



FICAC MEDIA STATISTICS UPDATE

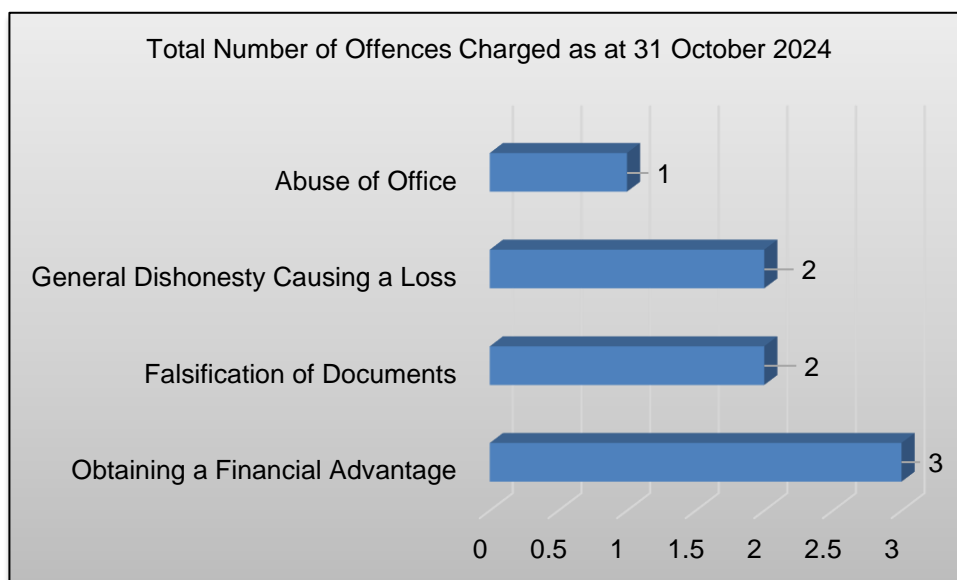
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FICAC Statistics – October 2024

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 number of Corruption Prevention Trainings and Workshops conducted to external stakeholders for the reporting period 1 – 31 October 2024.

A total of thirty-nine complaints were lodged with FICAC and underwent assessment by the Legal & Prosecution Department. Through the assessment, twenty-seven (27) complaints were non-corruption related in nature and were recommended for referrals to the relevant authorities whilst twelve (12) complaints were corruption related in nature and were recommended for either preliminary investigation or a full investigation.

FICAC preferred cases in two cases, consisting of three (3) individuals, in which two of the accused were male and one of the accused was female. The types of offences charged are **Obtaining a Financial Advantage (three counts); Falsification of Documents (two counts); General Dishonesty Causing a Loss (two counts) and Abuse of Office (one count).**



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A total of five cases before the Courts were disposed of for the reporting period and the details of those cases are:

FICAC vs. Ashok Kumar & Sashi Kant – FICAC filed for Nolle Prosequi on 1 October 2024 due to insufficient evidence to proceed with the matter further.

FICAC vs. Shameem Khan – FICAC filed for Noelle Prosequi on 4 October 2024 due to insufficient evidence to proceed with the matter further.

FICAC vs. Valami Koro – FICAC withdrew the case on 14 October 2024 under Section 162 (2) (b) (ii) of the Criminal Procedure Act due to the unavailability of witnesses in this matter.

FICAC vs. Alberta Sautu & Yuen Yei Ha – Both accused in the matter were acquitted by the Suva Magistrates Court on 14 October 2024

FICAC vs. Pita Raiqeu & Abinesh Singh – FICAC withdrew the case on 15 October 2024 under Section 162 (2) (b) (ii) of the Criminal Procedure Act due to the unavailability of witnesses in this matter.

Whilst FICAC makes every effort to investigate cases within an allocated timeframe and proceed with matters before the Courts; it is also ensuring that education and prevention trainings are conducted to all sectors of society.

The Corruption Prevention Department which is the proactive function for FICAC, conducted a total of thirty (30) Corruption Prevention Trainings to two thousand, seven hundred and ninety-two individuals for the reporting period 1 – 31 October 2024 as tabled below:

No.	Name of Anti-Corruption Training	Targeted Participants	Number Sessions/Workshops Conducted	of
1.	Anti-Corruption Awareness	Public Sector Institutions	9	
2.	Good Kiddo Program	Primary School Students	8	
3.	Anti-Corruption Training on Best Practices in the Utilisation of the Free Education Grant (FEG)	School Management Committees	7	
4.	Ethics, Values & Anti-Bribery Workshops	Public Sector Institutions	6	



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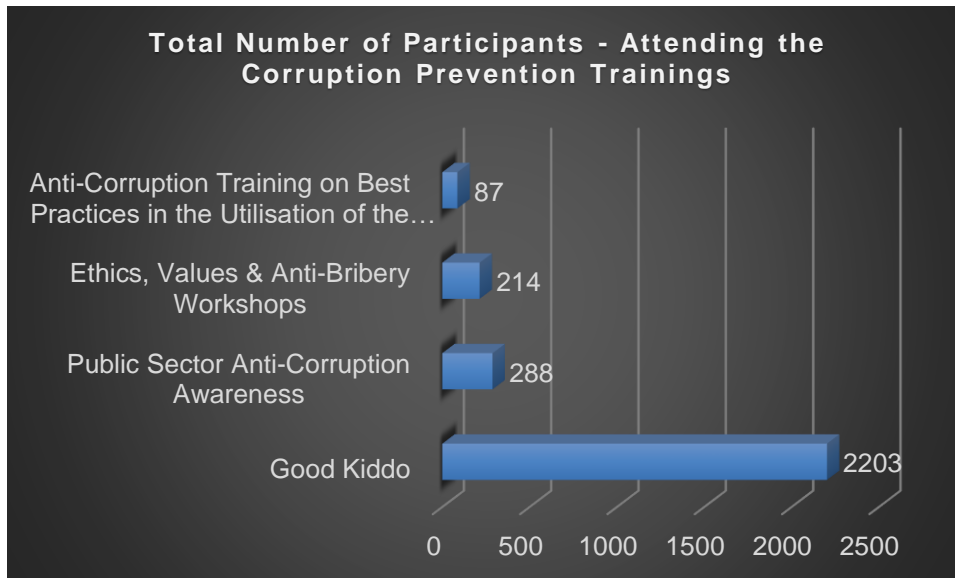
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As we head into the festive season, here at FICAC, we will continue to ensure that transparency, accountability, and integrity remain at the forefront of public service. While many are preparing for festive celebrations, the fight against corruption continues—ensuring that public funds are used appropriately and that all citizens can trust in the systems meant to serve them.

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