Rights, Empowerment and Cohesion (REACH) for Rural and Urban Fijians Project

The REACH Project aims to promote peace building, social cohesion and inclusiveness. The Project conducts awareness raising of the social, economic and legal rights enshrined in the Constitution of the Republic of Fiji, provides access to the services associated with these rights, and strengthens institutional capacity to deliver these services. A mobile service delivery approach is undertaken to reach communities throughout all of Fiji with the focus to reach the furthest behind first.

The Fiji Government has endorsed the Sustainable Development Goals which aim to ensure that no one is left behind and endeavour to reach the furthest behind first.

In Goal 16, there is commitment to promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels. In Goal 5, there is commitment to achieving gender equality and empowerment of all women and girls.

The REACH Project supports the achievement of these goals.

The REACH project aims to accomplish the following key results:

- Increased awareness in urban, rural and maritime 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, rural and maritime communities.
- Strengthened capacity of the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation and the Legal Aid Commission through support to strategic planning, monitoring of results and support of coordination for effective and coordinated service delivery to urban, rural and maritime communities.
- Policy making informed and based on evidence through research and analysis through a pilot initiative utilizing an innovative approach to track service delivery from start to finish and building on successful global initiatives being accessed through South-South Cooperation arrangements.
REACH Mobile Service Delivery

The REACH Mobile Service Delivery Buses are custom designed and equipped in Fiji for effective service delivery. They cater for services to all, including children, the elderly and people with disabilities, reaching out to rural and urban communities in Fiji to leave no one behind.

**KEY FACTS**

- Three buses
- Two of 11.5 meter in length
- One of 9 meter in length
- Government mobile service delivery
- Mobile office concept
- Robust build for sealed and unsealed roads
- Accessible to all
- Eco-friendly
- Smart technology
- Accredited ‘Fijian Made’ product

13,446 people (6,287 women, 6,253 men and 906 children) benefited from the REACH mobile awareness raising and service delivery.

677 communities in 113 districts in 14 provinces and Rotuma across Central, Eastern Northern and Western Divisions received the REACH mobile awareness raising and service delivery.

17,110 services (9,412 women and 7,698 men) immediately provided in the communities by the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, the Legal Aid Commission, and the Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission.

168 people (94 women and 74 men) from the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, the Legal Aid Commission, Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission, and other key stakeholders further strengthened their capacity to undertake awareness raising and service delivery.

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