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Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama during his visit to a COVID-19 Vaccination Data Verification Centres in the Nausori Education District. Photo: NANISE NEIMILA

FIJI HITS 60PC

PM thanks partners over full vaccination efforts

NANISE NEIMILA

FIJI has reached more than 60 per cent of its target population of Fijians who are now fully vaccinated and more than 97 per cent have received one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

This was highlighted by Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama while virtually delivering his interventions at the Trade and Economic Recovery at the Commonwealth Foreign Affairs Ministers Meeting held recently.

It had earlier been announced that borders within Viti Levu will be lifted once the 60 per cent target is reached.

Prime Minister Bainimarama thanked development partners, including India, Australia and New Zealand, have helped secure enough vaccines for every adult in the country. No doses

are going to waste.

Prime Minister Bainimarama highlighted that the protection vaccines offer was priceless but it was not enough to revive our economy.

He said there different realities being experienced by the developed and developing countries on the road to recovery.

For the developed nations with the early access to vaccines promised to spark a rapid recovery, Prime Minister Bainimarama said deaths are declining, businesses are opening, jobs are returning, travel was slowly resuming and the billions of dollars lost in trade was being recouped.

“In our other reality that is lived by developing nations, recovery remains elusive. Inherent

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Voreqe
Bainimarama.

... we are all too familiar
with the direct effects of
climate change: rising
seas; changes in weather
patterns that produce
severe storms, floods
and droughts; rising
temperatures that favour
dangerous pests and
threaten traditional crops;
and warming seas that
scatter traditional fish
stocks and destroy coral
reefs ...

Voreqe Bainimarama
Prime Minister

TWEET OF THE WEEK



Frank Bainimarama @FijiPM

For only eight of Fiji's fifty
years of history have all
Fijians shared the same
rights, the same votes
of equal value, and the
same national identity.
This #ConstitutionDay, we
celebrate the Constitution that
made all of that possible —
our first Constitution for ALL
Fijians.

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National carrier recognised for 70 years of service

AZARIA FAREEN

THE Attorney-General and Minister responsible for Civil Aviation, Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum recently acknowledged and commended Fiji Airways on its 70 years journey of flying.

The A-G virtually met with the Fiji Airways Managing Director and chief executive officer, Andre Viljoen, chief executive officer Fiji Link & Fiji Airways Executive Manager Customer Experience, Industry, International & Government Affairs, Shaenaz Voss and staff from around its Fiji and global offices to celebrate the airline's 70-year history and their commitment to ensure its survival post-pandemic.

"The Government has made a number of strides in ensuring that Fiji Airways is still flying. We have provided financial, diplomatic

and bilateral support because it is critically important that Fiji Airways flies as soon as possible," he said.

"This depends on the rate of vaccination Fiji has. We have reached over 90 percent of our target population in terms of the first dose and the second dose is more than 50 per cent. As the Prime Minister announced, we have achieved milestones to open up the economy in terms of curfew hours and reduced travel restrictions in Viti Levu."

"As for our development partners, it also means that if we achieve herd immunity of being fully vaccinated, then it provides opportunities for us to be able to welcome people to Fiji and also meet Fiji's offshore requirements."

The A-G said Fiji Airways must maintain the high-quality service it provides not just for

inflight services but also from ground handling and other areas of the organisation, all of which play a critical role.

"I would like to thank all of you who are currently in Fiji Airways – there is no doubt that once we start flying there would be opportunities for other Fijians to become employed in the organisation," he said.

"From our macro-economic perspective, nce Fiji Airways has more staff coming to work and we start flying then the other small businesses will start to flourish again."

The first Fiji Airways flight took off from Luvuluvu airstrip (Nausori) on 1st September 1951 to Drasa Airport (near Lautoka).

As a result of the Travel Ready program, Fiji Airways has achieved two distinct awards that will give customers more confidence when commercial flights resume.



Participants during a virtual meeting to establish phases of reopening the sector domestically and internationally. Photo: SUPPLIED

Minister holds talks on tourism sector reopening

THE Minister for Commerce, Trade, Tourism and Transport, Faiyaz Koya met with domestic tourism operators this week through a virtual meeting to establish phases of reopening the sector domestically and internationally.

"We all know that we will be approaching the 60 per cent vaccination target very soon and there is a lot of excitement for the uplifting of the containment zone borders in Viti Levu," Minister Koya said.

"With the opening of local borders in Viti Levu, domestic travel will resume and re-ignite demand for the 'Love our Locals Fiji' campaign, which was extremely successful prior to the second wave of the pandemic," he further added.

During the virtual meeting, Minister Koya called for the industry's continued partnership in devising attractive packages for our local market in the coming weeks, in line with providing a launch

pad for putting COVID-Safe measures into practice.

"Domestic tourism is a precursor to opening up internationally and for this, we need to ensure that our properties are fully prepared and ready to welcome back visitors," he said.

The reopening of the sector domestically will provide the industry with an opportunity to adjust, focus and step up readiness with innovation and preparation.

Under the guidance of Care Fiji Commitment, stakeholders have been working hard to improve service quality and delivery of tourism products especially in terms of cleanliness, proper ventilation and safety - sending a strong message that Fiji is a safe and ideal destination.

Tourism Fiji also has plans to market Love our Locals 2.0 and will work closely with all industry partners and the Fijian Government to ensure its success. -news@govnet.gov.fj



Minister for Commerce, Trade, Tourism and Transport, Faiyaz Koya during a virtual meeting with stakeholders to establish phases of reopening the sector domestically and internationally. Photo: SUPPLIED

Fiji hit 60 per cent

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vulnerabilities, like geographic remoteness, have been compounded for small island developing states, and it has been left to governments to keep economies afloat with whatever financial tools we could find or acquire.”

“Debts are rising. Development progress is stalled. And nations are limping into the new normal, scarred by massive, COVID-driven losses in revenue.”

“That shot of life demands a mutually-recognised roadmap for recovery across our connected Commonwealth of Nations.

“We need certainty that trade, particularly Tourism will return once the vast majority of Fijians are vaccinated.”

Meanwhile, Ministry of Health and Medical Services permanent secretary Dr James Fong said the Ministry was now ready to begin the vaccination of children under 18 years.

“The Ministry has set aside the required number of Moderna Vaccine vials to ensure that the target population between 15 to 17-year-olds can receive both doses of the vaccine,” Dr Fong said.

“Working with the Ministry of Education, Heritage, and Arts, we will begin with children in the age group of 15 to 17 years. A stringent process is in place to ensure that parental or guardian consent is secured and online registration is encouraged before vaccination. No vaccine will be given without the consent of parents or guardians.

“The eligible children’s 1st dose vaccination is planned for rollout from Monday 20th September 2021 and the 2nd dose from Monday 18th October 2021.”

Dr Fong said vaccination for children aged 12 to 17 years was safe and similar to adults, children can also experience the side effects of COVID-19 vaccination such as pain at the jab site, swelling, fever, and body aches.

“These symptoms should subside over a few days. Severe side effects are rare and the risk of getting a severe infection and succumbing to COVID-19 is still higher than the risk of adverse events from vaccination.”

Dr Fong has encouraged all parents and guardians to agree for their children to be vaccinated to protect them from COVID-19.



Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum during a virtual meeting with the Regional Vice President of the World Bank for East Asia and the Pacific (EAP), Victoria Kwakwa and senior officials . Photo: AZARIA FAREEN

World Bank recognises Fiji’s efforts on COVID-19

AZARIA FAREEN

THE Fijian Government has been commended by the World Bank for all its efforts in containing the COVID-19 virus in the country while ensuring COVID safe protocols are being adhered to.

This was stated by the Regional Vice President of the World Bank for East Asia and the Pacific (EAP), Victoria Kwakwa during a virtual meeting with senior officials and the Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum recently.

“I am delighted that the number of COVID cases are decreasing which is very encouraging and also that you are making such a fast progress on the vaccination rates which is very impressive,” she said.

“A lot of developing countries are really struggling and the countries in East-Asia I think it’s only just probably Singapore and maybe Cambodia and China that are okay in that vicinity. You should be proud of what you have accomplished and I hope you get much higher vaccination rates to protect the society and open the borders.”

“I wish you good luck and I would like to add that Fiji was already on the map in terms of climate action particularly when you issued the landmark green bond in 2017 and I hope this will continue to support your climate efforts and climate resilience,” Ms Kwakwa added.

The A-G acknowledged and thanked the World Bank for its assistance and collaboration over the

years and strengthening its development relationship.

“We want to ensure that just because our revenue has depleted significantly we don’t stop our social safety net programs on the economy, and with the COVID-19 impact, we have significantly increased it by introducing an unemployment benefit scheme for those in the formal and informal sector,” he said.

“We have incentives such as the national sweepstakes in place, where our first prize money was \$8,000 which was won on Constitution Day and we have another \$51,000 to be drawn on the 10th of October where 10 people can win \$5,100 each.”

“There is a general acceptance that we do need to get vaccinated and our rate of vaccination has increased quite significantly, steadily reaching our target population,” he added.

The A-G said there is a need to establish bilateral agreements in terms of similar vaccine roll-outs by countries and with the bulk of the people receiving the second dose of the COVID-19 vaccines, preparations are being made to efficiently roll out COVID safe measures once the internal borders open.

Fiji has also been influential in advancing special access to concessional World Bank funding for climate vulnerable nations and will be presenting the Climate Change Bill to the Parliament for approval next week after 18 months of public consultation.

Discussion at this meeting also focused on the preparation of the World Bank Annual Meetings in October 2021 and supporting climate ambition.

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Regional Vice President of the World Bank for East Asia and the Pacific (EAP)

Poverty aid scheme helps 23K households

THE Government has allocated \$36 million for the Poverty Benefit Scheme to assist more than 23,000 households in this financial year.

Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, Rosy Akbar said that the Fijian Government provides the Poverty Benefit Scheme (PBS) to support families in the form of cash transfers and cash value for food items.

“In 2013, the PBS replaced the Family Assistance Program (FAP) and this has emanated following the partnership between the

Ministry and the World Bank to review and streamline the social protection programmes in Fiji,” Minister Akbar said.

“Anyone can apply for this Government assistance; however, it’s the assessment process that determines whether one will be eligible to receive it. Evidence gathering is undertaken through home visits and is a compulsory component of the application process under the Poverty Benefit Scheme.”

“Upon the completion of the home visits, a scorecard is derived and the threshold score will

determine whether the family is rated as eligible and can be assisted through the Poverty Benefit Scheme. This system is objective in the sense that it’s the evidence recorded from the questionnaires which ensure that only deserving cases are assisted.”

“The allowances per household will depend largely on the number of dependents and case by case assessments with the \$50 food voucher remaining the same and complementary to the cash allowances.”

Minister Akbar added that the

Poverty Benefit Scheme will ensure that a maximum of four members in a household are assisted and this program targets the ‘poorest of the poor’ and those living in destitution.

The PBS targets households that are living in poverty using an automated system that determines the eligibility of an application to receive assistance from the Department of Social Welfare under the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation.

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Akbar: Father's Day 'a chance to show love'

FELIX LESINAIVALU

“THE celebration of Father's Day reminds us about both the importance and the challenges of fatherhood.”

Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, Rosy Akbar, while officiating at the Father's Day celebrations with the senior citizens at the Golden Age Home in Samabula said, “This year, Father's Day will look a bit different but it is still a chance to show love to the elders who show us fatherly love and support”.

“Our elders share the wisdom with us and our family that we should treasure. I encourage families to look after our elders as nothing can replace the affection, love and warmth of a family”.

Minister Akbar added that the importance of having compassion, empathy, love, care, and respect as an individual and as a family to look after our parents while they are still alive.

“I salute and congratulate all the residents and the Ministry staff at the Golden Age Home, Suva for achieving the 100 per cent vaccination coverage for all its residents and staff.”

“It was indeed a compliance that paid off in the 100 per cent recovery status in July as the home registered 39 positive cases and all recovered.”

Minister Akbar commended the serious adherence to the safety and discipline measures practiced in the home.

“These protocols and sacrifices echo the great achievement in ensuring the safety of the residents and staff by preventing the spread of the COVID-19 virus.”

“I encourage the carers to maintain and elevate the care, dignity and respect of the elders



Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, Rosy Akbar celebrates Father's Day with the senior citizens at the Golden Age Home in Samabula. Photo: FELIX LESINAIVALU

in our Golden Age Home. The Fijian Government recognises and believes that we owe our elders an adequate service to lead a life with dignity, peace and respect.”

In the 2021-2022 National Budget, the Fijian Government has provided the Social Pension Scheme with a funding of \$55.3 million, National Council of Older Persons was allocat-

ed \$0.2m and State Aged Care Homes given \$3.4m funding.

Minister Akbar said such funding will help improve the quality of care by strengthening aged care provider governance, and the maintenance of homes for the aged which will ensure that elders in Fiji are healthy and safe.

Fijians happy with cash allowance payout

FELIX LESINAIVALU

RECIPIENTS of Care and Protection Allowance Program were glad when they received their cash allowances at the Sawani Border recently.

Care and Protection Allowance Program comes with a \$50 food voucher complementary to the cash allowances.

Recipient, Josua Qaduada, who is also a recipient of the Poverty Benefit Scheme, from Nairukuru Village in Naitasiri said the services provided at the border made life easier for him and allowed him to receive his cash allowance.

“People need to abide by the laws that have been set by the government in order for the strategy behind the borders to work,” Mr Qaduada said.

“The whole world has been affected by COVID-19, not only Fiji, and we as Fijians should abide by the laws to make things easier.”

Mr Qaduada said he was also thankful to the Government for the assistance given in the form of the Care Protection Allowance and the Poverty Benefit Scheme.

“The benefit helps me and my family, especially since we live in the village, it is just enough to cater for goods that need to be bought.”

“People may have questioned the decisions the Government had made but it has helped and made things easier for us. We all may be going through difficult situations but we should be thankful to the work and the decisions the Government has made to ensure we all are well taken care of.”

Another recipient Makereta Ratunibulu, a 56-year-old, from Nadovu Village in Naitasiri was thankful to Fijian Government for making the vaccination easily accessible.

“It was beyond anyone's expectations that COVID-19 would reach Fiji, but it has and people should make things easier and abide by the laws and regulations the Government has put in place to help protect our nation,” Ms Ratunibulu said.

“Social welfare benefits have been a great help and is the main source of income to the wellbeing of my children and grandchildren.”

Ms Ratunibulu said she had received the first jab and is looking forward to receiving the second jab to help protect the lives of people around her.

The Poverty Benefit Scheme which currently assists over 25,000 households has been allocated \$36m for the new fiscal year; whereas the Care and Protection Allowance Program that currently assists over 8000 households has been allocated \$11.3m.



Seventy-five-year-old Taniela Ilisevaseva of Waidracia Village in Naitasiri. Photo: FELIX LESINAIVALU



Lemeki Tuikubulau, who comes from Korovou Village, Naitasiri. Photo: FELIX LESINAIVALU



Makereta Ratunibulu from Nadovu Village in Naitasiri. Photo: FELIX LESINAIVALU



Josua Qaduada of Nairukuru Village in Naitasiri. Photo: FELIX LESINAIVALU

Social Welfare staff help Fijians at border

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SOCIAL welfare officers have been hard at work at the Sawani border by assisting Fijians with their grocery shopping.

A total of 85 Fijians who are Social Protection Program recipients were assisted by the officers recently as they received their grocery shopping at the Sawani Border.

As part of the assistance, the recipients receive shopping vouchers for the first week of every month.

Seventy-five-year-old Taniela Ilisevaseva of Waidracia Village in Naitasiri, who has been coming to the Sawani Border every week to collect his pension, says the money he receives was enough to sustain him each day.

“I am thankful to the Government and the officials at the border for their patience and time in helping take care of people who come to the border,” he said.

Mr Ilisevaseva has pleaded with Fijians to adhere to COVID-19-safe protocols to help protect lives and contain the spread of the virus.

He also hopes that the borders will open so he can be able to sell more of his goods.

“I have faced minor difficulties whilst coming to the border to sell my goods initially but over time it has been improved.”

“I am also thankful that the border is here to reduce the spread and transmission of the COVID-19 virus.”

Another Social Protection Program recipient Lemeki Tuikubulau, who hails from Korovou

Village, Naitasiri urged Fijians to get the vaccine and support the Government through the Ministry of Health in their efforts to combat COVID-19.

“I am thankful to the Government officials at the border for catering to the needs of the people at the Sawani border, by doing our shopping and helping us sell our goods.”

Despite using his pension to shop for his family, Mr Tuikubulau has urged Fijians to make the most of the land around them for agriculture.

Mr Tuikubulau is also a recipient of the Poverty Benefits Scheme which is a social welfare assistance.

“I use that money to buy shopping for my family which has really supported me, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.”



Climate change 'a threat to health systems'

NANISE NEIMILA

CLIMATE impacts, like cyclones and storm surges have become a threat to weaken existing health systems and have disrupted decades of progress in healthcare infrastructure.

While speaking virtually at one of the interventions on Health and Vaccine Equity-Commonwealth at the recent Foreign Affairs Ministers meeting, Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama emphasised that with targeted approach to achieve equitable access to healthcare and the resources to build resilient health systems, the better off all of us will be.

"This pandemic cannot serve as a model for future health disasters. It is a lesson. A lesson in the vital importance of access and equity for all."

"Heeding its failures does not demand some multilateral miracle, it simply requires respect for the founding principles of our international system and a greater commitment to those most vulnerable among us."

With the Commonwealth being a beacon for cooperation, Prime Minister Bainimarama is adamant that the next crisis will bring out the best of the multilateral system rather than to expose its shortcomings.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Bainimarama had the opportunity to share Fiji's experience on the challenges the COVID-19 pandemic has on the country; however, the irony remains that no nation was truly safe, and no economic recovery can truly take place, until vaccinations are universal.

