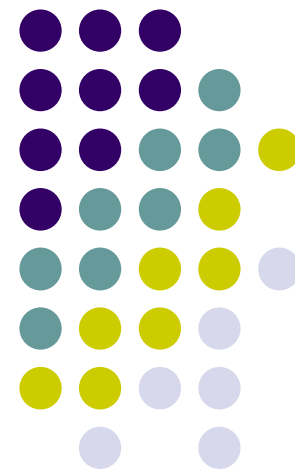




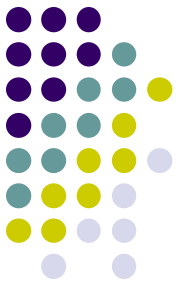
FIJI PRESENTATION

ASIA PACIFIC MINISTERIAL FORUM OF MANAGEMENT OF SOCIAL TRANSFORMATIONS PROGRAMME



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PRESENTATION OUTLINE



- Fiji at a Glance
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 - Challenges
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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

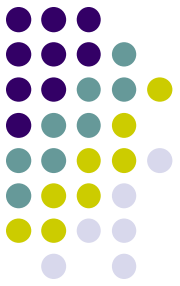
Ministry of Women, Children & Poverty Alleviation Fiji

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;
 - Provision of income support to families to cope with poverty situation (Social Protection Programmes);
 - Care of Older Persons and
 - Care of Persons with Disabilities.

