाज़ लौतोका के बदले सूवा आकर लग रहे हैं”।

उन्होंने कहा कि देशभर में लोगों को ज़रूरी न हो तो सफर नहीं करना चाहिए। इसका मतलब है कि अगर ज़रूरी नहीं है तो किसी को भी घर से नहीं निकलना चाहिए। लोगों को एक विभाग से दूसरे विभाग या एक द्वीप से दूसरे द्वीप तक भी नहीं जाना चाहिए।

बच्चों और बड़े-बुजुर्गों को हमेशा घर पर ही रहना चाहिए। जो लोग नौकरी पर जा रहे हैं,

को नौकरी से सीधे घर लौटना चाहिए। अन्य लोगों को ध्यान में रखना चाहिए कि जो कदम वो उठाते हैं वो उनके और अन्य लोगों के स्वास्थ्य के हित में रहे। आप बाहर जाकर भोजन ले सकते हैं, दवाईयाँ खरीद सकते हैं, पैसे निकाल सकते हैं तथा ज़रूरी सेवाएं हासिल कर सकते हैं। लोग बाहर जाकर सुरक्षित ढंग से व्यायाम कर सकते हैं और जहाँ तक हो सके दूसरों से दूर रहें। लेकिन ज़रूरी न हो तो अपने दोस्तों, रिश्तेदारों से मिलने

न जाएं। पार्टी वगैरह न करें। अजनबियों के साथ घुले-मिले नहीं।

“यह सामान्य समय नहीं है, हम दिन-प्रति दिन वैसा नहीं कर सकते जैसा हम सामान्य दिनों में करते आए हैं। लोगों की सोच ऐसी है कि वे इस बीमारी को हलके से ले रहे हैं लेकिन वे इसकी गम्भीरता समझ नहीं रहे हैं कि ये जान ले सकती है,” प्रधान मंत्री वीरेन्गे बड़निमारामा ने कहा। उन्होंने लोगों से हाथ न मिलाने की माँग की है।



कोविड-19 से अपना और अपने परिवार को सुरक्षा प्रदान कीजिए इसके चिन्ह क्या हैं?



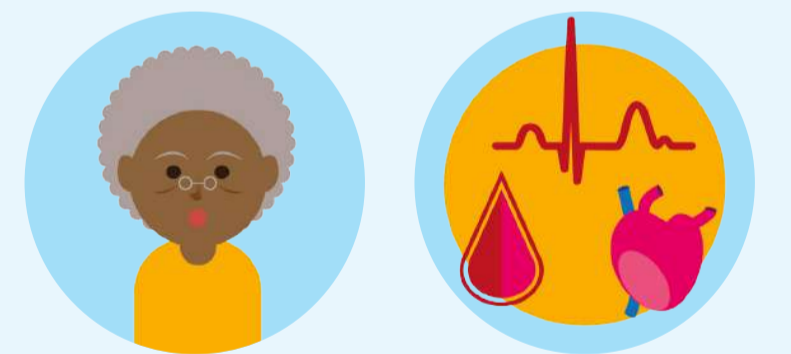
बुखार लगना

खासी

सास लेने में दिक्कत

*वर्तमान जानकारी से पता चलता है कि वायरस से बुखार लगने जैसा महसूस होता है और गम्भीर बीमारी होने जैसा भी। डब्लू हर्डिच औ का अनुमान है कि इस बीमारी के चिन्ह, वायरस पकड़ने के एक से चौदह दिनों के बीच उभर सकते हैं।

कैसे ज्यादा बीमार होने का खतरा है?



बुजुर्ग लोग

जो लोग पहले से बीमार हैं, जिन्हें हाय ब्लड प्रेशर, दिल की बीमारी या मधुमेह है

क्या मुझे कोविड-19 के बारे में चिन्ता करनी चाहिए?

अगर आप उस इलाके में हैं जहाँ कोविड-19 फैला हुआ है, तो आपको इसे गम्भीरता से लेने की ज़रूरत है। यह अच्छा होगा कि आप इसके बारे में जानकारी हासिल करें ताकि आप इसके खतरों के बारे में जानें और फलस्वरूप सावधानी बरतें। आप अपने डॉक्टर, सरकारी अस्पताल, स्वास्थ्य मंत्रालय और अपने मजदूर मालिक से कोविड-19 पर जानकारी हासिल कर सकेंगे और यह भी जान सकेंगे कि क्या यह बीमारी आपके इलाके में है या नहीं। यह ज़रूरी है कि आप अपने इलाके में स्थिति के बारे में जानें और अपने आपको इस बीमारी से बचाने के लिए कदम उठाएं।

पैसावान को तारिल, चार मार्च दो हजार बीस

कोविड-19 क्या है?

कोविड-19 एक संक्रामक बीमारी है जो हाल ही सामने आया कोरोना वायरस में पाया गया है। ऐसा लगता है कि कोविड-19 नाक मुँह से निकले पानी से ज्यादा फैलता है जैसे जब कोई बीमार व्यक्ति खास्ता या छींकता है या जब कोई बीमार व्यक्ति के सम्पर्क में आता है।

*कृपया डब्लू हर्डिच औ से नवीनतम जानकारी हासिल करें, स्थिति बदल सकती है जबकि स्वास्थ्य अधिकारी जानकारी का विश्लेषण करते रहते हैं।

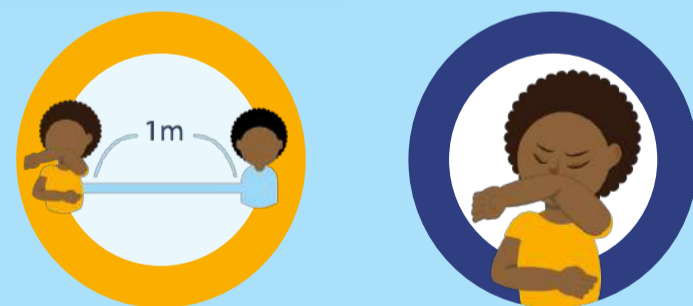
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अपने आपको बचाने के लिए मैं क्या कर सकता हूँ?



समय समय से और अच्छी तरह से अपने हाथ साबुन पानी में धोएं या सेनिटाइज़र काम में लाएं जिसमें एल्कोहॉल हो।

आँख, नाक और मुँह धूने से बचें



जो व्यक्ति छींक या खास रहा है, उससे कम से कम एक मीटर की दूरी रखें

खास्ते या छींकते वक्त अपने मुँह और नाक टिश्यू या अपनी कोहनी से ढाकें



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अगर आप किसी ऐसे देश से लौटें हैं जहाँ कोविड-19 बीमारी फैली हुई है, और आपको खासी सटी हो रही है, तो आपको नीचे दिए जा रहे किसी एक नम्बर पर तत्काल कॉल करना चाहिए।

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दूसरों को सुरक्षित रखिए, खास्ते या छींकते वक्त मुँह नाक कोहनी से ढाकिए

मुँह नाक से निकले मैल मत फैलाईए



रोकिए, मत फैलाईए

अगर आप बीमार हैं, किटाणु फैलाने से रोकने का सबसे अच्छा तरीका है, अपने आपको अलग कर लीजिए।

घर पर आराम कीजिए, ज्यादा पानी पीजिए, स्वस्थ भोजन कीजिए और सार्वजनिक यातायात में मत बैठिए। भीड़-भाड़ से दूर रहें तथा काम पर या स्कूल मत जाएं।



पिछले चौदह दिनों में विदेश में थे और बुखार लग रहा है, खासी आ रही है तथा सास लेने में दिक्कत हो रही है?

जल्द से जल्द हमारी किसी एक स्वास्थ्य टीम से नीचे दिए गए नम्बर पर सम्पर्क कीजिए

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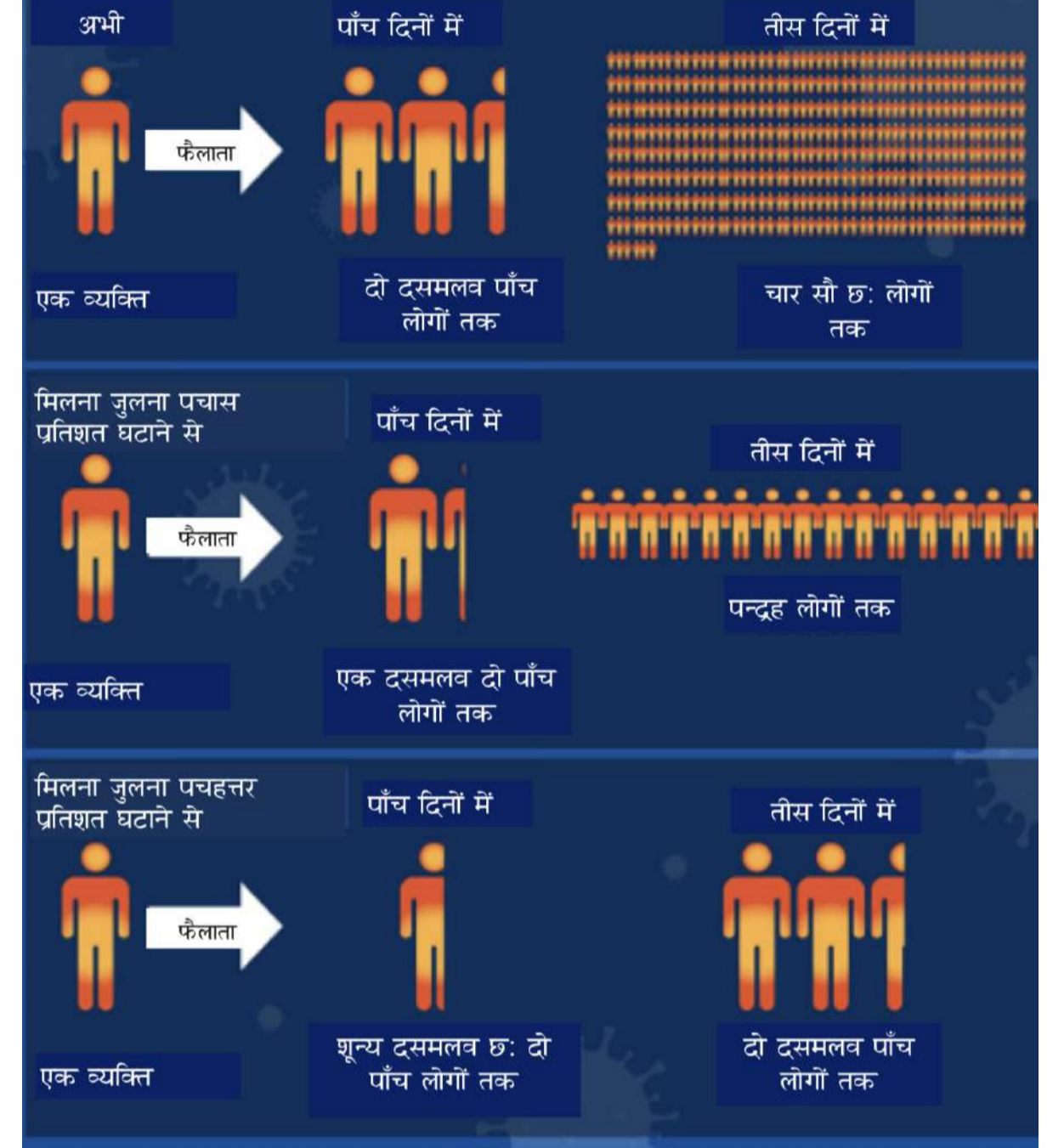
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बीमारी आप की सफर करने की योजनाएं चौपट न कर दे, हर वक्त सुरक्षित सफर कीजिए:

