

FIJI WOMEN'S CRISIS CENTRE



Feminists who started the Global 16 Days of Activism Campaign in 1991.

WHAT IS THE 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM?

AS PART OF THE 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM CAMPAIGN, 25 NOVEMBER MARKED THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PROTEST AGAINST VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN. THE DAY MARKED THE BEGINNING OF THE ANNUAL 16-DAY LONG GLOBAL CAMPAIGN TO FOCUS ON ALL FORMS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN THAT PERSIST IN FIJI, THE PACIFIC AND ACROSS THE GLOBE.

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

THE FIJI WOMEN'S CRISIS CENTRE CONTINUOUSLY TRAINS AND CONDUCTS AWARENESS SESSIONS THROUGHOUT FIJI. BETWEEN JANUARY TO OCTOBER THIS YEAR, FWCC HAS CARRIED OUT 40 COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND OUTREACH PROGRAMS AND 59 TRAINING AND AWARENESS SESSIONS. THESE ARE SOME OF THE MAJOR EVENTS AND TRAININGS FACILITATED BY FWCC IN 2022.

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- Ports Authority of Fiji training on sexual harassment.
- Suva Volleyball Association Gender and Child Protection training.
- Police Basic Recruits training on Gender, Human Rights and Eliminating Violence against Women.
- Waste Recyclers Fiji training for women.
- Pacific Islands Forum session on sexual harassment.
- Series of seminars with the Fijian Competition and Consumer Commission staff.
- Fiji National University academic staff and practitioners.
- Plantation Island Resort staff and management training.

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- Keyasi women community education.
- Navaga village workshop.
- Tabataba village and settlement outreach.
- Training for villagers of Burenitu.

NADI WOMEN'S CRISIS CENTRE

- Nawaka Male Advocacy training.
- Namaka Women's Group.
- Namaka Open Day awareness.

LABASA WOMEN'S CRISIS CENTRE

- Taveuni Male Advocacy.
- Macuata Women's Workshop.
- Wainidrua Village in Nakilikoso.

RAKIRAKI WOMEN'S CRISIS CENTRE

- Vaidoko Women's workshop.
- Nawaqaliva youth group training.
- Sawanivo Village training.

REGIONAL EVENTS

- Pilot Gender-Based Counsellor training facilitated by Fiji Women's Crisis Centre Counsellors in collaboration with UN Women Pacific.



50 women from the seven villages in the district of Waya in Yasawa completed a training in November



Counsellor Advocate Lusua Racaca conducted an awareness session with 45 children and 8 women at the AOG Church in Kuku, Nausori in October



Fiji Girit Council Women's Wing's International Women's Day event in Lautoka



Homes of Hope Male Advocacy training



More than 50 women from Sawanivo in Ra completed a training on Gender, Human Rights, Eliminating Violence Against Women and Girls and Legal Literacy by FWCC in July.



Homes of Hope training for women



Pilot Gender Based Counsellor Training in Nadi



Participants of the Male Advocacy Training in Taveuni



Training for the Batinikama Women's Group by LWCC



Training for OFC accredited referees

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IN THE LAST 11 MONTHS (JANUARY TO NOVEMBER 2022) **SEVEN** WOMEN HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES DUE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND MURDER.

JANUARY 2022

- ▶ **RAGNI DEVI** died after being allegedly killed by her husband at their home in Volivoli in Rakiraki.
- ▶ **A woman** in her 20s died after being allegedly assaulted by her partner in Cunninghamham.

MAY 2022

- ▶ **SALOME IOSEFO**, 38, died after her husband allegedly poured hot water on her and then later poured kerosene on her before setting her on fire. She suffered 42% burns to her body and later succumbed to her injuries.

JULY 2022

- ▶ **CHRISTIE CHAN** was beaten to death by her husband on Turtle Island Resort. They were on their honeymoon.
- ▶ **SUMAN LATA**, 46, was allegedly struck with a cane knife, locked inside her bedroom in a double-storey flat that was set on fire. She got caught up in a domestic dispute between the man and his wife. He forcibly entered her home, demanding to know about his wife's whereabouts. The wife was previously renting one of the flats in the woman's property but had left a year ago.

AUGUST 2022

- ▶ **ALESHNI DEVI**, 41, was allegedly murdered by her husband on August 23 at their house in Mullau, Rakiraki. He is alleged to have murdered her before setting their house on fire.

NOVEMBER 2022

- ▶ **KARISHMA GOUNDER**, 30, was murdered between November 12th and November 13th. Her body was found near Lomolomo Beach in Lautoka.

**38 YEARS ON,
THE STATISTICS
STACK UP**

Since 1984, the Fiji Women's Crisis Centre and its branches have attended to more than 40,000 survivors. From January to October this year, the FWCC and its branches have received 1,732 new survivors.

FWCC AND BRANCHES TOTAL NEW CASES SEEN (JANUARY – OCTOBER 2022)

2022	Domestic Violence	Rape	Attempted Rape	Other Sexual Offences	Child Rape	Child Sexual Abuse	Child Physical/ Verbal/ Emotional Abuse	Adult Survivor	Sexual Harassment	Others including the elderly and those evicted	Total
FWCC	487	9	1	1	38	10	31	7	9	165	758
LWCC	151	8	1	3	20	8	5	4	0	70	270
BWCC	179	1	1	0	2	9	10	1	1	66	270
NWCC	230	2	1	2	9	4	6	3	6	82	345
RWCC	66	0	0	2	1	3	2	0	0	15	89
TOTAL	1113	20	4	8	70	34	54	15	16	398	1732

**NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
24-HOUR TOLL-FREE HELPLINE:**

1560

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