"We simple can't recover if we stay within bubbles. Goods must move. Labour must move. People must move. Science can solve those problems, but only when matched with solidarity."

"Fijians know it. After an initial month-long outbreak in March of 2020, we spent one year with zero local cases of the virus until the Delta variant crept into the country and sparked a devastating second wave."

"We quickly identified mass vaccination as the most sustainable way forward. We had tried to purchase vaccines, but were denied. Gratefully, India, Australia, New Zealand and the United States stepped up to help us secure the doses we needed."

Since then, Prime Minister Bainimarama stated at the meeting that nearly every adult in Fiji has received one dose and more than 60 per cent are fully vaccinated. It was not easy feat in a nation with 110 populated islands.

With Fiji's support at the Ministerial Statement from the 33rd Commonwealth Health Ministers Meeting, Prime Minister Bainimarama is seeking the support of the Commonwealth countries in considering the utilisation of a voluntary price sharing database, vaccine equity and access, greater technical exchange and innovation and Commonwealth-wide coordination along with regional co-operation and networking.

Fiji commits to net-zero carbon emissions

NANISE NEIMILA

WITH Fiji's unwavering commitment to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by the middle of the century, Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama is calling on major emitters to act without delay.

The Fijian Head of Government has encouraged these nations to submit high ambition NDCs and long-term strategies with pathways to net zero in order to keep 1.5 degrees within reach ahead

of COP 26.

Prime Minister Bainimarama, while delivering his interventions at the recent Climate Change - Commonwealth Foreign Affairs Ministers Meeting said; "We will judge the adequacy of these commitments at the 2023 Global Stock-take.

"And if we find them insufficient, then we must reach deep inside and find ways to do more. Commitments must be recalibrated and strengthened if necessary."

Prime Minister Bainimarama

said too much was at stake to cling to commitments that have become inadequate.

"Fiji is leading by example, and we are proud to do so. We are one of the first countries to develop a National Adaptation Plan, and one of the few countries to incorporate its National Adaptation Plan into its 2020 updated NDCs."

"But there is urgent work that remains unfinished, and we must go to COP26 to finalise the outstanding elements of the Paris Rulebook."

"I sometimes tire of repeating the same arguments about a crisis that is so evidently upon us. But I am heartened by the progress we have made and by the fact that some of the reforms and actions we were advocating passionately five or six years ago are a reality."

Prime Minister Bainimarama told leaders that the work ahead was daunting but it must be done, and "we must resolve to meet the new challenges that reveal themselves as we know they will".

PM warns of global climate challenges



Prime Minister Bainimarama during the commissioning of Dravuni Village seawall in Tailevu last year. While virtually speaking at the recent Climate Change - Commonwealth Foreign Affairs Ministers Meeting, PM Bainimarama says Fiji needs to harness all the creativity it can muster and all the solutions available.

Photo: FELIX LESINAIVALU

NANISE NEIMILA

MITIGATION in the reduction of carbon emissions, restoration of health and global ocean and adaptation to the effects of climate change continues to become a challenge globally.

With the current challenges, food supply, health and financing are also becoming a financial crisis for the vulnerable small developing states.

These were the remarks by Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama virtually while delivering his interventions at the recent Climate Change - Commonwealth Foreign Affairs Ministers Meeting.

Prime Minister Bainimarama highlighted that there was dire need to develop climate financing to be more flexible and concessional for small developing states.

"The most vulnerable among us, especially including small island developing states,

must know that developed countries will fulfil the commitments they have made, starting with the goal of mobilising US\$100 Billion annually through to 2025, and that they will significantly increase financing for adaptation to at least 50 percent."

"The Commonwealth Climate Finance Access Hub (CCFAH) is a strong step in the right direction because small and vulnerable member states bid for and gain increased access to climate finance."

Prime Minister Bainimarama said that Fiji needs to harness all the creativity it can muster and all the solutions available.

"Fiji is embracing nature-based solutions not just because they are cost-effective but because they use the resources nature gave us."

"One of humankind's great failings over the centuries has been our arrogance that we can tame nature, that our technology is superior to nature. In the end, the abuse of that

technology is one of the reasons we must appeal to nature to save us."

Prime Minister Bainimarama added for Fiji and Pacific island neighbours are embracing the goal of region-wide green and blue economies with the goal of creating a sustainable future in the midst of a healthy and sustainable Pacific Ocean.

"The Ocean plays a pivotal role for climate change mitigation and adaptation, and the Pacific retains its great economic potential for us as we commit to sustainable development pathways and invest in sustainable "blue" innovations."

"The economic and social impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic have been devastating for us, but we can look to recovery as an opportunity to do better—to build back greener, bluer, and stronger, and take the action for a sustainable, cleaner, inclusive and more resilient future."



Newly-appointed Director General of the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) Sefanaia Nawadra.

Fiji welcomes Nawadra's SPREP appointment

THE Fijian Government welcomes the appointment of Sefanaia Nawadra as the new Director General of the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP).

Mr Nawadra's appointment was announced following the 30th SPREP Meeting of Officials on September 9, 2021.

In his new role, Mr Nawadra will lead SPREP, a regional organisation guided by its vision for: "A resilient Pacific environment, sustaining our livelihoods and natural heritage in harmony with our cultures".

Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama congratulated Mr Nawadra on his new appointment and reaffirmed Fiji's commitment to the development of a resilient Pacific environment through an enduring partnership with regional organisations such as SPREP.

Prime Minister Bainimarama said Fiji is proud to have Mr Nawadra, a Fijian take on this important role for the region and Fiji has faith in Mr Nawadra's abilities and his expertise to advance opportunities for a resilient Pacific environment.

The Fijian Head of Government conveyed his best wishes to Mr Nawadra and assured him of Fiji's continued support as he assumes his new role.

He said Fiji continues to call for international solidarity and accelerated action on climate adaptation and in building resilience, with a focus on the enormous challenges faced by the vulnerable communities, including Pacific islands and Small Island Development States.

Prime Minister Bainimarama commended SPREP for its continued contributions to the region's development in areas of climate change and environment sustainability.

He stated that the Fijian Government looks forward to more strengthened collaboration with SPREP, particularly at this time of great need when the region aspires to recover and rebuild from the impact of the pandemic.

Mr Nawadra is currently the Head of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Pacific Office based at the SPREP Campus in Vailima, Samoa and he will officially begin his duties on 4 April 2022.

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FEMAT shifts focus to mobile care

NANISE NEIMILA

THE operations and support services offered by the Fiji Medical Assistance Team (FEMAT) was commended by Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama as he toured the FEMAT facilities recently.

Head of FEMAT Doctor Luke Nasedra briefed the Head of Government on the main role of FEMAT in supporting the medical facilities around Fiji during this pandemic.

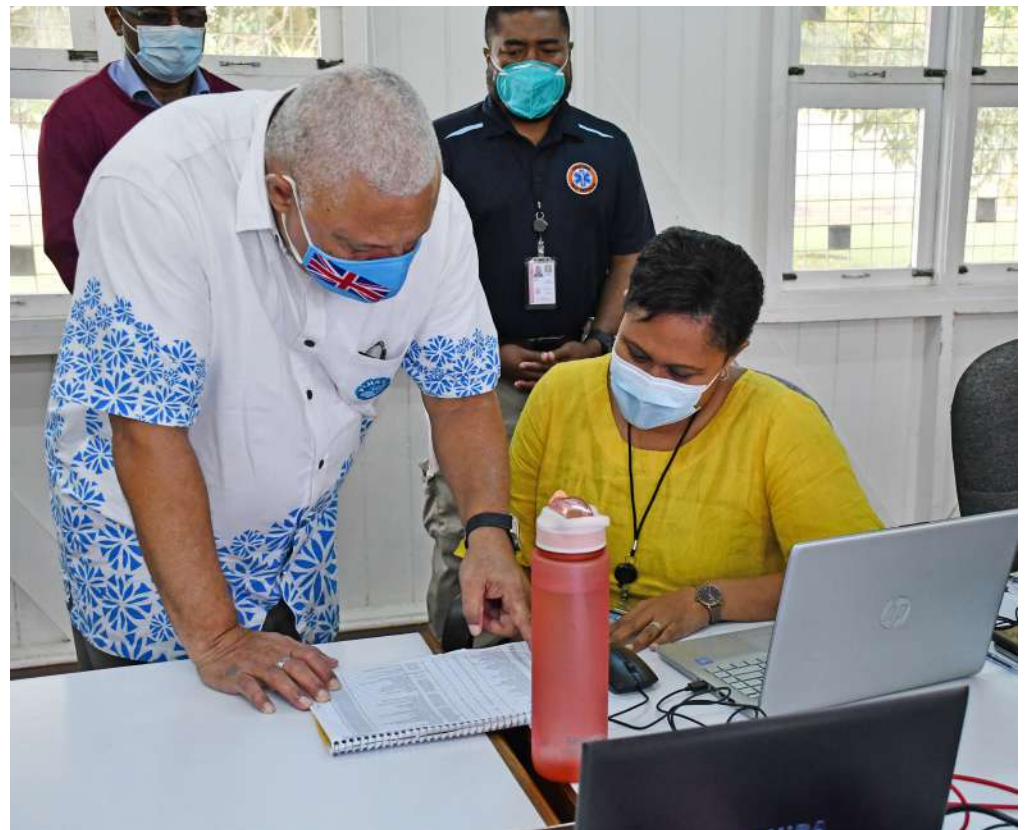
Prime Minister Bainimarama had the opportunity to visit the Pre-Hospital Emergency Co-ordination Centre that is situated at the ANZ National Stadium and the Government Training Centre in Nasese.

Dr Nasedra gave an overview on the operations undertaken at the centres which includes handling calls from 158 and 165 toll free lines setup for Fijians that need ambulance services or other medical emergencies during the pandemic.

"The ambulance services are dispatched to assist those Fijians that cannot access such services and this includes areas like Wainibuka, coast of Nakorotubu and Nadarivatu," he said.

Dr Nasedra also highlighted that FEMAT teams have been dispatched to assist public health teams in reaching out to the communities in the Suva-Nausori corridor. He explained that similar FEMAT operations are being shifted to Kadavu, Malolo and Naviti to assist the Western division with the increase in cases and these are currently underway.

Prime Minister Bainimarama thanked all the personnel involved – from healthcare work-



Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama during his recent visit to the Fiji Medical Assistance Team (FEMAT) facilities. Photo: NANISE NEIMILA

ers, civil servants, volunteers and members of the disciplined forces- for their commitment towards the smooth operation of the centres.

Meanwhile, Dr Nasedra has encouraged all Fijians to get vaccinated.

"There is a whole of government approach engaged in reaching out to those Fijians that are still yet to get vaccinated. We are doing so much to ensure that people get the care they

need."

"All we are asking is for members of the public to come forward and get vaccinated. Vaccination is the only way in which we can get over this fight. It's the only way we can protect Fijians, it's the only way to reduce the number of COVID-19 admission because vaccination will prevent severe sickness."



Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama virtually attended a workshop organised by the Ministry of Communications on Fiji's Vaccine Authentication Exercise or the VAX programme. Photo: FELIX LESINAIVALU

PM attends VAX programme workshop

PRIME Minister Voreqe Bainimarama attended a workshop organised by the Ministry of Communications for the Ministry of Local Government and municipalities on Fiji's Vaccine Authentication Exercise — or the VAX programme.

The workshop focussed on the new digital VAX-Check tool which allows municipalities to

authenticate the vaccination status of shoppers and vendors.

The workshop was the first of a series to formulate health-first policies under the VAX programme in support of the gradual rollback of some health restrictions.

While opening the workshop, acting permanent secretary for the Ministry of Communica-

tions, Tupou'tuah Baravilala said, "This digitalFIJI-developed tool will allow municipal markets to verify vaccination status in real-time to ensure the safety of vendors and shoppers alike. The ability for vendors, and eventually businesses, to quickly verify vaccine status is the key to allowing for greater freedom of movement and association in

Fiji".

The workshop was also attended by the acting permanent secretary for the Ministry of Local Government, Shaheen Ali, and chief executive officers and staff of the 13 municipal councils.

Further meetings with other Ministries will be held progressively.

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Stability of oceanic ecosystem 'imperative'

“AS custodians of the world’s largest ocean, it is of great importance to us that the disturbed equilibrium of the oceanic ecosystem be restored.”

This was highlighted by the Minister for Agriculture, Waterways and Environment, Dr Mahendra Reddy while speaking at the 30th Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) - Environment Ministers’ High-Level Talanoa session last week.

“Our social and economic activities, our growth and development, our wellbeing are all linked to the vast stretch of oceans around us. We have for a long time, established a state of equilibrium with the oceans around us.”

“Like any equilibrium, if any aspects of it are shocked or disturbed, then the entire system is affected. Once the shock subsides, then a new equilibrium is established. However, when the shock is continuous, then it’s not possible to establish a new equilibrium. The system is in utter chaos. If the shock or disturbance is periodic or frequent, then it’s very costly to continuously establish a new equilibrium.”

“Our oceans are being continuously threatened by commercial and land-based activities, developed country activities and climate change.”

“As small island states, what is in our control is land-based activities on our islands, but climate change and external activities in developed countries are beyond our control. Therefore, our livelihoods are now under serious threat,” he said.

Additionally, Minister Reddy said Fiji had taken a number of critical measures to address pollution and had also introduced a robust legislative framework to impede marine pollution and protect the oceans through the Environment Management Act 2005 and the Environment Management (Waste Disposal and Recycling) Regulations 2007, that regulates the disposal of all types of waste generated by commercial facilities in Fiji.

He told the Environment Ministers that Fiji supports the establishment of an Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on Marine Litter and Plastic Pollution, in an effort towards achieving a Global Agreement without delaying the urgent actions required to prevent further plastic and micro-plastics pollution.

The “Osaka Blue Ocean Vision” which aims to reduce additional pollution by marine plastic litter to zero by 2050 that was discussed during the forum is supported by Fiji as a means to restore the natural equilibrium of the ocean.

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PM tells of Fiji’s approach to biodiversity restoration

NANISE NEIMILA

Fiji is taking a transformative approach by attacking the root of the problem which is restoring and reversing biodiversity loss.

This was highlighted by Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama while delivering his remarks at the recent International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) World Conservation Congress Panel Discussion on “Influence of Biodiversity Loss and Climate Change on Public Health”.

“We are planting 30 million trees and restoring and expanding

mangroves. And we are watching carefully for declines in species. We are also strengthening the enforcement of environmental legislation, investing in ecosystem conservation and community-based management of natural resources.”

“These will work with bio-diversity restoration programs to minimise or halt further degradation of bio-diversity—all while sustaining livelihoods. And Fiji is committed to the 100 percent sustainable management of our ocean with 30 per cent declared as marine protected areas.”

Prime Minister Bainimarama

said the processes and actions that link ecosystems and species, including us humans, are complex.

“Damage in one part of the world may have unforeseen consequences elsewhere, often far away and several years or even generations later. But that linkage works in our favour as well, because positive actions in one part of the world can have a dramatic positive effect thousands of kilometers away.”

“This calls for a holistic, ecosystem-based strategy that would be consistent globally – integrating the management of land, water and air.”

Prime Minister Bainimarama reiterated his call to the global community to support nature-based solutions in addressing climate change and halting biodiversity loss.

“Identify and implement ecosystem-based adaptation and mitigation measures to help reduce the risk of species extinctions and prevent further damage to ecosystems.”

“Innovate and maintain green coastal-protection structures that are cost-efficient and effective compared to the conventional engineering solutions that the world has turned to thus far.”



Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama virtually delivers his speech during the recent International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) World Conservation Congress Panel Discussion on ‘Influence of Biodiversity Loss and Climate Change on Public Health’.
Photo: NANISE NEIMILA

Biodiversity keeps the earth in balance and prevents species that carry disease or can destroy crops from spreading to new areas or becoming dominant and unstoppable. The effects on public health are clear.

Voreqe Bainimarama
Fijian Prime Minister

Biological diversity ‘a big value global asset’

NANISE NEIMILA

Fiji is urging all leaders to recognise and embrace the fact that biological diversity is a global asset of tremendous value to the present and our future generations.

At the same time, the threat and impact from biodiversity loss has never been as great as it is today.

Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama said the relentless demands humans have placed on the Earth are driving more than a million species of plants and animals to the brink of extinction.

While delivering his remarks at the recent International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) World Conservation Congress Panel Discussion on “Influence of Biodiversity Loss and Climate Change on Public Health” virtually, Prime Minister Bainimarama emphasised that when climate-fuelled loss in biodiversity occurs it will be irreversible.

“Once these species are gone, they are gone. There is no turning back the clock. Likewise, we are all too familiar with the direct effects

of climate change: rising seas; changes in weather patterns that produce severe storms, floods and droughts; rising temperatures that favour dangerous pests and threaten traditional crops; and warming seas that scatter traditional fish stocks and destroy coral reefs. Those are just a few.”

“Human health is not immune to global temperature rise. Both the health of individuals and the general health of the community are tied intimately to the health of the planet.” Prime Minister Bainimarama highlighted that some of these effects are immediate and impactful, such as the damage violent storms cause to health care facilities, often rendering them unable to function at the very time they are most needed.

“Tropical Cyclone Winston damaged 88 of 214 national health centres in Fiji in 2016, seven of them beyond repair. This was at a time when 125 were injured and 55 Fijians actually died, and thousands were without shelter, food and safe water, and infectious diseases were breaking out in many areas.”

Other effects are more insidious and grow over time. In SIDS, Fiji is seeing an increase in hospital admissions and treatments from

some of the same conditions and infectious diseases that surged in Fiji in the wake of Winston.

Prime Minister Bainimarama also adds that the Fijian Ministry of Health and Medical Services has been working to increase its capacity to monitor, assess and respond to climate-sensitive diseases to reduce the health risks associated with climate change.

