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COVID jab 'only way to fight virus'

MORE than 90 per cent of Fiji's target population have received their first jab while more than 35 per cent are now fully vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus. Despite the various challenges thrown in its way, such as the misinformation being spread on social media, the Ministry of Health and Medical Services vaccination teams have reached far and wide to ensure no Fijian is left behind. From mobile vaccination clinics to drive-through centres, the best protection against the pandemic has been made available to all those Fijians eligible for the jab. Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama has called on the media to play its part in curbing misinformation. "I urge every one of you in the media to continue to play your part in fighting misinformation and vaccination hesitancy amongst our people by reporting the facts and seeking proper context, and -- as a direct result -- helping us save lives," he said. Fiji hopes to open up its borders once more than 80 per cent of the target population is fully vaccinated.

RIGHT: A member of the public is vaccinated against the Covid-19 virus by a staff nurse with the Ministry of Health and Medical Services as the ministry's mobile vaccination teams work to cover as much of the target population as possible.
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Leader reaffirm commitment to Pacific's greatest threat

Climate Change Call

NANISE NEIMILA

REGIONAL leaders have reaffirmed their commitment towards climate change as the greatest threat facing the Blue Pacific and reaffirmed the importance of consistent senior political-level participation and representation at COP 26.

This was highlighted by Prime Minister and chairman of Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) Voreqe Bainimarama while delivering his remarks at the 51st Pacific Islands Forum Retreat.

Prime Minister Bainimarama said as leaders remain committed to the goals of the Paris Agreement, regional positions as articulated in the Kainaki Lua Declaration, which calls for urgent climate action, recognises the interlinkage between climate change and oceans, and calls for the international community to meet its climate-financing commitments.

"As I said earlier, it was espe-

cially powerful to have the President of the United States join us to deliver his commitment to a net-zero future."

"Forum Leaders urge all parties to the Paris Agreement to ensure that COP26 delivers an outcome that truly advances efforts to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels."

Prime Minister Bainimarama highlighted that the new Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report shows how devastating any alternative will be for the Pacific and the planet.

He highlighted a few key discussions tabled in the last meeting, for leaders to meet and collectively discuss the progress of the on-going Political Dialogue Mechanism.

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Voreqe
Bainimarama.

Despite these troubling times, there is opportunity and hope as we look to collectively recover and build back better guided by an inclusive and consistent vision – very much akin to the inaugural Forum, 50 years ago.

Voreqe Bainimarama
Prime Minister

TWEET OF THE WEEK



Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum @FijiAG

Good conversation with @frankelly08 on @RNBKBreakfast about why the #IPCC report is shocking but not surprising. For many Pacific nations, its findings reinforce reality. We have 82 days until @COP26 to keep 1.5 alive.

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Mark major milestone, President tells students

FELIX LESINAIVALU

TO mark the eighth anniversary of our Fijian Constitution, the President Major-General (Ret'd) Jioji Konrote is calling on students to help Fiji mark this milestone.

"This Constitution Day, I am asking our students to speak to their nation about the importance of a very important constitutional right — the right to social security schemes; the net of social safety that upholds the dignity of those most vulnerable."

"I am calling on our students to tell us, or better yet, show us, how their lives, or the lives of someone they love, have been made better by a social protection programme," President Konrote said. He said the topics can vary from

the free water or subsidised electricity initiatives, free education, subsidised transportation to school, or the new initiative to provide sanitary pads for young women enrolled in school.

"You can speak on the poverty benefit scheme, social pension scheme, disability allowance, the child protection allowance, the food voucher programme for rural pregnant women, the subsidised bus fares for the elderly and those living with disabilities, or the unemployment benefits provided by the government or the food rations we are providing to people under home isolation orders."

"Or you can talk about how all of these programmes work together to protect our people, including those most vulnerable, particularly when times are tough," President Konrote

said.

"It doesn't have to be personal testimonial; you may simply tell us why you believe these protections are so important to the nation. We want to hear your voices, whether that's through video or an essay."

"You can make a submission as an individual. You can make a submission as a family. What is important is that you express yourself creatively and that you stay engaged with your education even while you learn at home."

He also urged Fijians to come forward, as he has done, to be vaccinated.

"It is the right decision for your health, for the health of your families, and for Fiji," President Konrote said.



From left: Vodafone Fiji chief executive officer Pradeep Lal, Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum, Reserve Bank of Fiji governor Ariff Ali during the signing of a memorandum of agreement (MoU) for a funding arrangement towards the VitiKart Subsidy Scheme. Photo: AZARIA FAREEN

Take advantage of Govt initiative, MSMEs urged

AZARIA FAREEN

MICRO, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) can now take advantage of the Fijian Government's new initiative where they can market their products on an online platform at no cost for the next two years.

This follows the signing of a memorandum of agreement (MoU) for a funding arrangement towards the VitiKart Subsidy Scheme with the Reserve Bank of Fiji (RBF), and Vodafone Fiji Pte Limited recently where businesses can engage in e-commerce through the existing Viti Kart online platform without having to invest in costly infrastructure.

The allocation of \$1 million provided by the RBF and \$150,000 by the Government annually towards this initiative had been announced in the 2021-2022 Na-

tional Budget.

The Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum, in signing the MoU said "any business that lists itself on Viti Kart will be paying a monthly fee of \$49 per month and with this new initiative the cost will be borne by the Government, which is a very good opportunity for them save on this cost".

"We want MSME businesses to flourish and we also want to be able to ensure that you participate in the digital space, and this is one very good way of sustaining and building back our economy and of course creating jobs at the same time," the A-G added.

RBF governor Ariff Ali said, "MSMEs play an important role and are the largest employers in Fiji and this platform allows for an expansion of their business not just for Fiji but to the rest of the world".

"We are very keen to support this initiative and the Government's long term plan to ensure that we encourage more digital payments in Fiji," he said.

"One of the things we have seen under the current environment is that a lot of people are buying things online so when MSMEs join the Viti Kart, they won't have to pay for infrastructure," he added.

Vodafone Fiji chief executive officer Pradeep Lal said the company has continued to come up with various products and services such as M-PAiSA digital wallet which has been very useful.

He said there are 25 live merchants who advertise their products with Viti Kart and about 50 merchants are in the process of being signed up.

"To date, \$1.8 million of transactions has gone through Viti Kart - a user friendly platform that pro-

vides easy access to log on to a particular product," he said.

"We are confident that this will allow more MSME and businesses to get on board to sell their products online. A customer anywhere in the world can purchase through Viti Kart and the product would be delivered to their family and friends in Fiji."

"This platform is one year old and it has been a success with over 70,000 people have downloaded the application on their phones while through the website there are about 230,000 users using this platform," he added.

The scheme will provide grant to cater for the monthly subscription fees for eligible MSMEs registered on Viti Kart between the period of 1 August 2021 and 31 July 2023, for a period of two years.



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Meanwhile, other key areas of discussions were endorsements on the milestone Declaration on Preserving Maritime Zones in the face of Climate Change-Related Sea-Level Rise.

“Importantly, the Declaration proclaims that sea-level rise which we know is baked in by current levels of emissions will not cause us to reduce our maritime boundaries or our rights and entitlements that flow from them.”



I was very encouraged by the exchanges that took place at the meeting, and I am heartened by the Leaders' commitment to keep an open mind through this dialogue and their firm resolve to find a way forward.

Voreqe Bainimarama
Prime Minister and chairman
of Pacific Islands Forum (PIF)

“This is our good-faith interpretation of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) as it applies to the specific situation of climate change-related sea-level rise, and ensures the centrality of UNCLOS in these discussions.”

On his term as the chair, the Fijian Head of Government said, “As I had alluded to in my opening remark, my tenure as Forum Chair will be focused on rebuilding the solidarity of our Forum Family, and I look forward to working closely with Leaders to agree on a way forward that works for all parties and restores the full strength of the Pacific Islands Forum”.

Going forward, the 51st PIF and Related Meetings will be convened over the next five to six months which will include High-Level Meetings with Forum Dialogue Partners, Forum Observers and regional stakeholders, including the private sector and civil society.

Contingency funds help ministry's operations

NANISE NEIMILA

THE Government has allocated \$25 million to facilitate the contingency Fund for COVID-19, this will be utilised in the 2021-2022 financial cycle.

The fund will be used for the many strategies that the ministry needs.

This was highlighted by the Minister for Health and Medical Services Dr Ifereimi Waqainabete while responding to the 2021-2022 National Budget during the Parliament sitting held recently.

“I want to bring to this House that on 12 July 2021 Public Health (Amendment) Act 2021 came into force which spells out our legal responsibilities to support the collective effort towards controlling and stopping the COVID-19 outbreak in Fiji.”

“It is imperative that we promote COVID safe measures so that we can bring this outbreak under control.”

“On the amended legislation, I would like to thank the Ministry of Commerce, Trade, Tourism and Transport, municipal councils, and the Fijian Competition and Consumer Commission and the Police Officers who are enforcing the COVID safe regulations. Under this amendment of the Public Health Act, fixed penalty offences have been gazetted for around 23 offences which carry fixed fines ranging from \$20 to \$4,000.”

Minister Waqainabete commended the various agencies and in particular the Fiji Police Force

for their efforts and dedication towards keeping the law and order and ensuring that COVID safe measures are enforced.

“In the first week the Police team have conducted 556 bookings of these 245 bookings were related to face masks, 89 bookings, were in relation to Public Service Vehicles, 69 bookings were for gathering offences. I am just hoping that these bookings will reduce because it will show that we are continuing to embrace the COVID safety measures.”

“The Digital Fiji team has assisted in setting up online payment systems to avoid queuing and unnecessary contact and oth-

er payment system like M-PAiSA or MyCash, internet banking transfer or direct deposit has also been activated.”

“In relation to the vulnerable groups with people with elderly the disabled, the Ministry in the 2021-2022 will continue to support those living with chronic disease.”

“These groups include those living with chronic diseases, those with compromised immune systems, older people over 60 years of age, children, women and in particular pregnant mothers, people living in geographically remote areas, and the unvaccinated.”

Minister Waqainabete added the Ministry has developed targeted messaging for people with comorbidities and pre-existing conditions.

National and community-based vaccination drives have included drive through vaccination programs, targeted vaccination for pregnant mothers with the Moderna vaccine, and home vaccinations for the elderly and physically disabled.

Continued advocacy on public health measures including social distancing, restriction of movement, hand-washing, appropriate masking.



Minister for Health and Medical Services Dr Ifereimi Waqainabete while responding to the 2021-2022 National Budget during the Parliament sitting last month. Photo: PARLIAMENT OF FIJI

Law ‘will not change’ landowners’ rights

NANISE NEIMILA

THE amendment of the iTaukei Land Trust Amendment Bill 17 will ensure that iTaukei Land Trust Board (TLTB) will be more efficient on how it enforces the terms and conditions of leases on iTaukei land.

This was highlighted by Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama, while making his contribution to the 2021-2022 Appropriation Bill 2021, in support of the amendment of the Bill 17 in Parliament recently.

“We’re reforming a broken, time-wasting, and piecemeal approval process in favour of a process that empowers the TLTB to focus on improving the value of iTaukei land and taking a more strategic approach to ensure long term prosperity for iTaukei landowners.”

“One thing this Bill will not do is change the rights or steal the decision-making power of iTaukei landowners—not one bit. The landowner has never been involved in the process of enforcing lease terms and conditions. It has

always been a matter handled by the TLTB who are legally empowered to do so.”

Prime Minister Bainimarama highlighted that even though they have been legally required to grant consent for change in mortgage or connecting water and electricity, the TLTB never contact the landowners about these matters.

“There are normal permitting requirements for electricity, water, sewerage and other services, and sufficient checks exist through the relevant organisations such as Energy Fiji Limited, Water Authority of Fiji and Ministry of Environment to ensure that these are all carried out properly in accordance with the relevant laws.”

“It is a lie to claim that landowners have a role in the process. It is an administrative matter. I say again: If a lessee ever steps out of line — they will be held accountable. TLTB will still evict a lessee who doesn’t pay his lease monies or breaches the fundamental terms and conditions.”

Prime Minister Bainimarama further stated

that TLTB will still manage the process of leasing the land itself, after the landowning unit in question has agreed to lease the land.

“Like any proper lessor they will continue to enforce the terms of leases. If any lessee violates the terms and conditions of their lease on iTaukei land, the TLTB will hold them accountable. That is what they have been doing, that is the case today, and that will continue to be the case tomorrow after this Bill becomes law.”

“This Bill simply streamlines the process of developing land that has already been leased. Once the TLTB approves the lease, the lessee does not have to return to the TLTB to have the mundane approved.”

Prime Minister Bainimarama is urging all landowners to support the bill because this will ensure easier, faster and less costly for the lessee.

“That is a good thing. It will create economic activity, it will create more jobs, it will create more prosperity and more so for the landowners.”



While speaking in Parliament recently, Minister Premila Kumar highlighted that “the pinnacle of this budget is the national objective to fully vaccinate Fijians by 31 October to attain herd immunity”. Photo: PARLIAMENT OF FIJI

Mass vaccination, herd immunity ‘the only way’

AZARIA FAREEN

THE Minister for Local Government, Housing and Community Development, Premila Kumar considers the 2021-2022 National Budget as bold, practical and a responsive budget which supports the Fijian economy, businesses and households.

While speaking in Parliament recently, Minister Kumar highlighted that “the pinnacle of this budget is the national objective to fully vaccinate Fijians by 31 October to attain herd immunity

“The 2021-2022 National Budget is based on three objectives: protection from the virus through herd immunity; support for those hardest hit and future-proofing Fiji from future pandemics, effects of climate change and diversification of our economy beyond

tourism.”

“The only way we can reopen our borders, ensure mobility and economic recovery is through mass vaccination of our people as vaccination will not only save lives but also save our livelihoods,” she said.

A recent data released by the Ministry of Health and Medical Services states that Fijians have lost their lives mainly because they were not vaccinated nor had their first jab, while the World Health Organization global data also states that nearly all serious cases and death can be prevented if one is fully vaccinated.

Minister Kumar states that the Fijian Government took the “No Jab, No Job” step to protect Fijians from this highly infectious new Delta variant and that Fiji has joined 15 other countries that imposed some form of

compulsory vaccination for certain groups of people.

“These countries include Vatican City, Australia, Greece, Italy, France, Indonesia, Saudi Arabia, to name a few and other countries are also contemplating this as well,” she said.

Minister Kumar adds that the Fijian Government has been consistently releasing messages that vaccination is the only way to protect everyone and those who refuse to get vaccinated, will be the cause for extending the pandemic.

“We certainly do not want “pandemic of unvaccinated” when masking and social distancing restrictions are lifted for fully vaccinated Fijians,” she added.

Minister Kumar further thanked the thousands of Fijians who took the jab to assist Fiji in returning to normalcy.

Support stepped up for agriculture sector

ILISAPECI TUIVALE

“OUR agriculture sector work is continuing – we will take agriculture to a different height, a different place.”

This was highlighted by the Minister for Agriculture, Waterways and Environment Dr Mahendra Reddy in Parliament for the Ministry of Agriculture’s fiscal year 2021-2022 allocation.

Minister Reddy stated that the agriculture sector’s two main objectives are to provide food security for Fijians and to expand the sector for the nation’s benefit.

“Of the period 2010-2019, the non-sugar cane agriculture Gross Domestic Product grew at a compound rate of 6.3 per cent. It increased from \$343.6 million in 2010 to \$630.2 million in 2019 - a massive 83.6 per cent increase.”

“The return on investment, every dollar that we invest in agriculture, provides \$9 in the agriculture sector. In 2019-2020 period, the return on investment in agriculture, every dollar that you invest, the Government money that we invest in agriculture provides return of \$9, compared to 57 cents in the sugar sector. So things should be placed in perspective,”

Minister Reddy said.

Agricultural outputs increased by 97.2 per cent in 2020 as compared to 2013 and agricultural produce exports have surpassed the hundred million mark.

“We are also doing a lot of work in terms of promoting the core high value procurement that is pushing our export sector. We have turned around the rice industry, thanks to Fiji Rice Limited for supporting the initiative. Also thanks to the Government of China for providing us support with regards to the agriculture machinery.”

“We are setting up a model farm in Lautoka, thanks to the funding from the European Union through our NGO partner Dialogue Fiji. The model farm will have a hydroponic setup – we will have a nursery, a drip irrigation set up on the farm. As we speak, it is under construction and it should be ready in three weeks’ time for running of short courses training of farmers,” Minister Reddy stated.

Minister Reddy also made it clear in Parliament that support towards agricultural growth and development will continue so that every Fijian engaged in the progress of the agriculture sector will reap the rewards of their hard work.



Minister for Agriculture, Waterways and Environment Dr Mahendra Reddy says the agriculture sector’s two main objectives are to provide food security for Fijians and to expand the agriculture sector for the nation’s benefit. Photo: PARLIAMENT OF FIJI

Focus set to protect, prioritise environment

ILISAPECI TUIVALE

THE Ministry of Waterways and Environment will continue to focus on protecting and prioritising the environment.

This assurance was made in Parliament by the Minister for Waterways and Environment Dr Mahendra Reddy while contributing to the debate on the 2021-2022 Budget Appropriation Bill.

Minister Reddy said the ministry will ensure that resources are sustainably utilised, all developments are sustainable, ozone layer protected and waste was properly managed.

The Ministry of Environment received a budgetary allocation of \$4.7 million to ensure various works are undertaken by the ministry including the extension of the Naboro landfill that has been allocated \$1.5m.

Minister Reddy explained that \$132,000 has been allocated for preventing pollution as the Department of Environment was well aware that preventing pollution reduces financial and environmental costs overlays.

With an allocation of \$4 million, he said that the ministry supports the twin Job for Nature Programme that was announced by the Minister for Economy.

“I am pleased to announce that the Department of Environment under the able leadership of our Permanent Secretary, Mr. Wycliffe and Director Environment, Ms. Sandeep Singh, we were able to secure more than \$18 million over the last 24 months in external donor funding to support our biodiversity conservation and environmental protection work.”

“The various donor and development partnership including the Global Environment Facility (GEF), European Union (EU) and the (Jeff) Bezos Earth Fund. Jeff Bezos, founder, and the Executive Chair of the online retail giant Amazon announced the establishment of the Bezos Earth Fund in February, 2020,” Minister Reddy said.

He said this “philanthropic move committed US\$10 billion (FJ\$20.8b) with the express goal of helping preserve and protect the natural world and with an emphasis on social justice as climate change disproportionately affects the poor and marginalised communities.”

This global initiative is intended to fund scientists, activists, non-governmental organisations and or any effort that ensures a real possibility to help in the conservation and protection of natural resources.

“The Department has also secured another investment of \$600,000 from the World Wild Life Funds for Nature (WWF) to support our mangrove conservation project,” Minister Reddy said.



Government will listen to your plight: Minister Koya

AZARIA FAREEN

THE Fijian Government will continue to listen to you, whether you are a young scholar, an entrepreneur in the making or amongst the most vulnerable.

This was relayed by the Minister for Commerce, Trade, Tourism and Transport Faiyaz Koya in Parliament recently who said the 2021-2022 National Budget is designed to empower Fijians and businesses, and to enhance and create some economic activities.

“This is a budget that is actually focused on recovery and reclaiming and rebuilding stronger and better while assisting ordinary Fijians, those in the formal and informal sector, the micro, small, medium or large business, transportation sector, students, market vendors with the elderly or persons with disability,” he highlighted.

Minister Koya shared new pathways for international travel, re-establishing confidence, protecting businesses and jobs and ensuring that the benefits of revival are felt beyond the industry itself through vaccination.

“The great news is that we have enough vaccines for our entire eligible population and if we fail to vaccinate 80 per cent of the target population by November 2021, we will be amongst those shut to the world,” he said.

“The Fijian tourism industry has been one of our greatest supporters from offering accommodation for quarantine, to vehicles and personnel, to reaching out to communities as part of our vaccine drive and we are grateful and thankful to them for doing so.”

“As we did with the Fijian COVID Safe Economic Recovery Framework, we have mapped out a three-tiered approach to safely reopen the tourism industry and with vaccine passports and the Tourist Insurance Scheme, we have now put ourselves on par with our markets,” he added.