Ageing – Fiji's Context

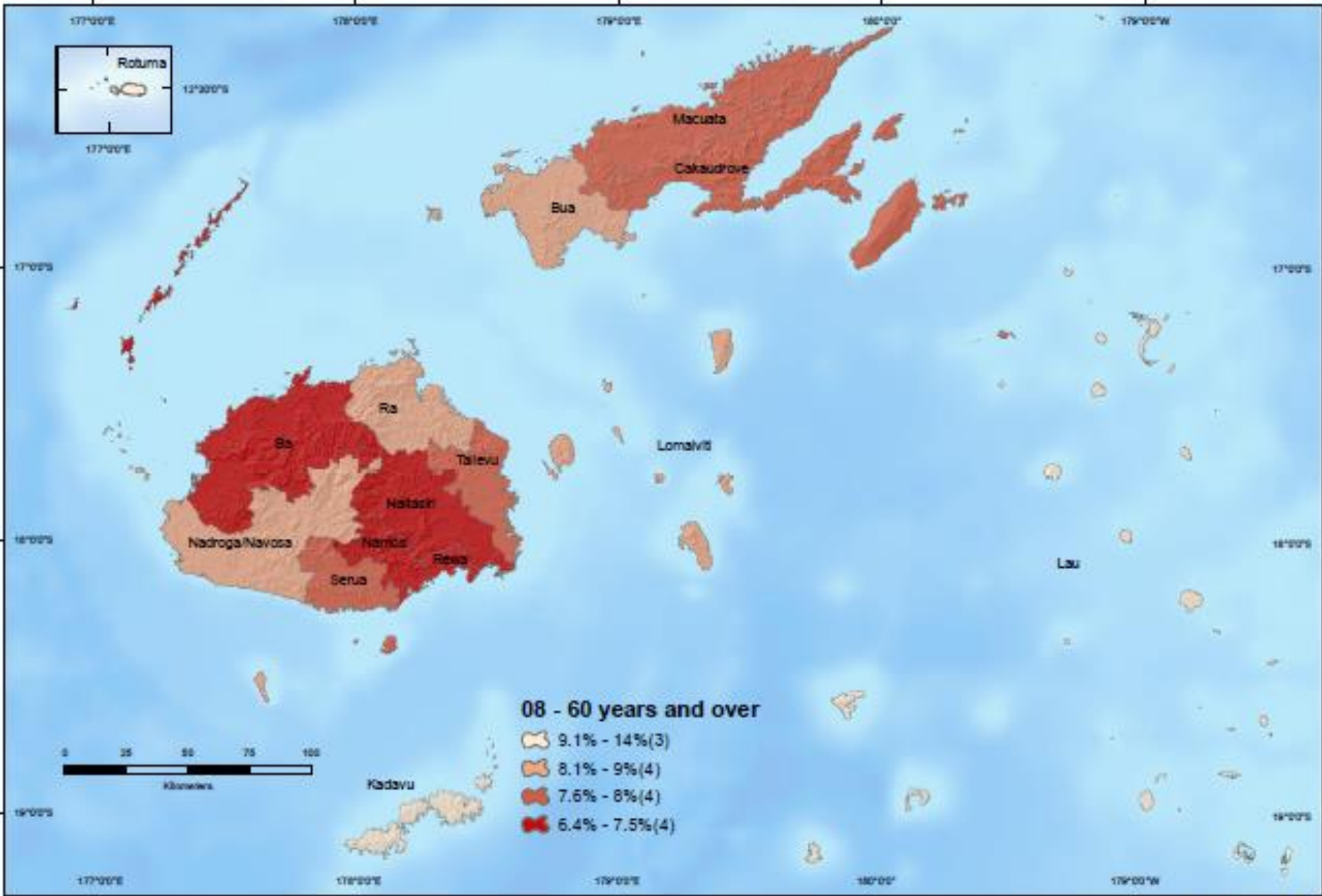


**Centennial Birthday Celebration
at Senior Citizens Home**

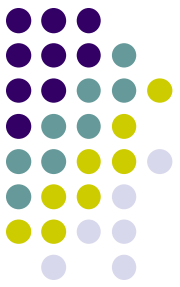


**Elderly celebrating New Year
at Old People's Home**

National Demographics on Older persons:



Senior Citizen Statistics - Fiji



Age	Male	%	Female	%	Total
60-64	13,728	49.5	14,017	50.5	27,745
65-69	10,080	49.1	10,451	50.9	20,531
70-74	6,118	46.6	7,023	53.4	13,141
75+	4,589	40.2	6,839	59.8	11,428

Source: Fiji Bureau of Statistics (Est 2014)

Achievements – Ageing Policy

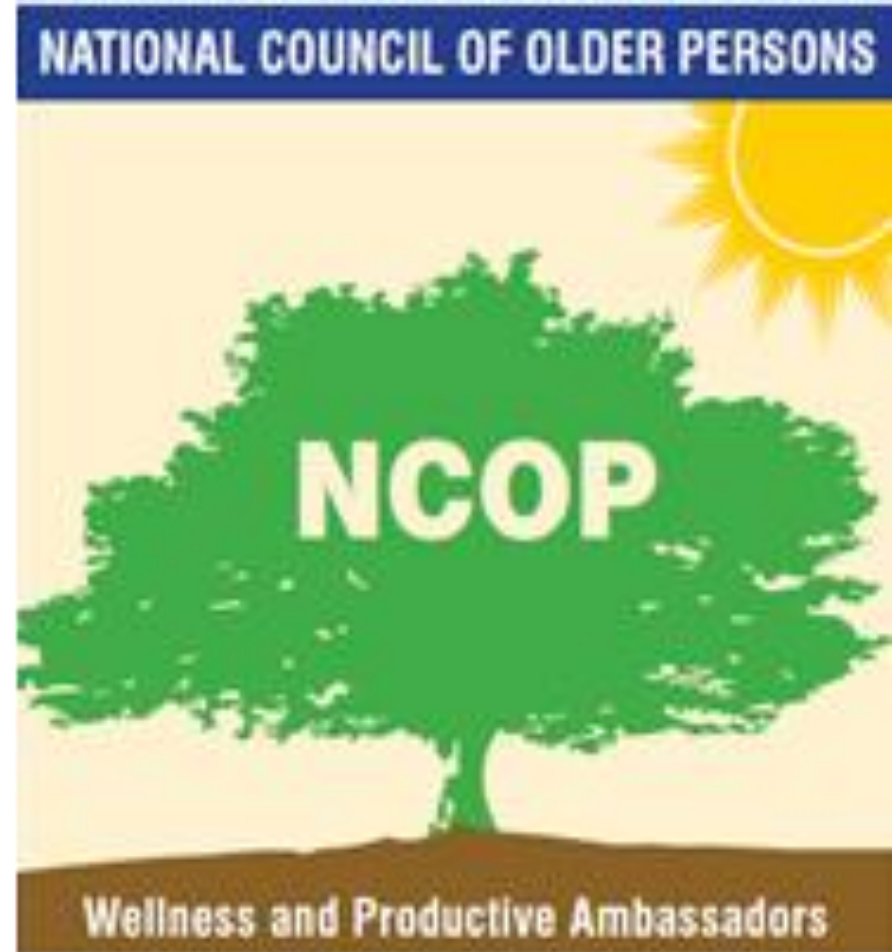
- In April 2002, the United Nations Second World Assembly on Ageing in Madrid, Spain – established the Global Long Term Strategy for the ageing population
- In 2011, the Fijian Government with the vision of creating an inclusive society for the Senior Citizens had developed Fiji's National Policy for Aging in collaboration with relevant stakeholders:
- Key Goals of National Ageing Policy:
 - Goal 1: Recognition of the contribution of older persons to the social, cultural, economic and political sectors of society
 - Goal2: Strengthened social assistance for older persons.
 - Goal 3: Healthy living.
 - Goal 4: An enabling and supportive environment for the older persons.