- समय समय से साबुन पानी से हाथ धोएं या सेनिटाइज़र काम में लाएं
- जिन लोगों को खासी सटी है, उनसे दूर रहें
- अपनी आँखें, नाक या मुँह मत छूईए
- अगर बीमार महसूस कर रहे हैं, तो डॉक्टर के पास जाईए



दूर रहने के पीछे आँकड़े



अपने आपको और अन्य लोगों को सुरक्षा प्रदान कीजिए

इस कठिन समय में कोविड-19 फैलने से रोकने में मदद कीजिए

हाथ मिलाने, गले लगने और चुम्बन करने से बचें

दूर से ही हाथ हिलाकर या सर झुकाकर नमस्कार कीजिए





कोविड-19 को लेकर पी.एम ने लेंडूसासा का दौरा किया

फीजी लिंक ने काफी उड़ाने बन्द की

रोनल देव

स्थानिए विमान सेवा प्रदान करने वाली कम्पनी फीजी लिंक ने अगली सूचना तक अपनी काफी उड़ानें बन्द कर दी है।

सरकार के आदेशों के बाद सोमवार की शाम छः बजे से बाहरी द्वीपों तक की सभी उड़ानें बन्द कर दी गई हैं। सोमवार को सूवा से लम्बासा तथा नान्दी से लम्बासा की आखरी उड़ाने भरी गई। मंगलवार से सिर्फ नान्दी से सूवा तक ही फीजी लिंक की उड़ाने भरी जा रही हैं लेकिन इसमें भी कमी की गई है।

जिन उड़ानों को टाला गया है में नान्दी, सूवा से होती हुई लम्बासा, तविउनी, सावूसावू, कन्दावू, वनुआम्बलावू, लकम्बा, दिदिया कोरो तथा रेतुमा तक की उड़ाने शामिल हैं। फीजी एयावर्डज़ ग्रुप मैनेजिंग डायरेक्टर तथा चीफ एक्ज़ेक्टिव ऑफिसर अन्ड्रे विलियम का कहना है कि उनके कई ग्राहक समझते हैं कि कोविड-19 को फैलने से रोकने के लिए यह कदम उठाना कितना आवश्यक है।

उन्होंने कहा कि वे सरकार के आदेशों का पालन करेंगे और अगर वनुआलेवू और बाहरी द्वीपों तक ज़रूरी सामान भेजने के लिए उड़ानों को चाटा करने की ज़रूरत पड़ी तो वे सहायता के लिए खड़े रहेंगे।

अधिकारियों से स्वीकृति मिलने के बाद फीजी लिंक अपनी घरेलू सेवाएं वापस शुरू करेगा।

वीरन्द्र लाल

कोविड-19 को लेकर प्रधान मंत्री वीरिन्गे वडनिमारामा ने लेंडूसासा का दौरा किया और बताया कि जो लोग झोपड़ पट्टियों में रहते हैं, वे यह बीमारी फैलने से रोकने में बड़ी भूमिका निभा सकते हैं। उन्होंने बताया कि यह वायरस बहुत जोर फैलता है और लेंडूसासा जैसी झोपड़ पट्टियों में अच्छी सुविधा न होने के कारण, यह बीमारी फैल सकती है।

“लेकिन यह डरने का समय नहीं है, यह अपने आपको शिक्षित करने का समय है, सावधानी बरतनी शुरू कर दीजिए और कोविड-19 फैलने से रोकने में फीजी की मदद कीजिए। हर घण्टे एक टास्क फोर्स स्थिति पर नज़र रख रहा है और गौर किया जा रहा है कि किस तरह से फीजियन परिवारों को सुरक्षित रखा जाए। हम विचार कर रहे हैं कि किस तरह से इस बीमारी से हम बचाव को और ठोस करें और हमारे समाजों में कमज़ोरियों को उखाड़ फेंके”।

प्रधान मंत्री ने बताया कि झोपड़ पट्टियों में काफी चुनौतियाँ होती हैं जबकि लोगों के पास औपचारिक बस्तियों के मिलान में काफी सुविधाएँ नहीं रहती हैं।

“कई परिवार एक छत के नीचे रहते हैं, एक ही जगह सोते हैं और एक ही टोएलट काम में लाते हैं। इस कारण से आपको यह बीमारी फैलने से रोकने में भाग लेना बहुत ज़रूरी है। आपको कुछ सामान्य बातें जानना ज़रूरी है कि किस तरह से आप यह बीमारी फैलने से रोकने में हाथ बटा सकते हैं और इसी कारण से स्वास्थ्य मंत्रालय की टीम और मैं यहाँ आज आपके साथ हूँ”।

प्रधान मंत्री ने बताया कि इस चुनौति के कारण



प्रधान मंत्री वीरिन्गे वडनिमारामा, लेंडूसासा में लोगों को सम्बोधित करते हुए
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हमारी एकता खंडित नहीं होनी चाहिए। साथ मिलकर काम करने से, एक दूसरे को शिक्षित करने और खुलकर विचार और चिन्ताएँ बाँटने से हम सभी फीजियन्स को सुरक्षित रख पायेंगे।

प्रधान मंत्री के अनुसार कोविड-19 इसलिए खतरनाक है क्योंकि स्वस्थ दिख रहे युवा लोगों में यह छिप सकता है। उन्होंने कहा जिन लोगों में इस बीमारी का कोई चिन्ह नहीं है, उनमें भी यह वायरस हो सकता है, तो अगर एक बच्चा या जवान यह मानकर कि वह स्वस्थ है और बुजुर्गों के सम्पर्क में आ जाए, और जबकि बुजुर्गों को यह बीमारी होने का ज्यादा खतरा है, बुजुर्गों के जीवन

को वे खतरे में डाल सकते हैं।

प्रधान मंत्री ने कहा कि यह केवल आपके स्वास्थ्य के बारे में नहीं है, यह अपने परिवार, पड़ोसियों और समाज के लोगों को बचाने के बारे में है।

प्रधान मंत्री के अनुसार इस महामारी से केवल जीवन को खतरा नहीं है बल्कि आजीविका को भी खतरा है।

प्रधान मंत्री ने लोगों से हर वक्त कम से कम एक मिटर की दूरी बनाए रखने, खास्ते या छींकते वक्त मुँह नाक ढाकने, साबु पानी से समय समय से हाथ धोते रहने, मुँह, नाक, आँख न छूने और किसी से हाथ न मिलाने की माँग की है।



जहाज़ पर सामान लादा जा रहा है चित्र: प्रदान किया गया

सप्लाय चर्इन में कम से कम बाधा - शिपिंग व्यवसाय

वीरन्द्र लाल

जबकी कोरोना वायरस (COVID-19) का विपरीत असर देश की अर्थ-व्यवस्था पर पड़ रहा है, देश के शिपिंग व्यवसाय ने सप्लाय चर्इन में कम से कम बाधा का आश्वासन दिया है।

इस साल के पहले दो महीनों में चीनी कम्पनियों से जितनी चुनौति की आशा की गई थी, उससे कम देखने को मिली। मिनिस्ट्री ऑफ़ इनडस्ट्री, ट्रेड एंड टुरिज़म की अगुवाई में शिपिंग व्यवसाय का फीजियन कोम्पिटिशन एन्ड कोमेस कमिशन के साथ परामर्श में यह बात सामने आई। इस दौरान इसपर विचार किया गया कि फीजियन अर्थ-व्यवस्था

पर इस बीमारी से पड़ रहे असर का सामना कैसे किया जाए।

लौतोका आने जाने पर लगे प्रतिबन्ध को लेकर प्रायवट सेक्टा की एक सभा में भी इसपर चर्चा की गई।

शिपिंग कम्पनियों ने आश्वासन दिया है कि उनका व्यापार सामान्य रूप से जारी है और लोगों को धवराने की ज़रूरत नहीं है। अब जबकि चीन सामान्य होने लगा है तो ऐसे में विश्व और क्षेत्रिए सप्लाय में भी बहुत बाधा नहीं होगी। दो महीने बन्द रहने के बाद, चीनी पोर्ट्स अब नब्बे प्रतिशत सामान्य हो गए हैं।

मंत्रालय के एक बयान में कहा गया

कि हमारे पास दो से तीन महीनों का फिउल सप्लाय है तथा जल्द ही और फिउल आ रहा है, तो इस बात की चिन्ता करने की ज़रूरत नहीं है कि ज़रूरी सेवाओं में बाधा होगी।

फीजी, बोडा अजेन्सीज़ जैसे बायोसेकिउरिटी ओथोरिटी ऑफ़ फीजी, फीजी रेविनु एन्ड कस्टम्स सेविसस और स्वास्थ्य मंत्रालय पर कार्यकुशलता से काम करने पर जोर दे रहा है।

भोजन सामग्री के सप्लाय और ट्रेडिंग चर्इन्स में कोई बाधा से बचने के लिए मंत्रालय यह देखेगा कि इस व्यापार से जुड़े सभी लोगों से बात-चीत की जा रही है।

फिशिंग वेसल्स पर नए विदेशी कू सदस्यों पर प्रतिबन्ध लगा

वीरन्द्र लाल

फीजी पोर्ट्स कोर्पोरैडेशन लिमिटेड ने मछली मारने वाले सभी स्थानिए और विदेशी फिशिंग वेसल्स को निर्धारित नियमों का पालन करने और हाथ सीज़ या किसी पोर्ट पर कमी दल में बदलाव न करने की माँग की है।

पिछले सप्ताह एफ पी सी एल की एक सभा स्थानीय और मछली मारने वाले विदेशी जहाज़ों के मालिकों और एजेन्ट्स के साथ हुई थी जिस दौरान उन्हें यह बताया गया कि अगली सूचना तक कू सदस्यों का तबादला और बदलाव, निलम्बित रहेगा।

एफ पी सी एल, जहाज़ों और उसके मल्लाहों पर नज़र रखेगा। सभी फिशिंग वेसल और एंटरप्राइज़ से, बन्दरगाह पहुँचने से पहले, हाबा मास्टा को वेसल और मल्लाहों के बारे में जानकारी प्रदान करने की माँग की गई है। हाबा मास्टा फिर इस जानकारी की पुष्टी स्वास्थ्य मंत्रालय, फीजी रेविनु एन्ड कस्टम्स सेविस, डिपाटमेंट ऑफ़ इमिग्रेशन तथा बायोसेकिउरिटी ओथोरिटी ऑफ़ फीजी और अन्य साझेदारों से करेंगे।