He said that the \$40 million Fiji Recovery Rebate Package and travel stipend will serve its purpose.

“We need to achieve the targets set to put us on better footing for economic recovery and to give back to our citizens the ability to earn a livelihood,” he said.

“The strategies are built on the pillars of survival and long-term continuity through utility subsidies, regulatory relief, maintaining tax reductions, waiver of arrears, unemployment benefits and loans to meet operational costs will build resilience and ensure that our recovery is sustainable.”

“We will achieve much more with the opportunities and new industries emerging from this whole adversity,” he added.



Minister for Commerce, Trade, Tourism and Transport Faiyaz Koya says vaccines are Fiji's best hope for tourism resumption or any resumption. Photo: SUPPLIED

Three-tiered pathway to reopen tourism industry

MEREANI GONEDUA

THE Fijian Government has mapped out a three-tiered approach to safely re-open the tourism industry.

Speaking in Parliament in his budget response, Minister for Commerce, Trade, Tourism and Transport Faiyaz Koya highlighted this and stated that with the vaccine passports and Tourist Insurance Scheme, Fiji has now put itself on par with our markets.

“The \$40 million Fiji Recovery Rebate Package and travel stipend will serve its purpose. With pent up demand and only a handful of destinations accepting tourists, competition will be stronger than ever.

“Our best hope for tourism resumption or any resumption really is vaccines. The longer we take to reach our vaccine target, the longer our borders remain closed, the longer

businesses struggle, and the longer Fijians remain without jobs.”

Minister Koya stated that in the 2021 assessment, for the first time, Fiji has been acknowledged for “positive” reforms in three indicators - Starting a Business; Obtaining Construction Permits; and Getting Credit.

He said that ranking is not the only measure for Fiji’s progress in improving business procedures and processes.

Minister Koya added that the 2021-2022 National Budget was “designed to empower Fijians and businesses, so there is some normalcy and we are able to enhance and create some economic activities.”

“Whether unemployment benefits, fees and fines, or providing comfort to focus on getting businesses off the ground, or not having to worry about loan repayments for at least two years - we are here. \$200m for unem-

ployment support; over \$50m in other reliefs like free electricity, food distribution, over \$120m in social welfare; free education and support to tertiary students.”

Minister Koya also reassured that there is support for businesses in the new budget which includes the \$200m worth of financing support for businesses.

“Guaranteeing loans between 80-90 per cent for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and paying interest for two years will free up their minds to think bigger and better along with the \$1.2m for monthly and upfront costs to get MSMEs on to the Viti Kart platform.”

“The Ministry, Reserve Bank of Fiji (RBF) and Vodafone, our very own company, will have as many MSMEs, especially, those licensed under the Fijian Made-Buy Fijian campaign.”

20 transport initiatives to help all Fijians

MEREANI GONEDUA

THE 2021-2022 National Budget provides more than 20 transport related initiatives across all sectors.

Some of these include Social Welfare assistance on Bus Fare Support for the elderly, for the disabled and transport assistance for primary and secondary students.

Minister for Commerce, Trade, Tourism and Transport Faiyaz Koya, while speaking in Parliament recently, highlighted that transport is a critical sector for the economy whether land or sea as it is cross-cutting therefore an important link for development.

“The transport sector has been allocated a budget of over \$30 million. This is for the continuation of shipping services to the maritime islands. The domestic vessel operators are supported in sustaining their businesses.

“The budget provides more than 20 transport related initiatives across all sectors and some of these include Social Welfare



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assistance on Bus Fare Support for the elderly, for the disabled; transport assistance for primary and secondary students.

“Removal of Lands Transport Authority (LTA) alteration-of-records fee, payment of driving license, defensive driving fees for all taxi drivers, bus driver, mini-bus drivers and carrier drivers, who will need renewal in the next financial year.”

“Strengthening powers of LTA against vehicles illegally operating as taxis or minibuses and open ranking systems for taxis and so on,” Minister Koya said.

“All of these and many other initiatives are assisting those that have been affected the most- your taxis, minibus, bus and car-

rier operators.”

He told Parliament that the shipping industry has been heavily impacted with reduction in cargo. To ease the burden, the coasting-trade has been removed for foreign cargo ship.

“This allows for faster movement in and out of our ports. Given our geographical dispersion, interisland sea transportation is essential for our livelihood, for our trade and for our commerce. Therefore, the continued support for the Government Shipping Franchise of more than \$2 million will keep maritime islands connected.

“To provide safe, efficient, reliable, affordable shipping services, the Government Shipping

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Faiyaz Koya
Minister for Commerce, Trade, Tourism and Transport

Services is yearly given a budget for the maintenance and operations of the 12 government vessels.

Minister Koya also reiterated that targets set needs to be achieved in order to be on better footing for economic recovery and to give back to Fijians the ability to earn a livelihood.

“In fact, we will achieve much more, with the opportunities and new industries emerging from



Fiji thanks donors for COVID-19 aid



Acting Permanent Secretary for Ministry of Economy Shiri Gounder during the virtual Donor Co-ordinating Committee meeting.
Photo: SUPPLIED

THE support provided by Fiji's development partners was acknowledged at the Donor Coordinating Committee Meeting held virtually between Fijian Government officials and the Heads of Diplomatic Missions, International Organisations and Donor Partner representatives.

In attendance at the meeting was permanent secretary for the Office of the Prime Minister and Ministry of Foreign Affairs acting permanent secretary, Yogesh Karan, Ministry of Health and Medical Services permanent secretary Dr James Fong and Ministry of Economy acting permanent secretary, Shiri Gounder.

At the meeting the officials exchanged first-hand information on Fiji's current COVID-19 response, with an overview on Health protocols and mitigation strategies and updates on the utilisation of donor development assistance and discussions on potential areas of collaboration to win the battle against COVID-19.

Mr Karan expressed the Fijian Government's appreciation to all the donor agencies and development partners for the tremendous support rendered to Fiji.

He said working in solidarity remains crucial in mobilising the resources and assistance for Fiji's health sector and supporting the work of Fiji's front line workers.

Mr Karan stated that Fiji is grateful for all the assistance provided by the international, regional and national development partners.

He stated that Fiji looks forward to further assistance identified through the new COVID-19 Response and Rehabilitation Needs Lists presented at the meeting. The officials also deliberated on the way forward for advancing economic recovery and the restoration of livelihoods.

The development partners reaffirmed their commitment for Fiji's overall response through provisions of Technical and Capacity Building assistance with the additional Budget Support required.

Diplomatic partners that were present pledged greater collaboration to further complement Fiji's continued efforts to building back better for economic recovery and the wellbeing of Fijian families.

Development partners and donor agencies also conveyed their appreciation to the Fijian Government for the opportunity to engage and collaborate.

The Donor Coordination Committee was organised by the Office of the Prime Minister together with the Ministry of Health and Medical Services, Ministry of Economy and Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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Samoa's Prime Minister Fiame Naomi Mata'afa. Photo: SUPPLIED

Fiji sends best wishes to Samoa PM

FIJIAN Prime Minister, Voreqe Bainimarama has congratulated Samoa's Prime Minister Fiame Naomi Mata'afa for victory in Samoa's general election.

In a congratulatory message to his counterpart, Prime Minister Bainimarama said that Samoa stands at the cusp of greatness as Prime Minister Mata'afa ascends to the high office as the first female Prime Minister.

He further stated that Fiji shares in the celebration of this historic occasion in recognition of Prime Minister Mata'afa's exemplary leadership in Samoa and in the region over the last three decades.

Prime Minister Bainimarama said he looks forward to work-

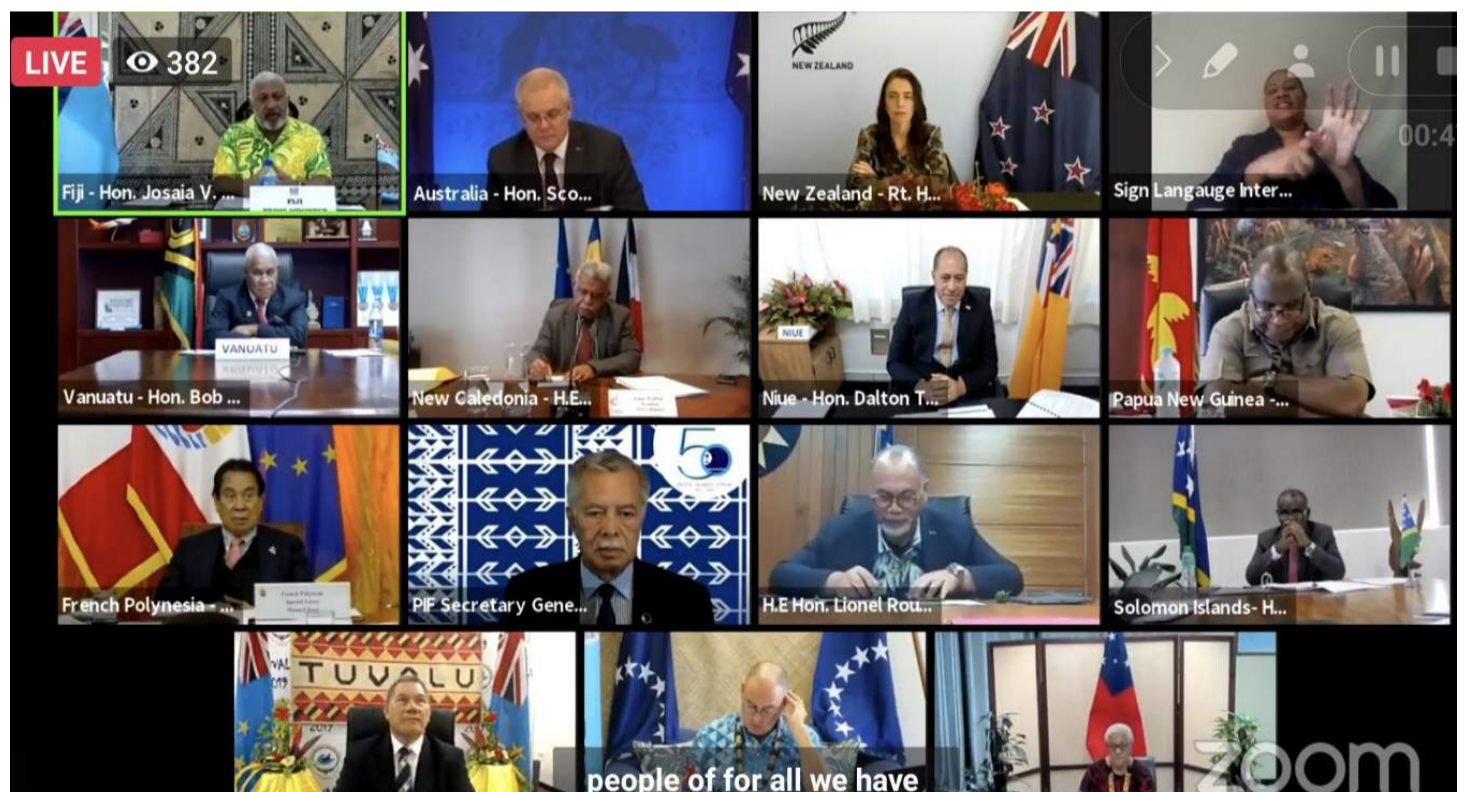
ing closely together with Prime Minister Mata'afa on issues of our mutual interest with a view to further strengthen bilateral relations at all levels.

In the true spirit of the Blue Pacific, Prime Minister Bainimarama conveyed his best wishes to Prime Minister Mata'afa in her journey ahead and for the continued success and prosperity of the Independent State of Samoa.

Prime Minister Bainimarama also expressed his appreciation to the outgoing Prime Minister Tuila'epa Sa'ilele Malielegaoi for his commitment and impressive contribution to the region's development over the years during his leadership.

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PM: Region needs bold, decisive leaders



Fijian Prime Minister and chair of the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) Voreqe Bainimarama (top left) while delivering his statement at the recent 51st Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) virtual meeting.

NANISE NEIMILA

“OUR region needs bold and decisive leadership to respond to these extraordinary challenges.”

“Despite these troubling times, there is opportunity and hope as we look to collectively recover and build back better guided by an inclusive and consistent vision – very much akin to the inaugural Forum, 50 years ago.”

This was the message relayed by Fijian Prime Minister and chair of the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) Voreqe Bainimarama while delivering his statement at the recent 51st Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) virtual meeting.

Prime Minister Bainimarama said the last 18 months has taught us lessons about the pace and nature of change and the need to respond to multiple vulnerabilities at the

same time.

“We all have realised the importance of building consensus and working together,” he said.

As the 50 years of the Pacific Islands Forum was commemorated, Prime Minister Bainimarama said it was 50 years of Pacific regionalism and collective actions.

“We pay tribute to the vision of our founding fathers. We celebrate our success as a region like no other. Indeed, as we honour our collective achievements, it is important for us, as leaders, to not only reflect on how far we have come but to also identify where we need to adapt and how we need to evolve,” he said.

Prime Minister Bainimarama said for leaders to take a collective action by sharing sovereignty has never been easy.

“It has, time and again, required us to put the best interests of our Forum Family,

ahead of our own national interests.”

“As individual island states, we are small, however, together, we are stewards of our shared Blue Pacific – one fifth of our planet's surface. We can only be ignored at the peril of those who choose to do so.”

“Together, we have strengthened our advocacy on climate action and cemented our leadership on ocean governance. We have built an open, democratic, inclusive and peaceful region.”

Prime Minister Bainimarama urged leaders that “the Pacific Islands Forum is the strongest demonstration of our collective aspirations and priorities, which reflects the will of the people we serve across our Blue Pacific Continent”.

“I am confident that continued ongoing dialogue will nurture understanding and infuse empathy; following which an amicable resolution will emerge.”

Biden pledges support for pandemic, climate crisis

At the invitation of the Pacific Islands Forum Chair, Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama, United States of America President Joseph Biden addressed the meeting of the Pacific Islands Forum.

During the PIF meeting held recently, the US President pledged America's support to the Pacific in overcoming the COVID-19 pandemic and raising global ambition to tackle the climate crisis.

"Mr Prime Minister, thank you for the invitation and for Fiji's leadership of the Forum through a time of significant challenge to the region and to the world," said President Biden.

"Of course, there is no more immediate threat to all of us than COVID-19. This pandemic has taken a heavy toll and the lives lost can never ever be replaced. The economic impacts are going to require all of us to work together to drive an inclusive and sustained recovery."

"The Pacific Island nations know better than anyone that averting the worst effects of climate change is going to save lives," said President Biden.

"The United States is committed to dramatically reducing our emissions by 2030 and building resilience in vulnerable communities globally."

In response PM Bainimarama said, "Vinaka vakalevu, President Biden, for making history as the first US President to join us at the Forum, and for bringing America forcefully back to the right side of climate history."

"Fiji and the USA's net-zero commitments by 2050 must become the entire world's — zero excuses. Together — as a united Pacific — we look to securing a historic outcome in Glasgow at COP26 which brings the 1.5-degree Celsius target within reach."

Prime Minister Bainimarama also welcomed President Biden's pledge of half a billion doses of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine through the COVAX Facility.

"This global pandemic only ends one way: By vaccinating as many people as possible around the world as quickly



United States of America President Joseph Biden (Inset) addresses members of the Pacific Islands Forum. Photo: SUPPLIED

as can be done," he said. "Much of the Global South is well behind developing nations in terms of protecting their populations — and the United States has a vital role to play in ensuring all people have the opportunity to be protected against the virus through vaccines."

The Prime Minister also extended an invitation to President Biden to visit Fiji.

"We hope you can visit us in Fiji, where you'll see the struggle — and the solutions — at the front line of the climate crisis."

The 51st Forum meetings will continue in the coming months with the Forum Chair leading virtual dialogues with civil society, the private sector, Forum dialogue part-

ners and other regional organisations. A plenary will be held with associate members and Forum observers. A Special Leaders Retreat is planned on the margins of COP26, and an in-person Leaders Retreat is planned for Fiji in January 2022.

Founded in 1971, the Pacific Islands Forum is the region's premier political and economic policy organisation and it comprises of 18 members: Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, French Polynesia, Kiribati, Nauru, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Republic of Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu.

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Ministry secures funding from Bezos Earth Fund

“DESPITE providing a wide array of multiple benefits and ecosystem services, mangroves in Fiji and around the globe are being destroyed at an alarming rate due to urban expansion, tourism development and creation of waste disposal sites.”

The loss of mangroves can reduce or even decimate important fish and bird habitats, resulting in economic losses to communities that rely on mangroves for both subsistence and income livelihood.”

This was emphasised by the Minister for Waterways and Environment, Dr Mahendra Reddy while launching the Ministry's Conservation and Management of Fiji's Mangrove Ecosystems Policy in commemoration of the International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem 2021.

“Various studies have shown that mangroves are being destroyed at three to five times greater than average rates of forest loss. Over



Minister for Waterways Management of Fiji's and Environment Dr Mahendra Reddy (second from left) during the launch of the ministry's Conservation and Mangrove Ecosystems Policy in commemoration of the International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem 2021.

a quarter of the original mangrove cover has already disappeared. The Mangrove ecosystems contribute to the wellbeing, food security, and the protection of coastal communities worldwide. They support a rich biodiversity and provide a valuable nursery habitat for fish and crustaceans. Mangroves also act as a form of natural coastal defense against storm surges, tsunamis, rising sea levels and erosion. Their soils are highly effective carbon sinks, sequestering vast amounts of carbon,” Minister Reddy said.

“In the Pacific region, Fiji has the third largest mangrove ecosystem which has been estimated to be around 43650ha. (National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan 2020 – 2025). The Depart-

ment of Environment is currently reviewing this data together with the relevant stakeholders. Coastal ecosystems produce and sequester significant amounts of carbon (“blue carbon”), which has been well documented. Blue carbon in mangroves represents one of highest values of carbon stocks per hectare and could play an important role in climate change mitigation.”

He also announced the Ministry of Environment's partnership with WWF-Pacific on the Bezos Mangrove Initiative – funded by the Bezos Earth Fund – founded by Jeff Bezos, the Chairman and CEO of the Online Retail Giant Amazon.

“Under this new trilateral part-

nership a combined investment of FJD\$600,000 has been secured and will be used to protect and restore mangroves, which sequester carbon and protect coastal communities from the ravages of climate-accelerated weather events. A Mangrove Management regulation under the Environment Management Act 2005 and a national guideline will be developed to restore degraded mangrove ecosystems as part of the initiative,” Dr. Reddy said.

WWF Pacific's Director Mark Drew added today's event draws attention to the importance of protecting and conserving mangroves worldwide including Fiji.

“We believe that although nature can exist without people, people

cannot exist without nature and it is imperative to find balance. In Fiji specifically, our efforts have centred on the Great Sea Reef—locally known as Cakaulevu—in doing so, enhancing community resilience and the resiliency of coastal ecosystems they depend on—mangroves included,” Mr Drew said.

“WWF is focusing increasing efforts towards Nature Based Solutions—using principles of restoration ecology, building with nature and people-inclusive conservation. Additionally, recognising both the urgent need to increase conservation investments and the opportunity to engage the private sector, WWF is working to identify modalities of conservation financing here in Fiji and beyond.”

The Fiji's Mangrove Ecosystems Policy will enforce and strengthen existing protection measures on Fiji's mangrove ecosystem with efforts to halt further mangrove losses and supports the restoration of degraded mangrove ecosystems and its functions. It will further promote mangrove stewardship and community partnership through vigorous community engagement, public awareness and outreach campaigns.

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Avoid using crowded buses or minibuses

It is better to wait for the next one.