Achievement - National Council of Older Persons (NCOP) - Decree 63/2012

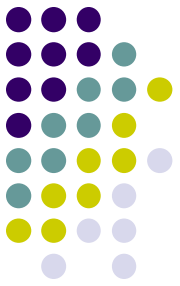


FUNCTIONS OF NCOP

- **ADVISER** - Government adviser on all aspects of ageing and the welfare of older persons;
- **STRATEGIST** - Assists Government in the development and implementation of national policies and strategies designed to produce health and social gain for older persons;
- **ADVOCATE** - Assists Government in the promotion of international instruments on the rights of older persons, the understanding of ageing and social security of older persons; and
- **REGULATOR** - Regulates and monitors activities of organizations providing services to older persons for transparency and alignment to existing policies and frameworks.

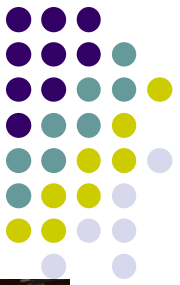


Social Protection Programs for Senior Citizens



Program	Coverage	% of Senior citizens covered	Remarks
Bus-fare Subsidy	53,291	73.2 %	For older persons aged 60 years & over 50% discount on normal fare for elderly 20% discount for taxi fare within 20km for taxis under the Taxi Union.
Social Pension Scheme	24,803	55%	The Program is targeted at elderly persons at the age of 66 and above that are not beneficiaries of any superannuation payments