“But it’s not only storms we’re worried about. We cannot overlook the matter of biodiversity.”

“Studies have confirmed that many public health diseases are linked to the loss of biodiversity, which is due at least in large part to climate change.

“For example, the Ebola virus outbreak in West Africa from 2014 to 2016 stems from environmental degradation—particularly deforestation, which forced bats, which were the vector of the disease, out of their natural habitats.”

“Biodiversity keeps the earth in balance and prevents species that carry disease or can destroy crops from spreading to new areas or becoming dominant and unstoppable. The effects on public health are clear.”



Avoid using crowded buses or minibuses

It is better to wait for the next one.



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

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



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Be considerate of other passengers

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

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



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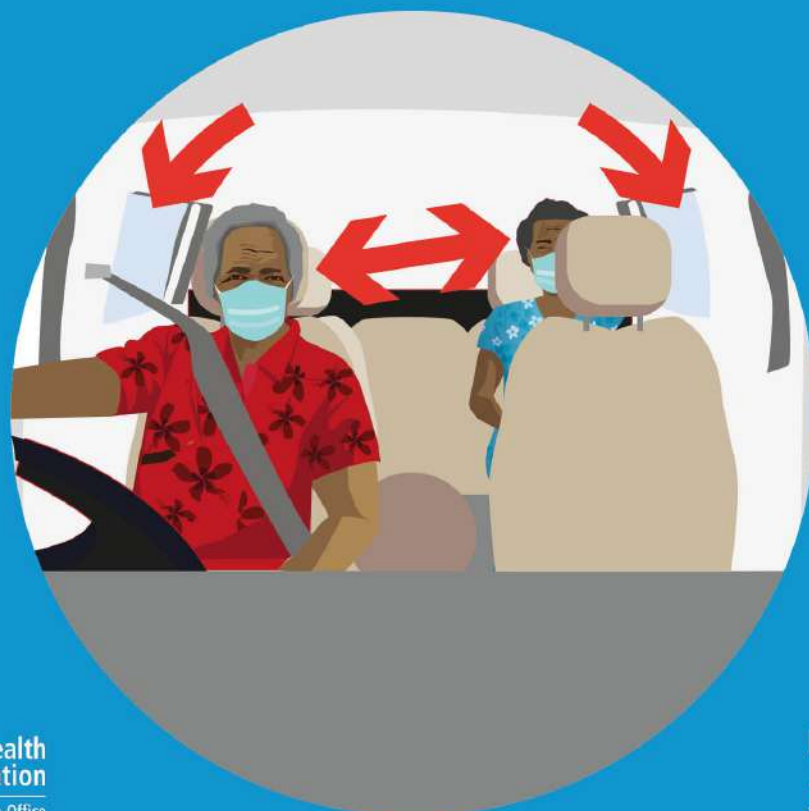
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Do not sit in a crowded taxi

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



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Let the air in

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



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Remember to always wear your mask correctly whilst in public

Your mask should cover your nose and mouth



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RUPENI WAQAVONO

FIJIANS around the country have been urged to utilise the various platforms available for assistance in the fight against mental health and suicide.

Virtually launching the 2021 National Mental Health Month recently, Minister for Health and Medical Services Dr Ifereimi Waqainabete highlighted that mental health and suicide has always been a challenge for the country before the COVID-19 pandemic.

“As a nation, we’ve fought hard to this day, but unfortunately, some of us lose close family members and friends that should have been here otherwise.”

“I understand those moments to be catastrophic, moments of mental destabilisation not only to you but to all your family members. However, you fought through courageously and I salute your courage and resilience,” Minister Waqainabete said.

The Mental Health Month theme “Mental Health in an Unequal World” reflects the need to ensure equity in access to mental health and suicide prevention for all Fijians.

“An ambitious task now lies ahead. Through this theme we aim to work together, through our membership and beyond, to create a movement of preventative action, with sustained messaging to drive behaviour change and ultimately prevent more suicides.”

“The COVID-19 pandemic has further high-

lighted the effects of inequality on health outcomes and no nation, however rich, has been fully prepared for this.”

“There have been multiple advocacy campaigns in response to the pandemic aired through the airwaves in all vernaculars to ensure people understand the issues of mental health, especially during this difficult time.”

Minister Waqainabete further stated that mental health and suicide, which had already been problematic for Fiji, had been exacerbated by the pandemic.

“Suicide is a tragedy and affects all communities, regardless of who we are, where we live or what ethnicity or religion we follow. During this current pandemic the stressors will bring out a sense of hopelessness, anxiety and depression in our people.”

“What we must understand is that we are never alone in this experience as the whole world and Fiji are experiencing these stressors. While we acknowledge that this is happening, there are many ways to deal with this.

The Mental Health awareness month will run from September to October this year.

FIJIANS CAN ACCESS ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE THROUGH THE NUMBERS BELOW

LIFELINE FIJI	1543
TELEHEALTH	165
NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HELPLINE	1560
CHILD HELPLINE	1325
EMPOWER PACIFIC	5626
MEDICAL SERVICES PACIFIC	5640
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS	9392190

Ba man, 66, thanks Govt for free water scheme



Sixty-six-year-old Ba native Amrit Prasad.
 Photo: RUPENI WAQAVONO

RUPENI WAQAVONO

“TO be honest I think no other government has done what this current government is doing right now in terms of it assisting Fijians and I am very grateful for it.”

These were the sentiments expressed by 66-year-old Ba native Amrit Prasad after qualifying to be a recipient of the government’s free water scheme this year.

Mr Prasad said that the Fijian Government through various forms of assistance is taking care of its citizens.

“I am thankful and grateful to the government of the day for all it has done in the last couple of years.”

“I am 66 years old, I’m lucky to have free water, free electricity, free bus fare and I also receive \$100 from the social welfare department,” he said.

Mr Prasad explained that all this help has made their lives easier during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Now I don’t have to worry about the bills. I can save some money and use it on other things.”

Moreover, Mr Prasad encouraged eligible citizens to apply and take advantage of the Government’s assistance.

“If you’re eligible, please apply and make use of the Government assistance. Despite the tough times that we are facing, we are fortunate that the Government is taking care of us.”

A total of 31,026 households have benefited from the Fijian Government’s free water initiative and it is applicable to households that earn an income of less than 30,000 annually.

“I am calling on all new mothers out there to think about their safety including their babies. Come get your jabs, I have and now I know that my baby and I will be safe.”

IHRDP helps buy tractor, improves livelihoods

FELIX LESINAIVALU

THE Integrated Human Resource Development Programme (IHRDP) has transformed communities and improved their livelihoods.

While handing over a tractor to Wai Farmers’ Co-operative, Minister for Commerce, Trade, Tourism and Transport Faiyaz Koya said the programme aims to create employment and reduce poverty in rural and peri-urban areas.

“Today’s handover is yet again a result of the partnership and collaboration between the Fijian Government and Wai Farmers’ Co-operative,” Minister Koya said.

The Wai Farmers’ Co-operative made a cash contribution of more than \$18,000 and the Ministry through IHRDP provided close to \$56,000, to acquire the tractor.

“Wai Farmers’ Co-operative is an excellent example of how resource owners can put their assets to good use.”

“They were able to capitalise on the Fijian Government’s assistance and livelihood programme for the betterment of their business, their families and their community,”



Members of Wai Farmers Co-operative receive the key for a new tractor from Minister for Commerce, Trade, Tourism and Transport Faiyaz Koya at Asco Motors Nabua showroom. Photo: FELIX LESINAIVALU

Minister Koya said.

He added the Ministry believes that with their continuous support, they can expect bigger and better things to come from this Wai Farmers’ Co-operative.

“This is just the beginning of the support from the Ministry. We will assist the Co-operative through skills training and business guidance. This will place Wai Farmers’ Co-operative in a better position to access more finance, more technical expertise and training. This will also give them the opportunity to

enter into contracts, expand their operations and hopefully one day – become exporters.”

Wai Farmers’ Co-operative spokesperson Jone Naluci thanked the Fijian Government for the tractor that was handed over and encouraged Fijians to make the most of the opportunities that are available to them.

“We have worked hard for this, especially the families back at home, who have sacrificed a lot for this machine, and we thank the Government for assisting us.”

“I would also like to thank families overseas for raising funds for us and also the families at home who never gave up until we achieved our goal of getting this tractor.”

The Co-operative consists of 42 farmers belonging to Mataqali Wai in Burenitu Village in Ra.

They collectively own over 600 acres of land and currently have cassava, banana, dalo, pineapples, kumala and ginger farms.

The IHRDP falls under the ambit of the Ministry’s Department of Cooperatives.

Saved lives 'is best reward'

FELIX LESINAIVALU

THE best reward for being vaccinated isn't money, it is the protection that vaccines provide against a deadly virus and the lives that are saved.

Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama highlighted this during the recent draw of the Win Together Sweepstakes which saw Lorraine Rigamoto win for \$8,000 which coincided with the eighth anniversary of the Fijian Constitution.

Prime Minister Bainimarama added for eight years the Fijian Constitution has served as the foundation of a united Fiji.

"It is a living document. Every day of the past eight years it has been the guiding star for our mission to empower every Fijian."

Prime Minister Bainimarama further stated that the Fijian Constitution "is the promise that we are one people, the assurance that those most vulnerable will be protected, and the contract that guarantees the equal value of the votes we cast in elections".

"Thank you to the more than 558,000 Fijians who have come forward to receive at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine," PM Bainimarama said.

"This national lottery is our 'thank you' to the Fijians who are taking the time to follow the science, register, and become fully vaccinated."

The application window for this first draw was open for 60 hours from Saturday, 28 August at 5pm until the morning of 31 August at 5am, with a strict limit of one application per phone.

Announcing the second round of the lottery, Prime Minister Bainimarama said, "We will be awarding a total of 51,000 dollars in prize money to ten winners — so 5,100 dollars each — in honour of our 51st anniversary of independence".

"If you are one of the many thousands of people scheduled to be fully-vaccinated before 10 October, don't miss your chance to be part of that next draw — keep an eye on the Fijian Government Facebook page and website and keep your ears open to the radio for details on how and when to apply," he said.

Prime Minister Bainimarama said with more Fijians who are vaccinated, it means that more lives will be saved and more freedom can be restored.

"That means getting our houses of worship back open and that means playing sports again, getting our businesses fully open, fully restoring our freedom to move and gather, and re-opening Fiji to our friends around the world."

PM tours pandemic data centres

PRIME Minister Voreqe Bainimarama recently visited the COVID-19 Vaccination Data Verification Centres in the Nausori Education District.

The Prime Minister visited St. Joseph the Worker Primary School, Nasinu Muslim College, Bhawani Dayal Arya College, Lelean Memorial School, Dilku-sha Boys Primary School and Baulevu College.

These visits were a continuation from earlier tours whereby the Prime Minister visited the verification centres in the Suva Education District.

Prime Minister Bainimarama thanked the verification officials for assisting the Ministry of Health and Medical Services with vaccination data cleaning and verification.

As part of the whole of Government approach towards a fully vaccinated Fiji, the Ministry of Health and Medical Services is currently conducting the COVID-19 vaccination campaign (first dose and second dose) in communities across Fiji.



Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama during his visit to a COVID-19 Vaccination Data Verification Centres in the Nausori Education District. Photo: SUPPLIED

Mobile vaccination drives have been mobilised in communities with prior notice delivered through district advisory coun-

cillors, Turaga ni Koros (village headmen), community health workers and media.

The Prime Minister has remind-

ed all Fijians that one dose of the vaccine is not enough; both doses are required for full protection.

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Get COVID jab, lottery winner urges

NANISE NEIMILA

"IF there was something I would share after winning the lottery it would be to encourage my Fijian brothers and sisters to come forward and get vaccinated."

"We must spread the word about the importance of vaccines to our families, friends, and government so we can be protected from this deadly virus and bring back normalcy to our lives."

These were the sentiments of the winner of the \$8000 first draw 'Win Together Sweepstakes' 26-year-old Lorraine Rigamoto of Raiwaqa, in Suva.

In her testimony, Ms Rigamoto shared her experience of not being able to provide for her family during the pandemic as her workplace had to close due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

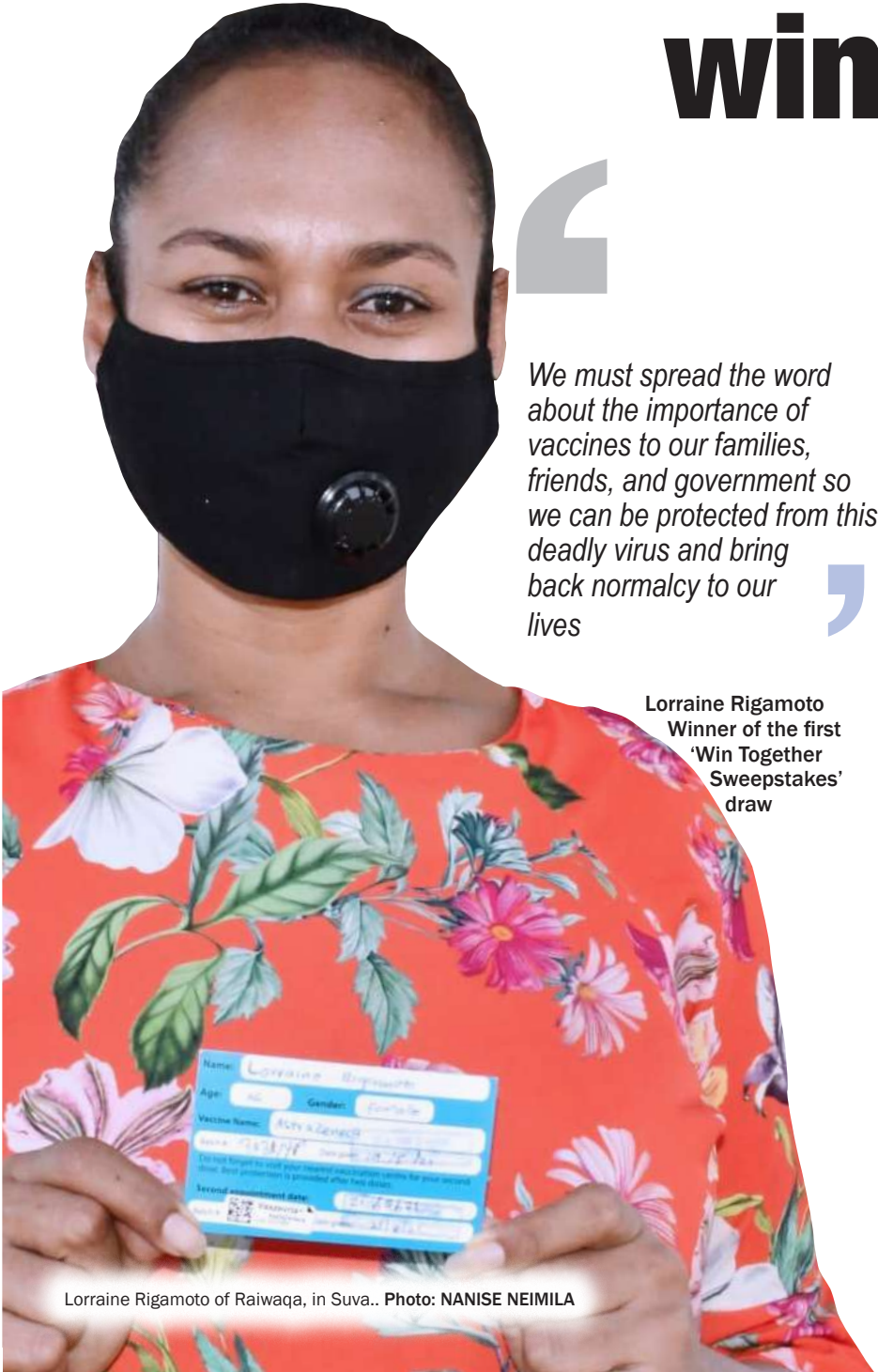
"I work for Parmar's footwear in Suva so during the recent lockdown, shops had to close and jobs were affected. It has been challenging because my partner is self-employed, especially after giving birth to my daughter."

"I am blessed to have won this lottery which I know will assist my family. Half of the money will be spent, and the rest will be saved because we do not know how long this pandemic will last."

"I would like to thank the Fijian Government for their continuous support especially to Fijians that have lost their jobs and for the employment assistance that many of us have accessed to assist our families."

She hopes Fijians will get vaccinated and not be swayed by the rumours on social media but rather help the country return to normalcy.

The Government will be awarding a total of \$51,000 in prize money to 10 winners in the second draw of the Win Together Sweepstakes which will be in honour of Fiji's 51st anniversary of independence.



Lorraine Rigamoto Winner of the first 'Win Together Sweepstakes' draw

Lorraine Rigamoto of Raiwaqa, in Suva.. Photo: NANISE NEIMILA



Aussies give \$0.3m for aged care homes

THE Australian Government through the Vuvale Partnership has provided FJ\$327,022 to the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation to assist in the recovery and response measures for the eight existing Aged Care Homes in Fiji.

In ensuring more efficient recruitment of 112 staff, the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) has signed an Agreement between the TISI Sangam and the Ministry.

The TISI Sangam will be responsible for the recruitment aspects of the partnership. The Aged Care Homes are expected to engage additional human resources by October 2021 with recruitment logistics currently underway.

The assistance by the Australian Government through the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) is targeted at adding value to the frontline services in these Aged Care Homes whereas each Home will receive a total of 14 staff over a period of 12 weeks.

These 12 staff would comprise of 10 caregivers, two housekeepers, one cook and one laundry hand.

"Caring for the elderly and the most vulner-

able in society is a key priority for the Australian Government. Therefore, we are very pleased to support the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation with their efforts to increase frontline health staff at aged care facilities across Fiji to ensure older members of society continue to receive high quality health support services during this time. Australia remains committed to standing with our Vuvale as we face the challenges of COVID-19 together," Australian High Commissioner to Fiji, John Feakes, said.

