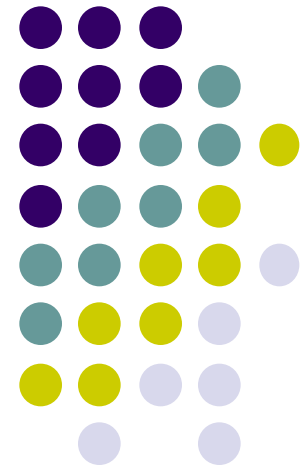


FIJI PRESENTATION

ASIA PACIFIC MINISTERIAL FORUM OF MANAGEMENT OF SOCIAL TRANSFORMATIONS PROGRAMME



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PRESENTATION OUTLINE



- Fiji at a Glance
- Building Inclusive Societies:
 - Empowerment of Women
 - Initiatives and strategies for inclusion
 - Social innovation as a tool
 - Challenges

WAY FORWARD

Fiji at a Glance



GDP	6,666.9 million
GDP per Capita	10,593.7 FJD
CPI	116.3
Poverty Rate	28.1% (HIES 2013-14)
Unemployment Rate	6.2%
Literacy Rate	Literacy: definition: age 15 and over can read and write. 93.7%

Population	865,611 (Est 2014)
Male	444,893 (51.2%)
Female	422,718 (48.8%)
Senior Citizens	72,843 (8.4%)
	Male 34,515 (3.4%) Female 38,330 (4.4%)
Life Expectancy Rate	69.9
	Male 67 Female 73.1

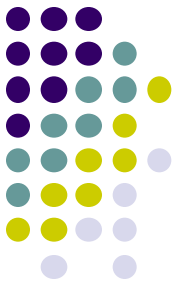
Ministry of Women, Children & Poverty Alleviation Fiji

Key Functions

- **MWCPA** is the Government Agency that administers services and programs aligned to the:
 - Empowerment of Women and Gender Equality;
 - Care and Protection of Children;
 - Social Protection Programs;
 - Care of Older Persons; and
 - Care of Persons with Disabilities.

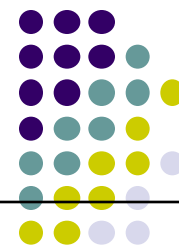


Social Inclusion and Empowerment

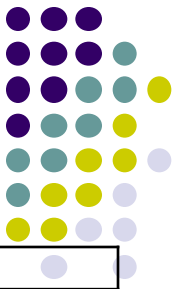


- Constitutional equality, non-discrimination and socio-economic rights
- “A socially inclusive Fiji and empowered Fijians” – 2nd Draft National Development Plan
- Government agenda on Social services
- Social inclusion programmes
- Targeted assistance
- SMEs and other self employment initiatives

Empowering Women



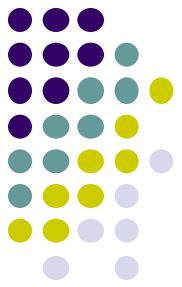
Policy Objective	Strategies
Increase women's participation in formal sector employment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Labour & employment laws and policies• Review women's access to income-generating activities including the Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) and the Women's Socio-Economic Development (WOSED).• Promote women's equal access to public services and programmes.
Increase women's representation at all levels of Government and civil society.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collection of sex de-segregated data• Place more focus on women's leadership training, sponsorship, upgrading, special assignments, assessment, mentoring and coaching.



Empowering Women

Policy Objective	Strategies
Eliminate violence against women and children through responsive policing and coordinated referral networks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Devise an effective strategy for improved policing in response to violence against women and girls.• Development of service delivery protocols
Improve women's access to resources and social services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Role of stakeholders - NGOs, Community based organisations, other Government departments etc.• Access to land
Access to Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Law and policy review: Family Law Act and Regulations; Domestic Violence Act; Crimes Act; the Criminal Procedure Act; Sentencing and Penalties Act; Child Welfare Act; Employment Relations Act; Constitutional Redress Rules; Human Rights Commission act; and HIV/AIDS Act.• REACH