स्वास्थ्य मंत्रालय के कर्मचारी क्लियरन्स देने के लिए जहाज़ पर जायेंगे जबकि अन्य साझेदार निरीक्षण करेंगे और जहाज़ को घाट पर लगने की अनुमति देंगे।

शिपिंग एजेन्ट्स और मालिकों को एफ पी सी एल को फिशिंग वेसल्स की सूचि, मल्लाहों के बारे में जानकारी और स्वास्थ्य की स्थिति के बारे में जानकारी देने की ज़रूरत है। हाबा मास्टा के दफतर, प्रदान की गई इन जानकारीयों पर नज़र रखेगा। अपने कर्मचारियों की देख-भाल करना, एफ पी सी एल की ज़िम्मेदारी है। इस साल जनवरी से एफ पी सी एल, कोविड-19 महामारी के खिलाफ कदम उठा रहा है जिससे उनके कर्मचारी सुरक्षित रहें।



कोविड-19 के जवाब में बजट - चीनी व्यवसाय

रोनल देव

सरकार ने फीजी शुगा कोर्पोरेशन को गन्ने की डिलिवरी पैमन्ट के लिए पचास मिलियन डोलर दिया है।

सप्लिमेंट्री बजट की घोषणा करते हुए अर्थ-व्यवस्था

मंत्री अईयाज़ सईयद-खईयूम ने कहा कि सरकार एफ एस सी में फीजी नेशनल प्रोविडन्ड फन्ड तथा फीजियन होल्डिंग्स लिमिटेड के हिस्से खरीदने पर काम कर रही है ताकि एफ.एस.सी, सरकार से लिया गया कर्ज, इक्विटी में बदलने के लिए कानूनी आवश्यकताओं को पूरा करे।

फीजी राईस लिमिटेड ने पहले ही पुष्टी कर दी है कि वे धान बोने वाली स्कीम में एक मिलियन डोलर लगाएंगे। फीजी की खाद्य सुरक्षा को बढ़ाने के लिए अतिरिक्त एक मिलियन डोलर कृषि मंत्रालय को दिया गया है।

अनुमान है कि इस साल "कर" से होने वाली आमदनी दो बिलियन डोलर से ज्यादा होगी जो कि पिछले साल निकाले गए बजट में किए गए अनुमान से चौतीस (34) प्रतिशत या एक बिलियन डोलर कम रहेगी। पिछले साल "कर" से जितनी आमदनी बटोरी गई थी के मिलान में यह आमदनी इस साल सात सौ सत्तान्वे (797.7) मिलियन डोलर कम होगी।

इसके अलावा वेट से होने वाली आमदनी में भी गिरावट होगी, इंकम टैक्स तथा कस्टम्स की आमदनी में भी भारी गिरावट होने की सम्भावना है। वेट से लगभग तीन बिलियन डोलर की आमदनी होने का अनुमान लगाया गया था लेकिन अर्थ-व्यवस्था में धीमापन आने तथा मेडिकल सामानों पर से वेट हटाने की वजह से अब वेट से होने वाली आमदनी 1.9 बिलियन डोलर होने का अनुमान है।

सरकारी कम्पनियों से सरकार को मिलने वाले डिविडन्ट में भी गिरावट होने का अनुमान है क्यों कि इन कम्पनियों की विभिन्न फीस, जुर्माना तथा चार्जस में गिरावट देखी गई है।

सरकार, शिक्षा मंत्रालय के बजट में बीस मिलियन डोलर और जोड़ेगी जो अध्यापकों के वेतन के लिए होगा जबकि अब सभी अध्यापकों को एक साथ लाया गया है।

जिन्होंने अपनी नौकरियाँ खोई है या जिनके काम करने का घण्टा कम हुआ है, उन लोगों को अगले छः महीनों के लिए अपने कर्ज का रिपैन्ट करने से छूट दी गई, इनमें घर-संपत्ति के लिए लिया गया कर्ज, व्यक्तिगत कर्ज या कोट्स, कापेन्ट्स तथा अन्य कम्पनियों से उधार में लिए गए सामान का पैमन्ट शामिल है। लेकिन लोगों को इस स्थिति से फायदा नहीं उठाना चाहिए।



अटेनी जेनरल तथा अर्थ-व्यवस्था मंत्री अईयाज़ सईयद खईयूम संसद में बजट प्रस्तुत करते हुए चित्र: संसद भवन

चीनी वापस बाजारों में

रोनल देव

चीनी के सप्लाई समान्य हो गई है। पिछले कुछ दिनों में दुकानों में चीनी के सप्लाई कम हो गई थी लेकिन फीजी शुगा कोर्पोरेशन ने सातों दिन, चौबीसों घण्टे पेंकिंग प्लान्ट का संचालन शुरू किया जिससे सप्लाई सामान्य हुआ। फीजियन कोम्पटिशन एन्ड कोन्जुमा कमिशन के चीफ एक्ज़ेग्टिव अफसर जोएल एबराहम ने बताया कि उन्होंने एफ एस सी से बातचीत की है और उन्होंने कहा कि एफ एस सी के पास स्टोक में पंद्रह हज़ार टन चीनी है। एबराहम के अनुसार चीनी

छोटे पैक्स जैसे दो किलोग्राम तथा चार किलोग्राम में पैक करना है।

एबराहम ने कहा कि चौबीसों घण्टे काम करके सूबा, तावुआ, वा, राकीराकी तथा नउसोरी तक चीनी सप्लाई की गई है। उन्होंने कहा कि इस सप्ताह भर इसपर काम जारी रहेगा।

फीजी शुगा कोर्पोरेशन ने पुष्टी की है कि देश में चीनी की कमी नहीं है लेकिन कुछ मुख्य सुपामार्केट्स में चीनी खत्म हो गई थी।

एफ एस सी के चीफ एक्ज़ेग्टिव, ग्रेहम क्लार्क का कहना है कि लौतोका इलाके में लगे प्रतिबन्ध के

बावजूद चीनी की पैकिंग और उसे लादना सामान्य है। उन्होंने कहा कि उन्हें चीनी की कमी की कोई जानकारी नहीं है लेकिन कुछ दुकानें कम मात्रा में चीनी खरीद रही हैं ताकि लोग धबकाकर ज्यादा मात्रा में चीनी न खरीदने लगे।

उन्होंने कहा कि जो दुकानदार, सीधे एफ एस सी से जाकर चीनी लादते हैं, उनकी लौडिंग हो रही है क्योंकि पर्याप्त मात्रा में चीनी उपलब्ध है। उन्हें लगता है कि कुछ लोग लौतोका के प्रतिबन्ध लगे इलाकों से बाहर सामान लेजाने में समस्याओं का सामना कर रहे हैं।



प्रधान मंत्री दफ्तर के स्थाई सचिव योगेश करण, जापानी राजदूत मासाहिरो ओमुरा के साथ जापान से मिली सहायता को लेकर समझौते पर दस्तखत करते हुए चित्र: प्रधान मंत्री के दफ्तर

डिज़ास्टा रिस्क रिडक्शन इक्विपमेंट के लिए जापान ने ग्रांट प्रदान किया

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जापान की सरकार ने अपने इको-नोमिक सोशल डिवेलपमेंट प्रोग्राम (ESDP) के तहत फीजियन सरकार को अट्टारह मिलियन फीजियन डोलर सहायता प्रदान की है। इस पैसे

से सुनामी वॉनिंग सिस्टम्स, एक ड्रेजा और एक आईस प्लांट खरीदा जायेगा। इस सहायता को लेकर प्रधान मंत्री के दफ्तर के स्थाई सचिव योगेश करण और जापानी राजदूत मासाहिरो ओमुरा ने पिछले सप्ताह एक समझौते पर दस्तखत किया।

दोनों देशों के प्रधान मंत्रियों के बीच दो हज़ार अट्टारह में पॅसिफिक लीडज़ मीटिंग के दौरान हुई बात-चीत में फीजी ने इस सहायता की माँग की थी।

इस सहायता की सरहाना करते हुए स्थाई सचिव करण ने सरकार की ओर से जापान की सरकार को धन्यवाद

देते हुए कहा कि इस सहायता से विपत्ति से पड़ने वाले असर को कम किया जा सकेगा और विपत्तियों के लिए बेहतर तैयारी की जा सकेगी।

फीजी और जापान के बीच सम्बन्ध स्थापित हुए इस साल पचास साल हो गए हैं।

जापानी राजदूत ओमुरा ने कहा कि इस सहायता से यही कहा जा सकता है कि विपत्ति कम करने को लेकर दोनों देशों की सोच एक है।

“दो हज़ार अट्टारह में जापान-फीजी सम्मिट में प्रधान मंत्री वीरन्द्रो बड्दिनमारामा ने सुनामी वॉनिंग सिस्टम्स की माँग की थी। हम इस माँग की

पूर्ती करने में खुश हैं। यह नेशनल डिज़ास्टा रिस्क रिडक्शन पोलिसी के तहत भी है जिसे जापानी डी आर आर विशेषज्ञ की मदद से तैयार किया गया है। जापान सुनामी के लिए तैयारी करने के कदम को प्राथमिकता देता है। इस लिए हर साल पाँच नवम्बर को वोल्ड सुनामी अवेरनेस डेय मनाया जा रहा है”।

जापानी राजदूत ओमुरा ने बताया कि इस सहायता से उन योजनाओं को भी राहत मिलेगी जिनके लिए जापान से पैसे मिले हैं। इनमें “स्ट्रेथनिंग स्कूल प्रिपेडनस फोर सुनामी इन एशिया एन्ड टू पॅसिफिक” शामिल है।

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चुने हुए सभी सदस्यों जिनमें प्रधान मंत्री, मंत्री, सहायक मंत्री और सभी संसद सदस्य शामिल हैं, के वेतन में अगले छः महीनों तक के लिए बीस प्रतिशत की कटौति की जायेगी।

इसकी घोषणा अटेनी जेनरल तथा अर्थ-व्यवस्था मंत्री अर्दियाज़ सईयद खईयूम ने कोविड-19 महामारी के जवाब में निकाले गए सप्लिमेंट्री बजट पेश करते वक्त की।

अर्थ-व्यवस्था मंत्री ने बताया कि कोविड-19 के कारण कुछ ही हफ्तों में फीजी की अर्थ-व्यवस्था जो लगातार ग्यारह साल बढ़ने वाली थी, विपरीत दिशा में जाने लगी और चार दसमलव तीन प्रतिशत सुकड़ गई।

उन्होंने बताया कि इस महामारी के कारण काफी व्यापार बन्द होने लगे हैं क्योंकि लोगों के आने जाने पर प्रतिबन्ध लगे हैं, टुरिस्ट देश नहीं आ रहे हैं और बीस से ज्यादा लोग एक साथ एकत्रित नहीं हो सकते हैं।

