

# FIJI 2022

Summary of the Joint Programme's support to the national HIV response in 2022



The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic continued to challenge the health system of Fiji with increasing numbers of newly diagnosed HIV cases lost to follow up and limited community-based programming. Despite these challenges, access to HIV and sexual and reproductive health services in Fiji was improved and donor resources were successfully mobilized for the national HIV response.

Fiji and seven other countries—Federal State of Micronesia, Marshall Islands, Kiribati, Samoa, Solomon, Tonga, and Vanuatu – revised their midwifery curriculum and developed guidelines for family planning and youth friendly sexual and reproductive health and HIV services (UNFPA). These countries also upgraded selected facilities to scale up integrated HIV, sexual and reproductive health, and family planning services for women and young people.

Comprehensive sexuality education was implemented in all countries through systematic engagement of communities affected by HIV and open dialogues on sensitive issues, such as bodily autonomy, and gender equality. In five countries, effective national multi-stakeholder committees played a critical role in strengthening community engagement, designing school comprehensive sexuality education curriculums, and advocacy. Uptake and utilization of HIV prevention and sexual and reproductive health services – targeting women, young people, persons with disabilities and people with diverse sexual orientation, gender identity and expression – were also improved

through means of behaviour change communication and demand generation initiatives using in and out-of-school comprehensive sexuality education and mass media (UNFPA).

A new peer-support group for people living with HIV in Fiji was established and organized monthly support sessions as well as developed an information booklet for people living with HIV in the local language (UNAIDS Secretariat). Further, access to initiatives, including the Condomizing Hotspots programme and Sex Ed O'clock sessions was improved through technical and financial assistance provided and mobilized to local LGBTI community-led programmes (UNAIDS Secretariat).

HIV response funding gaps remains high. However, donor support for Fiji's HIV response increased, including the re-entry of Fiji for the eligibility of the Global Fund grant mechanism, thanks to successful advocacy campaign, led by the Joint Team in partnership with international donors and academia. The campaign highlighted the rising new HIV infections in Fiji, existing gaps in the health systems, frequent HIV medicine and commodity stockouts, and unmatched domestic funding and the need for consorted advocacy efforts to increase international support for an effective, robust, resilient system (UNAIDS Secretariat).

## KEY RESULTS

- Guidelines developed for and upgrade of facilities for family planning and youth friendly sexual and reproductive health and HIV services in Fiji and seven other countries in the region.
- Comprehensive sexuality education implemented in all countries through systematic engagement of communities affected by HIV.
- New peer-support group for people living with HIV.
- Re-entry for eligibility for Global Fund's grant.

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2022 Joint Programme  
Expenditure

Total US\$ 586 658

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