Line Minister, Rosy Akbar, while acknowledging the timely assistance, said that it will create a positive impact on the quality delivery of services in the respective care settings.

"Since the second wave of the COVID-19 outbreak in April 2021, most frontline workers in the existing Aged Care Homes, have spent time away from loved ones. The timely assistance by DFAT will create a positive impact on the quality delivery of services in the respective care settings," Minister Akbar said.

Prevention and Safety Protocols are currently being practiced and monitored on a daily basis in aged care facilities. Even though the virus

reached some of the homes, the protocols were in place.

Golden Age Home Suva had 39 positive cases of infections within a month and was able to achieve a 100 per cent recovery. Now all staff and residents are fully vaccinated.

The Ministry manages three state homes for older persons and there are eight residential facilities in total that care for older persons in Fiji.

FIJIANS CAN ACCESS ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE THROUGH THE NUMBERS BELOW

FATHER LAW HOME

- HOME OF COMPASSION

- PEARCE HOME

- HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND RELIEF TRUST (HART) NURSING HOME

- SISTERS OF NAZARETH RETIREMENT HOME, WAILOKU

- GOLDEN AGE HOME SUVA

- GOLDEN AGE HOME LABASA

- GOLDEN AGE HOME LAUTOKA

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Lands Ministry launches online platform

STATE Land lessees will now be able to register online and access their lease information from the comfort of their homes.

This follows the launch of the 'MyLeaseInfo' mobile application by the Minister for Lands and Mineral Resources, Jone Usamate recently.

Minister Usamate said the success of online platforms such as the 'MyLeaseInfo' services was closely tied to income generation and the success of many organisations that use such platforms.

"This online 'MyLeaseInfo' couldn't have come at a better time.

There's an increasing number of Fijians who have been using online platforms in their daily lives, a development that has been accelerated by the COVID-19 pandemic where social distancing has limited us from accessing services physically," he said.

"Online platforms are now the key enablers of businesses. They increase consumer choice and convenience and improve its efficiency and I trust the 'MyLeaseInfo' services will provide that opportunity for our people."

The Minister added that the Ministry being a key player in the economic recovery will bring other online initiatives to realisation which will be rolled out soon.

"It is anticipated that these services essentially mean that we improve the ease of doing business in Fiji which is what all Governments in the world are trying to do in the new normal which in turn will lead us into economic activity and economic recovery."

Lessees wishing to use the 'MyLeaseInfo' app will need to register through the Ministry website where a username and password will be issued.

"As a Ministry we recognise the immense benefits to both the ministry and lessee and encourage our lessees to register with the ministry."

Lessees can access the following services via the app - view their latest details, view latest eight transactions, view latest lease statement invoice, which can be downloaded and printed, and track their consent application.

Approximately three per cent of land in Fiji belong to the state with over 18,000 lessees spread throughout the country. news@govnet.gov.fj



Minister praises COVID-19 frontliners' contribution

Minister for Rural and Maritime Development and Disaster Management Inia Seruiratu with frontliners at the Live and Learn Fiji office in Suva. Photo: SUPPLIED

MINISTER for Rural and Maritime Development and Disaster Management, Inia Seruiratu visited frontliners at the Live and Learn Fiji office in Suva to acknowledge them for their contributions and commitment to Government's joint response to COVID-19.

Live and Learn Fiji had received funding assistance to assist Government in responding to the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic since May this year.

Frontliners from Government partners and other civil society organisations (CSOs) have been assisting them in reaching out to the needy and affected families during this humanitarian response.

In conveying the Government's appreciation towards the work completed on the ground, Minister Seruiratu assured the frontliners and humanitarian partners that crises were only temporary and it would be over soon for Fiji.

"I think it's important for me to convey in person the appreciation and gratitude expressed by the people, particularly victims of recent disasters for the work that you do," Minister Seruiratu said.

He also reminded the frontliners about the approaching cyclone season and the need to ensure preparedness in the respective communities and of their families.

"We have a responsibility to prepare ourselves, our communities so

that we can minimise the damage and the risks, particularly the lives lost during the cyclone season."

Minister Seruiratu emphasised the Government's strategic move towards resilient developments after the devastation of Severe TC Winston in 2016.

"It should not be business as usual now. Development must consider resilience and sustainability at its core. The way we do partnerships must also change and we should strengthen these partnerships because through partnerships, we can do better."

Minister Seruiratu also thanked Live and Learn Fiji and all humanitarian partners for the spirit of partnership and assured them that the

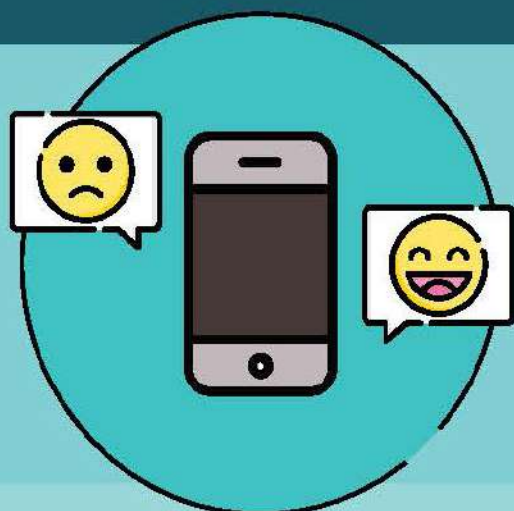
Ministry, through the National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) looked forward to working with them.

Live and Learn Fiji's Response Coordinator, Kolosa Matebalavu said through the funding assistance they had received, they were able to provide relief assistance to affected areas through the distribution of food rations, hygiene kits, WASH kits, Dignity kits, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and seedlings targeting households in the Central Division containment zone.

To date, Live and Learn Fiji has assisted more than 21,000 Fijians from close to 5000 households.

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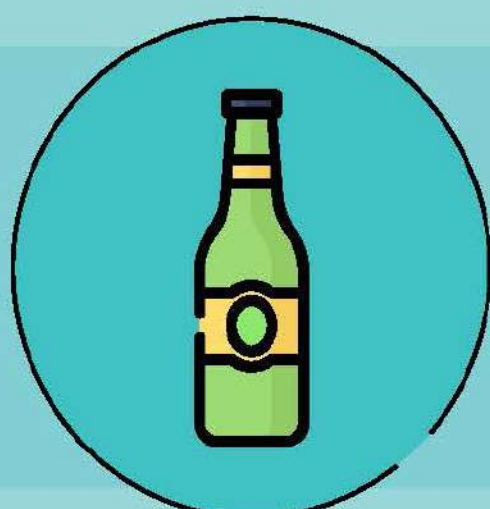
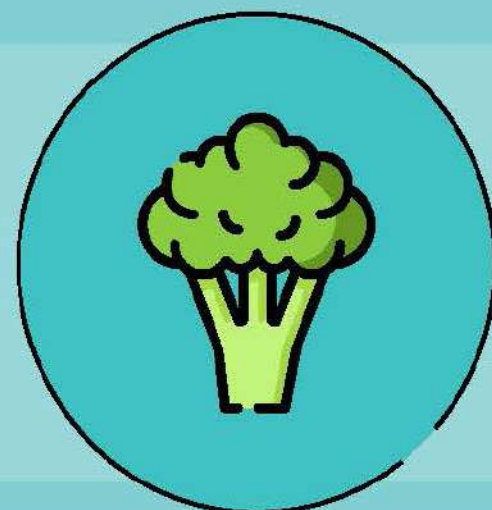
Coping with stress during the 2019-nCoV outbreak



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

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

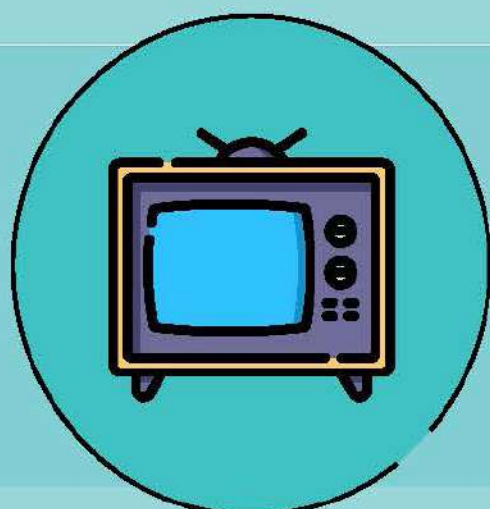
If you must stay at home, maintain a healthy lifestyle - including proper diet, sleep, exercise and social contacts with loved ones at home and by email and phone with other family and friends.



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

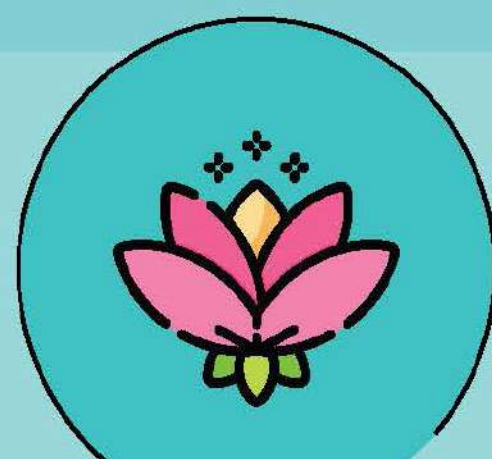
If you feel overwhelmed, talk to a health worker or counsellor. Have a plan, where to go to and how to seek help for physical and mental health needs if required.

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



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

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



PROTECT YOURSELF FROM COVID-19

GUIDANCE ON HOMEMADE CLOTH MASK

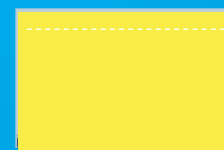
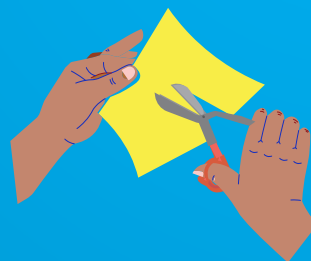
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Cut two pieces of cotton fabric (length of 25 cm and height of 15 cm each)

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

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

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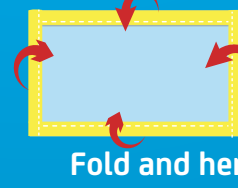


Place the two pieces of fabric on top of each other on a table.

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Fold and hem

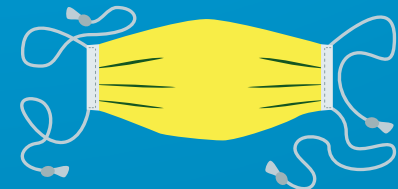


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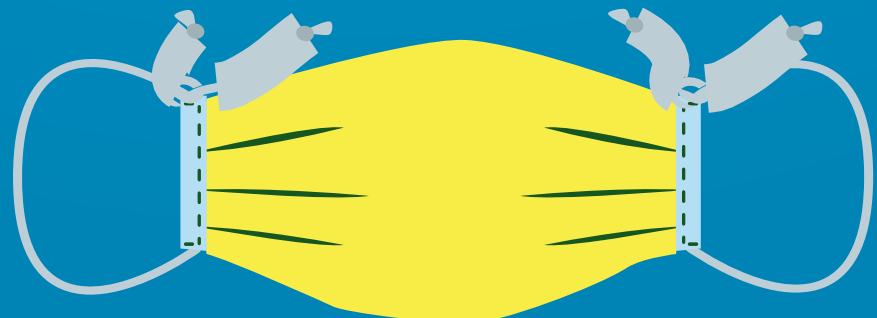
Fold the outer piece of fabric (the one touching the table) over slightly on top of the other piece. Sew the folded over piece onto the top piece. Perform this for both the top and bottom parts of the mask.

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

6



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

You will need:

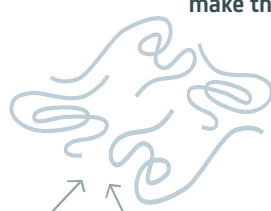
cotton fabrics



Two cotton fabrics
25 cm length and
15 cm wide



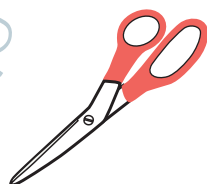
Two pieces
of elastic
15 cm length



Four cotton threads
20 cm length each



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



Scissors



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Fijian President

President Major-General (Ret'd) Jioji Konrote, while announcing the Our Constitution Challenge winners, commended young Fijians for using their time at home to share their knowledge and talents with the nation on Constitution Day.
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President Impressed

Students show knowledge of Fijian Constitution

PRASHILA DEVI

Fijian students have displayed their knowledge and talents on the Fijian Constitution despite being unable to attend school due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The President, Major-General (Ret'd) Jioji Konrote, in announcing the Our Constitution Challenge winners, has commended young Fijians for using their time at home to share their knowledge and talents with the nation on the Constitution Day.

“Ahead of this eighth anniversary of our Fijian Constitution, we asked students to look at one of those socioeconomic rights — the right to social protection schemes,” the Head of State said.

President Konrote said it was a proud moment for him to see that their time at

home was being well used with the level of the contribution to the competition.

The students drew upon the very important aspects of the Fijian Constitution and the impact it has on Fijians in their daily lives.

“With our economy battered by the global pandemic, my Government’s commitment to uphold that sacred right has been tested by a time of serious need across Fiji. And we are meeting that challenge with historic levels of support to the Fijian people.”

Some of the topics the students, who are currently not able to attend school due to the COVID-19 pandemic, chose, included the socio-economic rights, political and civil rights. In highlighting the various programmes of Government that stem from these provisions of the Constitution, the President said, “free education,

subsidised water, electricity and transportation to school, and, soon, free sanitary pads for female students” were drawn upon in the essays and videos submitted.

“The poverty benefit scheme, social pension scheme, disability allowance, the child protection allowances, the food voucher programme for rural pregnant women, and subsidised bus fares for the elderly and those living with disabilities, and the unemployment benefits, including for those in the informal sector, food rations, and the subsidised treatment at private general practitioner clinics provided by government all form a social safety net protects those most vulnerable in Fijian society,” he said.

“And we received many wonderful submissions from the young people of Fiji telling us how these programmes have changed lives for the better.”

THE WINNERS FOR THE VIDEO COMPETITION ARE AS FOLLOWS:	
FOR THE AGE CATEGORY 5 TO 12	Loraine Nasaroa, 9, from St Teresa's Primary School in Ba
FOR THE AGE CATEGORY 13 TO 18	Two winners- Saakshi Ashlyne Goundar, 17, from Natabua High School, Lautoka and George Nasavuilagi Telawa, 18, Tavua College.
FAMILY CATEGORY	Valebasoga Public School in Labasa, Saiyad Hassan and Umaiza Siddiqua
ESSAY COMPETITION	
CATEGORY OF AGES 5 -12	Hibah Siddiqua from Nadi Muslim Primary School, Year 4
CATEGORY OF AGES 13 TO 18	Chrisheeta Kumar, Xavier College, Year 10
CATEGORY OF AGES 19 TO 25	Avinal Chand from the University of Fiji
All these winners received \$500 cash prize and their essays and videos have been posted on the Fijian Government Facebook page.	

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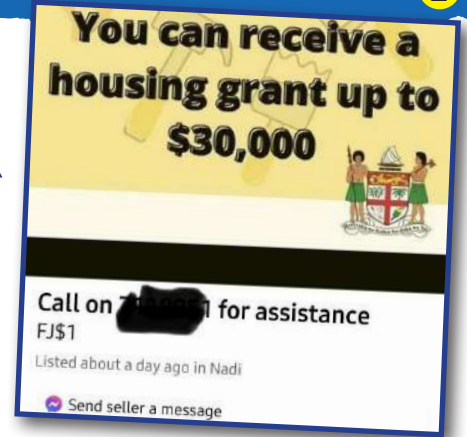
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प्रधान मंत्री वोरेंनो बाईनिमारांमा हालही में फीमेट, आई एन जेड स्टेडियम स्थित प्री-होस्पिटल इमेजेन्सी कोडिनेशन सेन्टर तथा नसेसे स्थित सरकारी ट्रेनिंग सेन्टर का दौरा के वक्त स्वास्थ्य अधिकारियों के काम की सराहना करते हुए
चित्र: ननिसे नईमिला

एक डोस काफी नहीं है: प्रधान मंत्री

रेनल देव

प्रधान मंत्री वोरेंनो बाईनिमारांमा ने सभी फीजीवासियों को याद दिलाया है कि कोविड-19 से पूरी तरह सुरक्षा के लिए लोगों को सुई के दोनों डोस लगाने की ज़रूरत है - एक डोस से काम नहीं चलेगा।

हाल में फीजी मेडिकल असीस्टन्स टीम की सेवाओं तथा संचालन की प्रशंसा करते हुए प्रधान मंत्री ने ऐसा कहा।

फीमेट की अगुवाई करने वाले डाक्टर लूके नासेड्रा ने इस महामारी के दौरान देश भर की चिकित्सा सुविधाओं का समर्थन करने वाली

मुख्य भूमिका के बारे में प्रधान मंत्री को जानकारी दी। प्रधानमंत्री बाईनिमारांमा को आई एन जेड स्टेडियम स्थित प्री-होस्पिटल इमेजेन्सी कोडिनेशन सेन्टर तथा नसेसे स्थित सरकारी ट्रेनिंग सेन्टर का दौरा करने का भी मौका मिला।

डाक्टर नसेड्रा ने जानकारी दी कि सेन्टर्स में क्या कुछ संचालन होते हैं जैसे कि 158 और 165 के टोल फ्री नम्बर पर जो कॉल किए जाते हैं उसपर कैसे कदम उठाए जा सकते हैं जो महामारी के दौरान उन फीजीवासियों के लिए जिन्हें एम्बुलन्स और अन्य मेडिकल इमेजेन्सी की ज़रूरत है। एम्बुलन्स की सेवा उन फीजीवासियों के लिए है जिनके पास यातायात का कोई