सईयद खईयूम ने कहा कि देश में आर्थिक कारवाइयाँ एक दम रूक सी गई हैं, कोई विकास नहीं हो रहा है, उत्पादन में भारी गिरावट हुई है और घरेलू सप्लाय चर्चनस कमजोर पड़ने लगी हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि इससे विद्यार्थियों की शिक्षा पर बुरा असर पड़ रहा है।

अर्थ-व्यवस्था मंत्री ने इस मिनी बजट में स्वास्थ्य मंत्रालय को और चालिस मिलियन डोलर देने की घोषणा की है। इन पैसों से मास्क, वेंटिलेटर्ड जूट, कर्मचारियों के लिए बचाव करने वाले समान, थेमल स्कैनर और देश में फिवा क्लिनिकस स्थापित किए जायेंगे। पिछले बजट में स्वास्थ्य मंत्रालय को तीन सौ सैतालिस दसमलव पाँच मिलियन डोलर (\$347.5m) दिए गए थे।

शिक्षा मंत्रालय को और सोशल वेलफेयर मंत्रालय को और बीस बीस मिलियन डोलर दिए गए हैं। इन पैसों से उन लोगों की मदद की जायेगी जिनपर इस महामारी से असर पड़ा है। मंत्री ने संसद को बताया कि इस महामारी का सामना करने के लिए एशियन डिवेलपमेंट बैंक ने पहले 100m अमरीकी डोलर देने का

वायदा किया था लेकिन इस महामारी से पड़े असर को देखते हुए वह और 100m अमरीकी डोलर देने को सहमत हो गया है। उनके अनुसार इस महामारी से निपटने के लिए वॉल्ड बैंक ने 5.5m अमरीकी डोलर देने का वायदा किया है।

बजट की घोषणा करते हुए अर्थ-व्यवस्था मंत्री ने बताया कि इस साल छः अप्रैल से टूरिज़म क्षेत्र में काम कर रहे जो कर्मचारी अपनी नौकरी खो देंगे, या जिनके काम करने के घण्टे कम कर दिए जायेंगे, वे अपने एफ एन पी एफ अकाउंट से एक हजार डोलर निकाल सकते हैं। स्थिति खराब होने पर सरकार और पैसे निकालने की अनुमति देने पर विचार करेगी। अगर किसी कर्मचारी के अकाउंट में उतने पैसे नहीं हैं, सरकार अपनी तरफ से जोड़कर उन्हें हजार डोलर देगी।

जो लोग जिम्सू, फिटनस सेन्टज़, स्विमिंग पूल्स और नाईट क्लब्स में काम करते थे जिनपर अब प्रतिबन्ध लग गया है और लौतोका में आने जाने पर लगे प्रतिबन्ध के कारण जिन लोगों को छुट्टी पर भेज दिया गया है, या जिनके काम करने के घण्टे कम कर दिए गए हैं, वे अपने एफ एन पी एफ अकाउंट से पाँच सौ डोलर निकाल सकते हैं।

प्रतिबन्ध के कारण इनफोमल सेक्टर में जिन लोगों पर असर पड़ा है, सरकार उन्हें एक सौ पचास डोलर देगी। और इस क्षेत्र में जो लोग इस वायरस के शिकार हुए हैं, उन्हें एक हजार डोलर दिए जायेंगे।

एफ एन पी एफ कौंट्रिबुशन अब आठ प्रतिशत से घटाकर पाँच प्रतिशत कर दिया जाएगा। यह पहली अप्रैल से एकतीस डिसेम्बर तक रहेगा।

अर्थ व्यवस्था मंत्री ने बताया कि जिन व्यापारों पर इस महामारी का असर पड़ा है, उनका लौन रिपयमेंट छः महीनों तक टाल दिया जाएगा। बैंक्स अब ग्राहकों के अकाउंट्स में कम पैसे के कारण फीस नहीं चार्ज करेंगे।

फीजी इनवेस्टमेंट कोर्पोरेशन लिमिटेड को रिवाइव किया जाएगा ताकि वह वर्तमान छोटे और मध्यम वर्ग के व्यापारों की मदद कर सके।



अटेनी जेनरल तथा अर्थ-व्यवस्था मंत्री अर्दियाज़ सईयद खईयूम, संसद में सप्लिमेंट्री बजट प्रस्तुत करते हुए चित्र: संसद भवन

जो विद्यार्थी टेशरी एजुकेशन लौन भर रहे हैं, सभी रिपयमेंट्स इस साल एकतीस डिसेम्बर तक निलंबित कर दिए गए हैं।

रिसेव बैंक ओफ़ फीजी, नेचरल डिज़ास्टा रिहेबिलिटेशन फेसिलिटी जिसे अब डिज़ास्टा रिहेबिलिटेशन एन्ड कोनटर्डमेंट फेसिलिटी कहा जाता है, को पुनर्जिवित करेगा। आर वी एफ, व्यापारिक बैंकों को साठ मिलियन डोलर, एक प्रतिशत व्याज दर पर देगा और व्यापारिक बैंक फिर ज्यादा से ज्यादा पाँच प्रतिशत व्याज पर यह पैसे अपने ग्राहकों को कर्ज़

के रूप में देंगे।

तीन सालों - दो हजार बीस, दो हजार इक्कीस और दो हजार बाईस के लिए एक्सपोट इनकम डिडक्शन पचास प्रतिशत से बढ़ाकर साठ प्रतिशत कर दिया जाएगा।

उन मज़दूर मालिकों को कर में तीन सौ प्रतिशत की छूट दी जायेगी जिनके कर्मचारियों को इस वायरस के कारण अलग किया गया है लेकिन उन्हें वेतन दिया जा रहा है। उन व्यापारों को भी कर में तीन सौ प्रतिशत की छूट दी जायेगी जो सरकार के कोविड-19 डोना फण्ड के लिए पैसे देंगे।

व्यापार करने के इरादे से खरीदी गई सम्पत्ति पर दस हजार डोलर तक की छूट दी जा सकती है और व्यापारिक तथा इनडस्ट्रियल बिल्डिंग्स बनाने पर भी सौ प्रतिशत की छूट मिल सकती है लेकिन इसके लिए इस साल के अन्त से पहले अनुमति लेनी होगी। मेडिकल सप्लायज़ और उपकरण आयात करने पर वेट हटा दिया जाएगा और ज़रूरी मेडिकल सप्लायज़ पर फिस्कल डिउटी घटा दी जायेगी।

वृद्ध लोगों को हर महीने दिए जा रहे ट्रवल अलावन्स चालिस डोलर से घटाकर बीस डोलर कर दिया जाएगा।

Noda Viti

Vitu na kisi vakadeitaki ni COVID-19

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

SA toso cake na wiliwili ni lewenivanua era tauvi ira na mate na COVID-19 ena kena mai vakadeitaki erua na veiwatini rau tiko ena dua na tikotiko mai Nabua voleka mai kina vanua ni veivoli ekeya.

Sa kacivaka kina na Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama na vakatabui ni veilakoyaki ena loma ni 14 na siga mai oqo ka me teki-vu saraga ena 5am ni mataka nii ka tolu ni Evereli 2020.

Na vanua ena sogo oqo na wavu mai Delainavesi ena gaunisala ni Ranadi, na tata-koso ni gaunisala mai Sawani, kei na wavu levu mai Nausori.

Sa vakatabui kina mo curuma mai na loma ni vanua oqo kevaka otiko ena taudaku ni vanua oqo. Ia ena loma ni vanua ko Suva.

Vakatabui mera veilakoyaki ka vakatarai qa kina na kisi ni raici e valenibula.

Sogo na bisinisi ni veiqaravi sega ni gadrevi vakatotolo

Ko ira na sitoa kei na vanua ni volitaki kakana ena dola tiko.

Wilikina na baqe ena dola kei na kemisi Matabose ni lavo maroroi

Ena dola na wavu kei na makete, na bisinisi ni livaliva, leqa tubu koso, vale ni bula, tomi ni benu, veivuke kei na veivueti, vale ni cina, vanua ni tawa waiwai, vale ni draki, veiqaravi ni gaunisala, veiqaravi ni yadra se sekuriti kei na vanua ni buli yaya.

Kena itukutuku matailalai gone ena *fiji.gov.fj* se *Fijian Government facebook*.



Sa kacivaka raraba na turaga na iliuliu ni Matanitu o Voreqe Bainimarama me da yalo dei tiko ni levu tiko na kakana. iTaba: NANISE NEIMILA

Kana mai na were, siwa ke o kusima

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

NA nona kauwaitaka na Matanitu na noda bula vinaka na veimata-vuvale ena gauna eda sotava kina na bula dredre a kauta mai na COVID-19.

Sa kacivaka raraba na turaga na iliuliu ni Matanitu o Voreqe Bainimarama meda yalo dei tiko ni levu tiko na kakana.

“Na Agro Marketing sa voli kakana mai vei ira ena taudaku kei Lautoka me volitaki ena makete e Lautoka.”

Sa vakadonuya talega na Matanitu ni rawa ni oni laki siwa se qoli tikoga ena nomuni iqoliqoli vakakina na vanua ni qoliqoli e vol-

ai tiko ena nomuni laiseni ni qoli.

Ia, mo ni biuta mai na nomuni vale ni vo e vica na aua me yaco na curfew se vakatabui ni veilakoyaki

Sa veivakauqeti na Tabacacacaka ni Teitei ena dua na pakete ni veivueti ne vukea na kena tei vakalevu na keda kakana e yasa ni noda vale se ena iteitei vakatokai na Agriculture Respond Package baleta na COVID-19.

Sa veisoliyaka oti na Tabacacacaka ni Teitei e e 2000 na pakete ni itei ni noda teitei e yasa ni vale.

E na qai veisoliyaki tale kina vei vuvale ena Siga Vakaraubuka oqo e 3000 tale na pakete ni itei.

Na loma ni pakete e tiko e loma e 12 taucoko na mataqali itei.

Namaki mena qai soli tale yani ena macawa aka tu mai e 10,000 na pakete ni itei.

Era na wasea tiko na pakete ni itei oqo na vuvale ena veitauni e Viti kei na vei koro lelevu e taketetaki kina e 30 na pasede.

Kena ikarua na pakete ni nodra vukei na dau tea na kakana matua totolo se short term crop. Oya ena kena vakarautaki itei kei na iyaya ni teitei vei ira na dau teitei e Viti.

E wase vakatolu na porokaramu oqo sa teki-vu na imatai ni iwasewase ena ika 30 ni Maji 2020 kana cici me 2 na macawa.

Na ikarua ni wavoki ena ika 15 ni Evereli.

Kei na ikatolu ni wavoki ena ika 30 ni Evereli 2020.

Na noda vukei ena teitei e yasa ni vale ena vukei kina e 5000 na vuvale kei na 1415 na dau teiteitei.

Namaki me rawa ni teivaki kina na kakana e na 941 na eka (376 na ekatea).

Sa veivakasalataki talega o Paraiminisita Bainimarama vei keda na lewenivanua me kua na volivoli vakasivia.

