

Fiji Islands



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MY COUNTRY

- In 2018, Fiji has an estimated population of almost **912,241**, which ranks 161st in the world. The last census in 2007 found Fiji had a population of 837,200. This number is believed to have grown to **912,241** in 2018.
- Fiji Religion. A multi-racial, multi-cultural nation, the population of Fiji is made up of significant numbers of followers of all major religions. Visitors will find **Christian** churches, mosques, and Sikh and **Hindu** temples throughout the country.
- **Fiji** has a warm tropical **climate** perfect for beachside holidays. Maximum temperatures rarely move out of the 31°C (88°F) to 26°C (79°F) range all year round. Southeast trade winds from March to November bring dry weather and the rainy season runs from December to April.



General living of persons with disabilities in my country



2013 Fiji Constitution - Chapter 2 – Sub Section 42 Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Fiji Signed UN CRPD – 2nd June 2010

Fiji Ratify UN CRPD – 07th June 2017

Fiji Enacted Rights of Persons with Disability Act – 16 March 2018

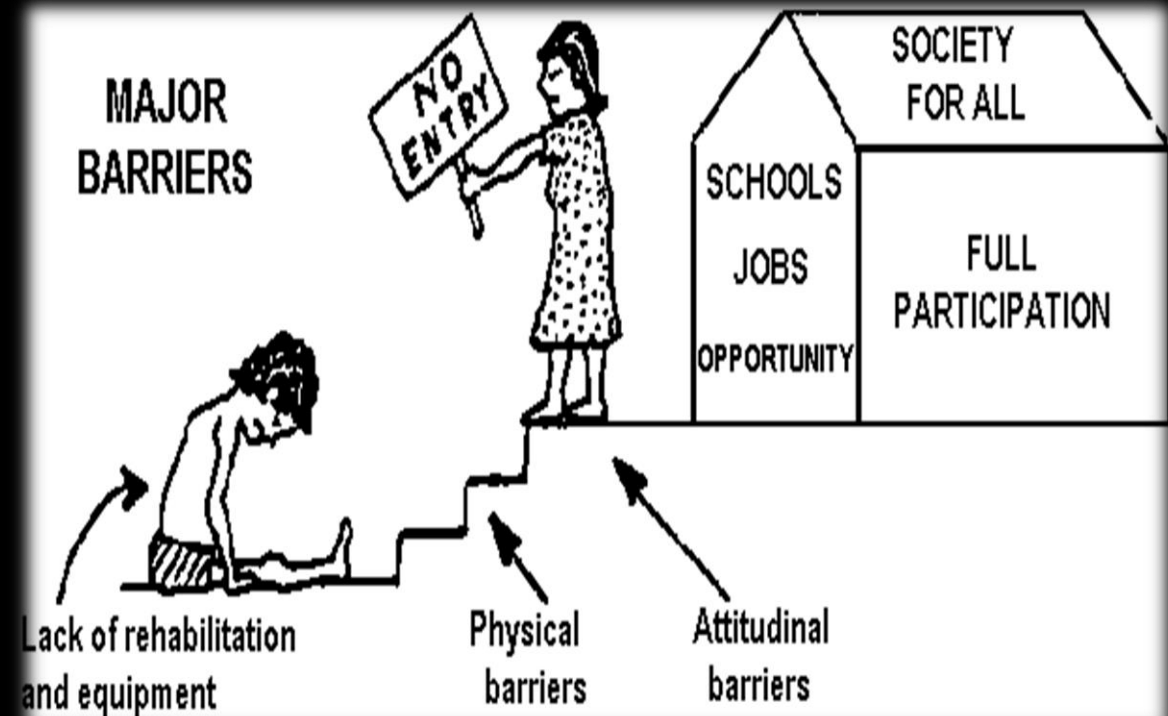
2016 Pacific Framework on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities



BARRIERS IN ACCESSING TO JUSTICE

People with disability typically face a number barriers which prevent them from accessing the same opportunities as others;

- Legal and policy barriers
- Attitudinal barriers
- Information and Communication barriers
- Environment & Infrastructure barriers



BACKGROUND – INCLUSIVE BUDGETING PROJECTS

- Projects commenced in 2015
- Focuses on the 14 Pacific Island countries under the umbrella of the Pacific Disability Forum. These islands included Cook Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.



Advocate and Activities in Fiji



WAY FORWARD

- We need to look at the laws and rules that are in place so that we can meet the human rights of person with disabilities
- Government speak to persons with disabilities and disabled people's organizations when it designs laws and programs, and puts them in place.
- We need to look at how much and how well resources are allocated to realize rights.
- Persons with disabilities involved in decision-making in public resources allocation.



Key Important

- We need to identify the diverse obstacles faced to accessing justice (legal and policy, attitudinal, communication/information, physical and economic) and appropriate responses to overcome them in our local context.
- Ensuring that Laws, implementation strategies & budgetary allocation are disability inclusive .
- We need to work in consultation with the experts – persons with disabilities and their representative organisations.



Thank You