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

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



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Be considerate of other passengers

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

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



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Do not sit in a crowded taxi

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



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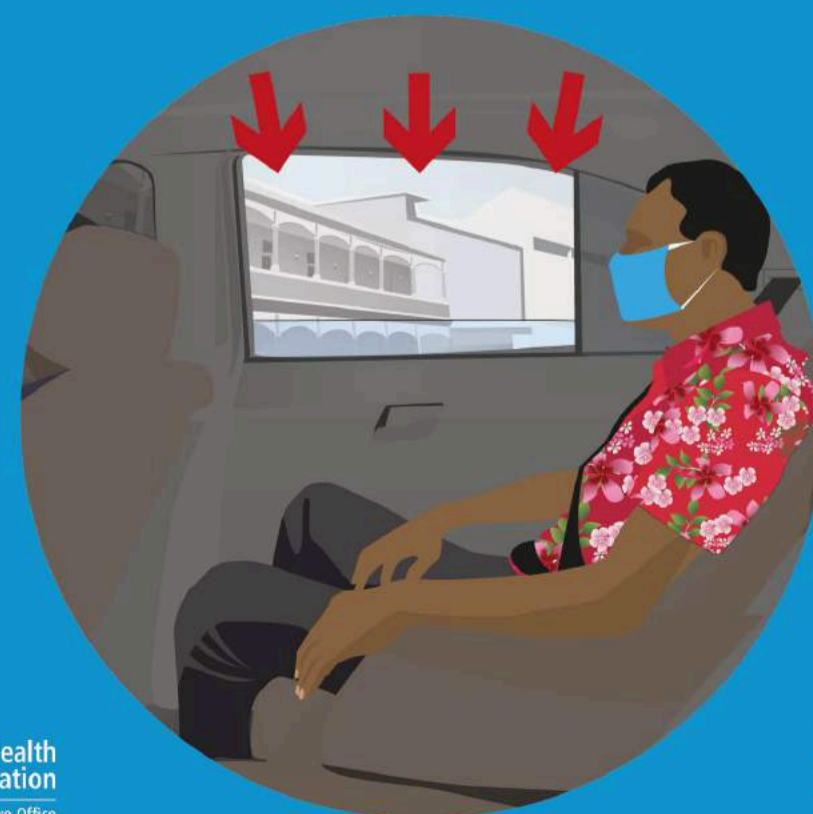
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Let the air in

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



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Remember to always wear your mask correctly whilst in public

Your mask should cover your nose and mouth



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Vatunitu shares her experiences as a frontliner

MEREANI GONEDUA

“SOMETIMES the hardest part of my job is having to be chased by those who are scared to get swabbed or to get vaccinated.”

These were the words of an emotional staff nurse Elenoa Vatunitu who has been serving as a nurse for more than 16 years and is now part of the COVID-19 operation team in Nadi.

The 38-year-old, who hails from Nadroga, said that a normal day of work during this pandemic would involve travelling to various locations including villages to conduct swabs for suspected cases.

“I find that the most challenging aspect of my job is sometimes having to deal with people who are scared because of rumours that they have heard.”

When this occurs, Ms Vatunitu stated that they would be required to tell the villagers about their work and how it benefits them.

“Once this is done, then people will begin to understand, and we will be able to do our jobs well. On the other hand, we have our awareness teams to provide the public with more information.”

“I have been away from my family for more than three months and even though its hard at times I am grateful for the support system that I have back home.

“Every day my two kids call to tell me how much they miss me, but I always tell them that I am out here helping sick people and sometimes this message helps them better understand the type of work that I do.”

“My family and God are my greatest motivations, especially in these challenging times, and serving others has always been my calling.

“I urge everyone to please listen to advisories and take heed of the COVID safe measures.”

“I ask every Fijian out there to continue to pray for the frontliners and to accept us into your communities or villages when you see us coming.”

“I also urge those of you who haven’t already been vaccinated to do so, as it will not only protect you but those around you, especially those you love.”



Elenoa Vatunitu, who has been serving as a nurse for more than 16 years, is now part of the COVID-19 operation team in Nadi. Photos: MEREANI GONEDUA



Prashant Swami conducting contact tracing in the West.

Photo: MEREANI GONEDUA

**Swami tells:
It is about
serving people:**

MEREANI GONEDUA

“IT is about serving people and that’s what our job is about.”

These were the sentiments of 24-year-old civil servant Prashant Swami who serves as one of the frontliners in the Nadi district.

Mr Swami, who works with the Department of Immigration office based at the Nadi International Airport, highlighted that it was an honour to be working with health officials during this pandemic.

“I have been with the Nadi operation team since April along with other civil servants and I can tell you that the work is scary especially when you know you are traveling into a red zone. At first when I started I was scared but then working along health professionals and reassuring myself that I am serving my people is what keeps me going.”

“I sometimes travel with our swabbing team including our contact tracing team where I am required to note down details of a person whom we examine and sometimes we face difficult situations such as people not accepting us into their homes however we try our best to understand what everyone is going through.

“Our work begins at 8am everyday including some weekends and we have no time to waste during our work as lives depend on what we do. I’ve seen many health workers I’ve worked with including my colleagues clock out after a days work at 3am however they continue to strive forward without any complaints.

Being the youngest of five siblings, Mr Swami is the only one who lives in Viti Levu whereas his family resides in Vanua Levu.

“I miss them everyday and I tell myself that all this will come to an end and when it does then we will have a chance to meet.

“I only have one request to every Fijian out there and that is to follow advisories, vaccinate and keep every frontliner in your prayers.”

Get COVID vaccine, taxi drivers urged



Public service transport providers in Lautoka show their vaccination cards (inset) after receiving their COVID-19 jabs. Photos: MEREANI GONEDUA

MEREANI GONEDUA

IT is our patriotic duty to help our country in times of need, and that is one of the main reasons we are vaccinated.

These were the sentiments expressed by Lautoka-based Taxi 5 Operators Association secretary

Jai Suresh who has called on his fellow public service providers to get vaccinated.

In addition to stating that the association believes the vaccine will save many Fijian lives, Mr Suresh added that Fijians should not believe the false rumours about the vaccine.

“As part of our social respon-

sibility, we already have begun campaigning to our passengers by putting visible signs inside our taxis requesting them to get fully immunised and are the only service provider to take this on.”

Mr Suresh stressed that all Taxi 5 members were administered the AstraZeneca vaccine without any side-effects, and that Taxi 5, given

the widespread transmission of COVID-19, is a suitable mode of transport.

“At the moment we are only transporting three passengers in compliance with the COVID - 19 protocols and have implemented other COVID-compliant measures for the convenience of our passengers.”



Reforms for social protection programmes

NANISE NEIMILA

ONE of the main priorities for the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation (MWCA) next year will be the reform of the social protection programme.

Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation permanent secretary, Jennifer Poole, said the reforms of the social protection programme includes the revision and strengthening of the Management Information System (MIS) and the gradual automation of social welfare schemes to improve services to the public and provide greater accountability and stronger data management.

“The national coordinator for social welfare reform (a new position approved in 2021) shall lead this process and the position and resources for reform are well supported under this budget.”

“The Ministry is committed to accountability and transparency. The Review of Social Protection



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Program’s budget item resources aspects of the Ministry’s social protection strategy, particularly, internal verification and validation of client eligibility. It ensures the eligible target groups can access vital social welfare schemes in a timely manner.”

Ms Poole also acknowledged the Ministry of Economy for launching new initiatives to support those who are newly unemployed due to the impacts of the pandemic coupled with other government assistance schemes

that will be made available in the new fiscal year to assist some newly affected individuals.

“The Department will continue to conduct its reviews so they can ensure those who most need the assistance are prioritised and those who no longer need the assistance can be exited from the programme, making room for others that will be applying in the New Year.”

Ms Poole said the Ministry is the Government agency responsible for the welfare of women,

children, people living with disabilities, the elderly, the poor and the vulnerable.

“It also has the important responsibility to coordinate, consult and facilitate assistance to this clientele as well as empowering those who are disadvantaged, “leaving no one behind” The MWCPA has received \$145,517 million for its operations in the new financial year. We have been allocated adequate resources for the social protection programs and initiatives.”

Ms Poole added that this allocation adequately resources the MWCPA to implement its core programmes while the reductions reflect an adjustment related to spending in the current financial year due to the number of beneficiaries brought about by internal verification controls like the re-certification exercise which removed 7000 beneficiaries across the three major programs as well as changes and realignment of activities due to the COVID19 context.

Ministry, councils discuss policy, initiatives

THE Ministry of Local Government is in consultation with all municipal councils nationwide regarding policy reforms and initiatives for the new fiscal year 2021-2022.

One of the major changes for the councils is the change in the financial year, which will now be aligned with the Government’s fiscal year beginning from 1 August 2021 to 31 July 2022.

This modification is by virtue of an amendment to the Local Government Act 1972. The change in financial year will align budget planning and financial reporting by the Councils with that of the Government, to ensure easier acquittal processes for projects and grants which is funded by the State.

“The ratepayers are reminded that the Municipal Councils are in the midst of issuing rates notice for the new financial year starting from 1 August 2021 to 31 July 2022. Most councils have taken the initiative of providing incentives to the ratepayers in the form of discounts to encourage ratepayers to pay off their rates early.

“As we are battling the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Municipal Councils in collaboration with the Ministry of Local Government, have adopted this measure to provide some relief to the ratepayers,” stated Minister for Local Government Premila Kumar.

In addition, from 1 August 2021, the Municipal Market Vendors have been provided stall fee waiver by the Government. A sum of \$2.6 million has been allocated to pay the market stall fees for one year ending on 31 July 2022 and this change applies to both casual and permanent vendors. This assistance will put more money in vendor’s pockets.

In addition to the above initiatives, a total of \$2.5 million has been allocated by the Government to pay base fees for taxis, minibuses, carriers and buses for one year. This initiative provides much needed relief to the Public Service Vehicle (PSV) owners during these challenging times.

“The councils around the country have been urged to implement appropriate strategies to strengthen their financial positions and focus on the collection of market fees arrears and arrears in PSV fees until 31 July 2021. Strategies need to be further realised by the Councils to collect the rates arrears, which remains the major revenue stream of all the councils.

There are municipal councils who are not financially healthy and are struggling to provide basic services. The Councils must develop innovative plans to strengthen the operations of the Councils by first prioritising fixed expenses. They have been encouraged to thoughtfully execute measures to become financially independent and sustainable” said Minister Kumar.

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Increased budget for social welfare scheme



The Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation has welcomed the increased budget provided to the social welfare scheme and the allowance for people living with disability. FILE PHOTO

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THE Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation has welcomed the increased budget provided to the social welfare scheme and the allowance for people living with disability.

This was highlighted by the ministry’s permanent secretary, Jennifer Poole on the budgetary allocation for the 2021-2022 financial period.

“The \$10,788,541 has been allocated for these important programmes in the new fiscal year, which is an increase of \$1,432,722 and we will be able to cater for the increasing needs within the targeted population, especially during this pandemic. Also, the Ministry is pleased to support the new initiative to provide free sanitary pads for school girls which is a clear step towards gender equality by ensuring the dignity of girls in the education system.”

Ms Poole said this support will ensure that

all female students can attend school and not miss out on their education.

“We are also happy with the allocation for market vendors’ stall fees. As the majority of market vendors are women and this will help them a great deal during this time. These two allocations are indicative of a gender-sensitive budget initiative across the whole of government.”

Meanwhile, Ms Poole highlighted that there will certain programs that the ministry will be focusing on to improve in the next financial year;

The programmes include;

- Reform of the Social Protection Programme, specifically the development of the new Management Information System and on-going automation of the welfare schemes.
- Child Services Unit Reform and strengthening of the MIS system
- Activation of the Community Based Protection Programme (with new staff positions

approved) and

- Consultation on the Child Safeguarding Policy
- Development of Childcare in the workplace policy
- Review of the National Aging Policy
- Implementing the new Strategic Plan for Women replacing the WPA
- Delivering on-going strategic gender initiatives and outcomes such as:
 - The National Action Plan to Prevent Violence Against Women and Girls
 - The Gender Transformative Capacity Building and Gender Responsive Budgeting,
 - National Gender Assessment - Report,
 - Women’s Economic Empowerment framework

The Poverty Monitoring Unit will commence the strategic process for the establishment of the Integrated National Poverty Eradication Programme (INPEP) framework across government.



Minister unveils budget plans, projects

AZARIA FAREEN

THE Minister for Housing and Community Development, Premila Kumar has applauded the 2021-2022 National Budget, noting it has catered for all Fijians.

Minister Kumar said that from supporting students with the continuation of TELS and Toppers program to the elderly receiving assistance, relieving Fijians through the waiver of various fees and levies and businesses receiving Government guarantee to access loans were well thought of.

“Despite hard times, my ministry is allocated a sum of \$10.94 million to provide housing support to low and middle-income earners,” she said.

“The revised National Housing Policy, which was funded by the New Zealand Government is in the last phase, and will create an enabling environment for all stakeholders in the housing sec-

tor to collectively perform more effectively under improved operational and legal frameworks.”

“Numerous other housing programmes and policies are being reviewed including the Assistance for Fire Victims Policy which covers all rural and maritime areas from this financial year and a 19 year old Informal Settlement Lot Allocation Policy is being finalised after a wide public consultation,” she added.

She revealed that a 16-year-old Rural Housing Assistance Policy targeted towards assisting the Rural and Maritime areas was also under review for significant improvements and which is expected to bring a significant shift in rural and maritime housing.

“This will cover assistance for construction of six cyclone certified safe houses, upgrade of existing homes to meet cyclone standards and also include micro finance and micro insurance assistance,” she said.



Minister for Housing and Community Development Premila Kumar has applauded the 2021-2022 National Budget, noting it has catered for all Fijians. Photo: PARLIAMENT OF FIJI

“In this financial year, we have completed capital works in three settlements – Ledrusasa, Cuvu and Waidamudamu with the ministry also completing scheme plans, geo-technical reports, EIA consultations and engineering plans for six settlements – Sakoca, Tore, Tavela, Wakanisila, Caubati and Field Four.”

“Topographical Survey and Scheme Plans were completed for further four projects in Nabare, Vunika, Lovu Sea Side and Tauvegavega,” she added.

Minister Kumar adds that to encourage home ownership and to drive economic activities, the first home grant assistance was increased to \$30,000 per household for those earning below \$50,000.

“A total of 435 households were assisted under this programme and another 62 households under the first land purchase programme while seven of these applicants secured bank loans in excess of

\$60million – resulting in almost 10-fold impact on total economic activities in construction and mortgage sectors,” she relayed.

“Another 190 households are expected to benefit from the first home programme in the new financial year, with up to 100 households benefiting from the first land grant programme.”

“The Public Rental Board (PRB) has cash reserves in excess of \$8 million and HART Homes with over \$0.5million will be used which have been built over time with Government assistance,” she added.

Minister Kumar states that the Fijian Government continues to demonstrate its commitment towards the most vulnerable with allocation for assistance for people with special needs remaining unchanged and an increase in budget allocations for Assistance for Fire Victims and assistance for Koroipita Social Housing.

Ministry eyes right balance over roles

FELIX LESINAIVALU

“WE will look to strike the right balance between the fulfilment of our role supporting and encouraging economic activities and at the same time protecting and managing the environment well.”

This is according to Minister for Infrastructure and Meteorological Services and Minister for Lands and Mineral Resources Jone Usamate while responding to the 2021-2022 National Budget in Parliament recently.

“This is a critical budget because we are being tested as a country like never before,” Minister Usamate said.

“We have had natural disaster after natural disaster, coupled with the pandemic that had impacted us for over a year. We have had job losses and loss of livelihoods for a lot of our people.”

Minister Usamate added that Fiji is being led by a Government that is not only resilient, but far looking and decisive.

The Ministry of Lands and Mineral Resources has been allocated a total budget of \$23.2 million, a reduction of \$1.7 million while Meteorological Services has been allocated a total amount of \$4.84 million to provide timely and quality weather, climate and hydrological information to the general public.

“The Ministry staff, under the leadership of the Permanent Secretary, are innovative to make use of this money to the best of their ability that tapping into opportunities and potential so that we can effectively and efficiently administer, develop and manage all our State land initiatives, including our country’s mineral sector and groundwater resources,” Minister Usamate said.

“We will continue our emphasis on supporting the development of the commercial agricultural sector and agro-processing by speeding up the process of land accessibility.”

Minister Usamate said “as we approach the cyclone season, Fiji Met is gearing up and getting ready to ensure they are up to speed in weather forecasting, in hydrological assessments, forecasting of coastal inundation and also for flooding forecasts”.

“It is essential for our network to ensure that we have consistent weather reporting.”

Municipalities ensure safety for all Fijians

AZARIA FAREEN

THE Ministry of Local Government has been allocated \$12.7 million for urban and rural planning, collection of solid wastes and overseeing the planning and development of growth centres into new towns.

Minister for Local Government, Premila Kumar, said municipal councils have implemented a number of safety measures for all Fijians since experiencing the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“The councils supported the Ministry of Health in the awareness programme with decontamination of sites and in the vaccination campaigns with eight drive-through sites set up for vaccination and swabbing - making it safer for the people to stay within their bubbles,” Minister Kumar said.

“The National Fire Authority (NFA) has worked tirelessly to disinfect and decontaminate vehicles and cargo at the borders. In addition, the NFA provides ambulance service to communities in Suva, Nasinu, Nausori, Sigatoka, Ba, Labasa, Rakiraki, Lautoka, Savusavu, Navua, Korolevu and Korovou.”

“This service is a critical need at this point in time, hence, the funding of \$1.64 million will help the continuation of this service,” she added.

Minister Kumar said the Government is providing relief to all market vendors around the country with the waiver of stall fees and that an allocation of \$2.6 million will greatly reduce the operational cost and put more money in their pockets.



Parliament has been told that municipal councils have implemented a number of safety measures for all Fijians since experiencing the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic. Photo: PARLIAMENT OF FIJI

“The removal of the “taxi base” system and implementation of “open taxi ranks” will provide all taxi operators equal opportunity to serve the public within their zones,” she said.

“The Ministry will continue with the preparatory work for key capital projects - Rakiraki Bus Station, new markets in Savusavu, Levuka, Dreketi, Lami and Nakasi in the new financial year.”

“The Department of Town and Country Planning has approved six major building applications from Mangrove Jacks PTE, Rups Investment PTE Limited, Interior Designs PTE Limited, Ganga PTE Limited, Fiji Ports Authority, and Aquarius Tours PTE Limited with a total value of \$37.1 million dollars since the

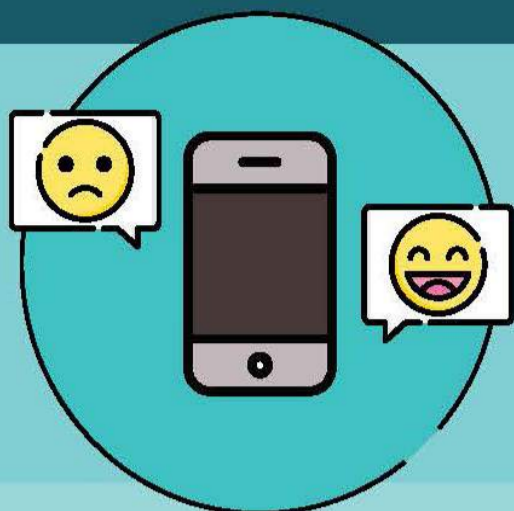
start of the second wave,” she added.

The Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum announced in Parliament that amendments have been made to the Town Planning General Provisions which will reduce plot ratios, building setbacks and site utilisation.

Minister Kumar said that currently only 20 per cent of the plot can be developed on an unsewered lot.

“The minimum lot sizes for unsewered Residential B lots will be reduced from 800 square meters to 600 square meters, which will allow for more lots to be created, considering shortage of land in the urban areas,” she added.