“Au rogoga ni so era sa via lai vakasuka tale na iyaya era voli mai ni sa lai sega ni caka rawa tu ena nodra loma ni vale,” kaya o PM Bainimarama.



\$1000 na veivuke mai vei FNPF



Vakamacalataka tiko oqori ena loma ni Palimedi na Minisita ni Bula Vakailavo ko Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum na iTuvatuva Vakailavo ni Matanitu ma baleta na COVID-19
iTaba: VAKARAUTAKI

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

SA kacivaka na Minisita ni Bula Vakailavo ni noda vanua o Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum ni tekivu ena ika ono ni siga ni vula o Evereli 2020 o ira kece na tamata cakacaka e Viti era sa sega ni cakacaka ka sa musu nodra aua ni cakacaka me tekivu mai na imatai ni siga ni Veveru-eri 2020 e rawa – ni gauna oqo - me ra kerea e \$1,000 mai na nodra akaude ni FNPF, ka me qai tomani kevaka e veisau na ituvaki.

Kaya o Minisita Sayed-Khaiyum ni veivuke kece oqo – mai na FNPF- ena cowiri lesu tale kina ena bula vakailavo ni noda

vanua e \$150 na milioni na dola, kena ikuri na \$60 na milioni na dola na cau ni matanitu.

“Kevaka e dua na tamata cakacaka e sega ni tiko taucoko na ilavo e gadrevi me kerei ena sauma na kena vo na matanitu. Kena ibalebale kevaka e vo tikoga e \$100 ena nomu akaude ena soli vei iko na vo ni \$900 na matanitu,” kaya o Minisita Sayed-Khaiyum. Kuria na Minisita ni ilavo baleti ira na vakaleqai nodra cakacaka ena vuku lawa ni tu veiyawaki se ‘social distancing’ sa rawa nira kere e \$500 mai na nodra akaude ni FNPF.

“Era okati eke na tamata cakacaka era sotava na revurevu ni

kena gadrevi meda tiko veiyawaki kara a cakacaka ena vale ni qito, vale ni vakaukauwa yago, tobu ni qalo, vale ni danisi, vata kei ira na tamata cakacaka ena vanua vakatabui mai Lautoka.”

“Sa dredre na nodra yacova yani na vanua ni cakacaka na tamata cakacaka mai Lautoka. Au vosa tiko baleti ira na na cakacaka ena vanua ni buli iyaya, na dau

ni veiqaravi ena vanua ni gunu yaqona ni vavalagi, vanua ni gunu kofi, kei na vakaillesilei ni gymnasium kei na vanua ni vakaukawa yago.”

“Kena ikuri o ira kece na vakila na dredre ena vanua ni sogosogo, na matanitu ena solia e \$150 vei ira na vakalaiseni ni volivolitaki e bati ni gaunisala,” kaya o Minisita Sayed-Khaiyum.

Lutu ki na 5 na pasede nomu cau ki na FNPF

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

SA na tosoi sobu mai na walu na pasede kina lima na pasede na nomuni musumusu kina FNPF na tamata cakacaka e Viti ena vuku ni kena sotavi tiko na matetaka na COVID-19.

“Me tekivu mai na imatai ni siga ni Evereli 2020 me yacova na ika 31 ni Tiseba 2020 sana tosoi sobu na nomuni musumusu kina FNPF na tamata cakacaka e Viti mai na walu na pasede kina lima na pasede,” kaya o Minisita Sayed-Khaiyum.

“Sa kena ibalebale oya ni sana biu yani kina e \$80 na milioni na dola kina nomuni taga na tamata cakacaka e Viti ena loma ni ciwa na vula ka tarava ena nodra akaude ni FNPF.”

Kaya na Minisita ni Bulavakailavo ni ratou na tosoya sobu talega na nodra cau na itaukei ni cakacaka kina nodra akaude ni FNPF na tamata cakacaka mai na 10 na pasede kina 5 na pasede me tekivu ena imatai ni siga ni vula o Evereli kina ika 31 ni siga Tiseba 2020.

“E na loma ni ciwa na vula sa tu e matada. Qoka ena maroro kina ena nodra akaude e \$130 na milioni – me vukei ra enavakadeitaki ni nodra bisinisi keina vakayagataki ilavo ka me lailai kina na tawa cakacaka kei na musu ni aua ni cakacaka,” kaya o Minisita Sayed-Khaiyum.



Oqori na loma ni ruku ni nodra vakatikitikitaki na yalewa bukete keina gone e Makoi. iTaba: VAKARAUTAKI

Vanua ni vakatikitikitaki ni gone kei na bukete e Makoi

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

SA vakadeitaka na turaga na Paraiminisita Josaia Voreqe Bainimarama ni sa dola tiko e dua na vanua mera vakatikitikitaki kina na gone kei na yalewa bukete mai Makoi.

Qoka e tiki ni sasaga ni kena

vakaseavutaki na mate na COVID-19.

Sa duri edua na Intensive Care Unit ka dabe talega na misini ni cegu cagi bulabula se oxygen.

Rau sa cakacaka vata na Mataivalu kei na Tabacakacaka ni Bula ena kena vakarautakai na Valenibula vou mai Bame tu vakarau de mani

tubu na iwiliwili ni COVID-19 e Viti.

Era sa tara talega mai Navua na idinia ni mataivalu e dua na vanua ni vakama pepa ena yasa ni Valenibula mai Navua.

Era sa yadrava talega na sotia mera tiko vakatikititiki na pasidia mai ni waqavuka ni macawa sa oti.

Sauma na matanitu e 21 na siga ni tauvimate

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

NA sasaga ni Matanitu mera vagalalataki na tamata cakacaka ena vuku ni leqataki ni COVID-19 sa yalataka kina vei ira na itaukei ni cakacaka na Minisita ni Bulavakailavo ena ituvatuva vou ni bula vakailavo e Viti ni na vakalailaitaka icolacola ni itaukei ni cakacaka.

Oya kevaka era kerea nodra gade ni tauvimate (sick leave) na tamata cakacaka mera vakadeitaka na itaukei ni cakacaka mera kua ni vakayagataka na nodra siga ni gade baleta na Matanitu ena sauma e 21 na siga gade ni tauvimate ni tamata cakacaka ka tiko ena kedra isau ena \$30,000 dua na yabaki ka lako sobu.

“E na rawa ni soli nona gade ni tauvimate e dua ni oti nona veivakadeitaki mai na Tabacakacaka ni Bula ni sa tauvi koya dina na matetaka oqo.”

Kacivaka na itukutuku oya na Minisita ni Bulavakailavo

o Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum ena ituvatuva vakailavo ni Matanitu me baleta na COVID-19.

Sa kerei ira talega na itaukei ni cakacaka na Minisita ni Bulavakailavo mera tomana tikoga na nodra saumi tiko na tamata cakacaka.

“Me taladrodro tikoga kasega ni vakataotaki na cakacaka, na itaukei ni cakacaka kece e dodonu me tomana tiko nona sauma na kedra isau, na matanitu ena qai sauma lesu vei ira na itaukei ni cakacaka na ilavo oya.”

Kaya o Minisita Sayed-Khaiyum ni kevaka e sega ni rawa vua na itaukei ni cakacaka me sauma na kedra isau na tamata cakacaka, na matanitu enaqai sauma.

“Qoka era okati kece kina na tamata cakacaka ka lailai mai na \$30,000 na kedra isau ena dua na yabaki. O ira na vakacacacakataki ira ga vakataki ira, ia e vakadeitaki ni sa tauvi ira na matetaka oya ena saumi vei ira e \$1,000.”



Vinaka na masu Viti

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

ERA sa vakavinavinakataki ira na veimatalotu se vakabauta na Paraminisita Voreqe Bainimarama ena kena vakayacori na veinanumi ena masumasu ena veiyasai Viti raraba.

Oqo e salamuria tikoga na sasaga ni matanitu me valuti kina na COVID-19.

Lagiti ira kina na liuliu ni matanitu baleta na nodra taura na kalawa na liuliu ni lotu kei na vakabauta mera masulaka na noda vanua kei na sasaga raraba ni va-

luti ni COVID-19 ka sa vakacaca saraga ena veimatanitu lelevu ena vuravura ka sa tete totolo saraga.

Vakavinakataka talega okoya na kena tokoni tiko na ivakasala me kua na sosoqoni vata me 20 se sivia na tamata.

Vakaraitaka okoya ni gauna vaka-

oqo ni leqa tiko na vuravura era dau kilai kina na kai Viti nira dau vakaukauwataka na nodra bula ni vakabauta ka sega ni rere.

“Na Kalou ena tikoga kei keda, ena veivanua eda veiqaravi kina, kei na veivanua se gauna eda masu kina,” kaya ko PM Baini-

marama.

“Sa noqu masu nida na raica ena rarama ka meda duavata ka kua na nanumi koya vakaiokoya ga.

“Oqo edua na gauna ena laurai kina noda kaukauwa, duavata, kei na loloma me vaka edua na vanua.”

Vakatarai na cakacaka mai vale

Vakamamadataki na saumi dinau

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

VAKARAITAKA na Minisita ni Bula vakailavo, Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum ena nona kacavika na ituvatuva vakailavo vou baleta na COVID-19 ni me vaka ni levu na ka ena noda bula e sana mai tu vakadua – ka sega ni matata na veisiga ni mataka – na saumi lesu ni nodra dinau na otioi ni ka era na leqataka na lewei Viti.

“E na ruku ni lawa ni Dinau ni Dauvolivoli se Consumer Credit Act, Wase 66, na kabani ni tauri iyaya vakadinu kei na baqe era sa vakalawataki mera veivuke vei ira na nodra dau dinau ena gauna era sotava kina na bula dredre,” kaya ko Minisita Sayed-Khaiyum

“Keitou sa veitalanoa tiko kei ira na baqe kei na kabani ni voli iyayavaka dinau – ena noa keimai sa duavata kina me cegu na saumi dinau ena loma ni ono na vula vei ira na lewei Viti era sa vakayalia na nodra cakacaka se esa musu na nodra aua ni cakacaka.”

“Na iyau mokititaki, na dinau ni tamata yadua, na voli iyaya vakadinu mai na sitoa nei Courts, Carpenters, kei na so tale. Vei ira na levu sara na dredre era sotava e rawa ni ra vakuwai ena saumi ni yavu kei na tubu.”

Kaya na Minisita ni Bulavakailavo, Sayed-Khaiyum ni tautauvata talega na ka ena soli vei ira na bisinisi era vakacacani.

“Kevaka o sotava tiko na dredre vakailavo, ona sega ni sauma nomu sausumi me vula ono.”

“Ena loma ni gauna oqori, o ira na baqe era na sega ni lavaka na isau ni vo ni ilavo e vo tiko ena nodra akaude ni baqe ka kau laivi na lawa ni vo ni ilavo e dodonu me vo toka ena nomu akaude ni baqe.”