Building Inclusive Society through Women



Launch of Barefoot College

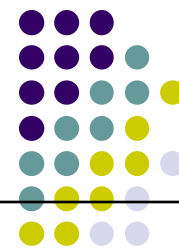


Launch of National Domestic Violence Helpline



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

Empowering Women



Policy Objective	Strategies
<p>Increase women's participation in formal sector employment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review labour and employment laws and human resource development as per the National Gender Policy ensure equal access of men and women to formal sector employment. • Examine wage differentials and the drivers of inequity in wage setting and in the formal sector employment. • Review Agriculture policies and laws to enable men and women to benefit equally from all Government assistance. • 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.
<p>Increase women's representation at all levels of Government and civil society.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect sex disaggregated data to inform women's participation in leadership and decision-making and to assist in monitoring and evaluation of gender strategies. • Introduce or strengthen women's empowerment programs in rural areas through leadership and decision making training, awareness of human and indigenous rights issues, and health needs. • Promote girls training and participation in "traditional men's occupations" such as Engineering. • 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 by MWCPA in conjunction with the Fiji Police Force, Ministry of Health & Medical Services in clarifying roles and referral pathways for all service providers and NGOs.
Improve women's access to all social services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On-going review of the effectiveness of the HIV/AIDS Decree in removing stigma and discrimination for those living with or affected by HIV and AIDS in relation to the right to employment, promotion and employment opportunities. • Help strengthen the work of Non-Government Organizations in complementing Government programmes under the WPA and National Gender Policy.
Secure justice for women.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review legislation and policies to enhance their relevance to women and gender equality. This will include the Family Law Act and Regulations, the Domestic Violence Decree, the Crimes Decree, the Criminal Procedure Decree, the Sentencing and Penalties Decree, the Child Welfare Decree, the Employment Relations Promulgation, the Constitutional Redress Rules, the Human Rights Commission Decree and the HIV/AIDS Decree.

Income Generating Projects for Women's Group



- The Ministry works with 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

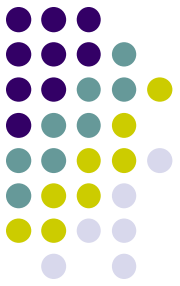
screen printing

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

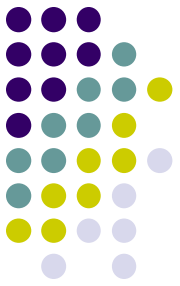
Zero Tolerance Violence Free Community

Violence against Women and Children is a national concern and the Fijian Government has pledged to eliminate this social issue. Fiji has recognized that this is not only a human rights issue and also regarded as major health and development issue. In Fiji **52** communities have been declared Violence Free Communities and are being continuously monitored.

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

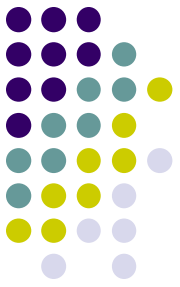


**Hon. Prime Minister for Fiji
Officiating New ICT Labs for
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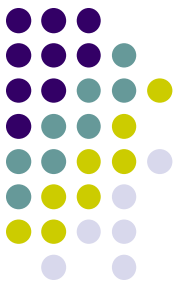
**Financial Inclusion : Digitizing Fiji's
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Social Innovation Through Teaching and Learning



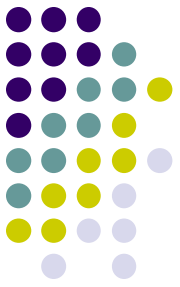
- Digital Fijian Economy
 - Investment of Government in ICT through establishment of Tele centres in Rural Areas.
- Access to Quality Education Program (AQEP)
 - ❖ Areas targeted through AQEP:
 - Learning Environment
 - Disability inclusion
 - Literacy
 - Numeracy
 - Income Generation
 - Access to Education
 - ❖ 44,000 Fijian students assisted under AQEP
 - ❖ A major highlight of AQEP is that it is inclusive to students with disability
 - There are currently five (5) schools in Fiji that are adopting this inclusive learning tool.

Social Innovation through Social Protection Programmes



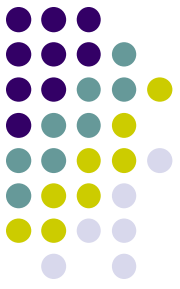
- Digitizing Fiji's Social Welfare Payments
 - 23,463 Households under Poverty Benefit Scheme for under privileged Families
 - 3,702 Households under Care & Protection Allowance for Children
 - 24,803 Beneficiaries under Social Pension Scheme for the Elderly

