

Message

The National Development Plan 2025-2029 places the people at the centre of development and it is the people's plan. It is a product of extensive consultations with people from all walks of life. Over 21,000 people were consulted including civil society organisations, industry groups, disciplined forces, academia, students and faith-based organisations to understand people's concerns and solicit their views and ideas. This Plan therefore represents the aspiration of our people, reflects their concerns and what they want. The ultimate objective of this Plan is to uplift the social wellbeing and bring sustainable prosperity to our people. Everyone should feel a sense of enrichment and a tangible improvement in their quality of life, while no one should feel a sense of deprivation or be left behind when this Plan is implemented.



This Plan is designed to be holistic. It covers all dimensions of development – economy, social, environment and governance. In terms of the economy, the Plan identifies strategies to catalyse economic growth and build greater resilience, among others through diversification of the economy, moving up the value chain, promoting greater participation of the private sector in the economy and increasing the contribution of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises. Special emphasis will also be devoted to research and development and innovation, and adopting new and advanced technologies to increase productivity, accelerate economic growth and raise incomes. The Plan sets out to enhance the social wellbeing of our people by alleviating poverty and providing better quality of education, housing, healthcare and transport as well as increasing access to clean water, electrification, sanitation and the development of our rural and outer islands. Increasing indigenous community participation in development, protection of women and children, and addressing the needs of the disabled will be given adequate attention. The Plan also puts in place policies and strategies to conserve our environment and strengthen resilience to the impacts of climate change and natural disasters.

Good governance, transparency and accountability is the bedrock of the Coalition Government. This is underscored in the Plan through commitments to bring institutional reforms, including through the strengthening of the Rule of Law, Judiciary, State Administration and Parliament. The capacity and capability of the civil service will also be enhanced to increase efficiency and improve public service delivery and implementation.

This Plan intends to be specific in terms of its outcomes. It is for this reason that we are incorporating measurable Key Performance Indicators in the Plan. We are setting clear achievement targets for the 3 and 5 years. The first 3 years, our focus will be on addressing critical issues that need immediate attention or rather **'getting the basics right'**. This will include providing clean drinking water, improving roads and drainage, upgrading healthcare facilities, affordable housing and school infrastructure in the locations that are most affected. The focus will also be in areas that can provide impactful quick wins to catalyse economic growth including undertaking regulatory reforms, rationalising processes and eliminating bureaucracy to improve interaction with Government, increase efficiency and remove impediments to private investment. We will also take measures to mitigate against possible downside risks arising from natural disasters and external shocks.

While this Plan allows us to set out the development priorities and guide public sector resource allocation in the short and medium-term, the implementation of this Plan is not the sole domain of the Government. The successful execution of the Plan will require the commitment and participation of all development stakeholders, in particular the private sector and civil society. The private sector and civil society have an important role to play in all dimensions of development either independently or in partnership with the Government.

The Vision 2050 for Fiji which is enveloped within this Plan portrays how we see ourselves in 25 years. It is not a pipe dream. It is built upon our inherent strengths and our potential to break boundaries and reach new growth frontiers. The Vision is intended to define the way forward and to set in motion the journey to transform Fiji into a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable nation. The fruition of this Vision for Fiji will totally depend on the single-mindedness and commitment of all Fijians to work on the building blocks towards attaining the Vision. To make this journey, we must commit to governance and institutional reforms, and have zero tolerance for corruption. Most importantly, there must be a strong commitment to maintain peace, security and stability.



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