“Kevaka e ca vakalevu sara na ituvaki ni noda vanua, na matanitu sa solia nona veivakadeitaki kina baqe nina dau taqomaki ira na lewei Viti e tiko nodra dinau ni vale.”

Kaya o Minisita Sayed-Khaiyum ni veivuke vou oqo baleta na COVID-19 mai vei ira na baqe era na vukei kina ena \$400 na milioni na dola, na tamata cakacaka kei na kabani. Oya e \$820 na milioni na dola na veivuke me yacova mai na gauna oqo.



Vosa tiko oqori na Minisita ni Bula vakailavo ka Vunilawa talega o Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum vei ira na dauvola itukutuku me baleta na nodra cakacaka mai vale na vakailavesi vakamatanitu me tarova nodra tiko veivolekati ena nodra vale ni cakacaka me tarova na dewa ni COVID -19. iTaba: MARICA CAUCAU

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

SA mai kacavika na Vunilawa ko Aiyaz Sayed Khaiyum na nodra sa na cakacaka mai vale na ivakalesilesi vakamatanitu ni oti na nodra bosa vata kei ira na vunivola tudei ni vei minisitiri.

Oqori edua na tuvatuva vou ni matanitu me rawa ni qaravi talega kina na nodra cakacaka ka vakauasivi ena kena tokoni na lawa ni vakalailaitaki ni veilakoyaki se sosoqoni vata me vukei kina na valuti ni mate veitauni na COVID-19.

Oqo e baleti ira na vakaitavi ena veiqaravi duidui e rawa ni ra cakacaka mai vale.

Vakaraitaka ko Minisita Sayed-Khaiyum ni o ira na vunivola tudei era na cakava na vakatulewa e gadrevi vei ira na vakailavesi me ra cakacaka mai vale.

E kaya ni levu tu na veiqaravi era sega ni dau dabe kina na tamata cakacaka ena nodra vale ni volavola.

E kaya o Sayed-Khaiyum ni o ira oqo e rawa ni ra cakacaka mai vale.

E kuria ni kaya ni o ira na vunivola tudei era na vakamura na nodra cakacaka na tamata cakacaka gadrevi mera cakacaka mai vale.

Era sega ni rawa ni ra vakayaco bosa ena gauna era na cakacaka kina e vale se me ra vakalailaitaka na nodra cakacaka se veiqaravi vei ira na lewenivanua.

Vakaraitaka na Vunilawa ni rawa nira gole na lewenivanua kina vanua ni veiqaravi

‘Tomani tiko ga na veitaratara kei ira na lewe ni vanua’



Ko Vuniwai Alisha Sahukhan na iliuliu ni tabana ni tataqomaki ena Tabana ni Bula, kei Vuniwai Jemesa Tudravu na iliuliu ni daunivakasala ni Tabana ni Bula. iTaba: EMI KOROITANOVA

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

NA timi ni veitaratara kei ira na lewe ni vanua ra gole mai na veimatanitu e valagi e se tomani tikoga na nodra veiqaravi.

Vakaraitaka na tikina oqori ko Vuniwai Jemesa Tudravu na dau ni vakasala levu ni matanitu ena tabana ni bula.

Oqori baleta na kisi ni tamata ka veisiko mai kina na noda vanua ka sa mani lako yani ki Niusiladi ka vakabauti ni a saravanua mai ena noda vanua.

E biuti Viti na tamata oqo ena ika 19 ni Maji.

Vakaraitaka ko Vuniwai Tudravu, e kaya ni ra sa vakarautaka kece na veiqaravi kece me rawa ni taqomaka na mate.

“Na neitou timi ni veitaratara ena itikotiko raraba, mai Nadi, mai Rakiraki vakakina na Plantation island esa vakamura na veivanua e kila ni a gole kina okoa na tamata oqo,” kaya ko Vuniwai Tudravu.

“Ka dua na wiliwili vinaka ni tamata era sa tarai raw aka sega ni dua e tauvimate.”

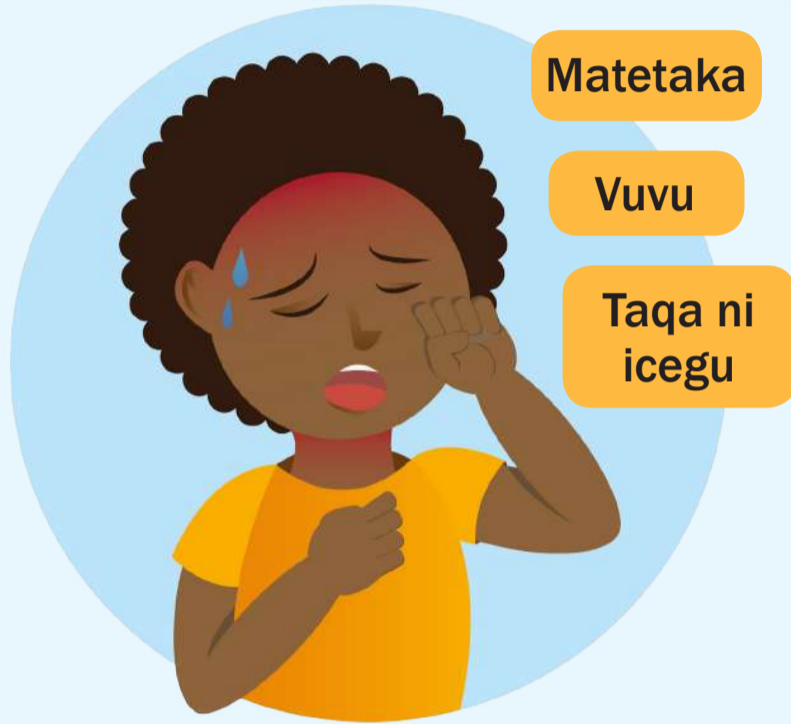
Sa lima tiko na kisi vakadeitaki ena noda vanua.

Na veitaratara qasenivuli e tomani tiko na nona kaya o vuniwai Tudravu.



Taqomaki iko kei na nomu Vuvale mai na COVID-19

Na cava na ivakatakilakila?



Matetaka

Vuvu

Taqa ni icegu

Na itukutuku oqori ena rawa ni vakavuna na matetaka oqori na savu ni ucu me vaka edua na tauvimate. Na rawa ni kaukauwa mai na matetaka oqori ena loma ni 14 na siga ni oti nona sotava na COVID-19.

Ocei ena rawa ni tauvi koya?



O ira na qase/matua



O ira era sa tiko rawa vei ira na tauvimate (vaka na mate sureti, mate ni suka, tubu ni dra)

Meu na leqataka beka?

Kevaka o vakaitikotiko ena dua na vanua sa veitauvi kina na mate oqo mo qarauni iko vakavinaka.

Dodonu mo taura vinaka na itukutuku dina me baleta na mate oqo ka taura na kena ivakasala dodonu me baleta na nomu bula.

Dodonu ka bibi mo taura na kena itukutuku taumada vei ratou na tabana ni bula se taukei ni cakacaka.



NA CAVA NA COVID-19

Oqo edua na mate na vei dewayaki totolo ka vu mai ena coronavirus. COVID-19 edua na mate e dewa ena sala ni icegu ke vaka edua esa tauvi koya rawa.

*Kerekere mo ni vakamuraia toka vakamalua na tukutuku kece sara me baleta na mate oqo.



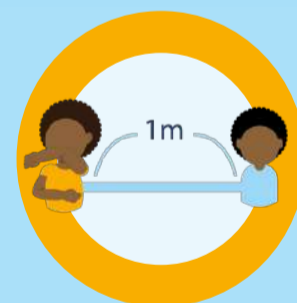
Na cava meu cakava meu taqomaki au kina?



Savata vakawasoma na ligaqu ena dua na wai ni mate se sanitizer ke sega e na sovu kei na wai.



Kakua ni tara na ucu, mata, gusu.



Yawaki iko mai ena 1 na meter kei koya e vuvu se suru.



Mo dau ubia na gusumu, ucumu ena dua na isulu/tavoi se ena ligamu ena gauna iko vu se suru kina.



Vakamuraia vinaka na itukutuku me baleta na COVID19

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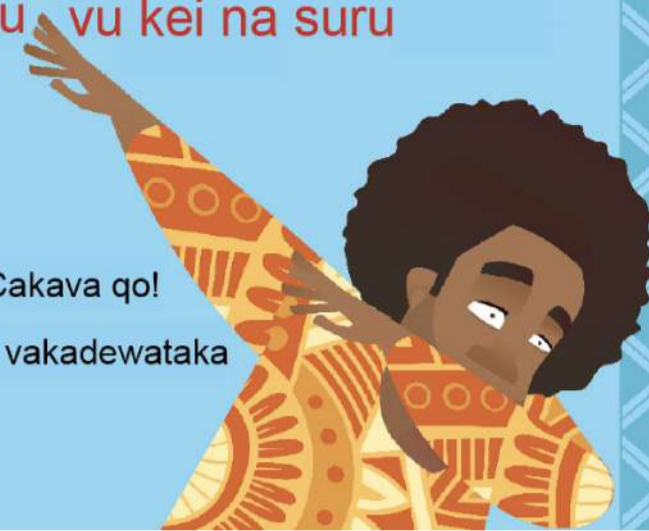
Kevaka o tiko ena dua na vanua se matanitu sa veitauvi mai kina mo veitaratara ena dua vei ira na naba e toka oqo:

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Siga e taba kina nai vola qo: Ka 4 ni siga ni vula o Maji, 2020

Taqomaki ira. Ubia na nomu nomu, vu kei na suru

Cakava qo! Kua ni vakadewataka



Tarova, kua ni vakadewataka.

• Na sala uasivi ni tarovi ni dewa ni mate oqo sai koya mo tiko vakatikitiki ni o tauvimate.

• Vakacegu tikoga e vale, gunu wai, kania na kakana bulabula ka mo kua ni vodoka na basi, kua ni vakasoqoni vata, kua ni cakacaka, kua ni vuli.



O sikovi vavalagi ena loma ni 14 na siga sa oti ka tauvi matetaka, vuvu ka vakila na dredre se taqa ni icegu.