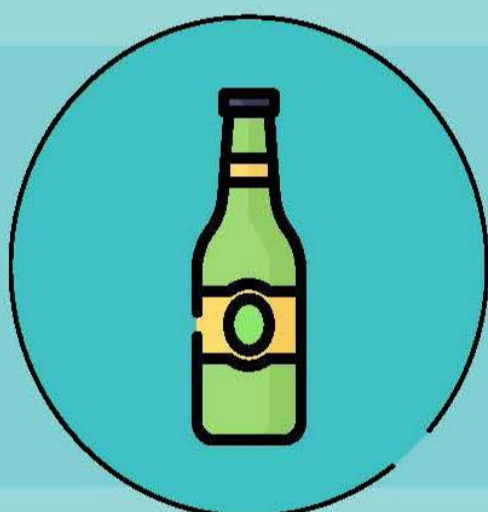
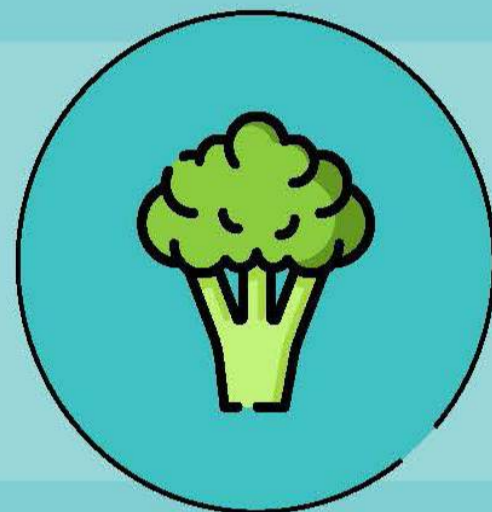
Coping with stress during the 2019-nCoV outbreak



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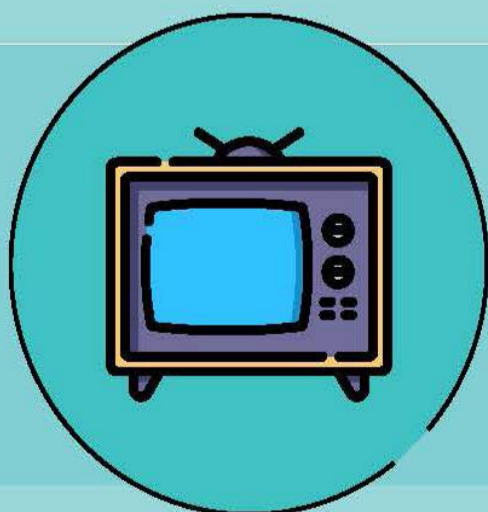
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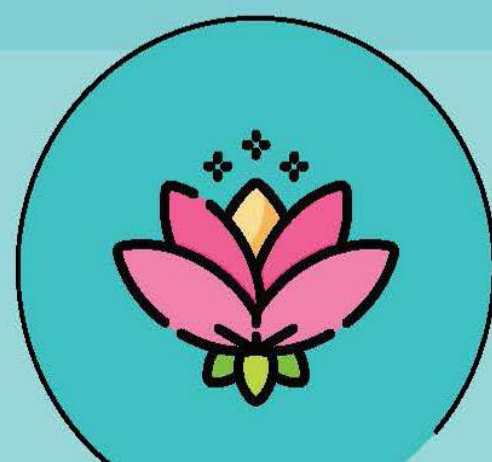
If you feel overwhelmed, talk to a health worker or counsellor. Have a plan, where to go to and how to seek help for physical and mental health needs if required.

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



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

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



PROTECT YOURSELF FROM COVID-19

GUIDANCE ON HOMEMADE CLOTH MASK

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

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

2



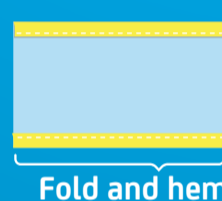
Hem or stitch the edges of the two fabrics by cutting away any excess or loose fabric.

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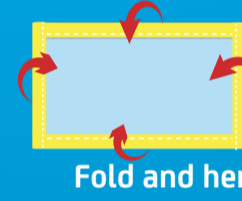


Place the two pieces of fabric on top of each other on a table.

4



Fold and hem

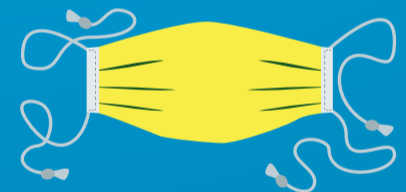


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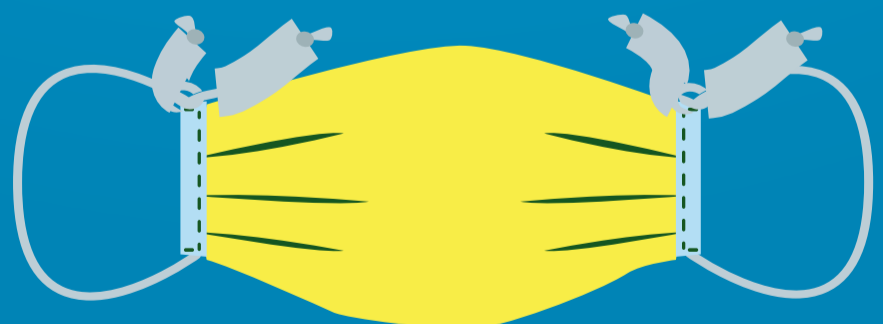
Fold the outer piece of fabric (the one touching the table) over slightly on top of the other piece. Sew the folded over piece onto the top piece. Perform this for both the top and bottom parts of the mask.

5



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

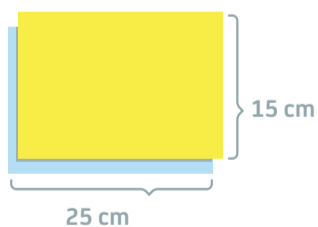
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Tie the unsewn ends of the threads or elastic into a secure knot. Make sure the knot is tight.

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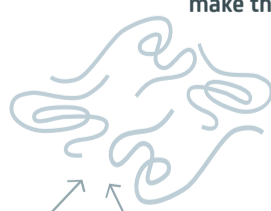
cotton fabrics



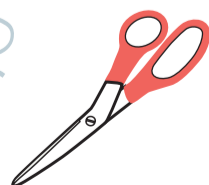
Two cotton fabrics
25 cm length and
15 cm wide



Two pieces
of elastic
15 cm length



Four cotton threads
20 cm length each



Scissors



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



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7s RUGBY



Members of the Fiji 7s team after winning gold at the Olympic Games in Tokyo, Japan, last month. Photo: SUPPLIED

INSPIRATION

PM: Our Olympians bring joy from depths of despair

NANISE NEIMILA

“WE don’t love rugby just because it lets us forget our troubles, we love it because it inspires us to overcome them.”

This was message by Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama after announcing million-dollar package to reward the Olympic heroes for all their sacrifice and hard work.

Prime Minister Bainimarama said Fiji’s first Summer Olympic Gold came amid the ruin of Cyclone Winston in 2016.

“It pulled the nation from the depths of despair to joy and celebration just as we were turning towards the more resilient Fiji that we are today.

“Now we face a new adversity. For months, we’ve been without the comforts of our normal lives as we contend with the deadly Delta variant of COVID-19.”

“Seven minutes at a time, the light of Olympic greatness pierced through that darkness. With every tackle, with every try, we were reminded of what Fijians can achieve when we stand united and sacrifice for each other. And after more than a year cut-off from the world, we were reminded of our place in it — a small country capable of giant achievement.”

Prime Minister Bainimarama paid tribute to Fiji 7s coach Gareth Baber for his commitment, hard work and continuous perse-



Members of the Fiji 7s team during the Olympic Games in Tokyo, Japan, last month. Photo: SUPPLIED

verance.

“On our men’s side, Coach Baber was leading the team into his first Olympics. Only one player — Captain Jerry Tuwai was a veteran Olympian. On the eve of competition, the pandemic threw a spanner into the works of our four years of preparation.”

“The game’s COVID protocols kept the boys from home for four months longer than some had ever been away. By the time the Olympic Torch was lit in Tokyo, it was any nation’s Gold for the taking.”

Prime Minister Bainimarama announced that the Fiji government will be awarding \$33,000 each to every team member and the team management.

“There is only one person on Earth with two Rugby 7s Gold medals — he is a Fijian, and his name is Jerry Tuwai. At least, I hope he still has two. I hear he tried to gift one of his medals to Coach Baber.”

“That’s the humble hero we know and love. After two Golds, three world 7s series titles, and recognition as the mens’ sevens player

of the decade, another “thank you” just doesn’t feel sufficient.

“That is why we will be buying Jerry a piece of land and helping fund the construction of a home. We’ve purchased a residential lot in Tacirua East subdivision, and we will contribute \$33,300 in costs towards the construction of a home whenever Jerry decides to build one. It’s the least we can do for the greatest sevens player to ever touch a rugby ball.”

Prime Minister Bainimarama also paid tribute to the Fijiana women’s 7s team for their performance at the recent Olympics Games and bringing home the bronze medal.

“Watching our women compete was an experience I will never forget. But the memory of watching my granddaughter watch our Fijiana make their mark on world rugby made it much more meaningful, because I could see the inspiration in their eyes.”

“They knew at that moment that they could achieve anything they set their minds to, that they could be anything they wanted to be, and I’m sure every other girl in Fiji felt that same inspiration. To see Fijian women achieve what our Fijiana achieved is the proudest moment in my lifelong rugby fandom. I’m sure every parent of daughters in Fiji feels the same.”

The Fijiana team will be getting \$11,000 for each member.

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प्रधान मंत्री तथा चीनी मंत्री वोरिन्गे वईनिमारामा का कहना है कि 2021/2022 राष्ट्रीय बजट में जो वायदा किया गया है उसके मुताबिक वो गन्न के किसानों को पईमन्ट करेंगे। वईनिमारामा ने संसद में विरोधी दल के सवाल कि क्या कैन डिलिवरी पईमन्ट बत्तीस (32) डोलर से बढ़ाकर इक्यावन (51) डोलर किया जासकता है जो दी गई गरन्टी दाम पचासी (85) डोलर का साठ प्रतिशत है का जवाब देते हुए ऐसा कहा। उन्होंने कहा कि बजट में उन्होंने किसानों को पचासी डोलर प्रति टन के हिसाब से पैमन्ट देने का वायदा किया है और वे वही दाम देंगे। जब विरोधी दल ने फिर प्रधानमंत्री से सवाल किया कि क्या कैन डिलिवरी पईमन्ट बढ़ाया जा सकता है तो इसपर अर्थ-व्यवस्था मंत्री अईयाज़ सईयद खईयूम ने समझाया कि प्रधान मंत्री ने सवाल का जवाब दे दिया है। उन्होंने आगे कहा कि फीजी शुगा कौपरेशन् ने डिलिवरी पईमन्ट बढ़ा दिया है तथा जो कुछ बजट में घोषित की गई है से किसान खुश है। विरोधी दल फिर भी कैन डिलिवरी पईमन्ट को लेकर सवाल कर रहे थे। 2021/2022 राष्ट्रीय बजट में शुगा स्टैबिलाइजेशन फंड के लिए छियालिस दशमलौ नौ (46.9) मिलियन श्पे।

चित्र: प्रदान किया गया

लोक-डाउन से होगा बिलियन डोलर कर्च

रोनल देव

अर्थ-व्यवस्था मंत्री अई याज़ सईयदखईयूम का कहना है कि देश में (14) चौदह दिनों तक लोक-डाउन करने का खर्च एक बिलियन डोलर के करीब आएगा। फीजी का सकल घरेलू उत्पादत यानि जी.डी.पी नामात्र का दस बिलि

यन डोलर है जो कि अवसतम प्रति दिन बारह मिलियन डोलर है। उन्होंने कहा कि अगर हमने चौदह दिनों के लिए लोकडाउन किया तो ये जी डी पी का तीन सौ पचास मिलियन के बराबर होगा जो कि आमदनी का घाटा है। उनके अनुसार इसके अलावा हमें और तीन सौ मिलियन डोलर की ज़रूरत होगी अगर हम सिर्फ वित्त

लेवू में ही फोमल और इनफोमल सेक्टस की मदद करना चाहेंगे। अर्थ-व्यवस्था मंत्री ने कहा कि यह कल्पना है कि लोकडाउन के दौरान लोगों को सिर्फ भोजन की ज़रूरत है लेकिन लोगों की और भी ज़रूरतें हैं जैसे कि किराया भरना, कोई भी चीज़ गिरवी रखने का रिपैमन्ट करना तथा बिल्स भरना। उन्होंने कहा कि हमारे देश में

लोग है जो हर तीन दिन में भोजन खरीदते हैं जब उन्हें वेतन मिलता है। सईयद-खईयूम ने कहा कि उच्च मध्यम वर्ग के लोगों के लिए यह कहना बहुत आसान है कि वे एक महीने का भोजन खरीद सकते हैं और वे अच्छी स्थिति में हैं लेकिन उन्होंने सवाल किया कि कम आमदनी कमाने वालों का क्या होगा।

अटेनी जेनरल ने कहा कि विरोधी दल ने फीजी की तुलना औस्ट्रेलिया से की है लेकिन हम उनका मिलान नहीं करसकते क्योंकि हमारा आर्थिक श्रृंगार बहुत अलग है। मंत्री ने कहा कि कोई भी विकासशील देश ने सफलता से लोकडाउन नहीं किया है जिस तरह का प्रस्ताव विरोधी पक्ष दे रहा है।



स्वास्थ्य अधिकारी आम जनता को कोरोना वायरस से बचने वाली सुई का डोज़ लगाते हुए

चित्र:प्रदान किया गया

मामले में गिरावट, जश्न मनाने की खबर नहीं है

रोनल देव

स्वास्थ्य मंत्रालय के पेमनन्ट सकेटरी डाक्टर जर्म्स फोन्ग का कहना है कि पिछले कुछ दिनों में कोविड-घटकों के मामले में हुई गिरावट की रिपोर्ट कोई जश्न मनाने की खबर नहीं है।

उन्होंने कहा कि लोगों को गलतफैमी नहीं होनी चाहिए कि इन दोनों विभागों में सच में मामले में गिरावट हुई है। उनके अनुसार उन्होंने पिछले अपने कोविड-घटकों परीक्षण की रणनीति में कुछ बदलाव किया है ताकि उनके लेब और स्वास्थ्य सेवा पर बोझ कम हो सके।

“हालांकि हम यह बातें जानते हैं कि दोनों केन्द्रीय और पश्चिमी विभाग में और भी लोगों को वायरस से भारी खतरा है क्योंकि यह समाज में भारी तौर से फैला है,” डाक्टर फोन्ग ने कहा।

हालही तीन लोगों की मौत सुई का दूसरा डोज़ लगने के बाद होने पर डाक्टर फोन्ग ने कहा कि सुई का दूसरा डोज़ लगने के दो हफ्ते बाद लोग पूरी तरह से सुरक्षित होते हैं। ऐसा इसलिए क्योंकि आपके इम्यून सिस्टम को किसी सुई पर प्रतिक्रिया देने में दो हफ्ते लगते हैं तथा इसका असर देखने के लिए आपको दोनों डोज़ लगने के बाद दो हफ्ते इंतज़ार करना होगा।

जाँच से पता चला है कि इन लोगों को वायरस का पहला लक्षण सुई का दूसरा डोज़ लगने से कुछ दिन पहले या बाद में सामने आया जो कि दर्शाता है कि इन लोगों को सुई लगने से पहले वायरस हो गया था।

अभी तक फीजी में किसी की मौत पूरी तरह सुई लगाने के बाद कोविड-19 की वजह से नहीं हुई है।

नए प्रकोप की वजह से वायरस फैल रहा है, हम जानते हैं कि सिर्फ सुई लगाना काफी नहीं है - हमें लगातार सभी स्वास्थ्य नियमों का पालन करना ज़रूरी है जो हम जानते हैं कि इस प्रकोप के खिलाफ काम करेगा - जैसे कि मास्क पहनना, हाथ धोते रहना और उन लोगों से दूरियाँ बनाए रखना जो आपके परिवार से नहीं हैं। हम अपने अस्सी प्रतिशत लोगों को पूरी तरह से सुई लगाने वाले लक्ष्य से अभी भी दूर हैं इसलिए यह नियम बहुत ज़रूरी हैं जबकि लोगों को सुई लगाने वाले अभियान में सुधार हो रहा है।

हमारे समाज में जिन लोगों ने अभी सुई नहीं लगवाई है, से फिर याद दिलाई जा रही है कि वे सच्चाई सुने और समाज में फैली गलत जानकारी और अफवाहों को न मानें।

जो फैसले आप लेते हैं वो न केवल आपपर असर करता है बल्कि आपके परिवार के सदस्य, समाज और देश पर असर करता है।

डाक्टर फोन्ग सभी को याद दिला रहे हैं फिर चाहे उन्हें सुई लगी है या नहीं कि वे अपने स्वास्थ्य का ध्यान रखें और कोविड-19 के लक्षण दिखने पर तुरन्त अपने आप को अलग कर लें। उन्होंने कहा कि रोकथाम वाले इलाके हटाने और कैफ़्यू के घण्टों में बदलाव पर तबही विचार किया जाएगा जब देखा जाएगा कि समाज में कितने लोगों को सुई लगी है।

वेकसीन पासपोर्ट पर जर्मन की कम्पनी काम शुरू करेगी

रोनल देव

अटेनी जेनरल तथा कोमुनिकईशन्स मंत्री अईयाज़ सईयद खईयूम का कहना है कि सरकार ने जर्मनी की एक कम्पनी को वेकसीन पासपोर्ट पर काम शुरू करने का काम सौंपा है। यह एक कागज़ात है जिसकी ज़रूरत होगी। 2021/2022 राष्ट्रीय बजट में वेकसीन पासपोर्ट के लिए दो मिलियन डॉलर अलग किया गया है।

उन्होंने कहा कि यह वेकसीन पासपोर्ट यह प्रमाणित करेगा कि किसी व्यक्ति को सुई का पहला और दूसरा डोज़ कब लगा। सईयद-खईयूम का कहना है कि वे इसे अन्य देशों के सामने भी पेश कर सकेंगे जो छुट्टियाँ बिताने के लिए अपने नागरिकों को फीजी भेजने का इरादा रखते हैं। उनके अनुसार इन देशों को किसी तरह के प्रमाण की ज़रूरत होगी कि फीजी के होटल में काम करने वालों को सुई लगी है तथा फी

जी छुट्टियाँ बिताने के लिए सुरक्षित है। सईयद खईयूम का कहना है कि इसी तरह से भविष्य में अगर कोई फीजी से विदेश जाना चाहता है तो अन्य देशों की भी यही आवश्यकता होगी ताकि वे जान सकें कि क्या फीजीवासियों को सुई लगी है या नहीं और इसका कुछ प्रमाण होने की ज़रूरत है। उन्होंने यह साफ कर दिया है कि यह वेकसीन पासपोर्ट, सफर करने वाले पासपोर्ट की जगह नहीं लेगा।

पहला घर बनाने वाले ग्रांट से और फीजीवासियों की मदद

रोनल देव

पहला घर बनाने वाले कार्यक्रम के नीचे शायद एक सौ नब्बे परिवार इससे लाभ उठाएंगे, जबकि पहली ज़मीन खरीदने वाले ग्रांट से लिए लगभग सौ परिवारों की मदद होगी। हाउज़िंग मंत्री प्रेमिला कुमार ने पिछले हफ्ते संसद में राष्ट्रीय पर गौर करते हुए इसपर प्रकाश डाला। कुमार ने कहा कि बजट में किसी को पीछे नहीं छोड़ा गया है और यह बजट हमारी अर्थ-व्यवस्था के लिए व्यापक और प्रभावी प्रोत्साहन प्रदान करता है जिसकी हालत बिल्कुल अच्छी नहीं है। “और भी लोगों को अपना खुद का घर बनाने के लिए आकर्षित करने और आर्थिक गतिविधियों को बढ़ाने के लिए, जिन लोगोंकी पॉस्वरिक आमदनी पचास हजार डॉलर से कम है की सहायता बढ़ाकर तीस हजारडॉलर की गई है। इस कार्यक्रम के तहत चार सौ पैतीस परिवारों की मदद कीगई है जबकि बासठ श्दटत्त और परिवारों को पहली ज़मीन



हाउज़िंग मंत्री प्रेमिला कुमार ने ज़ोर दिया है कि सरकार और भी फीजीवासियों को अपना पहला घर बनाने या खरीदने में मदद करेगी चित्र: प्रदान किया गया

खरीदने के लिए सहायता दी गई है। अज़ी लगाने वाले इन लोगों ने बैंक से साठ (60) मिलियन डॉलर तक कर्ज़ लिया जिसका दस गुना असर आर्थिक गतिविधियों पर पड़ा जिनमें कोन्सट्रक्शन और गिरवी लेने वाले क्षेत्र शामिल हैं।” मंत्री ने कहा कि पी आर बी तथा हार्ट वाले घरों के बजट को घटाया गया है लेकिन इससे किरायदारों पर असर नहीं पड़ेगा क्योंकि वे सरकारी

