

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://16dayscwgj.rutgers.edu/about/key-dates>

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28 YEARS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST VIOLENCE AGAINST

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 2019.

FIJI WOMEN'S CRISIS CENTRE

- Fiji Police Force
- iTaukei Affairs Board and Ministry of iTaukei Affairs
- Delailasaka & Nasevou Villages, Naitasiri
- Service Delivery Protocol Roll Out Trainings - Fiji
- Rewa District Women's Workshop
- Gender Advocacy Training into Rugby Plus
- Yaqeta village Women, Yasawa
- Vatukalo Village Women & Men, Levuka
- House of Sarah, Sarah Carers, Anglican Church Habitat for Humanity
- Regional Dialogue on Engaging Men in the prevention of Violence with UN Women, Sigatoka

BA WOMEN'S CRISIS CENTRE

(Jan-Oct 2019)

- Sorokoba Women's Group
- Vatulaulau Primary Kindergarten
- Qerelevu Hindu Primary School
- TISI Sangam Women's Club
- Nasivikoso Village Women's workshop
- Magodro Tikina Youth Workshop

NADI WOMEN'S CRISIS CENTRE

(Jan-Oct 2019)

- UniFiji Students
- Nadi Centre for Special Education
- Lautoka Cane Producers Association
- Nakavu Women's Group
- Shri Sanatan Dharam Pratinidhi –Lautoka & Sigatoka Naari Sabha

RAKIRAKI WOMEN'S CRISIS CENTRE

(Jan-Oct 2019)

- Vatukaceveceva Male Advocacy - Vatukaceveceva Village
- Naivutu, Naraviravi & Navuniamumu Villages
- Penang Sangam Kindergarten
- Matawailevu Rugby & Netball Team
- Shri Saraswati Women's Club

LABASA WOMEN'S CRISIS CENTRE

(Jan-Oct 2019)

- Nukubalavu Village
- Labasa Hospital Midwives
- Labasa Sugar Cane Producers Association - Farmers
- Government Expo, Vaturova
- Saqani Women's Group
- Bouma/ Lavena Women's Group
- Turaga-ni-koro, Bouma

REGIONAL TRAININGS

- Gender Advocacy Trainings for Australian Federal Police - Fiji
- Family Support Centre, Honiara, Solomon Islands
- Law and Justice Sector, GESI Community of Practice, Port Moresby, PNG
- Vanuatu Australian Police & Justice Program for Vanuatu Police Commanders
- Samoa Police Executives, Apia, Samoa
- PNG Disciplined Forces Airways, Port Moresby, PNG

ACTIVITIES

FIJI WCC

- Nov 18th-20th: Fiji Disabled Peoples Federation workshop
- **25TH NOV: 16 DAYS MARCH**
- 2nd-6th Dec: Male Advocacy Workshop Lomanikoro, Rewa

MEDIA

LABASA WCC

- Nov 18th-20th: Workshop - Somosomo Village, Taveuni
- **25TH NOV: 16 DAYS MARCH (SOMOSOMO, TAVEUNI)**
- 28th Nov: Vunimoli Indian community - Community Awareness
- 29th Nov: Vunilagi Village, Savusavu - Community Awareness
- 3rd-6th Dec: Domokavu Women's Group workshop - Vaturova, Cakaudrove
- 10th Dec: Open Day at the Centre - **ALL WELCOME**

NADI WCC

- **25TH NOV: 16 DAYS MARCH**
- 28th Nov: Information booth Sigatoka Court complex
- 9th-13th Dec: Male Advocacy, Korolevu, Navosa

RAKIRAKI WCC

- **25TH NOV: 16 DAYS MARCH**
- 2nd-6th Dec: Tikina Nalawa Women's and Girls workshop (CE)
- 9th-13th Dec: Nakorovou Women's & Girls workshop (CE)

BA WCC

- **25TH NOV: 16 DAYS MARCH**
- 28th Nov: Ba interagency meeting at the Centre
- 29th Nov: Information booth in Tavua
- 5th-6th Dec: Youth and Women Leaders workshop at Ba Red Cross Hall
- 10th Dec: Open day at the Centre - **ALL WELCOME**



Employees of the Fijian Competition & Consumer Commission at Gorrie Street, Suva with FWCC Coordinator Shamima Ali after an awareness session on Sexual Harassment.