Veitaratara kei na dua na neitou timi ena naba

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Western 2219907
Eastern 2219906
Northern 2219908

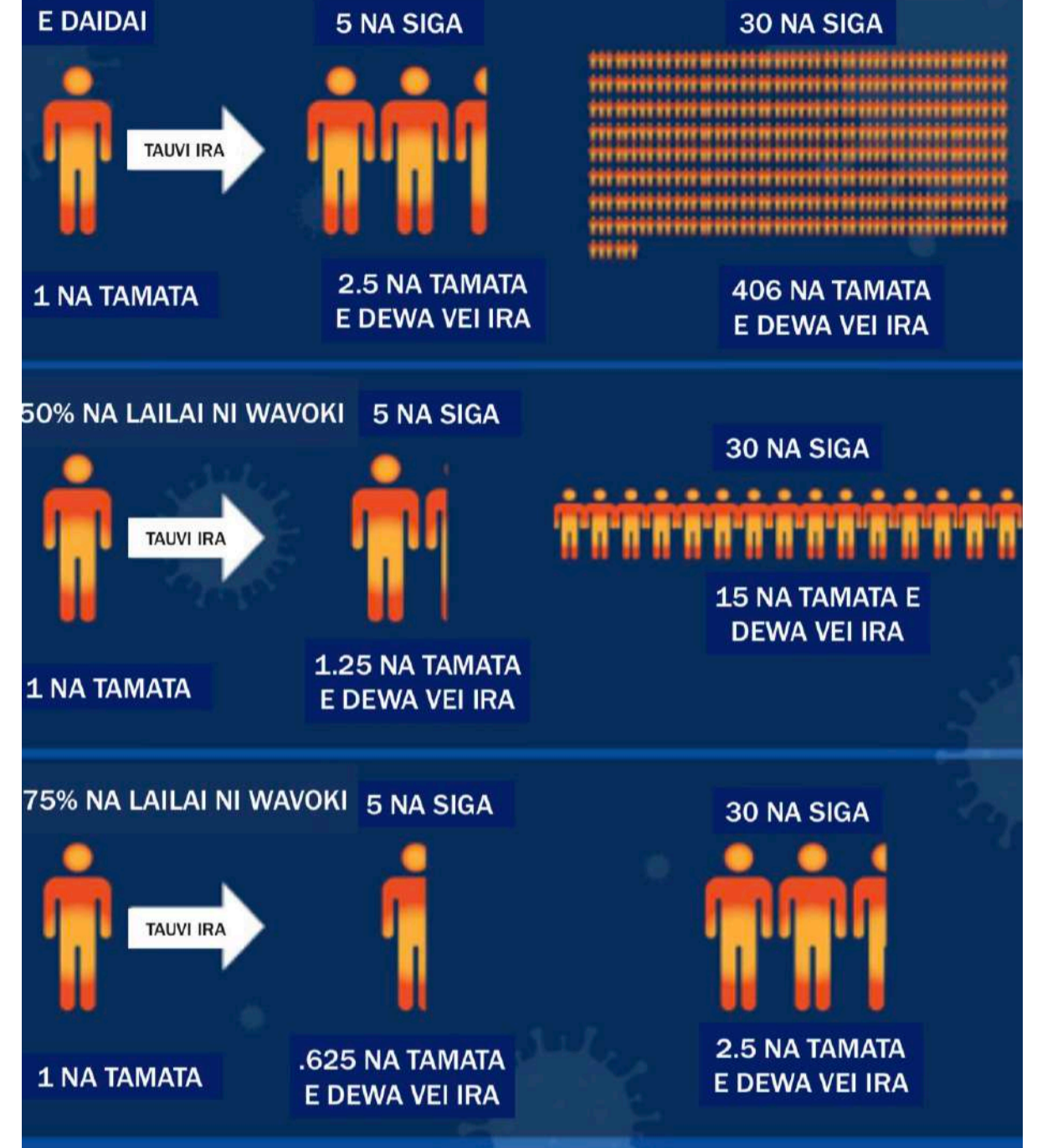
Tarova, kua ni vakadewataka.

Kua ni laiva na tauvimate me vakacacana na ituvatuva ni nomu veitosoyaki. Qarauna nomu veilakoyaki e veigauna kece.

- Savata wasoma na ligamu ena sovu kei na wai se wai ni mate ni savailaga
- Kua ni volekati ira e savu tiko na ucudra
- Kua ni tara na matamu, ucumu kei na gusumu
- Keo vakila ni o sega ni bula vinaka, qirita e dua na dau veiqaravi ni tabana ni bula



Na Fika ni nomu vakatikitiki iko



Taqomaki iko Taqomaki ira kece



Ena gauna oqo, vukea na valuti ni dewa ni mate veitauvi na COVID-19

Tarova na veilulu, veireguci kei na kisi

Veikidavaki ena bula, yalova se deguvacu kina





Rau marautaka nodrau volitaka tiko na nodrau ivoli ena makete e Nausori o rau na veitinani oqo. iTaba: FELIX LESINAIVALU

Veisau na gauna ni dola makete

VILIAME TIKOTANI

SA kacivaka na Minisita ni Veimatabose ni Tauni o Premila Kumar ni makete taucoko e Viti esa na dola tiko ena 8 na kaloko ena mataka.

Qoka me rawa ni vakamuri tiko-ga kina na gauna ni vakatatabu ni veilakoyaki se curfew sa vakaroti kina o Viti raraba tekivu ena bogi ni Moniti na ika 30 ni siga ni Maji

ena 10 na kaloko ena bogi me yacova na 5 ena mataka lailai.

Sa mai yaco na vakatulewa oqo ena nodra bose vata na dau veilutaki ena noda veitauni baleta ni levu era dau gole sara tiko mai vakayawa kara dau sou mai vakamataka lailai.

Kaya o Minisita Kumarni sa qarauna talega mera tiko veiyawaki tiko na dau volivoli kei ira na dau

volivolitaki ena noda veimakete.

“Keitou sana vakaduri wavoki tiko na valelaca ena veiyasa ni koro me lailai kina na vakasoqni vata ena makete.”

“Na ka ga era rawa ni volia mai na mekete e rawa ni voli ga e yasa ni nodra itikotiko ena rukliu ni valelaca era sa na duri wavoki tu kina,” kaya o Minisita Prasad.

32 na vanua ni dikevi matetaka

VILIAME TIKOTANI

ME yacova mai na ika 27 ni Maji esa 32 taucoko na levu ni vanua e rawa ni lai dikevi kina nodra tauvi matetaka na lewenivanua e Viti.

Na kena inaki ga me rawa ni kilai kevaka e tiko na ivakatakilakila ni COVID-19 sa na tekivu saran a nodra vakatiktikitaki me tarova na kena dewa.

Na vanua ni dikevi matetaka oqo ena dola tiko ena 8 ena mataka me yacova na 4 na kaloko ena yakavi.

Sa toso yani vakavoleka kina veivanua era vakaitikotiko kina na lewenivanua ka sa koto oqori era na 32 na vanua oni rawa ni lai dikevi kina na lewenivanua:

WASEWASE NA TOKALAU

1. Levuka Hospital
2. Lomaloma Health Centre
3. Lakeba (Old Nurses Quarters)
4. Vunisea
5. Rotuma Hospital

WASEWASE NA MUA-I-RA

1. Punjas Health Centre
2. Kamikamica Health Centre
3. Viseisei Health Centre
4. St. Thomas High School
5. Tavua Hospital



Qoka na vale ni veivakatiktikitaki. iTaba: VAKARAUTAKI

6. Ba Health Center
7. Balevuto Health Centre
8. Nailaga Health Centre
9. Ba Mission Hospital (Tent Outside)
10. Rakiraki Hospital (Car Park)
11. Nadi Hospital
12. Bukuya Health Centre
13. Namaka Health Centre
14. Sigatoka Hospital

WASEWASE NA VUALIKU

1. Nasea Health Centre
2. Nutrition Training Centre
3. Savusavu (Old Public Health Building)
4. Waimaqera Health Centre (Outside)
5. Waiyevo Health Centre (Outside)
6. Nabouwalu Hospital

WASEWASE E LOMA

1. Lami (Tikaram Park)
2. Raiwaqa (Pentecostal Church)
3. Valelevu (Tennis Court)
4. Nakasi Health Centre (Car Park)
5. Nausori Health Centre (Quarters 2)
6. Wainibokasi (Car Park)
7. Navua (Tent Outside)
8. Vunidawa
9. Nakorosule
10. Korovou

Naba ni talevoni vou sega ni saumi baleta na vakatataro kei na kauwai baleta na COVID-19 na naba 158 ka dola tu ena 24 na aua 7 na siga dua na macawa.

IKURI NI TUKUTUKU

DIKEVI RAWA E SIVIA NA 300 ENA COVID-19

Me yacova mai na gauna e tabaki kina na niusiveva ni matanitu oqo era dikevi oti e 300 na lewenivanua e Viti me baleta na COVID-19.

Vakaraitaka o Vuniwai Ifereimi Waqainabete ni yacova mai na ika 30 ni siga ni Maji e dei tikoga ena 5 na levu ni lewei Viti e sa vakadeitaki nisa tauvi ira tiko na COVID-19.

O ira oqo era tiko vakatiktiki tiko kara yadravi tiko vei ira na vakaillesilesi ni Tabacakacaka ni Bula.

Kaya o Minisita Waqainabete ni a kune na ivakatakilakila ni mate vei ira na wekadra na lewe lima oqo, ia ena gauna era salai dikevi kina qai kune ni sega ni tauvi ira na COVID-19.

Sega ni rawa ni vakadeitaka o Vuniwai Waqainabete na gauna era na qai vakasukai kina ki vale na ilawalawa oqo.

-TABACAKACAKA NI BULA

TABU NA WAQA USA PASIDIA KI YANUYANU

Na kena sa tekivu ena Siga Tabu na ika 29 ni siga ni vula o Maji 2020 na nodra vakatabui na waqa kece ni usa pasidia mera soko ki veiyanyanu sa tiki ni sasaga ni matanitu me kua ni dewa na COVID-19 vei ira na tu mai yanuyanu.

Qoka e muri tiko nona sa kacivaka raraba e Viti na turaga na ililiu ni noda Matanitu o Josia Voreqe Bainimarama.

E na qai kacivaka tale yani na Matanitu kevaka e dua tale na veisau. Na vakatatabu oqo e wili kina na waqa lalai kei na iota ka vakakina na waqa lelevu ni usa pasidia.

Ena vakatarai walega na waqa usa kako kina veiyanyanu.

Na ivakaro mera muria na itaukei ni waqa usa kako kei na itaukei ni lori usa kako.

Me tiko vei itaukei ni waqa na itukutuku matai lalai baleti draiva ni lori ni kako. Na draiva taucoko me dara tiko na iyaya ni veitaucoko. Ni vo e dua na aua ni bera ni sobu mai waqa o draiva, me vakasavasavataka na nona lori.

E tabu nira veitaratara na draiva kei ira na vakaillesilesi ni waqa. Ni sa vakaroti na lewenivanua moni tu veiyawaki.

E tabu kina lewenivanua moni voda yani ki waqa ka laki kauta mai nomuni kako. Sa kerei na Turaga ni Koro moni veitaratara kei na Tabacakacaka iTaukei.

Kemuni na itaukei ni waqa ni kako kei na lori ni kako moni qiri yani vei Franisese Kinivuwai ena Tabacakacaka ni Soko ke tiko na vakatataro ena naba 9983245 se email faranisese.kinivuwai@govnet.gov.fj. -VILIAME TIKOTANI

CEGU NA VUKA KI YANUYANU

Sa mai cegu toka na vuka ni waqavuka kina veiyanyanu me tekivu ena 6 na kaloko ena yakavi ni Siga Tabu na ika 29 ni Maji 2020. Na vuka walega ena vakatarai tiko oya mai Nadi ki Suva kasa lutu talega na kena ivodovodo.