सहायता से पिछले कुछ सालों से बचाकर रखे गए केश रिज़ेव का उपयोग करेंगे। कुमार का कहना है कि पी आर बी का केश रिज़ेव आठ मिलियन डॉलर है जबकि हार्ट हउम का आधा मिलियन डॉलर है। बस्तियों में विकास के लिए दो मिलियन डॉलर अलग किया गया है। उन्होंने कहा कि लेन्डूसासा, दुवु तथा वाईदामुदामु में कैपिटल का कार्य खत्म हो गया है। उनके अनुसार मंत्रालय ने छः सेलटमन्ट

स जिनमें सकोदा, तोरे, तावेला, वाकानिसिला, दाउम्बाती तथा फिल्ड फोर में स्कीम प्लेन्स, जियोटेक्नीकल रिपोर्ट्स, ई आर ए कोन्सल्टईशन तथा इंजिनियरिंग के प्लेन्सपर काम खत्म कर लिया है। उन्होंने आगे कहा कि नम्बारे, वुनिका, लोवू सी साईड तथा ताउवेंगावेंगा के लिए टोपोग्राफिकल सर्वेय तथा स्कीम प्लेन भी बन गए हैं।

स्कूल्स अगले कुछ महिनो में नहीं खुलेंगे: ए-जी

सोनम सामी

अर्थव्यवस्था मंत्री अईयाज़ सैयद खैयुम का कहना है कि ट्रांसपोर्ट असीसटन्स को 2021/2022 राष्ट्रीय बजट से \$4.3 मिलीयन से घटाया गया है क्योंकि उन्हें उम्मीद है कि अगले कुछ महिनो में स्कूल फिर से नहीं खुलेंगे। ओपैरेंटिंग ग्रन्ट्स में गिरावट को लेकर संसद में सवाल उठने के बाद अर्थव्यवस्था मंत्री मान्नीय अईयाज़ सैयद खैयुम ने इसपर प्रकाश डाला। मंत्रालय कैसे छात्रों के लिये काउन्सेलिंग प्रदान करेगा जब वे वापस स्कूल जाएंगे पर सवाल भी उठाए गए क्योंकि पहले स्टूडेंट कौंसिलर्स और स्कूल पुरोहित के लिये एलोकेशन

दिए गए थे।

विपक्ष का कहना है कि शिक्षक ऐसा करने के काबिल नहीं हैं। जवाब देते हुए, शिक्षा मंत्री रोजी अक्बर ने कहा कि शिक्षक प्रशिक्षण के साथ या प्रशिक्षण के बिना सबसे अच्छे कौंसिलर्स होते हैं क्योंकि उनके पास छात्रों से साथ सबका अच्छा अनुभव रहता है। हालांकि उनके पास प्रशिक्षित परामर्शदाता हैं जो हाल ही में ग्रेजुएट हुए हैं और उन्हें डिवीज़नों में भेजा गया है। उन्होंने कहा कि इसीलिए वे अब कौंसिलिंग में स्कोलाशिप प्रदान कर रहे हैं। मंत्री अक्बर ने कहा कि वे छात्रों के माता पिता के साथ लगातार संपर्क में हैं ताकि बच्चों को इन कठिन समय में नज़र अंदाज़न किया जाए।



अटेनी जेनरल अईयाज़ सईयद-खईयूम एक वेचुएल सभा में भाग लेते हुए
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कृषि अधिकारी एक निवासी को बीज बाँटते हुए
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पिछले साल से अभी तक चार लाख से ज़्यादा बीज के पैक्स बाँटे गए

सोनम सामी

सहायक कृषि मंत्री विएम पिल्ले का कहना है मंत्रालय ने अभी तक चार लाख सत्तर हजार बीज पैक्स घरों तक बाँटे हैं जबसे यह प्रकोप पिछले साल शुरू हुआ है। 2021/2022 राष्ट्रीय बजट के सहयोग में बात करते हुए उन्होंने कहा कि इस साल अप्रैल में इस गतिविधि को तेज़ कर दिया था, जहाँ सिर्फ़ तीन महिनो में, मंत्रालय 27,000 बीज पैकज बाँटने में कामयाम रही। 2020-2021 के आर्थिक साल के दौरान मंत्रालय ने अपनी नियोजित गतिविधियों का विस्तार करना जारी रखा और महामारी के प्रभाव को कम करने के लिये कई पहल की और विविध पौष्टिक सम्पद्ध खाद्य पदार्थों तक सीधी पहुँच सुनिश्चित करके, भोजन पर बचत से बिजली को बढ़ाकर कई कमजोरियों को कम किया जा सकता है, महत्वपूर्ण खाद्य उत्पादों और रोजगार के अवसरों के लिये एक विकल्प प्रदान करना ज़रूरी है। सहायक मंत्री ने केश फो कलटीवेशन पहल पर भी प्रकाश डाला जिसे फिजी के एक हजार किसानों को प्रति किसान दो सौ डालर मिला है। उन्होंने कहा कि अगले फ़ैस में तीन हजार किसानों को सहायता दी जाएगी। सहायक मंत्री पिल्ले ने कहा कि इस सहायता से किसान, एक एकड़ की जमीन खरिदने और उसे खेती करने के लिये सक्षम बनाने के लिये तैयार करना पड़ेगा जिसके लिये कुल \$800,000 वितरित किए जाएंगे। पिछले साल फिजी डे सामारोह में मंत्रालय ने फलों वाले पेड़ पहल की अयोजना की, जहाँ पचास गाँव वालों की पहचान की गई। उन्होंने अपने समुदायों के आसपास पौधे लगाने के लिये पचास फलों के पौधे दिए गए। उन्होंने कहा कि इस कार्यक्रम से उन्हें सफलता मिली जिसके कारण पूरे गाँवों और फिजी के समुदायों में इस पहल को इस वित्तीय वर्ष में जारी रखेंगे। उन्होंने कहा कि वह उस बजट के इरादे का समर्थन करते हैं जो कोविड के लिए मंत्रालय की प्रतिक्रियाओं को बढ़ावा देता है और एक बार फिर खाद्य सुरक्षा के महात्व, स्थानीय रूप से उगाए गए फलों और सब्जियों को बढ़ावा देने और आयातित भोजन पर निर्भरता को सीमित करता है।



फीजीवासी कोरोना वायरस से बचने के लिए सुई लगवाने के लिए कतार में खड़े हुए हैं



चित्र: प्रदान किया गया

हम दुनिया के लिए बन्द हो जाएंगे अगर लक्षित आबादी को नवंबर से पहले सुई नहीं लगी-मंत्री कोया

सोनम सामी

कोमर्स, ट्रेड, टुरिज़्म और ट्रांसपोर्ट मंत्री फ़ैयाज़ कोया का कहना है कि अगर हम इस साल नवंबर तक हमारी आबादी के अस्सी प्रतिशत लोगों को सुई नहीं लगाते, हम दुनिया के उन देशों में से होंगे जिन्हें अन्य देश जाने पर प्रतिबन्ध रहेगा। मंत्री कोया ने कहा कि इस बजट के माध्यम से वे ऐसी पहल ला रहे हैं जो टुरिज़्म व्यवसाय को दोबारा शुरू करना महात्वपूर्ण है। उन्होंने कहा कि वैश्विक संकट खत्म होने से बहुत दूर है जबकि जीवित रहना अभी भी हमारे दिमाग में सबसे उपर है, इन सुई के ज़रिये हमें आशा की कीरण दिख रही है।

मंत्री कोया ने कहा कि कुछ ऐसे देश हैं जिन्हें दो हजार तेईस तक सुई की प्राप्ति नहीं होगी। उन्होंने कहा कि जब तक वे देश अन्य देशों से अलग आईसोलेशन में रहेंगे तब तक फिजी में टुरिज़्म व्यवसाय ठीक नहीं होगा और हम ऐसा होने नहीं दे सकते। उनका कहना है कि अच्छी खबर यह है कि हमारे पास अपनी योग्य आबादी के लिये पर्याप्त सुई है और टुरिज़्म व्यवसाय को फिर से खोलने के लिये तीन स्तरीय दृष्टिकोण तैयार है। मंत्री कोया ने एक बार फिर दोहराया कि उन्होंने अन्य व्यवसाय को खोल दिया है क्योंकि यह उन्हें बंद करने का समय नहीं है जिसे हजारों फिजीवासियों के लिये काम नहीं है।

उन्होंने कहा कि स्वास्थ्य और सुरक्षा ज़रूरी है इसीलिए स्वास्थ्य मंत्रालय के साथ संयुक्त रूप से मंजूरी और परमिट दिए जा रहे हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि खतरा तो रहेगा लेकिन उपायों से इन खतरों को कम किया जा सकता है। मंत्री कोया ने कहा कि 2021/2022 राष्ट्रीय बजट व्यवसायों और फिजीवासियों को सशक्त बनाने के लिये तैयार किया गया है। उन्होंने कहा कि विपक्ष ने एक बार फिर गलत जानकारी फैलाई और फिजीवासियों को उकसा रहे हैं जो कि गलत है। मंत्री कोया ने कहा कि ई-टोकी लेंड ट्रस्ट एक्ट से संशोधन के बदलाव से जमीन मालिकों से कोई अधिकार नहीं छीना जा रहा है, बल्कि सेवा वितरण में और तेजी लाई जाएगी।



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 मजदूर मालिक से कोविड-19 पर जानकारी हासिल कर सकेंगे और यह भी जान सकेंगे कि क्या यह बीमारी आपके इलाके में है या नहीं। यह ज़रूरी है कि आप अपने इलाके में स्थिति के बारे में जानें और अपने आपको इस बीमारी से बचाने के लिए कदम उठाएं।

पोस्टकार्ड की तरफ - चार मार्ग दो इंगर कीय



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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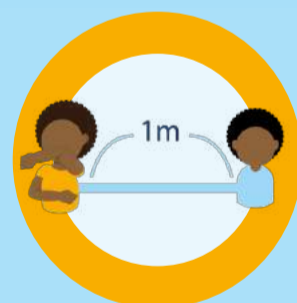
अपने आपको बचाने के लिए मैं क्या कर सकता हूँ?



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 टिगु 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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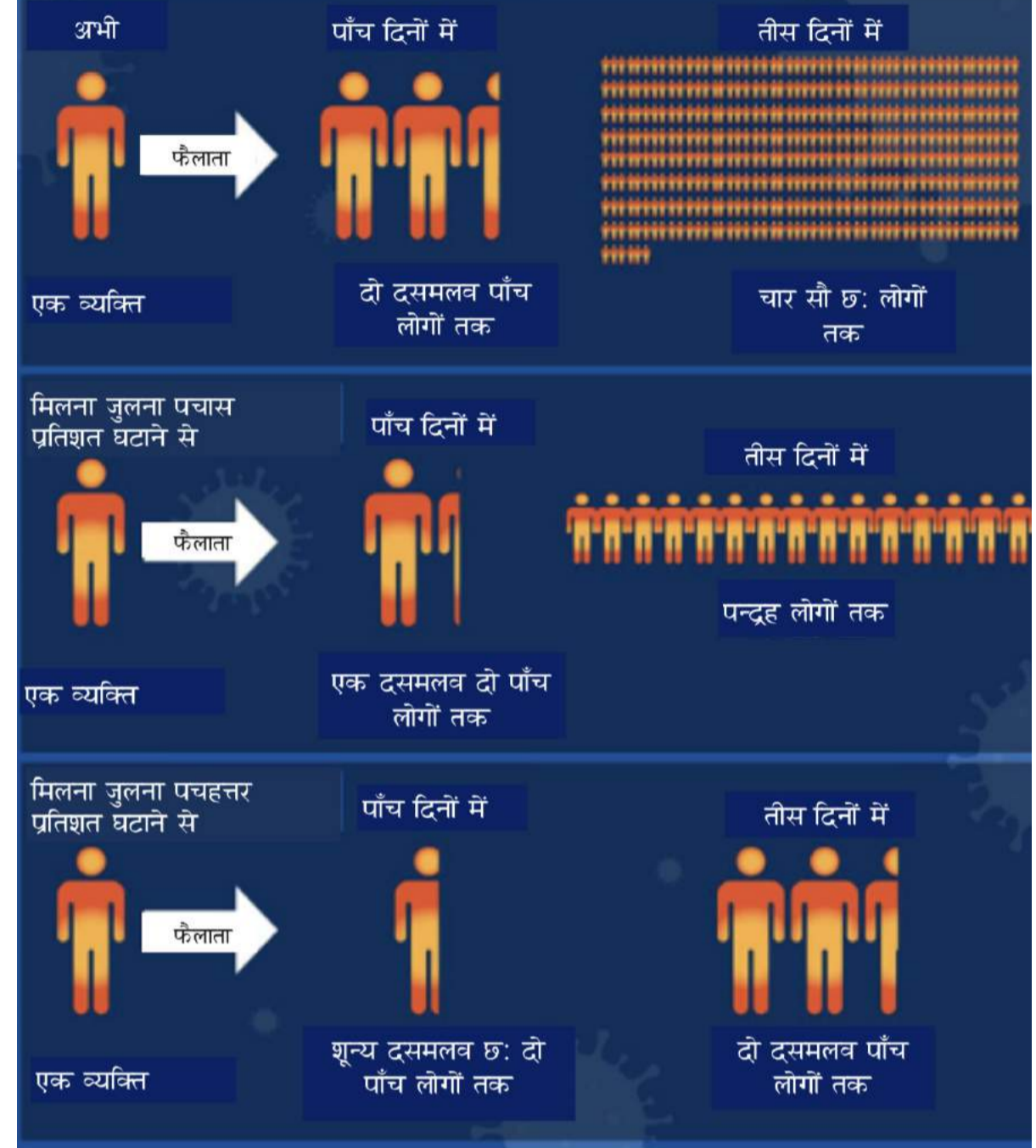
रोकिए, फैलाईए मत

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

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

हाथ मिलाने, गले लगाने और चुम्बन करने से बचें

दूर से ही हाथ हिलाकर या सर झुकाकर नमस्कार कीजिए





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सर दर्द



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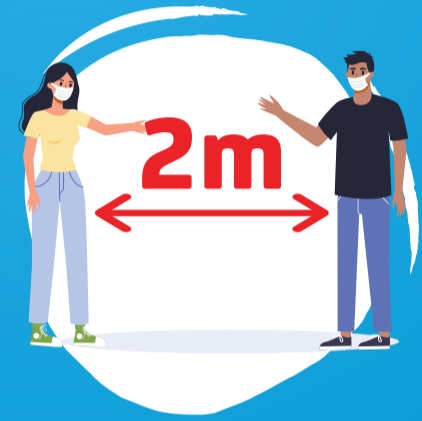
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रोनल देव

अटेनी जेनरल तथा अर्थ-व्यवस्था मंत्री, अईयाज़ सईयद खईयूम ने इतउकई लेन्ड ट्रस्ट एक्ट 1940 की धारा बारह को लेकर स्पष्टीकरण दिया है। उन्होंने कहा कि इतउकई लेन्ड ट्रस्ट एक्ट 1940 की धारा बारह वर्तमान में ज़मीन लीस पर लेने वाले और अन्य तीसरे व्यक्ति को इतउकई लेन्ड ट्रस्ट बोर्ड ("TLTB") से मंजूरी लेने की ज़रूरत नहीं है अगर वे नीचे दी गई सूची में से कुछ करना चाहते हैं जिनमें:

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ईतउकई लेन्ड ट्रस्ट (बजट में बदलाव) वाला बिल 2021एक्ट की धारा

बारह के तहत कुछ प्रस्तावित बदलाव करना चाहता है:

इतउकई लेन्ड ट्रस्ट (बजट में बदलाव) का बिल 2021 एक्ट कीधारा बारह में कुछ प्रस्तावित बदलाव करना चाहता है:

- 12(1) जैसा कि कानून के अंतरगत हो सकता है, इस एक्ट के नीचे, ज़मीन लीस पर लेने वाला कोई व्यक्ति, बोर्ड, जो एक लेसा है या हेड लेसा या जिससे ज़मीन पहले ली गई है की स्वीकृति बिना ज़मीन को छीन नहीं सकता न उनका सौदा कर सकता है, चाहे वो यह इसे बेचकर, ट्रान्सफर या सब लीस करके या किसी और तरीके से। कोई भी सहमति देना या रोकना पूरी तरह से बोर्ड का अधिकार है और इनकी सहमति बिना कोई बिकरी, ट्रान्सफर से छीनना या सौदा को कानूनी रूप से ई मान्यता नहीं मिलेगी। संयह बिल प्रस्ताव रख है कि लीस पर ली गई 11 को गिरवी रखने, चार्ज

करने, ज़मानत पर रखने, केवियट या अदालत के द्वारा कोई भी प्रक्रिया से पहले टी एलटी बी से मंजूरी लेने की ज़रूरत नहीं है।

इसके अलावा जहाँ अन्य सौदे के लिए टी एल टी बी से मंजूरी लेने की ज़रूरत है वहाँ टी एल टी बी मंजूरी देने से मना कर सकता है अगर लीस के शर्त तोड़े गए या अज़ी कानून के तहत नहीं लगाया गया है। इस बात पर जोर देने की ज़रूरत है कि बिल के तहत सिफउन्हीं लीसस पर टी एल टी बी से मंजूरी लेने की ज़रूरत नहीं है जिन्हें टी एल टी बी ने उचित प्रकार से सौपा है और वो रजिस्ट्रार ऑफ टाइटल्स के नीचेरजिस्टर्ड है।

रजिस्टर्ड लीसस सिर्फ टी एल टी बी प्रदान करता है जब ईतउ कई ज़मीन मालिकों की युनिट्स उन्हें ज़रूरी सहमति दे देते हैं और जब उचित लीस समझौते में शर्त जैसे किरायाऔर प्रिमियम निर्धारित हो जाते हैं। यह बिल वाकानुआ और रोज़गारी के लिए अन्य व्यवस्थाओं पर लागू नहीं होते हैं जो कानून के तहत अच्छी तरह से रजिस्टर्ड नहीं हुए हैं।

इसके अलावा जैसे 2021-2022 सालाना बजट में घोषणा की गई है, लीस पर दी गई किसी सरकारी या ईतउकई ज़मीन पर पानी या बिजली की व्यवस्था

करने के लिए मंजूरी की ज़रूरत नहीं है। उन्होंने फिर से जोर दिया कि यह केवल रजिस्टर्ड लीस पर लागू होते हैं।

इसी तरह का बदलाव सभी सरकारी ज़मीनों के लिए स्टेट लेन्ड्स के तहत बजट में बदलावत बिल टज़टघ में प्रस्तावित रखा गया है जिसके नीचे डायरेक्टा ऑफ लेन्ड्स से मंजूरी की ज़रूरत नहीं होगी

अगर कोई गिरवी, चार्ज, ज़मानत, केवियट या कोई अदालती कार्यवाई की गई। बेशक टी एल टी बी में नितियों को लेकर मंजूरी लेने में जो देरी होती है और इसके साथ जो कानूनी खर्च जुड़ा हुआ है के कारण ईतउकई ज़मीन के बेहतर उपयोग और पुँजी लगाने में भी बाधा पहुँची है। गिरवी रखनेऔर केवियट के लिए मंजूरी हटाने से ईतउकई ज़मीन की लीसस बाज़ार में और भी आकर्षक हो गई है जिससे ईतउकई ज़मीन मालिकों को और भी भारी फायदा होगा।

“कुछ लोग बहस कर रहे हैं कि मंजूरी की प्रोसेसिंग फी के रूप में टी एल टी बी की आमदनी कम होगी। लेकिन अगर धारा बारह में बदलाव हुआ तो इसका विपरीत होगा जहाँ टी एल टी बी का कुशल व्यापार और सेवा उन्हें और भी लाभ होगा, क्योंकि ज़मीन लीस पर लेने वाले अपनी ज़मीन में और पैसे लगाएंगे जिससे बाज़ार में ईतउकई ज़मीन की कीमत बढ़ेगी और किराया बढ़ेगा और ज़मीन मालिकों को भी ज्यादा पैसे मिलेंगे। आमदनी कमाने के लिए केवल मंजूरी की फीस पर ध्यान नहीं देना चाहिए बल्कि मार्केट लीस प्रिमियम और इंडिपेंडेंट वेलुएयस द्वारा रेंटल पर असेस करने पर भी गौर करना चाहिए। लम्बे समय की रणनीति इस बारे में होनी चाहिए कि हम कैसे ज़मीन मालिकों को और शक्ति कैसे दी जाए जो फीजी में सभी ज़मीनों के इक्यान्वे 91 प्रतिशत ज़मीनों के मालिक है कि वे और अमीर हो, उनकी ज़मीन की कीमत उपर जाए जो बाज़ार में बेची जा सके तथा वे फीजी की अर्थ-व्यवस्था में योगदान दे सकें,” अटेनी जेनरल ने कहा।

कुछ नितियाँ हटाने से टी एल टी बी इक्कीसवीं (21st) सदी में चला जाए और संस्था को और भी कार्यकुशलबनाएगा, ईतउकई ज़मीन की कीमत बढ़ाने में मदद करेगा, ज़मीन के सौदे होंगे तथा ज़मीन मालिक और भी अमीर होंगे। ऐसा प्रतीत हो रहा है कि जो लोग इस बदलाव के खिलाफ हैं ने बदलाव के बारे में पढ़ा नहीं है या फिर ये समझा नहीं है कि उनपर इस का कानूनी असर कैसा होगा।

Noda Viti

Mera cula na noda lewenivanua: PM Bainimarama

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

NA gaunisala rawarawa duadua me valuti kina na mate taka ni COVID-19 ka mera taqomaki kina na noda vanua oya mera cula vakalewelevu na noda lewenivanua ena Pasivika.

