

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

25 NOVEMBER - 10 DECEMBER



TODAY, 25 NOVEMBER, IS **INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PROTEST AGAINST VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**. THIS MARKS THE START OF AN ANNUAL 16-DAY LONG GLOBAL CAMPAIGN TO SHINE A LIGHT ON ALL FORMS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN THAT PERSIST IN FIJI, THE PACIFIC AND ACROSS THE GLOBE.

WHAT IS THE 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM?

The 16 Days of Activism Against Violence Against Women runs from 25 November to 10 December each year. This international campaign was conceived in 1991 during the first Women's Global Leadership Institute at Rutgers University, New Jersey in the United States.

FWCC Coordinator Shamima Ali was one of 23 women leaders from around the world who attended the institute and founded the campaign at Rutgers that year. Participants chose the dates in order to symbolically link violence against women (25 November) and human rights (10 December) and to emphasise that violence against women is a gross violation of human rights.

In Fiji and the Pacific, 16 Days has not only put the focus on the continuing violation of women's human rights, it has also played a significant part in the movement for democracy, rule of law and human rights.

SIGNIFICANT DATES DURING THE 16-DAY PERIOD INCLUDE:

- 25 NOVEMBER:** International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
- 29 NOVEMBER:** International Women Human Rights Defenders Day
- 1 DECEMBER:** World Aids Day
- 2 DECEMBER:** International Day for the Abolition of Slavery
- 3 DECEMBER:** International Day of People with Disabilities
- 6 DECEMBER:** White Ribbon Day to commemorate the Montreal Massacre
- 9 DECEMBER:** International Anti-Corruption Day
- 10 DECEMBER:** International Human Rights Day

For more information on the origin and significance of 16 Days, please visit: <http://16dayscwg.l.rutgers.edu/about/key-dates>

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The Fiji Women's Crisis Centre continuously trains and conducts awareness sessions throughout Fiji. These are some of the major events and trainings facilitated by FWCC in 2017.

Fiji Women's Crisis Centre

- Ministry of Youth and Sports (Eastern Division) 2 trainings respectively
- National Rugby League members
- Village Bylaws Consultation
- Soroptimist Lautoka (School children, parents, Teachers)
- Waidalice Dairy Farmers.
- Pacific Island Forum Secretariat
- Marist Old Boys Mobilize Conference
- Community Rehabilitation Outreach Program/Labasa Sangam Nursing Students
- NASAC Ministry of Education Teachers
- Suva Correction Centre Officers
- Koro Island Women
- Police Superintendents around Fiji
- Uruone Soqosoqo Vakamarama, Lau
- Pacific Building Solutions, Lau
- Natauloa, Nairai youth in partnership with the Ministry of Youth and Sports.
- Totoya District School committee and teachers

Ba Women's Crisis Centre

- Vatulaulau Sanatan Primary School, Vatulaulau village
- Ratu Filimoni Vukinamualevu Memorial School
- Xavier College, Namosau, Ba
- Ba Methodist High School, Nailaga Ba
- Tavua village
- Waikubu Village, Tavua
- Vanuakula village, Tavua
- Nadelai village, Tavua
- Cloppcott, Ba

Nadi Women's Crisis Centre

- Youths of Nadroga Navosa in partnership with the Ministry of Youth and Sports
- National Rugby League members
- Tranquil Textiles staff
- Sofitel Resort and Spa staff

Rakiraki Women's Crisis Centre

- Department of Women Zero Tolerance Violence Free Communities
- Rakiraki District Women's Committee
- Penang Sangam Primary School Girl Guides and Scouts
- National rugby League Ra Roosters women and men's team
- UNDP reach Programme

Labasa Women's Crisis Centre

- Soqosoqo Vakamarama Macuata
- Nabouwalu Village in partnership with Ministry of Women.
- Fiji Medical Association - Northern
- Seventh Day Adventist Church, Dogotuki, Macuata

Training of other agencies facilitated by FWCC

- Fiji Police Academy
- Ministry of Women- Social Welfare Officers
- Senior Republic of Fiji Military Officers in partnership with the Ministry of Women
- Ministry of Youth and Sports – Suva staff
- Ministry of youth and Sports – Labasa staff



Eastern Division youths during a 5-day training facilitated by FWCC organised in collaboration with the Ministry of Youth and Sports.



Participants during the drafting of the Fiji National Service Delivery Protocol for Responding to Cases of Gender Based Violence - Standard Operating Procedures for Interagency Response Among Social Services, Police, Health and Legal/Justice Providers.



Republic Of Fiji Military Forces Senior Officers after attending a 5-day training facilitated by FWCC at The Pearl Resort and Spa.



Key representatives from government ministries, national disaster management offices, UN and civil society organizations gathered at the inaugural Pacific Regional Workshop on Addressing Gender-Based Violence in Emergencies in Suva, Fiji organised by UN Women in partnership with FWCC (FLARE).



NRL Players with FWCC staff after an awareness session facilitated by FWCC.



Youths of Nadroga / Navosa after completing the 5-day training organised by the Ministry of Youth and Sports in collaboration with the Fiji Women's Crisis Centre at Semo Village.



Shamima Ali launched Pinktober for the Tavua community - an initiative of Tavua hospital staff and community.



Launch of the Martintar 7's sponsored by FWCC.



Fiji Police Force undergoing training facilitated by FWCC.



Launching of the first Domestic Violence Toll-Free Helpline (1560) and also commemorating International Women's Day.

We remember...

Over the past 10 months (January – October 2017) 3 women and 3 children have lost their lives due to domestic violence.

- **March 2017** – Elenoa Dicovi, 24 of Suva – was allegedly stabbed several times by her defacto partner resulting in her death.
- **May 2017** – Nomai Voce, 35 of Nausori – died after sustaining severe burns. It is alleged that her husband after a heated argument with the victim set the house on fire.
- **July 2017** – Ranjana Wati, 31; children aged 4, 3, 18 months of Nasinu – committed suicide with her 3 children after an alleged domestic dispute with her husband where the husband was hospitalized as a result of attempted suicide.



33 YEARS ON, THE STATISTICS STACK UP

SINCE ITS inception in 1984, FWCC and its branches (with different inception years) have seen more than 18,000 New Domestic Violence Clients in Fiji. The Centre and the branches attend to 45 new clients at an average every month.

From January to October this year FWCC and its branches received 918 domestic violence cases, 7 rape cases, 6 attempted rape cases, 25 child sexual abuse cases, 33 child physically/emotional/verbal abuse cases and 25 sexual harassment cases.

It is known that women and children with disabilities are more vulnerable to issues faced in our societies. FWCC and its branches from January 2017 to

October 2017, have had 111 counselling sessions with women and children with disabilities. Of these 25 were New Clients and there were 86 repeat counselling sessions. Women mostly came in for Domestic Violence and Others issues with 3 new clients for Child Sexual Abuse and one new client for Sexual Harassment for the past 10 months.

FWCC AND BRANCHES DOMESTIC VIOLENCE POLICE REPORTING RATE 2016 (JAN-OCT)



- Domestic violence cases % reported to police
- Domestic violence cases % not reported to police

WHO ARE CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE PERPETRATORS?



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National Domestic Violence Helpline

1560

24-HOUR TOLL-FREE

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ON BEHALF OF THE
MINISTRY OF WOMEN, CHILDREN AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION