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Rights, Empowerment and Cohesion (REACH) for rural and urban Fijians Project

The key purpose of REACH project is to promote peace building, social cohesion and inclusiveness through awareness of rights, access to services, provision of legal advice and institutional capacity building in Fiji.

The REACH project is linked to the Sustainable Development Goals through the empowerment of women and girls and the promotion of a peaceful and inclusive society for sustainable development, provision of access to justice for all and building effective, accountable and inclusive institutions.

The REACH project will primarily work with the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation and the Legal Aid Commission on the following two components:

- To improve awareness and service delivery to people in urban informal and rural communities in the areas for the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation of people's right to social and economic wellbeing; and for the Legal Aid Commission in the area of people's right to justice, focusing on legal aid.



Project Overview

- **Project duration:** 2015 – 2018
- **Project location:** Throughout Fiji, pilot location in Northern Division
- **Partnership:** The Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, and Legal Aid Commission
- **Total budget:** US\$2.685 million
- **Funds:** Government of Japan and UNDP

Natuvu village, Wailevu West District, Cakaudrove Province

- To support research and analysis for evidence based policy making.

The REACH project aims to accomplish the following key results:

- Increased awareness in urban informal and rural communities of constitutional rights in the areas of social and economic wellbeing and justice, focusing on legal aid, through the provision of mobile teams.
- Enhanced delivery of the services provided by the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation and the Legal Aid Commission through the provision of mobile teams visiting urban informal and rural communities.
- Strengthened capacity of the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation and the Legal Aid Commission through support to strategic planning and support of coordination with relevant line ministries for effective and coordinated service delivery to urban informal and rural communities.
- Strengthened capacity of institutions working on democratic governance, human rights, rule of law, and anti-discrimination aspects through provision of targeted support in areas identified as high priority during the project REACH implementation.

- Policy making informed and based on evidence through research and analysis on the relevant areas related to the empowerment of women and girls, promotion of peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provision of access to justice for all and building effective, accountable and inclusive institutions.



Partners supporting the REACH project.



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