साधन नहीं है। इनमें वाईनिबुका, नाकोरोतुम्बू के तट वाले इलाके और नंदारिवानु शामिल हैं।

प्रधानमंत्री बाईनिमारांमा ने फीमेट के अलावा नउसोरी स्थित कोविड-19 वेक्सिनईशन डाटा वेरिफिकेशन सेन्टर्स का भी दौरा किया।

प्रधानमंत्री ने सईन्ट जोसफ दी वोका प्राथमरी स्कूल, नसिन् मुस्लिम कोलज, भवानी दयाल आर्य कोलज, लेलीन मेमोरियल स्कूल, दिलकुशा बोर्डिंग प्राथमरी स्कूल तथा बउलोवू कोलज का भी दौरा किया। प्रधानमंत्री ने सुई लगने वाले आकड़ों की जाँच करने तथा सेन्टर्स के अच्छे संचालन में अपना योगदान देने के लिए सभी स्वास्थ्यकर्मियों को धन्यवाद दिया है जिनके

साथ अन्य सरकारी कर्मचारी तथा सुरक्षाकर्मी भी शामिल हैं। फीजी भर में ज्यादा से ज्यादा लोगों को कोविड-19 से बचाने वाली सुई का पहला और दूसरा डोस लगाने के लिए अभियान जारी है। समाजों में मोबाइल वेक्सिनईशन ड्राईव हो रहे हैं जिसके लिए लोगों को पहले से एडवाइज़री काउन्सलर्स तथा तुरंगानि कोरो, सामाजिक कार्यकर्ता और समाचार माध्यमों के द्वारा संदेश पहुँचाया जाता है। देश भर में साठ प्रतिशत से ज्यादा लोगों ने सुई के दोनों डोस लगवा लिए हैं तथा सरकार वित्ति लेवू में बोर्डर खोलने तथा अन्य नियमों को लेकर कोई घोषणा जल्द करेगी।



हाउजिंग धाँधली को लेकर लोगों को आगाह किया गया

रोनल देव

हाउजिंग तथा सामाजिक विकास मंत्रालय को पता चला है कि एक व्यक्ति जिसके फर्ईस बुक पर प्रोफाईल है, झूठा नाटक कर रहा है कि वो मंत्रालय का अईजन्ट है और लोगों को पहला घर बनाने और ज़मीन खरीदने वाली अर्जी लगाने में सहायता दे रहा है।

मंत्रालय के पेमनन्ट सकेटरी संजीवा परेरा ने पुष्टि की है कि मंत्रालय ने किसी अईजन्ट या मिडलमेन को काम पर नहीं रखा है।

“हम सीधे रूप से कोई अर्जी स्वीकार नहीं करते हैं न ही हमने किसी अईजन्ट या मिडलमेन को काम पर रखा है जो हमारी ओर से पहला घर बनाने या ज़मीन खरीदने वाली अर्जी स्वीकार करते हैं,” श्री परेरा ने कहा। उन्होंने कहा कि इस कार्यक्रम के तहत एक ही कानूनी तरीके से अर्जी लगाई जा सकती है और वो है, बेन्क के द्वारा, हाउजिंग अथॉरिटी ऑफ फीजी, लेन्ड्स मंत्रालय, तथा ई-तउकई लेन्ड ट्रस्ट बोर्ड के मार्फत। श्री परेरा ने जोर दिया है कि इन सेवाओं के लिए कोई फीस या चार्जस नहीं है।

“हम पहला घर बनाने, खरीदने या ज़मीन खरीदने वाली अर्जी पर गौर करने के लिए कोई फीस या चार्जस नहीं लेते हैं। अगर कोई इन अर्जियों के बदले कोई फीस या चार्जस लेता है, तो सावधान हो जाए, आप भी इन धाँधली के शिकार हो सकते हैं,” श्री परेरा ने कहा। फेस्ट हउम ग्रान्ट के लिए अर्जी लगाने वाले फॉर्म मंत्रालय के वेबसाइट - www.housing.gov.fj और सभी कोमेशल बेन्क्स तथा हाउजिंग अथॉरिटी ऑफ फीजी के दफ्तर में उपलब्ध है।

“सक्ती से जो अर्जी पहले भेजी जाती है उसपर पहले गौर की जाती है। तो अगर कोई आपसे कहे कि वो कोई फी लेकर तेज़ी से अर्जी पर गौर कर सकते हैं तो यह बातें बिल्कुल झूठ हैं। हम आम जनता से माँग करते हैं कि वे इन गतिविधियों के बारे में जाने और हमें इसकी जानकारी दें,” श्री परेरा ने कहा।

मंत्रालय सभी फीजिवासियों से माँग कर रहा है कि वे ऐसे लोगों से सावधान रहे जो मंत्रालय के प्रतिनिधी होने का दावा करते हैं तथा ऐसे लोगों के बारे में मंत्रालय से 330 9918 पर कॉल करके या infohousing@govnet.gov.fj पर ईमेल करके शिकायत करें।

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कृषि मंत्रालय के स्थाई सचीव का इस्तीफा

रोनल देव

पब्लिक सेविस कमिशन ने कृषि मंत्रालय के पेमनन्ट सकेटरी ऋतेश दास का इस्तीफा स्वीकार कर लिया है तथा अच्छे भविष्य के लिए उन्हें शुभकामनाएं दी हैं।

श्री दास का इस्तीफा पहली अक्टूबर से असर में आ रहा है जिसके बाद वो नए कैरियर की शुरुआत करने की योजना बना रहे हैं।

फीजियन सरकार के साथ दो सालों के कार्यकाल में श्री दास ने कोविड-19 महामारी के चुनौतीपूर्ण अध्याय के दौरान असाधारण नेतृत्व प्रदान किया। मंत्रालय पुनः विचार करने वाले अपने कार्यक्रम को आगे बढ़ाने के लिए अच्छी स्थिति में है ताकि देश के किसानों को रणनीतिक समर्थन के माध्यम से फीजी के कृषि क्षेत्र को मजबूत किया जाए।

पी एस सी ने कृषि मंत्रालय के हेड ऑफ ऑपरेशन्स डाक्टर विनेश कुमार को कृषि मंत्रालय का स्थानापन पेमनन्ट सकेटरी नियुक्त किया है।

डाक्टर विनेश अपनी स्थाई नियुक्ति के साथ कृषि क्षेत्र में छब्बीस सालों का अनुभव लेकर जा रहे हैं। वर्तमान में डाक्टर विनेश मंत्रालय में हेड ऑफ ऑपरेशन्स हैं जहाँ उन्होंने खाद्य सुरक्षा पहलों को लागू करने के साथ-साथ कृषि उत्पादन और निर्यात में वृद्धि को बढ़ावा देने के लिए विस्तार सेवाओं को बढ़ाने में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाई है। उन्होंने महामारी की चुनौती के दौरान मंत्रालय के अन्दर सबसे बड़ी टीम की अगुवाई की और प्रदर्शन वितरण में महत्वपूर्ण सुधार किए हैं। पी एस सी श्री ऋतेश दास को सरकारी सेवा में उनके योगदान के लिए धन्यवाद देने के साथ साथ डाक्टर विनेश कुमार को उनकी स्थाई नियुक्ति के लिए बधाई दे रहा है।



कृषि मंत्रालय के भुतपुर्व पेमनन्ट सकेटरी ऋतेश दास



लेन्ड्स और मिनरल रिसोस मंत्रालय आम जनता को सलाह दे रहा है कि नदी-नालों से व्यक्तिगत या कोमेशल तौर से रेत और ग्रेवल निकालने से पहले लोगों के पास लाईसेन्स होना चाहिए जो आप देश के तीन डिविज़नल ऑफिस, लौतोका में तावेवा बिल्डिंग, सेन्ट्रल-ईस्टन दफ्तर ग्लेडसन रोड सूवा तथा मदुवाता हाउस लम्बासा में चित्र: प्रदान किया गया

गैर-कानूनी तौर से ग्रेवल निकालने पर कानूनी कार्यवाई होगी

रोनल देव

लेन्ड्स और मिनरल रिसोस मंत्रालय हाउजिंग ने आम जनता को सलाह दी है कि व्यक्तिगत और कोमेशल उपयोग के लिए रेत और ग्रेवल निकालने के लिए लाईसेन्स की ज़रूरत है।

लोग यह लाईसेन्स देश के तीन विभाग के दफ्तरों से हासिल कर सकते हैं। लेन्ड्स मंत्रालय का लौतोका दफ्तर तावेवा बिल्डिंग में है, सेन्ट्रल/ईस्टन का दफ्तर ग्लेडसन रोड सूवा में स्थित है जबकि लम्बासा का दफ्तर मदुवाता हाउस में स्थित है। इस साल एप्रैल में लोकडाउन की शुरुआत से गैर-कानूनी तौर से रेत और ग्रेवल निकालने का काम होने में वृद्धि देखी गई है।

स्टेट लेन्ड्स एक्ट 1945 की धारा दो और रिवा एन्ड स्ट्रीम एक्ट 1880 के तहत सरकार, समुद्री तट, नदी-नालों के पानी तथा पानी के नीचे मिट्टी के मालिक हैं। इनमें रेत और ग्रेवल भी शामिल हैं।

लेन्ड्स और मिनरल रिसोस मंत्रालय के डिविज़नल दफ्तर से रेत और ग्रेवल निकालने का लाईसेन्स हासिल किया जा सकता है। अर्जी लगाने वालों के पास ज़रूरी कागज़ात जैसे औपचारिक अर्जी वाली चिट्ठी, स्थान का चित्र, वहाँ तक पहुँचने का समझौता, डिविज़नल दफ्तर से एक फॉर्म जिसमें मच्छली मारने के अधिकार की छूट हो, वातावरण विभाग से सलाह ले कि इससे वातावरण पर कैसे असर पड़ेगा तथा वातावरण विभाग से स्वीकृति ले, रोक टेस्ट

ले ताकि रिसोस लेव टेस्ट से विशेषता पता चले और टेक्स आइडेंटिफिकेशन वाली चिट्ठी। जो कम्पनियाँ अर्जी लगाती हैं को उपर दिए गए सभी कागज़ात के अलावा, कम्पनी का रजिस्ट्रेशन सर्टिफिकेट, डायरेक्टर का सर्टिफाईड फोटो आए डी, सभी डायरेक्टर और हिस्सेदारों की सूची। जो ट्रस्ट अर्जी लगाते हैं को सभी ज़रूरी कागज़ात के साथ डीइस के नीचे रजिस्टर्ड - रजिस्टर्ड डीड ऑफ ट्रस्ट तथा ट्रस्टीस का वैद फोटो आए डी।

जो लोग बिना वैद लाईसेन्स के बड़े पैमाने पर या छोटे तौर से सार्वजनिक समुद्री तट, नदी या नालों से रेत या ग्रेवल निकालते पकड़े जाएंगे तो इसे कानून का उल्लंघन माना जाएगा जिससे लोगों पर कानूनी कार्यवाई की जाएगी।



स्वास्थ्य मंत्री डाक्टर इफिरैमी वांगार्डिनाबेते कुछ सुरक्षा उपकरण स्वीकार करके दानदाताओं का आभार व्यक्त करते हुए चित: प्रदान किया गया

इक्वल मेड के साथ साझेदारी से स्वास्थ्य मंत्रालय भाग्यशाली हैं

सोनम सामी

स्वास्थ्य और चिकित्सा सेवा मंत्रालय ने अभी हाल ही इक्वल मेड से एक मिलीयन डोलर लागत के चिकित्सा उपकरण प्राप्त किए। मंत्री डाक्टर इफिरैमी वांगार्डिनाबेते ने इक्वल मेड को धन्यवाद देते हुए कहा कि फीजी में मधुमेह के इलाज के लिए इक्वल मेड के मजबूत समर्थन के परिणामस्वरूप, स्वास्थ्य और चिकित्सा मंत्रालय रोगी देखभाल के लिए इस निरंतर साझेदारी के लिए भाग्यशाली हैं। स्वास्थ्य और चिकित्सा सेवा मंत्रालय और फिजीयन सरकार फीजी में कोविड-19 प्रतिक्रिया के चल रहे समर्थन के बहुत आभारी हैं। मंत्री वांगार्डिनाबेते ने कहा कि फिजीयन सरकार

और विकासशील साझेदार सभी रणनीतिक उपायों के साथ समुदायों से कोविड-19 को फैलने से बचाने के लिए कड़ी मेहनत कर रहे हैं। हम इस चुनौतीपूर्ण समय में सभी फीजीवासियों की रक्षा के लिए मजबूती से सामना करेंगे और कड़ी मेहनत करते रहेंगे। यह दान एकता का संकेत है क्योंकि किया शब्दों से अधिक जोर से बोलता है, इसलिए हम इक्वल मेड को फिजीयन सरकार को उनके निरंतर समर्थन के लिए धन्यवाद करते हैं विशेष रूप से इस कठिन समय में सभी को सुरक्षित रखने के लिए। मंत्री वांगार्डिनाबेते ने इक्वल मेड की सी ई ओ और संस्थापक निविता शर्मा को धन्यवाद दिया

जो अब अमेरिका में रहती है और पिछले आठ सालों से फीजी को मदद करती आई हैं। चिकित्सा उपकरण में छह लाख(600,000) फेस मास्क, दो हजार चार सौ (2,400) फेस शिल्ड, पाँच हजार (5000) गाउन्स, पाँच हजार (5000) प्रोटेक्टिव स्लीव, छियासठ हजार (66,000) कोटन स्वेब/ऑप्लिकेटर, दो सौ (200) सेट ऑक्सिजन मास्क, चार सौ तीस (430) IV कॅनुलास, दो सौ पच्चीस (225) ऑक्सिजन ट्यूब्स, एक सौ (100) एंबुलाटोरी बेग, तीस हजार (30,000) गलबूज, दो हजार (2000) IV सेट, एक सौ (100) सी पी आर मास्क किट्स और दो हजार टाउल शामिल हैं।



बेक टू अग्रिकल्चर कार्यक्रम के तहत युवकों को खेती करने के चार सौ डोलर लागत उपकरण दिए गए चित: प्रदान किया गया

हम युवा व्यवसायों के लिए बीज उगा रहे हैं: मंत्री रेडडी

सोनम सामी

कृषि मंत्रालय ने सिंगातोका और नान्दी के मुनिसिपालिटी की ओर से बेक टू रूरल अग्रिकल्चर टूल किट सेट बीस किसानों को बांटे। अभी हाल ही रईवांगा में कृषि मंत्रालय के हेडक्वार्टर्स में बेचवल

तरिके से शामिल होकर कृषि मंत्री डाक्टर महेन्दा रेडडी ने इस का उद्घाटन किया और कहा कि यह बेक टू रूरल अग्रिकल्चर का तीसरा बेच है और इसमें भागीदार नए कृषि पहल का हिस्सा है शहरी इलाकों में जिन लोगों ने अपना काम खो दिया है और काम के लिए ग्रामीण इलाकों में जा रहे हैं के बीस किसानों या युवा व्यवसायों को मदद किया जाएगा हम तीन सौ पचहतर को सहायता देने की बात कर रहे हैं यह युवा व्यवसायों के लिए एक शुरुआत है और मैं उन सभी को भागीदारों को बढ़ाई दी जो बेक टू रूरल अग्रिकल्चर कार्यक्रम में

भाग ले रहे हैं। मंत्री रेडडी ने कहा कि मंत्रालय जवान-पीडी को इसमें देखकर बहुत खुश है जो व्यावसायिक-दिमाग लेकर इस कृषि विभाग में आए हैं और इस से यह विभाग और बढ़ेगा और फीजी से बाहर नए व्यापार लाएगा। उन्होंने कहा कि इस महामारी के बावजूद लोगों में उम्मीद की किरण अभी बाकी है जबकि वे कृषि व्यवसाय को अपना रहे हैं हम भाग्यशाली हैं कि इस संश्लेषित कार्य के लिए हमें यह किसान मिले हैं और हम उन लोगों के प्रति सहानुभूति प्रकट करते हैं जिन्होंने इस महामारी के चलते अपना काम खोया है

यह कार्यक्रम उन लोगों को आस प्रदान करेगा जिन्होंने इस महामारी से अपना सब कुछ खो दिया है लेकिन अपने जमीन का इस्तेमाल कर रहे हैं बेक टू रूरल अग्रिकल्चर पैकेज में चार सौ डोलर लागत की फार्म नाएफ, खुदाई का फोर्क, एक कुदाल, एक बीस लिटर पानी का बाल्टी, एक पानी का कैन, एक कुल्हाड़ी, एक पचास मिटर की रस्सी, एक टार्पलिन, एक सेट शेड का कपड़ा, एक सौ डोलर के बोनो का समान शामिल है तथा पचास डोलर कैश जो किसान अपने मन से इस्तेमाल कर सकता है।

गणेश उत्सव शांति और एकता को बढ़ावा देता है



कुछ धर्मप्रेमी गणेशजी की मूर्ती को सागर में प्रवाहित करने जा रहे हैं चित: प्रदान किया गया

सोनम सामी

फीजी सेवाश्रम संघ की बाईस्वीं राष्ट्रीय कार्यक्रम गणेश उत्सव 2021 का उद्घाटन वर्चुवल तरिके से किया गया जिसे ग्यारह से उन्नीस सितंबर के बीच मनाया जाएगा।

कार्यक्रम का उद्घाटन में प्रधानमंत्री के दफ्तर के स्थाई सचिव, तथा फोरन अफेयर्स के स्थानापन स्थाई सचिव योगेश करण के साथ इन्डियन हाय कमिशनर महामहिम पालानिस्वामी सुब्रमनियम कार्थिजियन ने भी भाग लिया।