Social Innovation through Financial Literacy



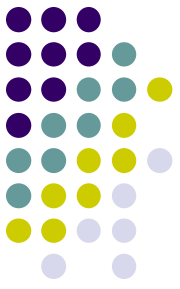
- Improving financial competencies through financial education in school curriculum
 - 910 schools and 197,000 students impacted through this
- Creating a digital financial ecosystem that enhances the use of Digital Financial Services
- Deepening Access of Financial Inclusion- 207, 083 underserved people have been banked

Social Innovation through SME's



- The government in its efforts to reduce poverty has implemented Income Generating Projects to target the vulnerable in society.
- These projects are 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

Social Inclusion and Empowerment



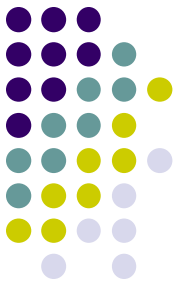
- “A socially inclusive Fiji and empowered Fijians” – 2nd Draft National Development Plan
- Extreme poverty and hunger does not exist with the availability of agricultural & fisheries products and sharing culture of Fijians. Income poverty is also on a declining trend. With provision of free water, electricity, education, medicines & health services, bus fare subsidy, housing assistance, social protection initiatives like food vouchers and the social pension scheme, livelihoods of all Fijians have been secured. Opportunities for income generation and better employment opportunities have raised income levels and standard of living in the country.
- In the next 5 years, Government will ensure every Fijian is provided with the basic amenities of life. Social inclusion programmes such as the poverty benefit scheme, welfare graduation programme and social pension scheme will be maintained. Targeted assistance will be provided to the vulnerable, including children living in poverty, children in orphanages & foster care, those living with disabilities & special need and the elderly.
- A major focus in the years ahead would be to support SMEs and other self employment initiatives to ensure all Fijians have a stable source of income. Major Government initiatives to ensure the provision of socio-economic rights in the Constitution is realised will empower Fijians to become self reliant. Government will ensure that prosperity is shared and all development is inclusive.

Goal: Reduce poverty to a negligible level by 2035 by targeting vulnerable groups through more inclusive development

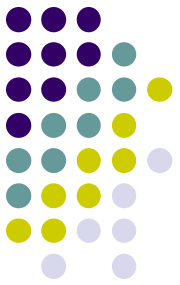


Policies	Strategies
<p>Promote a protective environment where everyone is safe and protected.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strengthen data gathering for baseline studies and analyses of the needs of children, elderly, people with disabilities and assessments of poverty.• Review state social protection systems for the protection and care of vulnerable groups.• Review and, if needed, enhance education, employment, trade, fiscal and other Government policies as they impact vulnerable groups and social empowerment programmes.• Implement, monitor and review legislation with the principles and provisions of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, Convention on the Rights of Older Persons, Convention on the Rights of Person with Disability and other relevant international instruments.• Encourage in-family support for the elderly.

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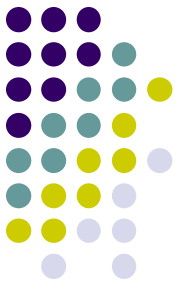
Policies	Strategies
Improve the lives of vulnerable people (elderly, children and those with special needs).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strengthen empowerment programmes to build capacity among vulnerable groups and create access to productive resources to facilitate migration from welfare to workfare.• Continue to engage with faith based organisations and NGOs in promoting family values and social cohesion.• Promote greater integration and participation of vulnerable people in decision-making and community affairs.• Increase labour force participation and self-employment of older persons and those with special needs.• Provision of post-traumatic counselling services for the vulnerable groups after natural disasters.



Challenges

- *Ageing*
 - Abuse and neglect of Older Persons
 - Increase demand for Social Security, Health Services and Residential Homes for Older Persons
- *Women*
 - Gender Inequality
 - Violence against Women
- *Social Innovations:*
 - Geographical Location – vastly dispersed Islands
 - Accessibility –remote Islands
 - Effects of Climate Change

Way Forward



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

“ LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND ”

Vinaka & Thank You