Oqori edua na mala ni vosa na noda Prime Minisita Voreqe Bainimarama ena nodra vosa tiko vei ira na liuliu ni veimatanitu ena Pasivika se na Pacific Islands Forum Leaders ena raitio yaloyalo.

Era mai dolava na Peresitedi mai Amerika ko Joseph Biden ena mona livaliva.

“Vinakavakalevu Peresitedi Biden, ena nomuni mai tekia e dua na isausau moni isevu ni Peresitedi ni USA me mai vosa ena Matabose ni Veiyanyanu ena Pasifika, vakakina na nomuni kauti Amerika lesu tale mai kina itutu e dodonu ga me dau veivakadeitaki kina e vuravura ena vuku ni Draki Veisau,” kaya ko PM Bainimarama.

marama.

Vakavinavinakataka talega na iliuliu ni noda Matanitu na nona sa yalataka ko USA me vukeiViti tale mai ena veimama na bilioni na icula na Pfizer COVID-19 ena veitokoni ni isoqosoqo na COVAX.

Vakaraitaka ko Peresitedi Biden na nona vakavinavinaka ena veisureti nei PM Bainimarama “Kemuni na Paraiminisita vinaka na veisureti kei na veiliutaki tiko ena gauna bolebole e sotava tiko na Pasifika kei vuravura edaidai.”

“Sa dina sara e sega tale ni dua na gauna bolebole me vaka na kena eda donuya sara tikoga oqo ena valuti ni COVID-19. Era sa mai yali kina na wekada ka sega ni rawa ni ra vakaisosomitaki tale.”

“Na revurevu ni matetaka oqo kina noda bula vakailavo esa na gadrevi kina meda cakacaka vata taucoko me rawati na bula vinaka vakailavo lewai matau,” kaya ko Peresitedi Biden.



Na mata nei Amerika e Viti ko Tony Greubel, (yasana imawi) kei Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama ena nona ciqoma tiko o PM Bainimarama e rauta ni 150,000 na icula na Moderna vaccine ka lolomataka mai na Matanitu levu ko Amerika. iTaba: NANISE NEIMILA



Ko iratou na noda cauravou ni timi ni rakavi lewe yavitu ka ratou qaqa ena nodratou rawata na koula ena qito levu ni vuravura ka vakayacori e Tokyo, Javani. iTaba: VAKARAUTAKI



Ko iratou na na noda goneyalewa ni timi ni rakavi lewe yavitu ka ratou qaqa ena nodratou rawata na varasa ena qito levu ni vuravura ka vakayacori e Tokyo, Javani. iTaba: VAKARAUTAKI

\$1m na ivono ni qaqa

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

NA itukutuku marautaki ni sa kacivaka na turaga na iliuliu ni noda Matanitu lomani ko Viti ko Voreqe Bainimarama ni na lolomataka tiko na Matanitu e \$1m me ivono ni qaqa ni timi ni cauravou lewe yavitu ni Viti ena kena rawati na koula ena Olympic mai Tokyo e Japani kei na varasa veiratou na noda timi n goneyalewa na Fijiana.

Kaya o Paraiminisita Bainimarama ni rakavi e sega walega ni vakamamadataka na bolebole eda sotava – e vakauqeti keda talega meda lako sivita na bolebole oya.

“Na ndrathou mai qaqa na noda timi ni cauravou ena rawti ni koula kei na rawati ni varasa vei ratou na noda timi ni goneyalewa e vakauqeti keda kece na lewenivanua oqo ko Viti.”

Vakadeitaka talega o PM Bainimarama ni na vukei talega o kavetani Jerry Tuwai me na tara e dua nona vale me vaka ni sa ikarua ni nona

koula ni Olympic na kena oqo.

“Era matataka na uto kei na kaukauwa ni vanua oqo ko Viti. Ka sa dodonu vinaka meda solia yani vei iratou na ivono ni nodratou qaqa,” kaya ko PM Bainimarama.

“Sa noda ivakavinavinaka ni nodratou yalo qaqa kei na nodratou soli bula ena kena vakarogoi nay acai Viti ki vuravura.”

“Qai mai kuria na nodra yawa tu mai vale ena loma ni 4 kina 5 na vula ena vuku ni kena vakamuri tiko na lawa ni COVID-19.”

Sa ivono talega ni veiliutaki vinaka nei kavetani Jerry Tuwai na kena laurai e dua na qele me tara kina nona vale mai Tacirua East.

Namaki me votai vei Kavetani Tuwai e \$66,300 e veimama ni ilavo oya mena tara kina nona vale ena qele sa vakarautaka na Matanitu e Tacirua East.

Ko iratou na vo ni cauravou eratou na tauya ya \$33,00 ka ratou tauya \$11,000 na timi ni noda goneyalewa na Fijiana.



Toso ga na veiqaravi ni Qoliqoli: Koroilavesau

JOSEFA ULUILAKEBA

YALO dei na Minisita ni Qoliqoli ko Semi Koroilavesau ni sega ni dodonu me malumalumu na veiqaravi ni nona Minisitiri dina ni lutu sobu na ivotavota nodratou ivotavota ituvatuva vakailavo ni 2021-2022.

“E na ituvatuva vakailavo ni yabaki sa oti 2020-2021 a votai mai kina Tabacakaka ni Qoliqoli e \$15.5m.

“Na yabaki vakailavo vou oqo na 2021-2022 e votai mei vei keitou e \$13.1m e veisivi ga vakalailai ena \$2m,” kaya o Minisita Koroilavesau.”

Kaya na Minisita ni Qoliqoli ni nodra cakacaka yadua na veiminisitiri mera vaqara tale eso na ivurevure me rawa ni ubia naka e vinakati me caka ena nodra qarava na nodra itavi vei kemuni na lewenivanua e Viti. “Na lailai ni nodra rawa ilavo na dau qoli ena vuku

ni COVID-19 sa vakamamadataka kina eso na sausaumi era dau vakayacora na dau qoli e Viti.

“Sa na sauma na Matanitu na isau ni laiseni ni qoli kei na laiseni ni kau waqa ko ni dau sausaumi kina e liu kina MSAF.”

“Sa na sauma talega na vuli oni dau vuli kina na dau qoli,” kaya ko Minisita Koroilavesau. Kaya o Minisita Koroilavesau ni ratou na saga vakaukauwa me toso cake tale na veiqaravi kina veiyanuyanu.

“Era qiri tiko mai eso na itaukei ni solar freezer mai Lau era tukuna ni sa mai lailai na solar freezer baleta ni lako mai na waqa dua na vula sa sinai.

“E tiko vei keitou eso na iwasewase ni ilavo era solia mai na veimatanitu eda veiwekani kei ira me veiwekani ena yabaki sa oti baleta na mate oqo na COVID-19.”



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\$501,800 baleta na qoli e baravi

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

YALO dei na Minisita ni Qoliqoli ko Semi Koroilavesau ni sega ni dodonu me malumalumu na veiqaravi ni nona Minisitiri dina ni lutu sobu na nodratou ivotavota ni ituvatuva vakailavo ena yabaki vakailavo 2021-2022.

“Na yabaki vakailavo vou oqo na 2021- 2022 e votai mai vei keitou e \$13.1m e veisivi ga vakalailai ena \$2m,” kaya o Minisita Koroilavesau.”

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“Na lailai ni nodra rawa ilavo na dau qoli ena vuku ni COVID-19 sa vakamamadataka kina eso na sausaumi era dau vakayacora na dau qoli e Viti. “Sa na sauma na Matanitu na isau ni laiseni ni qoli kei na laiseni ni kau waqa ko ni dau sausaumi kina e liu kina MSAF.

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\$264m e votai ki na Mataivalu, Ovisa



Votai kina Tabacakaka ni Ovisa ena ituvatuva vakailavo ni 2021-2022 e \$184.3 mera qarava kina na iTavi ni Yadravi kei na Taqomaki ni Lawa ni noda vanua me vaka e virikotori ena Yavu ni Vakavulewa 2013. Na itavi bibi ni Mataivalu ni Viti (RFMF) sai koya na na taqomaki ni noda vanua kei ira na kina lewenivanua ena gauna ni veisaqasaqa, gauna ni leqa tubu koso, gauna ni veisaututaki keina nona tokona tiko na veiqaravi ni kina sagai me valuti na metataka levu ni vuravura ka tarai Viti tiko edaidai. Sa votai kina ena yabaki vakailavo oqo e \$79.7m kina RFMF. iTaba: VAKARAUTAKI

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

NA ivotavota levu duadua ni ilavo ni iTuvatuva Vakailavo kina Minisitiri ni Veitaqomaki ni 2021-2022 e votai kina Mataivalu ni Viti kei na noda Tabacakaka ni Ovisa.

Vakaraitaka na Minisita ni Veitaqomaki ko Inia Seruiratu ni \$79.7m e votai kina Mataivalu ni Viti (RFMF) lutu ena 5 na pasede ena vuku ni nodra vukeyi na noda lewenivanua ena gauna bolebole ni COVID-19.

“Na iwase levu ni \$79.7m oya ena vakayagataki ena nona tu vakarau na Mataivalu me vaqacacotaka na taqomaki ni noda vanua ena gauna e gadrevi kina.”

“E dei tiko na RFMF ena itavi e virikotori vua ena Yavu ni Noda Vakavulewa me vakadeitaka tiko e veigauna na yadravi kei

na taqomaki ni noda vanua kei ira na kina lewenivanua ena gauna ni veisaqasaqa, gauna ni leqa tubu koso, gauna ni veisaututaki ena noda iwase ni vuravura oqo kei na Tokalau e Loma kei Vuravura keina nona tokona tiko na veiqaravi ni kina sagai me valuti na metataka levu ni vuravura ka tarai Viti tiko edaidai,” kaya o Minisita Seruiratu. “E \$12.1m ena votai kina veiqaravi ni Mataivalu e Wai (RFMF Naval Division) me baleta na taqomaki ni noda iyalayala ni wasawasa kei na veitokoni ena valuti ni COVID-19.”

Kaya na Minisita ni Veitaqomaki ni \$184.3m ena votai kina Tabacakaka ni Ovisa ena itavi bibi ni kina yadravi ka taqomaki tiko na lawa ni noda vanua. Vakakina na taqomaki ni lawa kece sa vakadonui me baleta noda qarauni keda mai na COVID-19.

“E \$4.4m ena votai ena nodra vakacakacataki e sivia na 300 na ovisa vou ena noda vanua. Qoka e tiki ni lalawa ni 5 kina 10 na yabaki ni kina vakavinakataki na veiqaravi ni Tabana ni Ovisa.”

“E \$25m ena tomani tiko kina na tara vou kei na vakavinakataki ni veisiteseni ni Ovisa e Viti ka levu era sa tara sara tu mai ena gauna ni Koloni.”

“Sa na tomani kina na tara siteseni ni Ovisa mai Nakasi, Nadi, Lautoka, kei Nalawa mai Ra,” kaya Minisita Seruiratu.

Tinia ko Minisita Seruiratu ni okati talega ena ituvatuva vakailavo ni yabaki oqo na nodrau dau laki vakaitavi tiko ena veisaututaki e vuravura na lewe ni RFMF kei na Fiji Police Force ka noda cau kina yaco tiko na bula veilomani kei na veisaututaki ena noda vuravura. E votai kina e \$50.6m.



E dei tiko na RFMF ena itavi e virikotori vua ena Yavu ni Noda Vakavulewa me vakadeitaka tiko e veigauna na yadravi kei na taqomaki ni noda vanua kei ira na kina lewenivanua ena gauna ni veisaqasaqa, gauna ni leqa tubu koso, gauna ni veisaututaki ena noda iwase ni vuravura oqo kei na Tokalau e Loma kei Vuravura keina nona tokona tiko na veiqaravi ni kina sagai me valuti na metataka levu ni vuravura ka tarai Viti tiko edaidai.

Inia Seruiratu
Minista ni Veitaqomaki



Vakarautaki na vale ka vorata na cagi kaukauwa

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

S A kacivaka na Minisita ni Veivakavale-taki kei na Veivakatorocaketaki Vakaitikotiko ko Premilla Kumar ni sa vakarautaka nona Tabacakacaka e dua na droini ni vale sega ni saumi ka 2 kina 3 na kena ruku ni moce.

“Na vale ogo e rawa ni vorata na cagilaba kaukauwa itaged 5 se category 5.”

Kaya o Minisita Kumar ni ivola ni iyaya kece ni tara vale me voli e vakadeitaka taumada na veimatabose ni tauni vakabula ilavo ka sega ni vakaoti gauna.

“Soli wale talega na kena ivola ni iyaya eso me voli ena tara ni vale oya,” kaya o Minisita Kumar.

Kaya o Minisita Kumar me vaka ni sa rerevaki ka kaukauwa cake tiko mai na itagede ni cagilaba e ravuti keda e Viti ka sa wasoma talega na kena yaco.

“Sa dau vakavurea e levu na bula dredre vakauasivi vei ira edau vakarusai kina nodra vale.”

Na isau ni tara ni dua na vale rua na rumu e



Na isau ni tara ni dua na vale 2 na rumu e koto ena \$21,000. Vakatau kevaka e vinaka o koya e volivoli me levu cake. Na vale kau ogo e tawase mai kina na rumu ni vale ni vakasaqa, vale ni sili kei na vale lailai kei na living room ka vakalalaga buloko. Na kena isau na ‘core house’ ogo e \$8,000. iTaba: **VAKARAUTAKI**

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Na isau taucoko ni vale ogo e \$21,000.

E vakadredretaka na kena rawa ni yaco na kama. E tawase tani toka e yasana na rumu ni moce ka tara ena kauvaro.

Kaya o Minisita Kumar ni na laki tekivutaki ena Vualiku na tara ni vale vou vaka ogo.

\$704.6m ki na vuli

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

VAKAVINAVI-NAKATAKA na Minisita ni Vuli na ivotavota ni nona Minisitiri ena ituvatuva vakailavo 2021-2022 oya e \$704.6m.

Kaya o Minisita Akbar ni ivotavota oya ena wase mai kina e \$442.9m na isau ni veiqaravi, \$71.4m e baleta na vuli totocakei ena 3 na univesiti keina 7 na koroni-vuli ni vuli tara.

“E na wasei talega kina e \$159.6m kina TELS kei na Toppers Scheme.”

“Me yacova mai edaidai era sa vukei oti e 43,604 na gonevuli ena TELS,” kaya o Minisita Akbar.

Kaya na Minisita ni Vuli ena vuku ni bolebole eda sotava tiko edaidai sa vakayacori eso na veiveisau kina TELS me soliga vei ira era gadreva dina na veivuke.

“E daidai sana soli tiko madaga na veivuke ni TELS vei ira na gonevuli e lailai ena \$100,000 na nodra rawaka vakailavo ena dua na yabaki na nona vuvale.”

“Na yabaki vakailavo ka tarava sana tubu kina 5000 na iwiliwili ni gonevuli era vukei ena TELS me baleta na vuli tara se TVET ena FNU.”

Kuria o Minisita Akabar ni sa na vakarawarawataki talega na nodra curu kina TVET se vuli tara o ira na gonevuli era sa yacova na year 12.

“Ko ira kece na vuli vuniwai tiko kara okati tiko vaka Private Student ena yabaki ogo 2021 ka tiko na kedra maka ni year 13 ea 240 ka nodra GPA na 3 ka tlailai ena \$100,000 dua na yabaki na rawaka vakailavo ni nodra vuvale ena dua na yabaki sa raw ni vukei ira na Matanitu e \$10,000 me baleta nodra vuli vuniwai se MBBS.”

Kuria na Minisita ni Vuli ni na votai e \$2m mai na ivotavota ni Tabacakacaka ni Vuli ena yabaki vakalavo ogo e \$20m kei na \$8m na veivuke ni Ositerelia me baleta na vakavinakataki ni koronivuli e ra vakacacani e veicagilaba sa oti.

“Qoka ko ira veikoronivuli era a vakacacani ena cagilaba ko Winston, Gita, Yasa, kei na TC Ana.”

“E \$8m ena vakavinaktaki kina e 3 na koronivuli ena Vualiku. Na vakavinakataki ni veikoronivuli ese tekivutaki sara mai ena yabaki 2017 sa vakayagataka oti kina na Matanitu e \$218m ena qai tale yani ena yabaki vakailavo ka tarava,” kaya o Minisita Akbar.



Na valenibula e Bua.

Namaki e 10,277 me ra cula e Bua

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

VAKARAITAKA na Vuniwai e veiliutaki tiko ena Yasana Vakatauraga ko Bua (SDMO) ko Dr Talei Joji ni namaki mera na cula ena itatarovi ni COVID-19 e Bua e 10,277 na lewenivanua.

Qoka o ira mera cula ena imatai ni gauna vata kei ira mera na cula ena ikarua ni gauna.

Kaya o Dr Joji ni levu na taro eratou bolei kina na ilawalawa ni veivakararamataki ni Tabana ni Bula e Bua.

“E levu tiko na itukutuku era tautauri mai kina ena mona livaliva baleta na icula ogo ni COVID-19.”

“Mai vakavuna tiko nodra loma tarotaro na lewenivanua.”

“E so na taro keitou sotava vakawasoma se na cava era sega ni cula kina na gone yabaki 17 lako sobu.”

“Na ikarua ni taro se na cava keimami vinakati kina me keimami rejisita ena vuku ni icula ogo ka ni so na icula a lako mai liu era a sega ni rejisita kina?”

“E so talega era loma tarotarotaka ni so na itukutuku era rogoca ni so era cula vua na icula ni tatarovi e lako vakaca vei ira mai vakavuna sara nodra mate.”

“Ogo e so na taro keitou lai sotava tiko vei ira na lewenivanua ni keitou lai veivakararamataki vei ira ena nodra dui koro,” kaya o Dr Joji.

“Keitou lai kaburaka vei ira na inaki ni icula vata kei na so na kena revurevu se side effects ni oti na veicula se so na mal-uamalumumu e rawa ni yacovi ira ena gauna era cula kina.”

“Ni ra sa cula tiko na lewenivanua lako vata tiko na veivakararamataki esa veisautaka talega nodra lomatarotaro tale eso era bese tiko na cula,” kaya o Dr Joji.

Ono na macawa na tamusuki na lumi



Sa vakauqeti tiko na teivaki vakalevu ni lumi baleta ni totolo na gauna ni kena tamusuki ni 6 ga na macawa ka isosomi vinaka ni gauna e cegu kina na siwa. iTaba: **VAKARAUTAKI**

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

NA ka e vinaka kina na tei lumi oya ni 6 ga na macawa sa rawa tale ni tamusuki.