श्री करण ने फीजी सेवाश्रम संघ को गणेश उत्सव कार्यक्रम को अयोजित करने की प्रतिबद्धता की सरहाना की जो सालों से समुदाय के विभिन्न धर्मों के लोगों को जोड़े रखा है।

उन्होंने कहा कि जब विभिन्न धर्मों के लोग अच्छे काम के लिए इकट्ठा होते हैं तब शान्ति और सफलता मिलती है और फीजी एक राष्ट्र के रूप में एकता के साथ खड़ा है और हम टिकाउ और लचीला समाज प्राप्त करने की अपनी प्रतिबद्धता में दृढ़ हैं।

श्री करण ने फीजी सेवाश्रम संघ और उनके नेताओं को समाजिक सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रमों को अयोजित करने और राष्ट्रीय विकास में उनके योगदान तथा सभी जाति और सांस्कृतिक पृष्ठभूमि के छात्रों के लिए शैक्षणिक अवसरों और सहायता की आवश्यकता वाले परिवारों तक पहुँचने में उनके काम के लिए धन्यवाद दिया।

अभी हाल ही के पहल में फीजी सेवाश्रम संघ ने टीसी यासा और टीसी आना के बाद परिवारों को कोविड-19 राहत के सामान जिसमें इमारत बनाने का सामान और शैक्षिक आपूर्ति सहायता प्रदान की। उन्होंने उन संस्थाओं की सरहाना की जो आर्थिक सुधार और परिवारों की

अजीविका को पूना: सवारने के लिए फीजी सरकार के प्रयासों में सहायता करने के लिए आगे आए।

श्री करण ने 2021 गणेश उत्सव के लिए फीजी सेवाश्रम संघ को फीजी के राष्ट्रीय विकास के समर्थन में की गई पहलों के लिए प्रधानमंत्री वोरैन्गे बर्डिनमारामा की शुभकामनाएं दी।

इन्डियन हाय कमिशनर महामहिम पालानिस्वामी सुब्रमनियम कार्थिजियन ने कहा कि फीजी और भारत एक विशेष बंधन साझा करते हैं और कई वर्षों से यह बहुत मजबूत हो गया है।

उन्होंने राष्ट्र के लिए फीजी सेवाश्रम संघ की सरहाना की और उनके भविष्य के प्रयासों की अच्छी कामना की।



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 हर्डीच 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 हाथ क्लड प्रेशा, 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 डाक्टर, सरकारी अस्पताल, स्वास्थ्य मंत्रालय और अपने मज़दूर 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।

पोस्टर को तालिका - चार भागों में बाँटें



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

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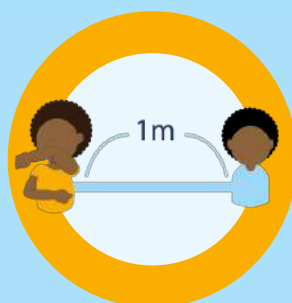
अपने आपको बचाने के लिए मैं क्या कर सकता हूँ?



समय समय से और अच्छी तरह से अपने हाथ साबुन पानी से 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



खासते या छींकते वक्त अपने मुँह और नाक टिशू या अपनी कोहनी से ढाँकें



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अगर आप किसी ऐसे देश से लौटे हैं जहाँ कोविड-19 बीमारी फैली हुई है, और आपको खासी सदी 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, खासते या छींकते वक्त मुँह नाक कोहनी से ढाँकिए

मुँह नाक से निकले मैल मत फैलाईए



रोकिए, मत फैलाईए

अगर आप बीमार हैं, किटाणु फैलाने से रोकने का सब से 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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रोकिए, फैलाईए मत

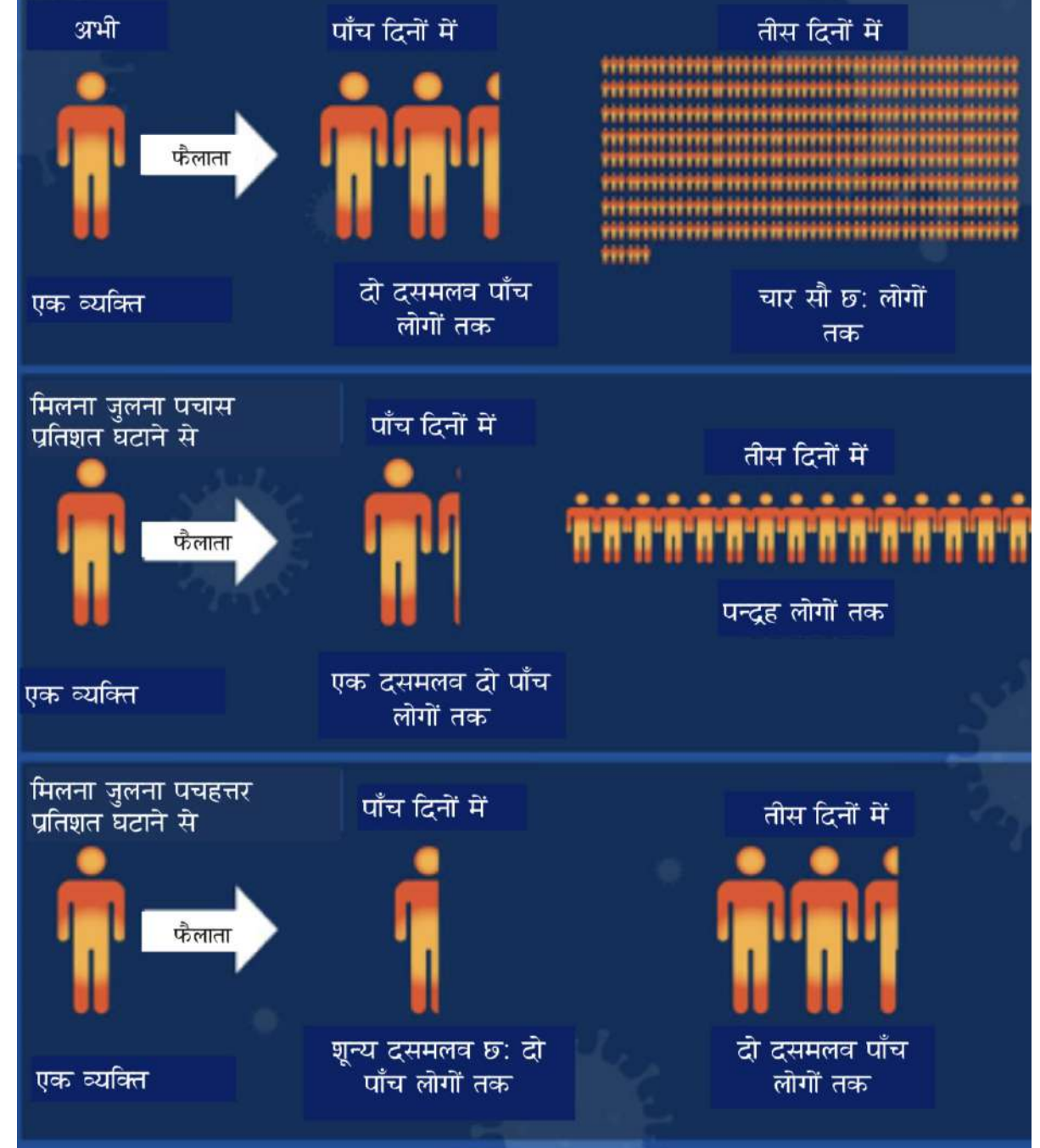


बीमारी आप की सफर करने की योजनाएं चौपट न कर दे, हर वक्त सुरक्षित सफर कीजिए:

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



दूर रहने के पीछे आँकड़े



अपने आपको और अन्य लोगों को सुरक्षा प्रदान कीजिए

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हाथ मिलाने, गले लगने और चुम्बन करने से बचें

दूर से ही हाथ हिलाकर या सर झुकाकर नमस्कार कीजिए





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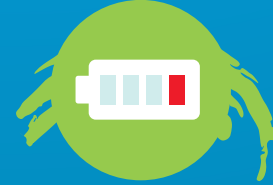
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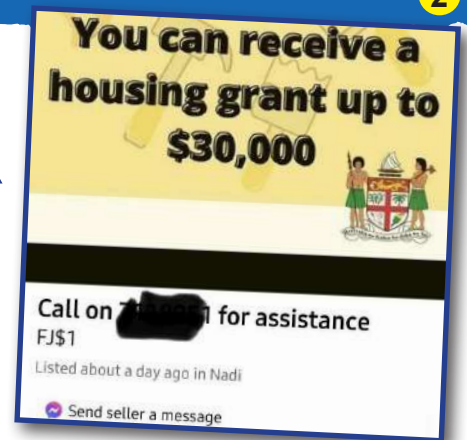
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शिक्षा मंत्री प्रेमिला कुमार तथा स्वास्थ्य मंत्री डाक्टर इफिरैमी वॉगार्डनवेते सभा करते हुए चित्र: अज़ारिया फरीन

युवकों से सुई लगाने की माँग

रेनल देव

शिक्षा मंत्री ने अट्ठारह साल से ज़्यादा उम्र के विद्यार्थियों से माँग की है कि वे कोविड-19 से बचने वाली सुईयाँ लगवा लें।

आकड़े दिखाते हैं कि ईया 13 के 9,115 विद्यार्थियों में से 8,349 विद्यार्थियों की उम्र अट्ठारह साल से ज़्यादा है और बाकी विद्यार्थियों की उम्र सत्ताह साल है। आकड़े ये भी दिखाते हैं कि छब्बीस प्रतिशत विद्यार्थियों को दोनों सुई लग गई है यानि वे पूरी तरह से सुरक्षित हो गए हैं जबकि तीस प्रतिशत विद्यार्थियों को केवल पहला डोस ही लगा है। हम उम्मीद करते हैं कि इस साल अक्टूबर महीने के अंत तक और भी विद्यार्थियों को दोनों डोसस लग जाएंगे।

बाकी चौवालिस प्रतिशत विद्यार्थी जिन्होंने अभी तक सुई नहीं लगवाई है से माँग की जा रही है कि वे अपनी सुरक्षा के लिए सुई लगवाएँ।

मंत्री प्रेमिला कुमार का कहना है कि जैसे ही सुरक्षा के कड़े इंतज़ाम हो जाएंगे मंत्रालय साल बारह और

तेरह के विद्यार्थियों के लिए फर्डिस टू फर्डिस क्लासस शुरू करना चाहता है। वैज्ञानिक अनुसंधान के बलपर नियम बदलते रहते हैं।

मंत्रालय कुछ लोजिस्टिक्स पर काम कर रहा है जिसे लागू किया जाएगा जिसके बाद विद्यार्थियों को सुरक्षित वापस स्कूल लेजाया जाएगा।

हमें जबकि दूसरों से सीखना चाहिए लेकिन हमें अपने स्थानीय स्थिति को मध्यनज़र रखकर सामाधान ढूँढना चाहिए।

शिक्षा मंत्री तथा स्वास्थ्य मंत्रालय के पेमनन्ट सकेटरी के बीच हालही हुई सभा में साल बारह और तेरह के विद्यार्थियों के लिए स्कूल दोबारा खोलने पर बातचित हुई।

इस दौरान स्कूलों को तैयार किया जाएगा जहाँ के कमरों में कम रोशनी या हवा जाती है, कोविड सुरक्षा नियमों का पालन करने पर अद्यापकों की ट्रेनिंग तथा विद्यार्थियों को शिक्षित करने के अलावा उन लोगों को सुई लगवाने के लिए प्रोत्साहित करना जो स्कूल आते-जाते हैं।

स्कूलों का संचालन जिस तरह से हो रहा था उसमें जबकि भारी

बदलाव होगा तो ऐसे में यह ध्यान में रखा जाएगा कि जैसे हम इस साल बाद में धीरे-धीरे साल बारह और तेरह के विद्यार्थियों के लिए स्कूल खोलना शुरू करेंगे।

स्वास्थ्य मंत्रालय सोलह साल से ज़्यादा उम्र के विद्यार्थियों को भी सुई लगाने की योजना बना रहा है। इससे और भी विद्यार्थियों को कोविड-19 वायरस से सुरक्षा मिलेगी।

चाएलड वेलफेया डिक्री 2010 के तहत, मंत्रालय विद्यार्थियों की सुरक्षा और भलाई को प्राथमिकता दे रहा है।

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

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

Noda Viti

TOMANI NA VEIQARAVI VEI IRA NA LEWENIVANUA

VILIAME TIKOTANI

Na Matanitu esa qarauna tiko na nodra qaravi vakatabakidua na lewenivanua era sota kaya tiko na bolebole ni bula ena veisiga ka vu mai ena veidewavi ni mate na COVID-19. Era sa veitokoni talega kina na veisoqosoqo ena taudaku ni Matanitu era veiqaravi ka vukea na sasaga ni Matanitu ena nodra vukei na lewenivanua vakauasivi oira na noda matua kei ira na vakaleqai na nodra ivurevure ni rawaka vakailavo kei ira talega na sega ni tuvaki vinaka tu na yagodra ka ra sa malumalumu.

Vakaraitaka na liuliu ni soqosoqo ni Rewa Disabled Litia Maitanoi ni wasei yani ni kakana, yaya kei na wainimate ni tataqomaki mai COVID-19 esa vakamuduotaki vakalevu ka sa vukei ira saraga kina vakalevu.

Sa vakavinavinaka kina vei ratou na *Live and Learn Fiji* ena nodra vukei ira na lewenivanua ka sega ni tuvaki vinaka tu na yagodra.

Na sasaga oqori eratou liga vata kina na veisoqosoqo ena taudaku ni matanitu, *Live and Learn, Empower Pacific, MFiji Disabled Peoples Federation* kei na Matanitu.



Eratou ciqoma toka oqori na veivuke ni kakana na matua kei na marama yada e Nausori. iTaba: VAKARAUTAKI

VAKARAITAKA KO PM BAINIMARAMA NA BIBI NI KENA VAKACAVARI VINAKA NA IVALU NI COVID-19

VILIAME TIKOTANI

Na Matanitu e se donu tikoga ka se donu tikoga na Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama ena imatai ni gauna ni da taleva lesu na italanoa me baleta na tataqomaki mai na mate dewa ni COVID-19.

Vakaraitaka ko PM Bainimarama ni levu era via saqati koya kei na nona vakatulewa ka ra sega ni kila na dredre ni vakatulewa e qarava tiko ni bera ni tau edua na ivakaro se vakatatabu ena noda vanua lomani.

Vakaraitaka tiko na liuliu ni Matanitu gadrevi me cava vinaka na ivalu ni COVID-19.

“Sa dodonu me da qarauna na lewenivanua meda vakacavara vinaka na ivalu ni COVID-19 ka me kua ni leqa na tataqomaki se malumalumu ni veiqaravi. Me vakaqacacotaki tiko,” e kaya ko PM Bainimarama.

Oqori na mala ni vosa nodra na liuliu ni Matanitu ena nona tukuna ni sa voleka ni dolavi na vakatatabu baleta na COVID-19 ia me na vakamuri tikoga na ivakaro ni Tabana ni Bula baleta me rawa ni cava vinaka kina na ivalu ni COVID-19 e na noda vanua.

Vakaraitaka o koya ni sa vakayacori kece na veika ena dodonu me qarava edua na matanitu baleta na sogosogo kei na vakatatabu ia eso na lewenivanua era se veito-

soyaki voleka ka sega ni muria na ivakaro. Sa kilai talega vakasigalevu ni manumanu ni mate oqo ena toso ga kevaka e yaco tiko na veitosoyaki ni lewenivanua. Ia ni sa sasaga tiko vakaukauwa na matanitu me ra cula na lewei Viti sa yacova mai oqo e volekata na 60 na pasede na itagede ni icula ni wiliwili ni lewenivanua.

E kaya ko PM Bainimarama ni so na ka esa na sega dina ga ni tarovi rawa ka ratou sa na sega ni rawa ni ceguva kece na ovisa na veiqaravi ni nodra ovisataki na lewenivanua era veilakoyaki tiko baleta ni tiko tale na nodra itavi ena matanitu ena kena taqomaki na lawa kei na bisinisi ena rawaka vakailavo.

Kuria o PM Bainimarama ni na raica okoya na gagadre ni bula raraba ni bera ni biu e dua na vakatulewa.

Oya ena bula raraba, taqomaki ni vanua kei na ituvaki vakailavo.

Vakaraitaka o PM Bainimarama ni yaco na imatai ni sogosogo ena yabaki 2020 ka se bera ni dua kina na wainimate ia ena 2021 sa tiko na wainimate ka sa solia kina nodra vakavinvinaka vei ira na matanitu kei na lewenivanua era veivuke mai ena wainimate kei na iyaya ni tataqomaki mai na COVID-19.

Kuria ko koya ni se donu tikoga na nodra vakatulewa mai na imatai ni gauna ka me ra toso kina vanua dodonu oira era tiko

PM: Bibi na muri ivakaro



Ko ira ovisa ka ra yadrava tiko na vei yalayala ni gaunisala ena vakatatabu ni veitosoyaki kei na veimatasawa ena vakatatabu ni vakatakakana kei na soqo. E dua naitavi levu era qarava tiko natabana ni ovisa ena veiqravi ena mua ilu ni tataqomaki me baleta na COVID-19. **Taba: VAKARAUTAKI**

Namaki me laveti na vakatatabu, sogosogo

VILIAME TIKOTANI

NAMAKA na tabana ni bula me na laveta na vakatatabu ni veilakoyaki ka vumai ena COVID-19 kevaka esa rawati na itagede ni pasede ni lewenivanua era sa cula ena tataqomaki ni COVID-19.

Vakaraitaka na tikina oqori na liulu ni Matanitu, Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama ena loma ni macawa sa oti ena nodra a vosa tiko me baleta na tataqomaki ni lewenivanua kei na yaga ni cula vei keda kece sara.

