



FICAC MEDIA STATISTICS UPDATE

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FICAC Statistics – December 2024

The following data is authorised for release by the Commissioner of the Fiji Independent Commission Against Corruption (FICAC) and relates to the number of complaints received by FICAC; number of individuals charged; types of offences; number of cases before the Courts which were disposed of and the activities of the Corruption Prevention Department for the reporting period 1 – 31 December 2024.

A total of fifty-three (53) complaints were lodged with FICAC and assessed by the Legal & Prosecution Department. Following the assessment, thirty-eight (38) complaints were classified as non-corruption related and were referred to the appropriate authorities for further action. Fourteen (14) complaints were identified as corruption-related and were recommended for either a preliminary or full investigation while one (1) complaint is still under legal assessment.

FICAC initiated legal proceedings in four (4) cases involving five (5) individuals, comprising of four (4) males and one (1) female. The charges include **General Dishonesty – Causing a Loss** (2 counts); **Falsely Pretending to be an Officer** (1 count); **Obtaining a Financial Advantage by Deception** (1 count); **Obtaining a Financial Advantage** (1 count); **Breach of Bail** (1 count); **Using Forged Documents** (1 count); **Abuse of Office for gain** (1 count) and **Aiding and Abetting Abuse of Office** (1 count).

During the reporting period, no cases were withdrawn from the Courts.

FICAC remains committed to addressing complaints efficiently as well as investigating cases within an allocated timeframe and progressing them through the Courts, while also focusing on providing education and prevention training across all sectors of society.

On 9 December 2024, the FICAC commemorated the International Anti-Corruption Day (IACD) through a range of significant engagement activities. A notable event on the day was a lively march through the streets of Suva, with staffs of the Commission, together with representatives from stakeholder organisations who joined in and demonstrated their unwavering commitment and solidarity in the fight against corruption.

For the Commission, the march on IACD 2024 was the second of its kind after fifteen (15) years of its existence. The organised IACD march experienced an unparalleled level of engagement, with significant stakeholders from the public and private sectors, strategic partners such as United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), civil society organisation, tertiary students and young people alike. Their participation emphasised the shared dedication to combating corruption and its harmful effects on the nation.



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FICAC set its 2024 IACD theme on the significant call to the whole of society and whole of government to **“Support FICAC to Fight Corruption, Promote Transparency and Uphold Integrity in Whole of Government and Society”**. It highlighted on the important message that FICAC alone cannot fight corruption in Fiji, therefore stressing the important fact that fighting corruption requires the active participation of all members of society to ensure a more transparent, efficient, and equitable world.

As Fiji’s mandated anti-corruption agency, FICAC implores members of the public and all stakeholders to engage proactively in combating corruption by swiftly reporting any suspected allegations of corruption and bribery to the Commission. Preventing and combating corruption requires a comprehensive approach, but only in an environment of transparency, accountability and integrity. Collaboration, innovation and incentive systems that facilitate cross-sectoral initiatives and shared accountability across different ministries, agencies, levels of government and non-governmental stakeholders are all required.

The passionate involvement of tertiary students substantially enhanced the IACD observance event. Their attendance signified robust support for this vital cause and underscored the necessity of including future generations in the persistent fight against corruption.

Approximately two hundred and fifty (250) individuals participated in the march, including FICAC officers, significant stakeholders, and university students, highlighting the extensive support for this crucial national initiative.

FICAC encourages all members of the public to report any corruption-related complaints by calling our toll-free number **1322**. For any inquiries regarding corruption prevention training or to learn more about our educational initiatives, please feel free to contact us at **3310290**.

Together, we can work towards a corruption-free Fiji.

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