Sa na cegu toka mada na vuka ki Labasa, Taveuni, Savusavu, Kadavu, Vanuabalavu, Lakeba, Cicia, Koro kei Rotuma.

Kaya o Andre Viljoen na ililiu ni Fiji Airways nira kila na pasidia ni vuna vakatatabu oqo na kauwaitaki me kua ni dewa na COVID-19.

E kaya ni sa tu vakarau talega me vakavukaca na iyaya e gadrevi vakatotolo mai na Matanitu ki Vanua Levu kei na veiyanyanu. E sa tu vakarau na Fiji Link me veiqaravi tale kevaka e gadrevi vakakina mai na Matanitu. -TABACAKACAKA NI BULA

SEGA NI SAUMI NA REDE

Sa kacivaka na Minisita ni Bulavakailavo o Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum ni sana sega ni saumi na nodra rede ni vula o Evereli kei na Me na vakabisinisi ena rara ni waqavuka mai Nadi.

Kuria oya ni na lutusobu na nodra rede ni vula o Maji.

Qoka me rawa ni vakadeitaka nira cici tikoga ena bisinisi oqo ena gauna e yaco kina na leqa levu me vaka na COVID-19.

Kaya na Minisita ni Bulavakailavo ni na dikevi tale ena vula o Me na nodra rede me laurai de gadrevi me toso tale na kena sega ni saumi se kuvai.

Baleta ni namaki tiko mera sana vuka tale na waqavuka ena gauna oya.

Sa inaki ga na veivuke ni Matanitu oqo me raica nira cici tikoga na bisinisi baleta na gauna sana seavu kina na COVID-19 sa rawa ni vakadeitaka ni vakacagau tiko na bisinisi.

- VILIAME TIKOTANI



Matetaka na Coronavirus (COVID-19)



Kila se dewa vakacava

- Na matetaka oqo e dewa mai na dua na tamata kina dua tale.
- Vei ira na tamata era tiko veivolekati.
- E na wai ni gusu kei na ucu ena gauna ni vu kei na suru. Na wai oya e rawa ni tauva na gusuna se ucuna na tamata era tiko veivolekati ka rawa talega nira ceguva yani kina loma ni nodra yatevuso.

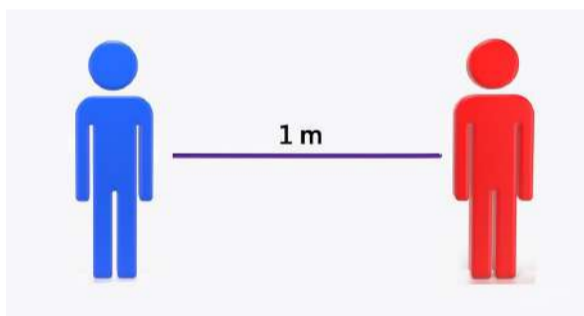


Na sala mo taqomaki iko kina

- Savata wasoma na ligamu ena sovu kei na wai me 20 na sekodi ni o lesu mai ena dua na vanua ni vakasoqoni vata, se ni oti nomu cerudi, vu se suru.
- Kevaka e sega ni tiko na sovu kei na wai, e rawa ni o vakayagataka na wainimate ni sava liga ka tiko kina e 60 na pasede ni alakaolo. Ubia taucoko na ligamu qai masia vinaka me yacova ni o vakila ni sa mamaca.
- Kua ni tara na matamu, ucumu kei na gusumu kevaka o se bera ni savata na ligamu.

Na sala mo taqomaki ira kina na tani

- Tiko vakadua ga e vale kevaka o tauvimate, vakavo kevaka o lai qaravi vakavuniwai. O ira na viavia tauvi COVID – 19 sa rawa nira tiko vakadua ga e vale. Sa vakalailaitaka na cakacaka ena taudaku ni nomu vale, vakavo keo lai qaravi vakavuniwai.
- Kakua ni lai cakacaka, vuli se vanua ni vakasoqoni vata.
- Kakua ni vodo ena sala ni veilakoyaki ni lewenivanua me vaka na basi kei na taxi.



Kua na tara tale dua

- Tu vakayawa mai vei ira na tamata kevaka e veitauvi tiko ena nomu itikotiko na COVID-19. Vakausivi ke dau tauvi iko na mate ni suka, tubu ni dra, kei na kenisa.



Tabonaka nomu vu kei na suru

- Tabonaki na gusumu kei na ucumu ena tissue kevaka o vu se suru se vakayagataka na ilokilobi ni ligamu.
- Biuta laivi ena kava ni benu na tissue o vakayagataka.
- Oti oya kusa sara mo savata vinaka na ligamu ena sovu kei na wai kevaka e tiko se savata na ligamu ena wainimate ni sava liga ka tiko kina e 60 na pasede na alakaolo.



Kua ni vakayagataka vata na iyaya ni kana

- Muduka na nomu dau vakayagataka vata na e dua ga na bilo ena gauna ni taki.
- Kua ni vakayagataka vata na veleti ni kana, bilo Iloilo ni gunu, kavuru, bilo ni ti, yaya ni kana, tauwelu, se na iyaya ni moce e nomudou vale.
- Ni vakayagataki oti na iyaya kece oqori savati ira sara vakavinaka ena sovu kei na wai.



Savata ka vakawainimatetaka

- Savata ka vakawainimatetaka wasoma na iyaya vakadelana e veisiga. Oka eke na teveli, na idoladola ni katuba, na iwaqawaqa ni cina, dela ni vata, itautauri, desi, talevoni, taipa ni monalivaliva, vale lailai, paipo kei na siqi.
- Kevaka e duka na delana, savata, vakayagataka kina na sovu kei na wai ni bera ni o vakawainimatetaka.

QIRITA NA NABA E SEGA NI SAUMI, 158, KE O GADREVA NA VEIVUKE

Noda Viti

ITUKUTUKU NI COVID-19 #EdaRawataVata

'Rokova na ivakaro'

E TARA TIKO GA NA QOLI

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

SA veivakasalataki tiko mai na Tabacakacaka ni Qoligoli vei kemuni na dau qoli ni vakatabui tiko na veilakoyaki mai na 10 na kaloko ena bogi kina 5 na kaloko ena mataka lailai.

Ena vakatarai walega mo lai qoli me baleta na bula ni matavuvale kei na bisinisi kevaka o biuta nomu vale ni se bera na aua e vakatabui kina na veilakoyaki.

Mo lai qoli ga ena nomudou iqoligoli sena iqoligoli e volai tiko ena nomu laiseni ni qoli.

Ke tiko na vakatataro ni qiri mai kina Tabacakacaka ni qoligoli ena naba 9966745 sena email: mere.lakeba@govnet.gov.fj

Vakasala ni waqa usa kako

Oni sa vakasalataki na itaukei ni waqa usa kako ki na veivanuyanu baleta na gaunisala ni veisokoyaki ni vakavure ilavo kei na kena ka sega ni vakavure ilavo.

Ena veika oni loma tarotari kina ni qiri mai kina Tabacakacaka ni Soko vei Faranise Kinivuwai ena naba 99832245/ 3389717 se email faranise.kinivuwai@govnet.gov.fj

1. Na itaukei ni waqa me vakadonuya na nodra sobu na lori kei na draiva
2. Na itaukei ni kabani ni waqa me maroroya kece tiko na matailalai ni itukutuku me baleti ira na draiva era vodo yani ki waqa.
3. Na draiva kece me tokara tiko na iyaya ni tataqomaki.
4. Na itaukei ni waqa me qarauna mera kua ni sobu vakaveitalia na kai waqa se veimaliwai ena vanua e vakasobu iyaya kina na waqa.
5. Na waqa usa kako kina veivanuyanu me vakasoburi ga na kako ena vanua e savolai tiko me mai sobu kina.
6. Sa rawa vei kemuni na draiva moni laki vakasobu iyaya ni nomuni lori kina veivanuyanu.
7. Ni raica na itaukei ni waqa kei na itaukei ni lori ni oni sa dikevi vinaka ka vakalewena vinaka na fomu e gadrevi moni vakalewena taumada.
8. Kemuni na lewenivanua oni mai kauta na kako e sobu yani ena vanua vakadonui sa kerei moni yalovinaka ka vakadeitaka nomuni tu veiyawaki. E vakatabui moni vodo ki waqa.
9. Ni sa kerei na turaga ni koro moni qiri kina tabacakacaka itaukei ena vuku ni kena vakamatatataki na veiqaravi oqo.

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

KAUWAITAKA na Tabacakacaka ni Ovisa na nodra mai vesu ena imatai ni bogi ni kena vakatabui na veilakoyaki (curfew) e Viti e lewe 68 na noda lewenivanua.

E vakatabui tiko kina na veilakoyaki ena maliwa ni 10 na kaloko ena bogi me yacova na 5 na kaloko ena mataka lailai.

Vakaraitaka na Komisina ni Ovisa o Sitiveni Qiliho ni lewe 37 era vesu mai na Muaira, lewe 13 era vesu ena Ceva kei na lewe 18 era vesu ena Tokalau.

Kaya o Komisina Qiliho ni nodra sega ni rokova na ivakaro na ilawalawa oqo sai vakaraitaki ni nodra sega ni kauwaitaka na bula ni lewenivanua.

"O ira na ilawalawa lewe 68 oqo esega ni dua na ulubale vinaka era tukuna ni vu ni nodra wavoki voli ena gauna o ya ka vuni nodra vesu mai ni beca na ivakaro sa soli tiko yani ki Viti raraba," kaya o Komisina Qiliho. Era sa qarauna talega na Ovisa mera kua ni veitaratara se kumuni vata o ira na vesu mai me vakadeitaki tiko na noda vakatikitikiti me tarova na dewa ni manumanu meca ni matetaka na COVID-19.

O ni sa vakasalataki na lewe ni noda vanua o Viti moni yalo vinaka ka rokova na ivakaro sa solia yani ni sa tabu na veilakoyaki ena maliwa ni 10 na kaloko ena bogi ki na 5 na kaloko ena veisiga.

Na vakatatabu oqo e sega walega ni kauti ikotani mani na loma ni bai ni caka cala, e taqomaka talega nomu bula mai na Coronavirus se COVID-19. E na ikarua ni siga ni vakatatabu ni veilakoyaki sa lutu na iwiliwili ni tamata era voroka na ivakaro kina 49.

Sa nuitaki talega vei kemuni na dau soko ni sa vakatabui na waqa ni pasidia ena soko kina noda veivanuyanu.



E ra yadra toka oqori na ovisa ena gauna e vakatabui kina na veilakoyaki (curfew) ena 10 na kaloko ena bogi ki na lima na kaloko ena mataka e Suva. iTaba: VAKARAUTAKI

VOQA NI DAVUI | **Radio Fiji One** Moniti - Tusiti 8.30pm [15 na miniti] | **Radio Fiji One** Vukelulu - Lotulevu 8pm [30 na miniti] | **Radio Fiji One** Siga Tabu 9.05am [30 na miniti]