Sa isosomi vinaka ni siwa ika ena noda veibaravi se veiwasawasa.

Sa na vota tiko ena yabaki vakailavo ogo na Tabacakacaka ni qoliqoli e \$150,000 ki vei ira na via tei lumi.

Qokaena kena voli ni iyaya ni tei lumi, na nodra vakavulici ena vei ivoli tale so e rawa ni buli mai ena lumi, kei na kune ni kena makete.

Na veiyabaki sa oqti e dau maketataki na lumi e Viti kina vei kabani kara dau mai voli ni bera nira qai volitaka yani ki vanuatani.

Ena tomani tale tiko na cakacaka vata ni veikabani vaka ogo kei na Tabacakacaka ni Qoli me dei tiko kina na volitaki ni nodra nodra lumi na dau tei lumi e Viti.

Na veibaravi e teivaki tiko kina vakalevu na lumi edaidai e oka kina na ko Ono-i-Lau, Namuka, Ogea, Fulaga, Moce, Kiuva, Kaba, Macuata, Bua, Cakaudrove Rakiraki, Tavua, Yasawa kei Kadavu.



Taladrodro na veicula e Vanuabalavu, Cicia



Ko ira na vakaillesilesi ni Tabana ni Bula mai Lomaloma. iTaba: VAKARAUTAKI

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

VAKARAITAKA mai na Roko Veivuke e Vanua Balavu ko Jacoro Kenatale ni sa taladrodro vinaka sara na veicula ni COVID-19 e Vanua Balavu, Avea, Cikobia, Tuvuca kei Cicia, kei ira na yanuyanu volivakadua ko Naitauba, Kanacea kei Mago.

Ka vakavinavinakataki na nodra veicula na vakaillesilesi ka liutaka tiko na turaga Vunwai era veiliutaki tiko ena tabana ni bula mai kea. Na veiyanyanu kece oya era okati ena yalava ni veiqaravi nei koya na Vuniwai liuliu ena Lomaloma Subdivisional Hospital ko Vuniwai Luke Ravula.

Matalia na veiqaravi mai kea ni solia wale tu nona waqavuka na turaga rogo levu sa taukena tiko na yanuyanu o Mago edaidai o Mel Gibson.

“Keitou cavuta tuga na neitou vakavinavi-

naka kina yanuyanu vakaturaga ko Mago ena vuku ni nona solia tu na nona gauna na turaga ni valagi ko Mel Gibson nona solia nona waqavuka me mai qaravi kina na veika me mai qaravi kina na veicula ena gauna dredre e donumaki tiko oqoka,” kaya ko Kenatale.

“Na iwiliwili edodonu mera cula e 1,900 vakacaca kina 2000 ni wili vata na yanuyanu taucoko sara e wili mai kina Lomaloma Subdivision.”

E kaya o Roko Veivuke Kenatale ni tekivu nodratou vunautaka wavoki kei Vuniwai na veicula bau sotavi toka kina na bolebole ni kena veisautaki eso na vakasama se rai.

“Keitou a sotava taumada na dredre ena imatai ni gauna ia keitou vakavinavinaka ni sa veisau na nodra rai ena nietou a vosa wavoki tiko ena veiyanyanu eso na kena sagai tikoga me taqomaki na nodra bula na lewenivanua e keka.”

“Na noqu itavi meu vakadeitaka na vanua ni oqo ga na sala e rawa ni dolavi kina na veilakoyaki na kena mai tao tu oqo na vakavodo pasidia.”

“Au vakavinavinaka ni sa tabaki tu ena siga ni kua ni koya ga e cula vakarua sa rawa ni tekivu kina nona veitosoyaki.”

“E so era qiri mai na wekadra era tiko mai Suva ena kena sagai mera kua ni cula ni vakamacalataki vei ira ena rarama ni nona ivakamacia na turaga Vuniwai ni rau tautauvata sara ga kei na cula ni misila, icula ni influenza, keina cula ni Polio, ia oqo edua talega na vaccination e tautauvata saraga, era sa qai ciqoma vakarawarawa,” kaya ko Kenatale.

Me vaka na lewa taumada ni matai ni icula 12 na macawa kena ibalebale 3 na vula a tekivu sara mai na vula ko Evereli na itekitekivu ni veicula avakayacori e Vanua Balavu.

“Na vu ni kena rawarawa vei keitou baleta ni vakatarai tikoga na waqavuka mai Mago me veivukayaki tiko me veikauyaka tiko na iyaya mai Mago na kena ilutua ni solia tiko na galala na Tabana ni Bula mai Suva me baleta ni okoya e kauta tiko mai na neitou wainimate ka vakakina na veiyaya tale eso e viqaravi tiko kina na vale ni bula e Lomaloma ena nona veiliutaki o Vuniwai Luke Ravula ka vakakina na veivuke levu e vakayacora tu na waqavuka mai Mago oqo. “E sega walega ni tauvimate keitou bau vakau tauvimate a vodo mai Mago me vakau ki Labasa baleta ni sa rui dredre na vakau tauvimate yani ki Suva.

“E vukataki koya wale na waqavuka mai Mago saka levu na neitou vakavinavinaka vua na GM mai Mago e Martin kei na itaukei ni yanuyanu o Mel Gibson,” kaya o Kenatale



Na minisita ni Veitaqomaki ko Inia Seruratu.

“Na veika sa yaco oti e Viti ena veitabayabaki sa sivi e sega ni vinakataki me yaco tale me vaka na kena kama na koro turaga ko Suva.”

“Na vosa kece eda tauca meda qarauna sara vakavinaka na kena itautau me kakua ni vakavu rere se kidroa baleta na vosa na ka kaukauwa.”

Kaya na Minisita ni Veitaqomaki nida kila vinaka ni ulutaga bibi, ia meda vakacakulea ka raica sara na kena dina.

“Me vaka nida kila ni lawa levu duadua na Yavu ni Vakavulewa ena sega ni vakabau.”

Kuria ena Palimedi na Minisita ni Veitaqomaki ni Politiki e Viti e bula voli mai ena dua na gauna balavu ena itukutuku lasutaki niveivakarerei.

“O cei e vakavurea tiko mai na lasu veivakarerei oya? E lako tiko mai vei na veivakarerei oya? E vure tiko mai vei keda na dau ni politikiti nida sega ni via tukuna na dina vei ira na lewenivanua,” kaya o Minisita Seruiratu.

Kaya o Minisita Seruiratu ni udolu era saine tiko ena ivola ni kudruvaki ni Lawavakaturi 17 era se bera mada ga ni wilika na cava e vakaturi tiko sa dua na veivakacalai levu.

‘Meda tukuna na vosa dina’

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

Sa vakamasuti ira kece na lewe ni Palimedi na Minisita ni Veitaqomaki ko Inia Seruratu mera yalo vinaka ka biuta mada vakatiki na poliiki. Meda tarogi keda tale mada e tukuna tiko li na itukutuku dina se segai? Oqori ena nona vosa tiko ni veitokani me baleta na Lawa Vakaturi 17 sa mai vakadonui ena Palimedi ena macawa sa oti.

E kaya o Minisita Seruiratu ni ko ira na lewei Viti sa ira saraga na wekada ka tiko noda itavi vei ira meda tukuna na itukutuku dina e matadra.

“Meda kua ni lesu kna koro ni oti noda itavi eke me qai dua edusilekataki keda mai ka kaya vakaoqo ne,” o iko sara ga o mai laustaki keimami ena itukutuku oya!”

E kuria ni oya sara ga o ya au dau qarauna kina me vakade-wataka tiko e veigauna kece na itukutuku dina meu kua ni qai tarogi kina mai muri kevaka e sega ni dina.

“Au vakabauta ni tukuni keda na noda ivakarau kei na itovo se mataqali ililui vakacava koi keda. E da tukuna tiko li na itukutuku dina?”

E kaya ni ka ni rarawa ni so e ra sa laki taraogi vei ira na ovisa baleta ni tiko talega na nodra siqe na ovisa.



Na Minisita ni Veicakacaka lelevu, Qele kei na iYau Bula e loma ni qele ko Jone Usamate ena nona vosa toka me baleta na ivotavota vakailavo ni yabaki 2021-20222 ena nona tabana.

Monataki vinaka na veiqaravi: Usamate

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

VAKARAITAKA na Minisita ni Veicakacaka lelevu, Qele kei na iYau Bula e loma ni qele ko Jone Usamate ni dina ni lutu na ivotavota vakailavo ni yabaki 2021-20222 esa musu sobu ena monataki ga vakavinaka me rawa nida qaravi kece tiko vakavinaka na lewenivanua ena veiyasai Viti.

Kaya ko Minisita Usamate ni votai na nona Minisitiri \$500 na milioni.

“E \$194m e votai kina Water Authority of Fiji, e \$272m kina Fiji Roads Authority, keina \$26.6m kina Veicakacaka lelevu kei na Tabana ni Draki,” kaya ko Minisita Usamate.

“Ni lutu sobu tiko na ilavo ena dik-evi me laurai na kena maninitaki me laurai e veisoti na vanua e rawa ni vakayagataki kina na ilavo oqo mera qaravi e liu.

“E levu na porokaramu sa tu sa dau ituvatuva ni Matanitu eso yabaki tolu, so yabaki va ka so e yabaki

lima.” Kaya o Minisita Usamate ena loma ni yabaki oqo ena via vakabi na nodratou veiqaravi na tabana ni gaunisala kina gaunisala sa tiko rawa me rawa ni maroro ka vakavinakataki. Vaka kina na noda ikawakawa koya ra tiko ena noda veigaunisala.

E na tabana ni wai e kaya o Minisita Usamate ni levu na veiqaravi e gadrevi me caka kina meda gunu wai savasava kece na lewei Viti. “Ena nodatou loma ni vanua oqo mai Nausori me yaco ki Lami sa dua na ka na levu ni iwiliwili ni lewenivanua sara mai tu kina.”

Sivia tiko na \$200m na porokaramu ni kena vakarautaki na wai mai Viria. “Sa tiko talega kina edua na wase ni ilavo e dau qaravi ga kina na wai kina noda veikoro keina veitikitoko vagalala.”

“Sa gadrevi tiko kina na cakacaka vata ni Water Authority of Fiji kei na vei komiti ni wai ki na vei koro,” kaya o Minisita Usamate

Solia na inuinui na ituvatuva vakailavo: Adimaitoga

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

NONA tokona tiko na ituvatuva vakailavo vou ena Palimedi e kaya kina na ivukevuke ni Minisita ni Tabacakacaka iTaukei ko Selai Adimaitoga ni sa solia edua na inuinui levu na ituvatuva vakailavo oqo ena dua na gauna ni nuiqawaqawa.

E kaya ni maqosa na ituvatuva vakailavo oqo ni vakaliuca taumada na veika era gadreva dina na lewei Viti ka navu-navu me baleta na veisiga ni matak.

E kaya ni ituvatuva vakailavo oqo e vakaraitaka na yalo loloma dina ni Matanitu ni nanauma na itagede ni bula kece era tu kina na lewei Viti. E kauawaitaki kina na itagede ni bula ni tamata.

E kaya o Minisita Adimatoga ni sa itavi kece ni Matanitu e vuravura me raica na nodra bula vinaka na lewe ni nona vanua ena gauna bolebole vakaoqo.

E kaya ni tautauavata vinaka na leqa eda sotava ena tabana ni bula, tabana ni vuli kei na bula vakailavo kei na leqa era sotava tiko na vo ni veivanua e vuravura edaidai.

E kaya ni sa iwali uasivi duadua ga me muduki kina na leqa oqo sai koya meda cula taucoko.

Kaya o Minisita Adimatoga ni icula ni COVID-19 e sega ni vukiki keda meda makeneta.



Na ivukevuke ni Minisita ni Tabacakacaka iTaukei ko Selai Adimaitoga

Vakavinavinakataka talega na ivukevuke ni Minisita ni Tabacakacaka iTaukei na ilavo levu e \$13.8m ni vukea vakalevu na veiqaravi ni Tabacakacaka iTaukei.

E kuria ni dodonu me levu cake naka e da qarava kevaka e lailai na ivotavota.

Vakavinavinaka talega o Minisita Adimaitoga ni sega ni musu na kedra isaua na tamata cakacaka vakamatanitu.

E kaya ni oya sa ivakaraitaki ni nona veivakabautl na Matanitu ni Fiji First vei ira na vakailasilesi ni Matanitu. Sa kerei kemini na vakailasi vakamatanitu ni dodonu moni

sauma lesu na veivakabauti ni Matanitu ena nomuni yalodina kina itavi yadudua ko ni sa nuitaki kina. Kaya o Minisita Adimaitoga ni dua na lasu levu e tukuna wavoki tiko na ito ni veisaga ni Matanitu e vakalolomataki ira tiko na kawa iTaukei.

E kuria ni qo na iesevu ni Matanitu me vakalevutaka na ilavo e saumi vei ira na uabula itaukei ni qele. E dua na kena ivakaraitaki na \$4m ka vakailavotaki kina e ciwa na veivakatorocaketaki ni iTaukei ni qele edaidai. E iesevu ni Matanitu me kitaka vaka

4669 me ra cula e Wainikoro

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

VAKARAITAKA na Vuniwai veiliutaki ena Wainikoro Medical Area mai Macuata ko Dr Sovaia Subana, ni ratou namaka mera na cula vakarua e 4669 na yabaki 18 lako cake ena vanua oya.

“Na Wainikoro Medical Area e tolu tiko na noqu siteseni ni nasi.”

“O Visoqo Nursing Station e qarava na tikina o Namuka ena Yasana ko Macuata. Kei na rua na Nursing Station ena tikina o Nadogo. Na lewe levu ni uabula au qaravi ira e toka e 2200 ena Wainikoro Health Centre.”

E Visoqo Nursing Station e qarava toka e 1000 na lewenivanua. E Coqeloa Nursing Station e qarava toka e 3300. Ko Vunivutu Nursing Station qarava tale tikoga e vica na veikoro ena tikina o Nadogo na levu ni lewenivanua e qaravi kina e 2000 talega,” kaya o Dr Subana.

“Na levu taucoko ni lewenivanua qarava toka o Wainikoro Medical Area rauta ni 8300. Na imatai kei na ikarua ni icula yabaki 18 lako cake mera cula kina keitou taketetaka tiko mera cula kina e 4669,” kaya o Dr Subana.

“Keitou tekivu toka na veicula ena ika 13 ni Me yacova mai na gauna oqo e levu ga vei kedatou na iTaukei era sega ni yaco mai vakalewelevu ena veivanua keitou veicula getiki kina se na neitou lako yani kina vei-

korokoro.”

Kaya o Dr Subana ni ko ira na Idia era yaco tiko yani vakalewelevu e rawarawa sara toka nodra tara na icula

“Na neitou veivakararamataki o ira na Idia sega soti ni levu na taro era vakaraitaka sara tikoga oya nodra yaco mai vakalewelevu mera mai cula.

“E levu na taro era kaya na iTaukei nira wilika ena mona livaliva e levu na kena itukutuku sa vakavuna tiko vakalevu nodra rerevaka na tara na icula. Sagai sara tiko vakaukauwa oqo me qai oti na vula oqo ko Okosita sa me sivia na 80 na pasede mera sa cula oti kina Me qai Seviteba Okotova Noveba me sa tarai na ikarua ni icula.”

“Me keitou na qai cakacaka o keitou me 8 tale na macawa me sa qai tarai na ikarua ni icula.”

“Kedatou na itaukei tou gadreva vakalevu tiko na veivakararamataki baleta ni vesu monataki ira tiko na itukutuku mai na mona livaliva.

“Gauna keitou lai veivakararamataki kina era sa qai lomasoli mai sera vakadonuya mai mera cula. Kaya o Dr Subana ni ratou sa dau vosa vei ira ka kaya ni gauna vinaka oqo ni nodra vakavakarau tu ga e veigauna e Vanua Levu.



Na Lawa vakatutaki e vakatura me sa kua na veivakadonui ni Matabose ni Qele Maroroi ni iTaukei ena vuku ni dinau, isau lavaki, ivakadei ni dinau, ivakasala taumuri se ena dua na ka vakaveilewai. Ia me baleta na veiqravi tale eso se dei na veivakadonui ni TLTB, bau talega na kena veitarovi na TLTB kevaka e vakatanitaki na ituvatuva ni lisi se, ke sega ni vakamuria o koya e kerekere na ituvatuva vakalawa. iTaba: VAKARAUTAKI

TUVAKA VAKAILAVO NI 2021- 2022

Lawatu ni Qele Maroroi

OQORI na tuvatuva vakamatani me baleta na Bill 17 ka sa mai pasitaki me lawa e Palimedi.

Na tikina 12 ni Lawatu ni Qele Maroroi ni iTaukei 1940 (“Lawatu”) e vakarota vei ira na lisi kei ira na via lisi malua ni na gadrevi na veivakadonui vakaivola ni Matabose ni Qele maroroi ena veika qo:

- Volitaki
- Tokitaki
- Mokititaki
- iSau lavaki
- iVakadei ni dinau
- Lisitaki tale
- Veilisitaki tale
- Taravale; kei na
- Veisautaki ni inaki ni lisi.

2. Na Qele Maroroi ni iTaukei (iTuvatuva Vakailavo Veisautaki) 2021 (“Lawa Vakaturutaki”) e vakaturutaki na veiveisau qo ena tikina 12.

“12(1) Vakavo ke virikotori ena lawasau qo, e cala vakalawa vei ira na saumi lisi me vaka e virikotori ena Lawatu qo mera tokitaka na qele lisitaki se volitaka ena sala cava ga ke sega ni veivakadonui kina na Matabose ni Qele Maroroi ena nona iyatu vaka iliuliu ni dau listaki qele. Na vakadonui se tarovi ni lisi se nona vakatabakidua tiko ga na Matabose, o koya gona na kena volitaki, tokitaki, lisitaki tale se cava ga, ke sega na veivakadonui, ena sega ni vakabau, vakabibi ke sega ena tikina qo na ka me vakacala vakalawa na lisitaki ni itikitiko se lisi me qaravi kina na volivolitaki bera na ika29 ni Seviteba 1948 me mokititaki na lisi.

(1A) Dina ga ni tiko na wasetiki (1), sa na sega na veivakadonui ni

Matabose e Cake ena vuku ni dinau, isau lavaki, ivakadei ni dinau, se ivakasala taumuri me vakatul ewataki ena Mataveilewai se na ituvatuva vakalawa ni Mataveilewai

(2) Ena inaki ni tikina qo, na lisi e oka tale ga o ira na lisitaki qele, bau tale ga kina o ira na lisi tale tiko ena loma ni dua na lisi.

(3) Ena vuku ni inaki ni tikina qo, ena sega ni vakabau na veivakadonui taumada ke veicoqacoqa na ituvatuva virikotori ni lisitaki qele se kevaka e kalawaci e dua na lawa virikotori me baleta na qele.”

3. Na Lawa vakatutaki e vakatura me sa kua na veivakadonui ni Matabose ni Qele Maroroi ni iTaukei ena vuku ni dinau, isau lavaki, ivakadei ni dinau, ivakasala taumuri se ena dua na ka vakaveilewai. Ia me baleta na veiqravi tale eso se dei na veivakadonui ni TLTB, bau talega na kena veitarovi na TLTB kevaka e vakatanitaki na ituvatuva ni lisi se, ke sega ni vakamuria o koya e kerekere na ituvatuva vakalawa.

4. E bibi me vakamatatataki na bokoci ni veikadonui ena Lawa vakatututaki e okati ga ina lisi sa solia oti na TLTB ka sa tiko ena Registrar of Titles. Me vaka sa vakamacalataki toka e ra, na lisi kece era sa tiko vakaivola ina TLTB ena veivakadonui ni itaukei ni qele ka sa mayau na veivosaki kece baleta na rede kei na isau sa virikotora na TLTB. E sega ni lewa na Lawa Vakaturutaki na veika vakavanua me baleta na veivakatikori kei na veika tale eso era sega ni vauci vakalawa.

