



Spotlight
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GBV/EVAW Coordination Committees & Mechanisms

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS:

Speakers will include Ms Selai Korovusere- Director for Women, Fiji Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation (MWCPA) and Ms Abigail Erikson, Programme Specialist, EVAWG, UN Women Fiji Multi-Country Office.



OBJECTIVE OF THE PRESENTATION:

To share the innovative approaches for the coordination and governance of multisector GBV services for survivors of violence, that are effective before, during and after emergencies (Including COVID-19). Specifically, to share:

- innovative and efficient methods for establishing GBV Multisector Service Delivery Coordination & Governance Mechanisms that can be adapted for before, during and after emergencies (including COVID 19).
- general context will be provided, based on the UN Essential Services Guidelines and observations from the Pacific context
- a vignette from the Fiji MWCPA strategy used by the Fiji Ministry for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation (MWCPA) in their experience of leading the coordination and governance of multisector services.

BACKGROUND TO THE PRESENTATION TOPIC:

- This presentation will provide a brief overview of the evolution in overall coordination and governance of multisector (e.g., crisis counselling, shelter, police & justice, health) services and referral pathways, grounded in a survivor centred approach.
- The presentation will share the journey of the first National GBV in Emergencies (GBViE) Referral Pathway, to the development of a full, cabinet endorsed, Fiji National Service Delivery Protocol for Responding to Cases of Gender-Based Violence, to the on-going rollout and implementation of the National system at subnational levels.
- In addition, the presentation will highlight the innovative adaptations to coordination and governance of GBV services from the COVID-19 pandemic. For example, COVID-19 Adapted referrals and procedures (which the rest of the region followed suit, based on Fiji's model); national communications/prevention campaign during COVID-19, and the beginning of COVID-19 GBV Admin Data Collection to help understand the real-time situation facing women and girls.

KEY MESSAGES:

- Highlighting the importance of having national (and sub national) coordination and governance systems for responding to cases of gender-based violence that can bend and flex, before during and after emergencies. Including how emergency response can help further develop national systems, and the role of preparedness during non-emergency times to be able to swiftly respond to disaster for GBV.
- Share lessons learned and innovative approaches undertaken during COVID-19.
- Highlight innovative approaches and highlight how its improving responses for women and girls