E a vakaraitaka taumada na liulu ni matanitu ni kevaka esa yacova na 60 na pasede

na lewenivanua era sa cula ena tataqomaki ni COVID-19 ena laveta na Matanitu na vakatatabu ni gauna me toso cake kina na ciwa na kaloko ena bogi (9pm) ki na va na kaloko ena mataka lailai (4am).

Ena gauna qo, e se tiko ena walu na kaloko ena bogi (8pm) ki na va na kaloko ena mataka lailai (4pm) na gauna ni vakatatabu ena veilakoyaki.

Vakaraitaka talega Paraiminista Bainimarama kevaka esa yacova na 60 na pasede na itagede ni lewenivanua era sa cula esa vakadonua okoya me laveti na sogosogo ena iyalayala ena veivanua e Viti Levu.

Ena macawa ni tekivu ni vula oqo o Seviteba esa yacova na itagede ni wiliwili ni 341,679 na lewenivanua ka 58.2 na pasede.

E namaki me na yacova yani na 60 na pasede ena dua na gauna lekaleka oqo me baleta ni sa tekivutaki talega na veisisivi ni lottery se winitaki ni ilavo.

E sa yacova e 97.1 na pasede na levu ni lewenivanua era sa cula rawa ena imatai ni cula ni tataqomaki oqori e rauta nu 569,931 na lewenivanua.

Kevaka sa yacovi na 60 na pasede esa na dua na ka vinaka saraga vei keda baleta ni sa rawa ni dolavi kina e levu na vakatatabu.

Ciqomi na veivuke mai Ositerelia

VILIAME TIKOTANI

ERA baci cau veivuke tale mai na lewenivuale sema ena noda vanua era sa vakaitikotiko vakadua mai na vanua ko Ositerelia ena vuku ni COVID-19.

Ciqoma kina o Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama edua na wase ni ubi ni gusu kei na ucu se *face mask* ka vakayagataki me ubi ka tataqomaki ni gusu kei na ucu.

Oqori mera na mai vakayagataka o ira na ivakalesilesi vakamatinitu wili kina na veiqravi ena tabana ni bula ena mua ilu ni valuti ni COVID-19.

E ciqomi rawa e 2.7 na udolu na KN-95 Masks ka tiko na kenai isau ena \$1.1na milioni. Era sa vakavinavinaka ki na soqosoqo na *Reach for Your Future Foundation* e Ositerelia na Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama ena nodra loma soli kei na kauwai



Ciqoma ko Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama na veivuke mai vei ira na noda era sa vakaitikotiko e Ositerelia. **ITaba: NANISE NEIMILA**

mai ena noda vanua ena valuti ni COVID-19.

O Viti, Ositerelia kei Niusiladi eratou valuta kece tiko na mate oqo na COVID-19 ena kena tagede na *Delta variant* ka sa

gadrevi kina na veitokoni kei na cakacaka vata ena veiqravi.

Vakavinavinakataka na veiwekani vinaka ni matanitu ko Ositerelia kei Niusiladi na matanitu o Viti ena gauna dredre eda cu-

ruma tiko oqo. Vakaraitaka na vukevuke ni mata ni matanitu ko Viti ko Paul Wilson ni veivuke oqo esa salamuria tiko mai mai na veiwekani vinaka ni matanitu o Ositerelia kei Viti.

Rawa ni o qaqqa ena ilavo levu



Ko Loraine Rigamoto na marama ka mai qaqqa e na imatai ni lottery \$8000. **ITaba: NANISE NEIMILA**

VILIAME TIKOTANI

ESA dolava tu oqo na matanitu na veisisivi ni winitaki ni ilavo levu e \$51,000 kivei keda kece na lewenivanua e Viti eda sa cula oti ena tataqomaki ni COVID-19.

Na veisisivi oqori esa dola tiko mai na ka ono ni Seviteba me yacova ni sogo ena ika 27 ni Seviteba, 2021.

E lewe 10 taucoko na lewenivanua era na wasea na ilavo levu oqori ka era na tau ya \$5100 ena gauna esa na drotaki kina ena ka 10 ni siga ni Okotova, 2021.

Na siga tale ga qo ena vakananumi kina na tu vakagalala kei Viti ena loma ni 51 na yabaki.

Kevaka osa cula oti vakarua ena tataqomaki ni COVID-19 sa na rawa vei iko mo vakacuruma na yacamu ena veisisivi oqo.

Ena gadrevi vei iko na nomu naba ni vola ni sucu, yacamu ruarua, tiki ni siga ni sucu, nomu *Tax Identification Number* (TIN) kei na tikini siga ni nomu cula ena imatai kei na ikarua ni cula ka tiko ena nomu ivola ni cula.

Qirita na *1666# mo curu ena veisisivi oqo. Na imatai ni drotaki ni veisisivi oqo esa mai qaqqa kina edua na marama ka vakaitikotiko e Raiwaqa, Suva, ko Loraine Rigamoto ka winitaka kina e \$8000.

Vakaraitaka o Rigamoto na nona vakavinavinaka levu ki na Matanitu ena kena nanumi edua na veisisivi oqo mera vakaitavi kina na lewenivanua ka me vukei ira talega ena dredre ni bula vakailavo etara tiko na noda vanua.

Sa uqeti ira kina na lewenivanua me ra laki cula kevaka era se bera ni vakadeitaki ira.



Qaqarauni ena itukutuku lasu ni veivuke ni vale

JOSEFA ULUILAKEBA

Esa siqema rawa na Tabacakacaka ni Veivakavaletaki ni tiko e dua na lewe ni vanua ka vakayagataka tiko na ivatavata ni volamata se *Facebook* me lasutaki ira kina na lewe ni vanua e na ituvatuva se porokaramu ni voli vale vakadua ni matanitu.

Veivakadeitaki tiko kina na Vuniwala Tudei ni Tabacakacaka ni Veivakavaletaki o Sanjeeva Perera ni sega ni dua na lewe ni vanua

e lesi me qarava na veivosaki ni kena qaravi na ituvatuva qori e na vuku ni Tabacakacaka.

“E sega ni na ciqomi na kerekere ka vakagolei mai vakadodonu ki na neitou valenivolavola ka keitou sega tale ga ni lesia e dua me qarava na itavi qori ena vukui keitou me baleta na ituvatuva ni voli vale se voli qele vakadua vei ira na lewenivanua,” e kaya ko Perera.

Vakaraitaka o koya ni na rawa me na sotavi na veivuke qori kevaka e liu taumada e dua ena baqe, na Matabose ni Veivakavaletaki, Ta-

acakacaka ni Qele kei na Matabose ni Qele Maroroi.

“E sega tale ga ni saumi na veiqaravi oqori e na loma ni Tabacakacaka ka ni sa kerei kina na lewe ni vanua mo ni qaqarauni de o ni na koko tu e na cakacaka butobuto qori.”

Ke o gadreva na veivuke qori e na rawa ni o taura e dua na ilavelave ni kerekere e na ivatavata ni mona livaliva ni Tabacakacaka ena www.housing.gov.fj se e na baqe kece a veiqaravi e na noda vanua.



Na Minisita ni Teitei Dr Mahendra Reddy ena boseka ni Kakana. iTaba: VAKARAUTAKI

Maroroya na kakana, cata na vakasabusabu

JOSEFA ULUILAKEBA

Sa ka bibi vei keda na lewei Viti me da qarauna na sala ni bula, na vanua e lako mai kina na keda kakana.

Oqori na ka bibi tiko ena gauna oqo ni da sota kaya tiko na bolebole kauta mai na mate oqo na COVID-19. Mai vakatoka oqo na nodra mala ni vosa na Minisita ni Teitei, Dr Mahendra Reddy vei ira na matabose kei vuravura ena ulutaga ni Lusi ni Kakana kei na Benu. Vakaraitaka kina ko Minisita Reddy ni matanitu e Viti esa tekivuna na nodra qaravi ira na lewenivanua ena kena tavoci na porokaramu ni teitei e vale me vuke ira na lewenivanua.

Vakaraitaka ko Minisita Reddy ni kevaka ena rawati na tuvatuva ni veivakatorocaketaki lewa matau ena 2030 ka dua vei ira na kena sasaga taki me vakalailaitaki na lusi ni kakana kei na benu me vaka na itakete 12 Sustainable Development Goal, sa dodonu kina me veisautaki na itovo ni noda qarava na vanua, waitui kei na veika bula ena bula veimaliwai kina. “Ena dodonu vei keda me da taleitaka na keda, cata na vakasabusabu ka maroroya noda iyau,” e kaya ko Minisita Reddy.

Kuria okoya ni kevaka eda doka na keda kakana eda na sega ni vakasabusabu se vakasausa-taka. Ia sa levu saraga na kena vakasabusabutaki na kena vakayagataki ka sa dodonu meda veitokonitaka na sasaga oqo ena noda vanua kei na vuravura raraba.

Kuria o Minisita Dr Reddy kevaka e da sa rawata oqori ena vukea na kena rawati na tuvatuva ni veivakatorocaketaki lewa matau ena matabose cokovata kei vuravura 2030 ka rawa ni da vakarautaka na vuravura oqo me baleti ira na noda kawa mai muri.

“Na vakasabusabutaki ni kakana ena rawa ni manidiatiki ka veisautaki,” kaya ko Minisita Dr Reddy

“Ni laurai na vakacaca oqo ena noda yau bula e dikevi ni 50 na pasede ni lusi oqo e yaco ena gauna ni bulika se gauna e vakarautaki kina kina vo e vumai na gauna esa veiwasei kina se vakayagataki.

Veivakadeitaki na veiqaravi vei ira na mua eliu

JOSEFA ULUILAKEBA

ERA laki veivakadeitaki na liuliu ni matanitu, Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama kivei ira na ivakalesilesi ni tabana ni bula kei ira na cakacaka vakamataniitu era veiqaravi ena muailiu ni valu me baleta na COVID-19.

Vakaraitaka ko Vuniwai Luke Nasedra ni veisiko ni Paraiminisita Bainimarama e veivakadeitaki vei ira na veiqaravi ena gauna ni dredre ena bula donumaka.

Eratou lewena na ilakolako ni veisiko oqori na Minisita ni Bula Ifereimi Waqainabete. Vuniwai Nasedra na iliuliu ni FEMAT ka ratou tekivu main a CWM hospital ena veitabana ni veiqaravi me vaka na ENT se vanua qaravi kina na Daliga, Ucu kei na Tagitagi. Ka ratou qai gole yani ena ANZ stadium kei na Minisitiri ni Veiqaravi Vakamataniitu ena Nasese ka vakakina ena National Gymnasium.

Era laki raica kina ka veitalanoa na liuliu ni matanitu keiira na veiqaravi tiko ena veitabana oqori. Kurian a Minisita ni Bula, Vuniwai Waqainabete ni veitokoni kei na veisiko nei Paraiminisita era sa laveti kina na yalodra na lewenivanua vakauasivi oira na liga ni veiqaracvi taumada.



E veivakadeitaki tale na liuliu ni Matanitu, Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama vei ira na ivakalesilesi ena valuti ni COVID-19 ena gauna e sikova kina nodra iyavala ni veiqaravi. iTaba: NANISE NEIMILA



Me vaqaqacotaki tikoga na veiqaravi: Seruiratu

JOSEFA ULUILAKEBA

Sa dodonu me vakaqacotaki tikoga na veiwekani vakacacacaka kei na veiqaravi vei ira na soqosoqo ena taudaku ni matanitu era dau veivuke ena veiqaravi ni matanitu ena nodra qaravi na lewenivanua ena noda vanua.

Oqori na nodra vosa na Minisita ni Leqa kei na Tubukoso ena nodra laki boseka kei na soqosoqo taudaku ni matanitu me baleta na kena tuvatuvaqataki tiko na veiqaravi ena gauna ni leqa tubu koso me vaka eda kila nida kila ni tauri keda tuoqo na revurevu ni mate COVID-19 ka sega ni namaki ka sa mai wiliki talega me vaka edua na leqa tubukoso ka sega ni namaki ena noda gauna.

Vakaraitaka tiko ko Minisita Seruiratu ni ivakarau ni bula ni lewenivanua ena gauna nikua

esa veisau sara tikoga vakalevu ena veisiga. Sa dodonu kina me veisau na ivakarau ni bula me tokitaki kina vakaqacotaki ni vakavakarau ni bula ni tamata me rawa ni sotava sa vei leqa tubu koso eso.

Vakaraitaka ko Minisita Seruiratu ni COVID-19 esa mai veisautaka saraga na veiqaravi ni bula ni tamata ena veisiga ka sa dodonu me da raica vakamatua ka me da veisautaka na noda rai kei na noda bula vakavakarau. Kuria okoya ni itovo ni noda bula esa veisau tikoga ena veigauna kece.”

Ni kua sa tiko na draki veisau ka sa yaco mai oqo na COVID-19. Esa tiko talega na cagi laba kei na leqa tubukoso eso e sa yaco veitaravi tiko mai. Sa dodonu kina me veisautaki na nodra ivakarau ni qarava na veivakatorocaketaki me baleta walega na veivakatoroca-

ketaki. Sa ka bibi kina na itavi ni veiwekani vakacacacaka ena rai ni yaloyalo levu oqom,” kaya ko Minisita Seruiratu. Kuria okoya ni oqo na vanua ena qai laurai kina veiwekani vakacacacaka ka sa dodonu me vakaqacotaki tikoga na noda veiwekani baleta me vaka nida vanua lalai e dodonu me laurai taumada na noda inaki levu vakamataniitu lalai ka me veisemati kina na noda veiqaravi ka veitokoni taki kina na sasaga ni veivakatorocaketaki me laveti na bula ka vakauraki talega na bula ni lewenivanua me rawa ni ra sotava ka curuma na veibole bole ni bula sa tu ni kua.

Solia na nona veitokoni kei na veitokoni ni matanitu na Minisita vei ira na soqosoqo ni veiqaravi ena taudaku ni matanitu ka kerei ira me ra veiwekani vinaka ka vakaqacotaka nodra veiqaravi.



Siko ko Paraiminisita ena veiqaravi

Era veisiko voli na liulu ni matanitu ena veikoronivuli ena yasayasa vakai Nausori ka vakayacori tiko kina na vakasokumuni tukutuku baleta na tataqomaki ena icula mai na COVID-19.

Veisiko kina koronivuli ko St. Joseph the Worker Primary School, Nasinu Muslim College, Bhawani Dayal Arya College, Lelean Memorial School, Dilkusha

Boys Primary School kei Baulevu College. Oqori e tomani tikoga kina na veisiko ka sa vakayacori tikomai ena yasayasa vakai Suva. Vakavinaka kina ko Paraiminisita Bainimarama vei ira na ivakalesilesi ena nodra qarava ka veivuke tiko ena veiqaravi ni tabana ni bula, ogo ena kena vakasokumuni na itukutuku. Na sasaga ni matanitu mera cula kece na lewenivanua ena

tataqomaki ni COVID-19 e salamuria tikoga na kena sagai meda taqomaki ena mate ka vakasoqoni tiko na tukutuku ogo me laurai na itagede ni wiliwili ni lewenivanua era sa cula oti ogo ena imatai keina ikarua ni cula. Veivakananumi na Paraiminisita ni dodonu mera cula vakarua na lewenivanua.

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Kauwai ena kisi ni COVID-19 e Vatukoula

Era visiko na tabana ni yau bula ena noda matanitu kei na tabana ni bula ki na kabani ni keli koula e Vatukoula. Oqori e salamuria tikoga na tubu ni kisi ni COVID-19 vei ira na ivakalesilesi ni kabana. Ratou mai visiko kina na Minisitiri ni Yau Bula keina Minisitiri ni Bula me laki dikevi tale ne veiqaravi mai kea. Oqori edua gauna vinaka baleta ni lesuvi kina na tuvutava ni tataqomaki ena loma ni kabana me vaka ni a dua na vanua ni sogosogo okoya ena gauna ea veitavi kina vakalevu na COVID-19.. iTaba: iTaba: ??



Tekivutaki na cakacaka ena koronivuli e Lekutu

Ena gauna eda curuma tiko kina na bolebole ni mate na COVID-19 sa cavuikalawa na Minisitiri ni Vuli ena veivuke ni matanitu ko Ositerela me tekivutaki na taravou ni koronivuli mai Lekutu Bua. Ogo na sasaga ni nodra vakacurumi talega ena nodra valenivuli na gonevuli me vaka nida kila ni mai vakacacanu vakadua na nodra koronivuli ena cagilaba ko TC Yasa. Eratou veivuke talega na noda imatai kei na idinia ni mataivalu. O Lekutu Secondary school edua vei ira na koronivuli ka veivuke kina na matanitu ko Ositerelia.

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Vukei na veiqaravi ni leqa tubukoso

Eratou mai cau ki na Veiqaravi ni Tabana ni Leqa tubu koso na soqosoqo ni lotu kavitu ena leqa tubu koso e Viti se ADRA Fiji. Na laptops eratou mai solia e rua na misini vou saraga ka namaki me vukea na veiqaravi ena dau vakasokumuni na itukutuku ni veiqaravi ni tabana ogo. Na veivuke ogo e vakarautaka mai vakaloloma na matanitu ko Ositerelia ena ruku nui veiqaravi ni veivukei ni bula nodra lewenivanua. Na daireketa ni tabana ni veiqaravi raraba ena Tabana ni Leqa Tubu

koso Ana Tora e vakavinakataka na matanitu ko Ositerelia ena veivuke yaga ogo me vaka nira na vakayagataka saraga ena cakacaka ni vakasokumuni tukutuku vei ira na veiliutaki ena gauna ni veiqaravi ka vakakina ena cakacaka ni veivuke ena COVID-19 veiratou na tabana ni bula. Vakaraitaka ko Bou Mawi na nodra vakavinaka ni soqosoqo ena nodratou vukea na matanitu ena gauna ni bolebole ogo..

