

GOVT. LIBRARIES IN PROVIDING EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THE PREPARATION OF VOLUNTARY NATIONAL REVIEW (VNR) FOR FIJI

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OVERVIEW

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- ROLE OF LIBRARIES
- PROCESS
- CHALLENGES
- WAY FORWARD

INTRODUCTION

- Types / Roles of government libraries
 - Libraries of Legislature
 - Libraries of the Executive
 - Libraries of the Judiciary

PROCESS

- MINISTRY OF FINANCE SDG UNIT
 - Fiji's priority targets for SDG 4

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

- FEMIS (Fiji Education Management Information System)
- EXAMS OFFICE
- LIBRARY SERVICE OF FIJI
- READ TO LEAD FIJI

EVIDENCE PRODUCED

✓ Target 4.3 and 4.4 Access to Technical and Tertiary Education

Table 1 :Graduates of Library Studies , Certificate and Diploma Holders working in school libraries

Certificate	No. of Graduates	Section
Certificate/Diploma in Library Information Studies	7	ECCE
	54	Primary
	22	Secondary
TOTAL	83	

Source – FEMIS, Ministry of Education March 2023.

EVIDENCE PRODUCED:

- Target 4.6 Literacy and Numeracy – school libraries support literacy and wellbeing

Table 2: Fiji Schools with Libraries (*Source: FEMIS March 2023*)

Schools with libraries	ECE	Primary	Secondary	TECH College	VOC	Grand Total
Yes	317	611	171	2	1	1102
No	173	116	5	1		295
Grand Total	490	727	176	3	1	1397

Table 3: Fiji schools with libraries in Divisions

Education Division	ECE	Primary	Secondary	Grand Total
Central	93	175	63	331
Eastern	34	87	14	135
Northern	63	134	36	233
Western	127	215	58	400
Grand Total	317	611	171	1099

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Table 4: No. of school libraries organized by Library Service of Fiji from 2015 – 2019

YEAR	ECCE	PRIMARY	SECONDARY	TOTAL
2015	-	83	18	101
2016 - 2017	88	97	19	204
2018 - 2019	46	14	19	79
	134	194	56	
TOTAL	134	194	56	384

Source: LSF School Unit report

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- Read to Lead Fiji

Table 5: No of schools that received Read to Lead books

YEAR	NO. OF SCHOOL	TOTAL NUMBER OF TITLES DISTRIBUTED
2015	110 schools	27,500 TITLES.
2016	240 schools	60,000 titles
2017	132 schools	33,000 titles
2018	110 schools	27,500 titles
2019	116 schools	29,000 titles
2020	79 schools	19,750 titles
2021	115 schools	28,750 titles

EVIDENCE PRODUCED

- SDG 5: GENDER EQUALITY
- Target 5.a Equal rights to economic resources
- Functional Literacy programs : There are 28 Community Information Centers (CIC) established in rural villagers and 359 women had participated in the functional literacy program training.

Tie dyeing for women




Learning the art of fan making



- Source: Library Service of Fiji



CHALLENGES

- Lack of Awareness
 - Data collection
 - Planning
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WAY FORWARD

- Review and Implement National School library Policy (it states that all school should have libraries – students will be able to have access to information and books)
- Empower library staff (training to be in par with latest technologies and latest trends)
- Automate school libraries.(students will access electronic resources and latest information)

SOME PHOTOS DURING SCHOOL LIBRARY SET UP

- 1. Vanuaso District School, Gau Island (remote maritime zone)
- *Before the set up*



➤ *After the school library set up*





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