Women of the TISI Mothers Sangam Club, Ba after attending the workshop conducted by Ba Women's Crisis Centre.



Participants from the Ministry of Taukei Affairs having a group discussion during the 5-day training facilitated by FWCC in partnership with the Ministry Of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, supported by DFAT.



Youths of Lautoka/Nadi after completing a 5-day training facilitated by FWCC in collaboration with Ignite4Change at Tanoa Waterfront Hotel, Lautoka.



Women of the district of Saqani in Cakaudrove after attending a five-day workshop on gender-based violence conducted by the Labasa Women's Crisis Centre.



Participants undergoing training at Korociriciri, Nausori facilitated by the Fiji Women's Crisis Centre.



Participants working in groups during the 5-day Male Advocacy workshop at Naisililili Village, Tikina Nacula of the Yasawas organised by FWCC.



Sigatoka Sanatan Naari Sabha & women from nearby community after attending a community education awareness facilitated by Nadi Women's Crisis Centre at Uluisila temple in Sigatoka.

we remember...

**OVER THE PAST 10 MONTHS (JANUARY – OCTOBER 2019)
7 WOMEN HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES DUE TO DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE.**

- **JANUARY 2019**
 - ▶ 35 year old of Nasinu - was allegedly burnt by her husband resulting in her death.
- **JUNE 2019**
 - ▶ Seini Tagilala, 23 of Suva – was pregnant when she was allegedly assaulted by her partner which led to her death in Hospital.
 - ▶ Salanieta Leba, 19 of Nausori – was punched and stabbed allegedly by her partner and was pronounced dead on arrival at the Hospital.
- **JULY 2019**
 - ▶ Jennifer Downes, a Foreign National working in Suva was murdered allegedly by her husband.
- **AUGUST 2019**
 - ▶ Salesni Devi, 35 of Labasa, was stabbed several times allegedly by her husband with a cane knife resulting in her death.
 - ▶ Amelia Mafi, 36 of Suva, was stabbed allegedly by her husband at her workplace resulting in her death
- **SEPTEMBER 2019**
 - ▶ Maria Tavuvu, 19 of Nabitu Settlement, was found lying motionless with visible injuries at the Bilalevu Side of Sigatoka River. Her 24 year old partner Joji Katzuky who was wanted for questioning in relation to her murder was found dead apparently due to suicide.



What are you giving your child for Christmas this year?

Will the toys your children receive be in keeping with the Spirit of Christmas?
Or will they encourage destruction and violence?



What's wrong with toys of violence?

- They desensitise children to the results of violence - pain, maiming, crippling and death;
- They endorse violence as a way of solving problems;
- They do not develop reasoning or verbal skills;
- They require no imagination or creativity. A pull of a trigger or push of a button takes care of problems;
- They reverse the positions of good and bad values: they downgrade patience, compassion and the spirit of co-operation, while upgrading quick-trigger responses, aggressiveness and hate;
- Many of the toys equate survival with attacking, winning and being dominant. In actuality, survival may depend upon compromise, give-and-take and co-operation.



THE CHOICE IS YOURS...

35 YEARS ON, THE STATISTICS STACK UP

Since 1984, FWCC and its branches have attended to more than 22,000 new Domestic Violence Cases in Fiji. From January to October this year, FWCC and its branches have received 923 domestic violence cases, 38 rape cases, 5 attempted rape cases, 91 child sexual abuse cases, 34 child physical/verbal/emotional abuse cases and 22 sexual harassment cases.