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Mai naimawi; Ko Seravina Masitabu (28), Lusiana Kelera (50), Nunia Loga (24) and Melaia Tabuamotu (32), ena nodratou vakarau cavuikalawa vou ena tara vale ni oti na vuli ni tara vale. **ITABA E LOMA:** Na matai ni Tabana ni Veikau ko Pateresio Domodomolagi ena nona vakavulici ratou toka na marama. E ratou kalougata na lewe va na marama ni Bua oqo ni ratou lewena rawa na vuli macawa rua ka vakarautaka na Tabana ni Veikau. **iTaba: VAKARAUTAKI**

VEISAU NA RAI NI TAMATA ME BALETA NA VAKAITAVI NI MARAMA ENA TARA VALE

Voroki na ilati

E da vakavakarau tiko me da vavaca yani na vulai cagilaba se leqa tubu koso ena ikarua ni siga ni vula i Balolo Levu se Noveba. Ia vei ratou na va na marama ni tikina o Lekutu ena yasana ko Bua eratou sa teki-

vuna e dua na cavuikalawa vou ka sa rawa me ratou na veivuke ena veiqaravi ni tara ni vale.

Ko Seravina Masitabu, 28, Melaia Tabuamotu, 32, Lusiana Kelera, 50, and Nunia Loga, 24 e ratou mai lewena e dua na vuli ni

tara vale ena koro o Votua, Lekutu, Bua, ka sala muria na veivakacokotaki ni vanua kei na veikoro era mai sota kaya na vakacaca ni cagilaba o Yasa kei Ana ena yabaki sa oti.

E vakarautaka na Tabana ni Veikau edua na porokaramu ni vuli macawa rua ena vakacoko ni vale se housing rehabilitation e Vanua Levu me vukei ira kina na lewenivanua.

Na porokaramu oqo e rawa ni mai tara rawa kina e rauta ni 70 na vale ka ra vakacacani ena cagitataba. Na vuli macawa rua oqo e vakarautaki ira kina na lewe ni koro me ra qarava vakaira na nodra vakavinakataka na nodra

vale. E ratou kalougata ni ratou bau lewena toka na kena vuli o ratou na lewe va na marama ni Bua oqori. E voroka na ilati ni nodra raici na marama na veika eratou vakayacora na lewe va na marama oqo. Na rai ni kena nanumi ni nodra itavi ga na turaga na tara vale me vaka e ra dau kilai tani kina.

E vakaraitaka o Kelera na marama yabaki 50, ni vuli oqo e vukei koya ka marautaka ni bau donumaka ena koro o Votua.

Kuria o Loga ni dua na vuli taleitaki vua ka nanuma me a balavu vakalailai na gauna ni vuli oqo. Era lewe 25 kece na leweni koro era vakaitavi ka wili kina na vuli

tara. E veivakauqeti sara vei Masitabu na veika e mai vulica rawa baleta ni sa bau kila toka mai vakalailai na tara vale ena tabana ni vuli na Australia Pacific Training Coalition (APTC), e Suva.

E nanuma okoya ni oti na vuli oqo sa na rawa ni ratou tekivuna na nodratou veiqaravi na marama oqo e na dua na nodratou bisinisi ni tara vale.

Ia ki vei Tabuamotu, na veivakadonui vei ira na matua ni koro me ratou vakaitavi ena vuli esa dua na ka talei.

E ratou vakavinakavinaka ki na Tabana ni Veikau ena dua na katuba ka mai dolava vei ratou.

-TABANA NI VEIKAU



Era marautaka sara vakalevu na lewe ni koro e Sawene, Navosa, na lori vou ka tolu na tani, lori lalali ni usa iyaya (four wheel drive) kei na lori ni cukiraki ni qele era volia ena rawa ka vakailavo mai na tei kau ena nodra qele.

iTaba: VAKARAUTAKI

Mana na tei kau e Navosa

E ra sa vakila tiko na leweni koro e Sawene e Navosa na vinaka ni teivaki ni kau ena nodra vanua.

Era musuka kina eso na vunika me ra volia kina e rua na nodra lori tolu na tani, tolu

na lori ni cukiraki ni qele kei na rua na lori lalai se four-wheel drive ni usa iyaya ka tiko kece na kena isau vakailavo ena \$0.2 na milioni.

Oqori e mai rawati ena kena saumi vei ira na royalty ni kena mai teivaki e rauta ni 5910 na cubic meter na kai na vaivai.

Era vakamuduo kina na Tabana ni Veikau ena kena mai soli vei ira na ivakasala kei na kila ni nodra qarava na nodra qele vakamataqali. Ni kua era sa tuvatuva tale tiko me ra semata na veiqaravi oqo ka me ra vakalevutaka na nodra tei kau ena nodra

qele.

Vakaraitaka ko Ilisoni Tabuyalewa e dua na lewe ni Mataqali o Nakasi e Sawene, ni ivakasala ni nodra tomana tiko na teivaki ni qele ena kau kei na kakana me volitaki me rawati kina na ilavo me yaga ena nodra bula ena veisiga. Ia ena salamuria talega na nodra maroroya ka taqomaka na nodra qele kei na ivurevure ni wai ni gunu.

“Au vakavinavinaka ki na Matanitu ena tabana ka veiqaravi e veikau ena nodra veivuke, sega walega ena kena mai musuki na kau ia ena kena soli tiko na ivakasala

yaga ena vakayagataki ni qele me baleta na vakaqacotaki ni rawaka vakailavo kei na maroro ni yau bula,” e kaya ko Tabuyalewa.

Kuria okoya ni voli ni lori ni sviyara oqo ena yaga vakalevu ena nodra iteitei ka vaka kina na lorry ni rawa ni usani ira na lewe ni koro kei na nodra iusana me volitaki ena makete.

“Keimami na lavaka na isau ni kako kei na tamata vei ira na vakayagataka na lori mera vodoka ka usa kakana ki na makete kei na nodra gole ena tauni.”



iMamaroroi ni madrai, davuke

Edau vakayagataki na davuke me maroroi kina na kakana. Na icoi ni kakana vaka na ika, vuaka e dau vavi ka vakayagataki me vica na siga.

Ena bau dede toka ke vesa rawa, qai dau saqa ga na kena e vinakati. Ena gauna qo sa vakayagataki na katoniwaililiwa me maroroi kina vakadede na kakana.

Dau sobu ena davuke na kakanadina, me qai buli me madrai. Na vosa “madrai” e sa tiko rawa na kena ibalebale ena vosa vakaviti, oya na madrai buta ena davuke. Ni qai taka mai na madrai volitaki ena sitoa, sa dewa na vosa “madrai” buta ena davuke - me sa vakatokai ina madrai mai na sitoa.

E vakabauti ni itovo ni maroroi kakana qo era kauta vata tiko ga mai. Ena vakadidike vakadaunivosa, e laurai ni uto e dau sobu ena davuke, e yacana ena noda vanua me MADRAI, mai na yatu Makisi kei Toga kilai me ‘ma,’ mai Tahiti ‘mahi’ mai Ponpae mahr, Vanuatu e kilai me ‘namandi’ ka yacana mai Samoa me ‘masi.’ E nanumi ni uto era a kauta vata tiko mai ena nodra tawa vanua.

Ena ivola nei Misi Wiliame e vakamacalataka na caka ni davuke, oya na qara e keli me maroroi kina na madrai, yacana raraba na davuke, mai Kadavu, Vatulele kei Yasayasaira na tavuki, mai

Lau na lua se lua ni madrai.

Ena vakarautaki rawa na kakanadina mevaka na uto, voci na vudi, tavioka se cava ga me maroroi, biu toka me vakamamaca, me conaki mada na davuke.

E kaya o Misi Wiliame na davuke e raica o koya e rauta ni tabadua na kena titobu. Teki wavokita ena qara na draunivudi tabogo vinaka, conaki tale ga na botona me robo vinaka me kua ni taraqele na kakana, lobi vata i loma na vuso ni draunivudi, tuvi tale ena so na draunivudi qai tabikai wavoki ena vatu. Taqomaki vinaka mai na uca. Ena kena biu tu na kakana e rawa ni vakavula se vakayabaki.

Era sa kila vinaka tu ga na marama na gauna me veisau kina na kena draudrau, oya ena kena butari na madrai, veisau na kena iconaki, sobu tale eso na kakana, tuvi vinaka qai tabikai tale tu. Ena veigauna tale eso e vinakati na madrai, butari ga mai na kena e vinakati, ubi vinaka tale.

E kaya o Misi Wiliame, na kena a raica, e butari mai na madrai, mai natu vinaka, waki vata kei na niu kei na jaina se vudi dreu, bulibuli, sala ena drauniuto qai saqa se vavi. Vinaka cake ni vavi, ena dede na kena vakayagataki tiko. Dau qacoi na vakasobu madrai ni oti e dua na cagilaba. Ni levu



Na davuke ka dau vakayagataki me dau maroroi kina na kakana. iTaba e loma: Na falawa ka rawati mai se buli mai ena kena siviraki na uto me vavi kina na madrai. iTaba: VAKARAUTAKI

na vudi e bale, levu na uto e qera, vakacacani na dalo kei na tavioka, sa dau tu ga na davuke me rauta na vuvale yadua.

Na kena maroroi tu va qo na kakanadina ena sega ni leqataki na gauna ni dausiga e muria na cagilaba. E tukuna o Misi Lora Tomuseni ni raica mai Lau e rua na imamaroroi ni tavioka, e dua me toni i waitui, e va tale ga oya na kena icakacaka mai Vatulele; e dua tale na kena icakacaka me sobu na kakana ena lua ni madraise davuke. Na kena e toni e waitui e sega so ni dede, ni malumu ga na tavioka sa na caka sara na madrai.

Kena icakacaka: E tawa isu na tavioka ni tu vata ga na qana, curui vinaka me lai toni i torobu se

vanua ga e ganita, danui vinaka. Ni sa malumu, vue mai, voci, tuki. Kari na niu me natu vata, bulibuli, sala ena drauniuto qai saqa. Ia ke vinakati me maroroi vakadede na kakana, ena sobu ena lua ni madrai se davuke.

Keli rawa na qara qai taqaitolu na bola me kena iconaki. Tevu e delana na draunivudi, sigani tabogo vinaka, sobu na kakana.

Olo vinaka sara qai tevu tale na draunivudi me dua tale na ioloolo. Ni sa oti na kakana qai tuvi ena so tale na draunivudi, taqa sara i cake na bolabola qai danui tu ena vatu.

E rawa ni vakayabaki na kena maroroi tu, ia me dau qai veisau na draunivudi kei na bolabola ni sa madu.

NA MAROROI NI KAKANA ENA DAVUKE

Na kakana e sobu ena davuke e dau toni ena waitui. Ni oti e dua na macawa, na kena toni e waitui, sa na lai sobu ina davuke.

Ni oti tale e dua na macawa ena loma ni davuke, sa na tekivu me malumu ka boi bulagi. Na vu ni kena boi, ni sa sega ni dua na cagi bulabula [oxygen] e curuma na davuke.

Na cagi e sogo e loma ni davuke, vakavuna me buta na madrai, ka rawa ni maroroi kina vakadede. Ni sa ceka na davuke, e dau kau mai tuba na madrai, ka vakasavasavataki. Ena qai natu, ka vutu ena takona nibera ni sigani ka vakayagataki. E vaka na irairai ni falawa; ena gauna qo, sa saqa na madrai.

TABANA NI VEIKA VAKAITAUKEI



Na tei dalo lauwa

Ena so na koro e Kadavu, era dau tea na dalo ka vakatokai na Lauwa.

E keli e dua na tiki ni qele me tobu vaka e dua na tobu ni sisili ena vanua suasua, me tei kina na dalo oqo.

Ni sa keli oti, ena qai dau vakadrodroi na wai ena vanua vakarautaki.

Era na dau bibi, oya na nodra digitaka na itei ni dalo na turaga me ra na tea ena lauwa. Ia, ni bera na teitei, ena gadrevi me mali na qele (tiki ni qele lelevu mera na vakamalumutaki ena wai). Ena dau soli vua na turaganivanua me tea na imatai ni dalo, ena teitei toka ga ena gusu ni lauwa ka drodro yani kina na wai, dau vakatokai tu me Vakasoqoraurau. E dau tei kina na dalo dina me vaka na sikaviloa, na vutikoto, na vurainavada; na dalo Samoa e



Na loga ni dalo lauwa ka tei ga ena vanua suasua . iTaba: VAKARAUTAKI

sega ni dau tei ena vanua suasua.

Ni sa tei oti, sa dau qai baitaki vakavinaka sara, a maroroi ka qaravi tu me yacova na siganisucu kei na vakatawase. Ni sa voleka tiko yani na siganisucu, ena dau lai samaki na lauwa, ka vakatokai tiko me kutukutu. E nodra itavi na marama mera samaka na dalo ena gauna e dau roqowai kina na vula. Ena Noveba, dau dola na isogo ni wai, me vakadrodroi tani na wai

me mamaca na iteitei, ka waraka na Tiseba na gauna me cavu kina. E dau gauna tale ga ni taga ura, ena kena vosavosataki vaka Kadavu - ‘mo lai rarako’ [dau cavuta e dua ni lai taga ura]. Na lauwa e dau solevaki, e vakarautaki na lauwa ni mataqali, lauwa ni tokatoka, se na lauwa ni yavusa, se koro.

TABANA NI VEIKA VAKAITAUKEI

Noda Viti

Sasaga me vulici na vosa vakaitaukei, vakadia e koronivuli

VILIAME TIKOTANI

NAMAKI me ra vulica na vosa vakaitaukei kei na idia na gonevuli ena yabaki vou ni tekivu tale na vuli.

Oqori na macala ni bese nodra na Minisita ni Vuli Premila Kumar kei ira na kena dau ni vosa

vaka Viti kei na vosa Vakaldia ena veikoronivuli. Vakaraitaka ko Minisita Kumar na bibi ni kena dikevi lesu na vosa ka vakayagataki ena lesoni ka vakakina na lesoni era vulica tiko na gonevuli.

Kuria ko Minisita Kumar ni dodonu ni so na vosa era vakayagataki tiko ena nodra lesoni ni vosa

e sega soti ni ganita ka sa dodonu me dikevi tale. Sa talai ira kina na kena dau ni vosa ena nona tabana mera dikeva kece na lesoni kei na vosa era vakayagataki kina ka mera vakayagataki na vosa rawarawa nira vosataka na gonevuli ka rawa talega nira kila na kenai balebale ena gauna era vakayaga-

taka kina.

Vakaraitaka ko Minisita Kumar na kauwai vei ira na qasenivuli mera vakarautaka na iwalewale ni vuli mera dau rawara ni vulica na lesoni na gonevuli.

Oqo me vaka na veisisivi vosa, kei na drama kei na veitalanoa mera uqeti kina na gone ena nodra

kila na vosa kie na vosataka talega, Sa dodonu talega mera qarava talega na itovo kei na ivakarau ka salavata vei na vosa erua.

Na levu ni nodra vakatovototaka na vosa ena veimataqali walewale ni vuli lesoni oqo ena rawa ni vukei ira vakalevu saraga ena nodra kilaka.



Na Minisita ni Vuli ko Premila Kumar kei ira na qasenivuli ni vosa vakaitaukei kei na vosa vakaldia. **ITaba: VAKARAUTAKI**

4 na iwaseewase ni vuli ena yabaki vou

VILIAME TIKOTANI

SA vakadikeva tiko na Minisitiri ni Vuli ena noda vanua oya na kena vakarautaki e va na wasewase ni vuli vei ira na gonevuli ena veikoronivuli.

Oqo me tekivutaki ena yabaki mai oqo.

Vakaraitaka na Minisita ni Vuli, Premila Kumar ni dikeva tiko na nona tabana na kena vakayagataki na imatai ni wasewase ni vuli me lesuvi kina na lesoni kei na ulutaga dredre.

Eratou sa vakaraica vakamatua tale tiko-

ga na nodra vuli na fomu vitu se kalasi 13.

Me vaka ni sa levu sara tiko na italanoa irogo cacavuka ka sa kama tiko vaka na veigasau baleti ira na luveda era vuli donumaka tiko oqo na kalasi 13.

Oqo e kuria o Minisita Kumar ni vakavu nuiqawaqawa sara tiko vakalevu vei ira na lewenivanua vakabibi oira na gonevuli kei ira na itubutubu kei na dauniveisusu.

Kuria okoya ni ratou sa vakaraica tiko se gaunisala vinaka cava me ratou muria bal-eti ira na kalasi 13.

Sa veivakadeitaki kina Minisita Kumar

vei ira na gonevuli kei ira na nodra itubutubu dauniveisusu ni sa na sasaga na Tabana ni Vuli me kakua ni dua na gonevuli e vakaleqai nodra vuli baleta na balavu ni sogo ni koronivuli.

Na Minisita ni Vuli esa vakauqeti ira kece na gonevuli ka sivia na yabaki 18 me ra taura nodra cula ni tataqomaki mai na COVID-19.

Vakaraitaka ko Minisita Kumar ni sa vakadikeva vakamalua tiko na Tabana ni Vuli e dua na ituvatuva me na kavicaki raraba na nodra cula na gonevuli yabaki

17 e na noda vanua..

Kuria okoya ni sa cakacaka tiko na Tabana ni Bula me dua na tuvatuva baleti ira na gonevuli yabaki 12 lako cake ka me ra waraka na kena yaco mai na wainimate ni cula ka vakatokai na Pfizer ena mua ni yabaki oqo.

Vakaraitaka ko Minisita Kumar ni dua na tikina bibi vei ira na gonevuli oya na nodra vakayagataki gauna ka sa kerei kina na veitokoni ni tubutubu kei na dauniveisusu ena nodra vukei me ra manidiataka vinaka na nodra gauna na luveda.