5. Kuria qori, me baleta na kacikacivaki ena iTuvatuva Vakailavo ni 2021-2022, e sa na sega na veivakadonui me baleta na vakadro-

droi ni wai kei na livaliva ena dua na qele lisi vakaitaukei se vakamatani. Me tokaruataki, qo e baleta ga na lisi era sa volayacataki oti.

6. E tiko tale ga e dua na vakatutu vaqo me baleta na qele ni matanitu me vaka e virikotori ena Lawa vakatututaki ni Qele ni Matanitu (iTuvatuva vakailavo Veisautaki) 2021, e sa na sega kina na veivakadonui ni Daereketa ni Tabana ni Qele me baleta na mokiti, na isau lavaki, na ivakadei ni dinau, ivakasala taumuri se na ituvatuva cava ga ena mataveilewai. Na lewaVolavola nei Lynda Tabuya ena monalivaliva.

Na Volavola nei Lynda Tabuya ena monalivaliva.

7. A veivakasewasewani na itabavidio nei Hon. Tabuya ena monalivaliva, ena nona kaya ni Lawa Vakaturutaki ena vakavuna me na cawadru mai vei ira na itaukei ni qele na rede, bau talega kina na nodra lewa ni kedra qele.

8. Ena Tikina 4 ni Lawatu, e lewa na qele taucoko vakaiTaukei (vakavo ke lewa na itaukei ni qele me lisitaki na kedra qele ena rarama ni Lawatu ni Land Use koya e qarava na Tabacakacaka ni Qele ni Matanitu) e qarava vakatabaki dua na Matabose ni Qele Maroroi ni iTaukei kei na veimataqali qele vaqo e vukudra na itaukei ni qele. Nibera ni lisitaka na TLTB e dua na qele ni iTaukei, ena vinakati na veivakadonui ni iTaukei ni qele. Tarava oya sa na cakacakataka na TLTB na kena isau vakailavo, ivakavakayagataki ni qele, na levu ni isau kei na rede ni qele, na balavu ni gauna ni lisi kei na veika e vauci kina oka kina na ivakarau ni kena taukeni.

9. Na gauna sa lisitaki kina na

qele, na isau ni qele kei na rede me saumi ena vakadeitaki ka oka ena lewe ni lisi, ka ni oti oya ena volai me itukutuku vakalawa dina ena valenivolavola ni Registrar of Titles. Ke dua tale na veivoli ni qaravi me baleta na lisi ena sega ni yavalata na isau kei na rede ni qele koya mera sauma o ira era lisi ina TLTB baleta e caka kece tiko qo e vukudra na itaukei ni qele.

10. Sa kena ibalebale ke dua e mokiti ena delanilisi ena sega ni na lai veisautaka na rede se na isau ni qele se me lai moica tale na veika e virikotori ena lisi. Na mokiti e sega ni tarova na dikevi tale ni rede ni qele me qaravi ena qele lisitaki taucoko vakaiTaukei ni sa virikotori tu ena lisi e loma ni iTaukei Land Trust (Leases and Licences) Regulation 1984. O koya e lisi ena vauci tiko ga ena ituvatuva kei na ivakarau ni lisi veitalia ke mani mokititaki na lisi se veisau o koya e veimokititaki.

11. E cala vakadina, vakalawa tale ga na itukutuku nei Hon. Tabuya ni o ira na itaukei ni qele era na sega ni na qai marautaka na levu ni ilavo era na ciqoma kevaka ni sega na veivakadonui ni TLTB baleta na mokititaki lisi. E vakaraitaka nona lecaika levu baleta na veika e umani ena lawa ni qele kei na kena taukeni. Na mokititaki ni qele ena lisi cava ga ni qele vakaiTaukei ena sega ni veisautaka na levu ni ilavo e taura tiko ena gauna qo na TLTB ena vukudra na itaukei ni qele vakaiTaukei.

12. Na kena ikuri, e veicalati dina na veika a cauraka o Hon. Tabuya ni o ira na itaukei ni qele era sa na sega ni qai lewa na ka e cakava o koya e lisitaka na kedra qele na itaukei ni qele kevaka sa sega ni qai vinakati na nodra veitokoni

me baleta na mokiti. Na lisi tau-coko ni iTaukei era sa mokititaki makawa tu mai ia e sega ni dua vei ira na mokiti qo a bau kaliraka laivi na kaukua ni TLTB mai vei ira na lisi. E dina ga ni sa sega na kere veivakadonui ni mokiti, ena tomani tiko ga na saumi ni lisi vei ira na itaukei ni qele, na TLTB ena tomana tiko ga na dikevi kei na yadravi na ituvatuva ni lisi vei ira kece na tauri lisi. Na veivakadonui ni mokiti, isau lavaki, ivakadei ni dinau, ivakasala taumuri, na vakadrodroi ni wai kei na livaliva ena sega vakaleqa na ituvatuva kei na ivakarau ni lisi e vakadonuya o TLTB ka sega tale ga ni beci na nodra dodonu na itaukei ni qele.

13. Mera na doka na lisi nna ituvatuva kei na itovo dodonu ni lisi dodonu ena kerei na veivakadonui mai na TLTB baleta na volitaki, tokitaki, lisivoutaki, veisolisoli, veilisitaki, taravale, vukici ni inaki ni lisi kei na veivoli tale eso me baleta na lisi. Ena vakasama vata qo, na volitaki ni mokiti ni lisi me na kerei na veivakadonui ni TLTB.

14. Na dina mo ni kila, ni se tiko ga na kaukua ina TLTB me kaliraka tani na lisi ni qele ni itaukei kevaka e basuka o koya e lisi na ituvatuva kei na itovo ni lisi, veitalia kevaka mada ga e mokititaki tu na lisi oya.

15. E dina ga ni na sega na veivakadonui ni Matabose ni Qele Maroroi ni iTaukei me vakaivolatata na ivakadinadina ni mokiti, na qele ena taukena tiko ga o itaukei ni qele. Ke dua e matata vua na iwalewale vakalawa ni veitokitaki kei na lawa ni qele, ena kila vinaka ni vola ni vakadinadina ni dinau e vakatabakidua ga ina lisi ka galala mai kina o itaukei ni



Na wase 28 ni Yavu ni vakavulewa e vakadeitaka ni qele kece ni iTaukei ena taukena tiko ga na itaukei ni qele ka na sega ni tokitaki vakadua, vakavo ke taura na matanitu ka vakayagataka me yaga raraba vei ira na lewenivanua. iTaba: VAKARAUTAKI

ni iTaukei 1940

qele. Na taukeni ni qele ni iTaukei e taqomaki dei tiko ga ena YavuL-awatu ni Qele Maroroi TUVAKA VAKAILAVO NI 2021- 2022 ni vakavulewa ni Vanua Tugalala o Viti ni 2013 kei na Lawatu.

16. Na wase 28 ni Yavu ni vakavulewa e vakadeitaka ni qele kece ni iTaukei ena taukena tiko ga na itaukei ni qele ka na sega ni tokitaki vakadua, vakavo ke taura na matanitu ka vakayagataka me yaga raraba vei ira na lewenivanua. Ia, sa tiko e dua na veisau vou ena Yavunivakavulewa ka vakamacalataki kina ni kevaka e vakayagataka na qele ni iTaukei na matanitu ena inaki me yaga raraba vei ira na lewenivanua, dina mada ga ni na sauma na Matanitu na kena ivakayaga, na matanitu me na vakasuka na qele vei ira na kena itaukei na gauna e cava kina na inaki oya. Mo ni kila ni qele volitaki vakadua e rawa tale ga ni tokitaki vakadua me yaga raraba vei ira na lewe nivanua ka sega ni vakacolati kina na matanitu me vakasuka lesu. Na wase 5 ni Lawatu ni Qele Maroroi ni iTaukei e vakadeitaka ni qele ni iTaukei ena sega ni tokitaki vakadua. Qo e oka kina na kena tabu ni volitaki, veisolisoli, tokitaki se veisatiki vakavo ga kevaka e oka kina na Matanitu. A sega ni dua na veitaqomaki vaqo bera na Yavunivakavulewa ni 2013.

17. E bibi me kilai ni Yavunivakavulewa e taqomaki ira tale ga na itaukei ni lisi ena qele ni itaukei kei na qele e taukena na matanitu. Na lisi ni matanitu kei na lisi ni itaukei e taqomaki tu vakalawa. E dina ga ni taqomaki na dodonu ni itaukei ni qele, na Lawa vakatututaki e vukei ira na itaukei ni lisi, mera vakatubuilavo ka tutaka na bula vakailavo, ka mera kua ni

mai vakararawataki ena balavu ni kena waraki na vakadonui ni veidinadinati.

18. Na toso bera ni Matabose ni Qele Maroroi kei na sausaumi ni veiqaravi vakalawa me rawa na veivakadonui e vakadredretaka na vakayagataka vakavinaka kei na vakatubuilavo ena qele ni itaukei.

19. E nakita o Lynda Tabuya me vakalecalecava na usutu ni tataqomaki baleti ira na itaukei ni qele ka virikotori ena Yavunivakavulewa kei na Lawatu. Na taukeni ni qele kece ni itaukei se dei tiko ka taqomaki vakavinaka veitalia ke lisitaka na Matabose ni Qele Maroroi se me tauri vakadinai na lisi.

20. E bibi me kilai ni tataqomaki cecere duadua e virikotori tu ena Yavu ni Vakavulewa baleta na dodonu ni taukeni ni qele itaukei, ka sa vakadeitaka ni qele ni itaukei ena sega ni rawa ni volitaki vakadua se vakatanitaki vakadua vei dua tale me vaka a cakava na Matanitu na SVT ena qele vakaitaukei e Denarau vaka tale ga kina na Matanitu ni SDL ena 2005.

21. Na SODELPA kei ira kece sara era saqata na Lawa vakatututaki qo, era sega ni via kauaitaka na veika sa yaco oti me vaka na kena sega ni dinati na votai vakavinaka ni lavo ni lisi. O ira vakai Rabuka era sakitaka tu na kena tokaitaki tudei na qele ni itaukei mai Denarau kei Momi ena ile ni “uqeta na veivakatorocaketaki”. Kevaka me tauri na ile qo, sa na idewadewa mera tokitaki yani vakadua na veiqele kece ni iTaukei. Qo e veicalati kei na yavu ni taukeni vakalewelevu na qele ka iyau bibi dau vakadewataki sobu vaka kawa ka dodonu me taqomaki. Na yavu ni matanitu nei Bainimarama kei

na Fiji First sai koya na uqeti ni veivakatorocaketaki, laveti na tagede ni qele ni itaukei me rawa ni uasivi na kena vakatoroicaketaki ka me maroroi deivaki tikoga.

22. Vuqa era vakabauta ni ituvaki ni Tikina e 12 qaqaco vakavinaka kina na yadravi ni lisi, e tutaka na maroroi ni cakacaka vakadodonu vei ira era lisi se saumi lisi, vakadeitaka na veidolei donu ni ivakayaga ni qele vei ira na itaukei ni qele.

23. Era yavutaki cala na veivakamacala kece qori, oya na vuna veisautaki ni Tikina e 12 me vaqaqacotaka na yavu ni veiqaravi e ena TLTB me baleti ira na itaukei ni qele kei ira na lisi. O ira na lisi era sauma tiko ga mai na nodra lisi mevaka na nodra veidinadinati, o ira na itaukei ni qele era na ciqoma tiko ga na ivakayaga dodonu mai na vakayagataka ni kedra qele,ka na tomana na TLTB na lewai na lisi.

24. Era lasu o ira era talanoataka tiko ni sega na dredre e sotavi ena veiqaravi ni TLTB baleta na Tikina e 12 ni levu na kudru e ciqomi mai vei ira na lisi ka ra saumi lisi tu ina vei tabana dau veivukei vakailavo, baleta gona ni bera na nodra ivolakerekere ni mokiti. E ka ni rarawa, na bera qo, e vakamacawa, lai vakavula, lai seavus kina na iuqe ni vakatubuilavo ena lisi ni iTaukei.

25. Dua na ile era kaya ni na cawadru tani mai na TLTB na ilavo e rawati mai na cakacakataki ni veivakadonui. E sega sega sara, baleta ni veisautaki na Tikina e 12, e sa na qai taladrodro vakavinaka na nodratou veiqaravi me lai vakavuna na tubu ni veika ena rawata na TLTB,

nira na vakatubu ilavo vakalevu o ira na lisi ena kedra qele, tubucake na bibi vakailavo ni qele kei na kena maketetaki me kaciva na tubu ni rede kei nodra iyau na itaukeiniqele. Na ilavo me rawa mai na veivakadonui e yalani ka ni tikoga na ivakarau ni maketetaki, na tagede e vakatautaka na valuer me redetaki kina ni qele. Na usutu dina meda vakanamata kina na nodra vakayaloqaqataki na itaukei ni qele (koya era taukena e 91 na pasede ni qele taucoko e Viti) moni vakavutuniyautaki, na laveti ni tagede kei na ivakarau vakailavo ni qele me rawa nira yaga ina rawaka vakailavo ni noda matanitu.

26. Dua tale na ile ni veivakacalai era doudou na tukuna wavoki ni veisau e vakatututaki tiko qo ena ivakatatao ni kena yadravi na veidinadinati ni lisi. Era sega ni mani serelaka kece mai. Na veisau vakatututaki e kauta laivi ga na na veivakadonui ni TLTB me baleta na mokiti, isau lavaki, ivakadei ni dinau, ivakasala taumuri kei na vakadrodroi ni livaliva kei na wai.

27. Se dei tiko ga na veituvatuvava eso ena TLTB me yadrava na dokai ni veidinadinati ena lisi. Na veisau vakatututaki qo ena sega ni vakataotaka na ituvatuvava kei na nona tarova na lisi na itaukei ni qele kevaka era sega ni dinata na nodra veidinadinati o ira na lisi ina TLTB.

28. Sa tuvalaki vou tale na veiqaravi ni TLTB me veisotari kei na itabagauna qo ena vuku ni kena tosoi cake na isauniqele ni itaukei kei na veivosaki eso me rawa ni vakavutuniyautaki ira na itaukei ni qele. E kena irairai ni levu vei ira na saqata tiko na veisau qo era se sega ni wilika na Lawa vakaturi

qo. Kevaka e vakakina era se sega ni taura rawa na veisau e vakatututaki tiko vakalawa.

29. Ena gauna ni nodratou vunau wavoki na SODELPA ena veidigidigi ni 2014, eratou sa bau veivakacalai vei ira na itaukei ni qele - ni ratou kaya ni Yavunivakavulewa ena kaliraka laivi lewa ni kedra qele ka mera sa tokitaki vakaukaua ina dua na ikovukovu. E lasu ka veivakasewasewani na itukutuku qo. . E dina mada ga ni sa matata vinaka tu ena lawa, eratou se vakatetea ga na itukutuku lasutaki qo na SODELPA. E matata vakasigalevu tu ni a sega sara ga ni dua na ka va oya e yaco. Dua tale na itukutuku a rogovaki tu ni bera na veidigidigi ni yabaki 2018 ni matanitu ena volitaki Kadavu vei dua na matanitu i valagi. A sega ni yaco baleta e tabu ena rarama ni Yavunivakavulewa. Ena Tikina vata ga qo, se veivakailasui wavoki tikoga na SODELPA. Dina ga ni sa vakamatatataki tu ni sa vakavinakataki na veiqaravi raraba, ka na sega ni tara na dodonu ni itaukei ni qele, ia, na SODELPA se veivakacalai baleta na veisau vakaturi, na itukutuku cala me veivakacudrui e vakavuna na veisei ena noda veitikotiko.

30. Matata vakasigalevu na veivakasewasewani nei Lynda. Tabuya, Viliame Gavoka kei so tale, ia na Lawa Vakaturi e taqomaka na votai vakatautauvata ni lisi kei na vakalesui ni ivakayaga vei ira na itaukei ni qele ka sega ni vakavu ririko ni sa virikotori tu ena Yavunivakavulewa. Sa vakadreti gona meda tokona taucoko na lewenivanua na Lawa Vakaturi meda nadakuya na nodratou veivakasewasewani na ito ni veisaqa kei so tale era saqata na Lawa Vakaturi.

Noda Viti



CIQOMI NA VEIVUKE NI WAINIMATE NI COVID-19

Mai ciqoma na matanitu o Viti e 100,000 na icula ni tatarovi ni matetaka na COVID 19 ka solia mai vakaloloma na matanitu ko Niusiladi.

E na nona mai qioma tiko na icula na Minisita ni Bula o Ifereimi Waqainabete, e kaya kina ni sa dodonu me ra na cakacakavata na vei matanitu e vuravura e na kena raici me wasei vakatautauvata na wainimate ni cula ni tatarovi ni mate na COVID19.

E varaitaka o Vuniwai Waqainabete ni dua na kena vakaraitakai vinaka sai koya na kena dodoliga mai go o Niusiladi me vaka ni vakaitavi kina e vica na matanitu vaka Iurope e na kena kau mai Sipeni na wainimate ka takosovi Iurope ni bera ni vakau ki Niusiladi ka tadu sara mai ki na noda vanua.
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‘Tubu na kisi ena Mua-i-ra’

VILIAME TIKOTANI

SA vakaraitaka na iliuliu ni veiqaqaravi vakavuniwai ena Mua-i-ra ko Dr Susana Nakalevu ni sa tubu totolo sara na kisi ni COVID-19 mai kea.

“Tekivu na vula oqo ko Okosita sa tubu cake sara me lai 400 kina 500 na kisi dua na siga.

“Rua ga na macawa sa oti oqo dau tekivu tikoga na neitou kisi vovou ena dua na siga ena 10 kina 20 se tubu kina 50.”

Kaya o Dr Nakalevu ni qoka sa na vakavuna mesa veisautaki na imoimoi se iwalewale ni veiqaqaravi ena Muaira me laveti kina dua tale na itagede.

“Me vakamuria na kena imoimoi esa

qaravi tiko ena iWasewase e Loma se e Suva kei Nausori. Au vakabauta ni gauna e qai mai sogoti kina na vanua oya mai Nawaka eso beka na era sa tauvi ira tiko na tauvimate oqo era tiko e taudaku ni vanua e mai lokataki oya. “O ira beka na tiko ena kena taudaku oya era sa qai vakadewataka vaka totolo na matetaka oqo me dewa vakalevu kina.

“E na gauna oqo sa dewa kece vei ratou kece na subdivision me tekivu mai Rakiraki yaco sara ki Sigatoka. Na veivanua kece sa tiko kina na kisi oqo ni COVID-19,” kaya o Dr Nakalevu.

“Keitou sa na musuka laivi na Contact Tracing keina so na veiqaqaravi keitou dau

cakava baleta gona ni sa levu na iwiliwili.” “Keitou sana qaravi ira ga ko ira era tauvi mate bibi vakabibi o ira na noda qase tiko nodra yabaki ni bula ena 60 vakacaca,” kaya ko Dr Nakalevu.

“Keitou sa na vakabibitaka ga na neitou veiqaqaravi me keitou raica ni ra sa taqomaki o ira era dau kaya beka era High Risk.” Kauawai talega o Dr Nakalevu ena vukudra na marama tiko bibi.

“Na vakasala talega sa soli tiko vei ira na marama tiko bibi kevaka ni oni sa vakila eso na ivakatakilakila ni mate oqo au kerea mo ni lako vakadodonu sara mai kina dua ga na neitou valeniwai se kina vanua e tiko kina Fever Clinic ni rawa ni lako mai kina

valenibula e Lautoka e tiko kina edua na vakatunulua kei na Girit Centre.

“Na kena totolo ga ni kune vei kemuni na mate oqo na kena vinaka talega moni na qaravi moni dikevi kemuni na vuniwai ni marama moni kua ni lai tauvimate bibi se lai yaco sara na mate. Sa kerei talega kevaka e maliwai kemuni tiko edua na matua se qase sa sivia na yabaki ni bula mai na 60 tauvi ira tiko eso na mate sureti matenisuka tubu ni dra vava sa kerei meda kauti ira talega mai me ra mai vakadikevi.

“Me kakua ni ibibi sara na mate vei ira se lailai ga na mate se rawarawa nira qaravi me kakua ni lai yaco mera mai rusa tiko ena mate oqo,” kaya o Dr Nakalevu.

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