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November 2021



Applicants during the One Day Central Division Recruitment Drive.

## 755 Applications Received during One Day Recruitment

755 Fijians applied to work as Election Officials for the 2022 General Election during the one-day recruitment drive that was conducted in Suva on 29 November 2021.

Supervisor of Elections Mr Mohammed Saneem said the high turnout was a positive indicator in terms of the people taking ownership of the election process by registering their interest to work as Election Officials.

"We will also be having a

one-day recruitment drive in Lautoka and Nadi on the 8th of December so people who are interested in the western division can apply," Mr Saneem said.

"Keeping in line with COVID-19 prevention protocols, we have introduced an online booking platform for people to book an appointment and visit the recruitment center on their allotted time instead of queuing outside in huge numbers," Mr Saneem explained.

Individuals interested in applying can book for a slot through the Fijians Elections Office [FEO] website at [www.feo.org.fj](http://www.feo.org.fj).

The Western Division One-Day recruitment drive will be conducted at the Sugar Cane Growers Council Hall in Lautoka and at the Namaka Public School in Nadi.

The FEO will roll out its nationwide recruitment drive for the 2022 General Election on 10 January 2022.

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# FEO Inclusive to All Voters



Members during the signing of EDAWG Terms of Reference for 2022 General Election.

## Signing of EDAWG Terms of Reference for 2022 General Election

The FEO has renewed its commitment to building inclusive and accessible election processes in Fiji to ensure persons with disabilities are able to exercise their right to vote come 2022 General Election.

The renewed commitment comes into effect following the signing of the Terms of Reference [ToR] of the Elections Disability Access Working Group [EDAWG] between the FEO, the Pacific Disability Forum, and the National Council of Persons with Disabilities [NCPD] at the Grand Pacific Hotel in Suva on 20 November 2021.

Former Chair of the Electoral Commission and Chief Guest at the event, Mr Suresh Chandra said that people with disabilities should be able to work in elections, participate in the polling process, contest the elections, participate in observation of the elections as well as do anything necessary just like any other person.



FEO Director Operations Ms Anaseini Senimoli during the signing of the EDAWG Terms of Reference.

“We consider persons with disabilities and Organizations for Persons with Disabilities [OPDs] as vital partners in elections and political process-focused programs,” Mr Chandra said.

“OPDs provide a pre-existing platform for mobilizing persons with disabilities and representing the interests of persons with disabilities and as such they should be included at every stage of the electoral process. Partnering with them makes it easier to engage on an equal platform and initiate activities that

are contextually relevant without re-inventing the wheel,” Mr Chandra explained.

The EDAWG was established on 31 August 2016 to look at ways of making the electoral processes inclusive for persons with disabilities.

Chairperson of the EDAWG and FEO Director Operations Ms Anaseini Senimoli said the provision of accessible and disability friendly voter registration centres and polling venues, the conduct of voter education through platforms and materials

which were understandable and accessible by persons with disabilities and having alternative voting methods available such as postal voting were some of the accomplishments of the EDAWG under the previous TOR.

“I am sure that the EDAWG will build on the achievements of the previous working group, and develop new ways and processes which will enable persons with disabilities to fully exercise their political will and right,” Ms Senimoli concluded.



# Over 100,000 Voters Served

The FEO had served 102,201 voters into Day 47 of its Adhoc Voter Registration Drive.

The statistics as at 02 December 2021:

Total Voters Served  
**102,201**

New Registrations  
**13,499**

VoterCard Replacement /  
Upgrade / Correction  
**88,702**



Supervisor of Elections Mr Mohammed Saneem at the Levuka Voter Services Centre.

## KYE Grand Finale Quiz to attract 1,000+ Teams

The FEO will wrap up voter awareness for 2021 with the Know Your Election [KYE] Grand Finale Quiz and a lucrative give away of up to \$1,000 for the winner.

Supervisor of Elections Mr Mohammed Saneem said the Grand Finale Quiz was the biggest one yet to be organized by the FEO and is expected to attract teams from all over the country.

"We introduced these online quiz competitions as a means to engage voters especially youths and so far, we have had a tremendous response in terms of the level of interest from the teams," Mr Saneem said.

"Winners of past quizzes have said they devoted weeks into research to learn about elections and prepare for the quizzes which is really what we had set out to do," he explained.

The last quiz which took place on 14 November 2021, coincided with the anniversary of the 2018 General Election.

The Quiz was won by 59-year-old Kusum Kumari and her 29-year-



Winners for KYE Quiz 3, Kusum Kumari and Nilesch Virendra.

old son Nilesch Virendra Kumar who bagged the cash prize of \$300.

Nilesch Kumar who led the charge for their team said the quiz proved to be a great learning opportunity for them.

"It was a rewarding experience not only in terms of the prize but also as a platform for broadening our knowledge and understanding of elections," he said.

The KYE Grand Finale Quiz is scheduled to take place on 22 December 2021.

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# Business House Voter Registration Drive



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FEO Officials provide services to aged care facilities.

## Voter Services for Aged Care Facilities

The FEO assisted over 249 citizens in nine (9) aged care facilities across the country during its Business House Voter Registration Drive in November.

Supervisor of Elections Mr Mohammed Saneem said the Constitution of Fiji grants every citizen who is 18 years' and above the right to be registered as a voter in Fiji and hence the FEO takes every initiative to ensure that voter services reach all Fijians.

He added the extension of FEO services to aged care facilities is symbolic of FEO's commitment to ensuring that voter services remain accessible for all Fijians and that no one gets left behind.

As at 02 December 2021, the FEO had conducted registrations for over 270 business houses serving approximately 14,235 voters.



Resident of an aged care facility receives new VoterCard.



# Road to 2022

## Plans Finalized for the next General Election

The FEO core team came together for a three (3) day election planning workshop in November which saw the finalization of plans and operational timelines for the 2022 General Election.

Various departments presented on their plans for 2022 including plans for nationwide exercises including the Phase 2 Recruitment Drive which starts on 10 January and the Know Your Election campaign and Nationwide Voter Registration Drive which commence on 26 February 2022.

The FEO expects to be election ready by 15 May 2022.



FEO staff during the Election Planning Workshop.



### PHOTO GALLERY



Diwali celebration at FEO.



FEO Men for Movember.

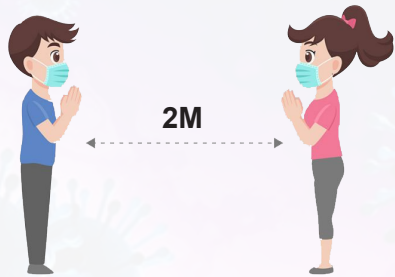




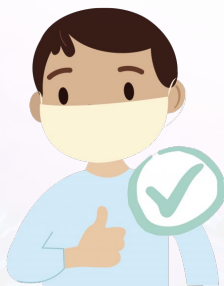
# COVID PREVENTION TIPS



**WASH YOUR HANDS WITH SOAP AND WATER**



**MAINTAIN DISTANCE**



**WEAR MASK**



**GET VACCINATED**

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