



FICAC MEDIA STATISTICS UPDATE

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FICAC Statistics – March Statistics

The following data, authorized for release by the Commissioner of the Fiji Independent Commission Against Corruption (FICAC), provides an overview of the number of complaints received by FICAC, the number of individuals charged, the types of offenses, the number of court cases disposed of, and the activities of the Corruption Prevention Department during the reporting period from 1 to 31 March 2025.

A total of twenty-nine (29) complaints were lodged with FICAC and assessed by the Legal & Prosecution Department. Following the assessment, seventeen (17) complaints were classified as non-corruption-related and referred to the appropriate authorities for further action. Eight (8) complaints were recommended for either a preliminary or full investigation while four (4) complaints are still pending assessment.

For the same period last year, seventy (70) complaints were lodged and assessed by the Legal & Prosecution Department. Of these, thirty-eight (38) were classified as non-corruption-related and referred to the relevant authorities for further action. The remaining thirty-two (32) complaints were classified as corruption-related and were recommended for either a preliminary or full investigation.

FICAC did not initiate any legal proceedings in March 2025.

A total of eight (8) cases were disposed of from the Courts for the reporting period and the details of those cases are as follows:

- i. *FICAC vs Ratu Sekove Uluimira and William Pawa Tuiono* – Case was withdrawn on 3 March 2025 due to the unavailability of witnesses and consequent thorough re-assessment of the matter has shown that FICAC will not be able to proceed with prosecution.
- ii. *FICAC vs William Pawa Tuiono* – Case was withdrawn on 3 March 2025 due to the unavailability of witnesses and consequent thorough re-assessment of the matter has shown that FICAC will not be able to proceed with prosecution.
- iii. *FICAC vs Mohammed Yunnus and Rajnesh Prasad* – Case was withdrawn on 3 March 2025 due to unavailability of witnesses and consequent thorough re-assessment of the matter has shown that FICAC will not be able to proceed with prosecution.
- iv. *FICAC vs Solo Naivakarurubalavu Mara and Umesh Prasad* – FICAC had filed for Nolle Prosequi as there was insufficient evidence to prove the element of “dishonesty” in the matter.



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- v. *FICAC vs Sevuloni Digtakimata and William Pawa Tuiono* – Accused was acquitted of the charge on 17 March 2025. Due to the unavailability of witnesses and consequent thorough assessment of the matter has shown that FICAC will not be able to proceed with prosecution.
- vi. *FICAC vs. Sanita Lagenisiga* – Accused was acquitted of the charge on 17 March 2025. Due to the unavailability of witnesses and consequent thorough assessment of the matter has shown that FICAC will not be able to proceed with prosecution.
- vii. *FICAC vs Frank Whippy, Ranjina Hicks and Manoa Naitala* – Accused were acquitted on 18 March 2025. Due to the unavailability of witnesses and consequent thorough assessment of the matter has shown that FICAC will not be able to proceed with prosecution.
- viii. *FICAC vs Manoj Kumar, Gitendra Kumar, Ranjina Hicks and Manoa Naitala* – Accused were acquitted on 18 March 2025. Due to the unavailability of witnesses and consequent thorough assessment of the matter has shown that FICAC will not be able to proceed with prosecution.

During the reporting period, a total of four (4) were cases successfully convicted and the details of those cases are as follows:

- i. *FICAC vs Rahul Ravikash Kumar* – Accused was sentenced by the Suva Magistrates Court on 14 March 2025 to seven (7) years imprisonment after pleading guilty to fifty-six (56) counts of Money Laundering, one (1) count of Unauthorised Modification of Data and one (1) count of Obtaining a Financial Advantage.

This is the first money laundering case that FICAC has investigated, charged, and prosecuted. Additionally, FICAC has concluded proceedings in the civil forfeiture case, seeking to recover part of the defrauded amount through asset forfeiture. The total amount defrauded was **\$341,981.81**.

- ii. *FICAC vs Nanise Lacanivalu* – Accused was sentenced by the Labasa Magistrates Court on 18 March 2025 after pleading guilty to one (1) count of Financial Advantage and one (1) count of Falsification of Documents. The accused was sentenced to an aggregate imprisonment sentence of two (2) years. The accused will serve eight (8) months of her two (2) year sentence in custody whilst the balance will be suspended for a period of two (2) years.
- iii. *FICAC vs Mohammed Shafraaz Ali* – Accused was convicted of one (1) count of Bribery and sentenced after trial on 18 March 2025. The accused was ordered by the Suva Magistrates Court to pay the sum of \$3,000 and to serve an immediate custodial imprisonment term of eighteen (18) months with a non-parole period of twelve (12) months.



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- iv. *FICAC vs Inosi Tauvoli* – Accused was convicted of three (3) counts of Abuse of Office and sentenced after trial on 31 March 2025. The accused was sentenced to three (3) years imprisonment, of which, two years will be served in custody and the remainder one (1) year will be suspended for three (3) years.

FICAC is dedicated to maintaining the integrity of the justice system by handling cases with fairness and due process. This commitment involves promptly addressing complaints, conducting investigations within set timeframes, advancing cases through the courts, and prioritizing education and prevention training across all sectors of society.

The Proactive arm of FICAC, the Corruption Prevention Department conducted a total of twenty-seven (27) awareness session and five (5) workshops to one thousand one hundred and twenty-six (1,126) participants for the reporting period 1 – 31 March 2025.

No.	Name of Anti-Corruption Training	Targeted Participants	No. Sessions/Workshops Conducted	No. of Participants
1.	Anti-Corruption Awareness	Public Sector	2	22
2.		Private Sector	2	23
3.		Teachers	10	138
4.		Year 13 Students	2	37
5.		Communities	3	102
6.	Anti-Corruption Training on Free Education Grant	School Management	2	17
7.	Good Kiddo	Primary School Students	6	702
8.	Anti-Bribery & Ethics and Values Workshop	Public Sector	2	43
9.	Corruption Assessment Methodology Workshop	Risk & Public Sector	3	42

FICAC encourages all members of the public to report any corruption-related complaints by calling our toll-free number **1322** or email us on info@ficac.org.fj. 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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