Income Generating Projects for Women's Group



- The Ministry works with more than 200 Women groups on Income Generating Projects

Income Generating Projects 2010-2016		
Division	Total Projects	Total Investment (\$FJD)
Central	22	\$69,070.25
Western	23	\$62,360.73
Eastern	35	\$113,785.33
Northern	17	\$ 64,231.11

IGP Type

Canteen

Piggery

Poultry

Bee-keeping

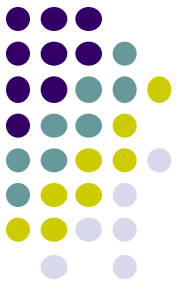
screen printing

Vegetable farms

Virgin Coconut Oil

Shed-hire

National Women's Expo



Year	Number of Participants (Women Groups)	Sales Earned
2014	1516	\$133,152
2015	510	\$314,133.20

**Zero Tolerance
Violence Free
Community**

Women Resource and Women Extension Centre

	Opened	Total Investment
Women Resource Centre	17	\$ 410,419.07
Women Extension Centre	38	\$219,314.99

Social Innovation

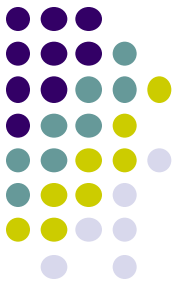


**Hon. Prime Minister for Fiji
Officiating New ICT Labs for
Students**



**Financial Inclusion : Digitizing Fiji's
Social Welfare Payments**

Social Innovation Through Teaching and Learning



- Digital Fijian Economy
 - Telecentres in Rural Areas.
- Access to Quality Education Program (AQEP)
 - ❖ Areas targeted through AQEP:
 - Learning Environment
 - Disability inclusion
 - Literacy
 - Numeracy
 - Income Generation
 - Access to Education
 - ❖ 44,000 Fijian students assisted under AQEP
 - ❖ A major highlight of AQEP is that it integrates students with disabilities into mainstream schools

Social Innovation through Social Protection Programmes



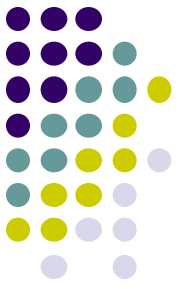
- Digitizing Fiji's Social Welfare Payments
 - 23,463 Households under Poverty Benefit Scheme for under privileged Families
 - 3,702 Households under Care & Protection Allowance for Children
 - 24,803 Beneficiaries under Social Pension Scheme for the Elderly

Social Innovation through Financial Literacy



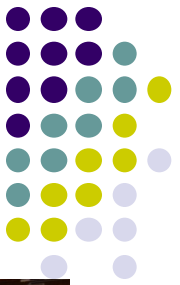
- Improving financial competencies through financial education in school curriculum
 - 910 schools and 197,000 students impacted through this
- Creating a digital financial ecosystem that enhances the use of Digital Financial Services
- Financial Inclusion- 207, 083 unbanked people now have bank accounts

Social Innovation through SME's



- Income Generating Projects as a means of empowerment
- Inclusive of youth, men, women and elderly.
- Assistance provided are from the various line Ministries:
 - ❖ Office of the Prime Minister- Small Grant Scheme
 - ❖ Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism- Northern Development Programme & Small Business Grant

Building Inclusive Society through Women



Launch of Barefoot College



Launch of National Domestic Violence Helpline



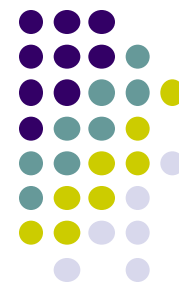
Hon. Prime Minister for Fiji Launching The National Women's Expo

Building Inclusive Society through Women



- ❑ **Gender equality**
- ❑ **EVAW and girls**
- ❑ **Redefinition of rights and responsibilities of men and women-changing mindsets**
- ❑ **Robust data collection**
- ❑ **The Male Voice**

Way Forward



A Socially Inclusive Fiji and
Empowered Fijians
Committed to working
towards SDG 5, 10 & 16

“LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND”